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Want white, palm-fringed beaches and pure luxury? Head to three of Antigua's most exclusive retreats

Jumby Bay

There are exclusive destinations... and then there's Jumby Bay. We arrived at the 300-acre private island resort in the middle of White Night – a lantern-lit beach barbecue of fresh seafood, with all the guests dressed in white.

SUITE DREAMS

Following the resort's recent \$28 million overhaul, even the most basic of Jumby's 40 rooms and suites is lavish: the Rondavel rooms (set in octagonal cottages) have four-poster beds, sea views and outdoor garden showers, all in an elegant Spanish-colonial style (think white vaulted ceilings and dark wood), while the Pool Suite offers lose-yourself relaxation.

SPA AND SPORT

The flower-strewn Sense Rosewood Spa offers treatments against a twinkling ocean backdrop. And if you fancy a burst of energy, you can bike round the island to visit the Hawksbill turtles, play tennis or croquet, or take a day trip to the nearby islands.

FEAST OF EDEN

The Verandah Restaurant & Kitchen serves delicious Caribbean fare, while fine dining comes courtesy of The Estate House, a beautiful building dating back to the island's plantation days.

DELIGHT IN THE DETAIL

Everything about Jumby Bay is polished to perfection, but it was the cute little touches we loved, like finding freshly baked biscuits on our bedside tables after a day out. Not quite enough luxury for you? The island also offers a range of privately owned villas for rental. Sugar daddy not included, sadly... »



Four-poster fabulosity



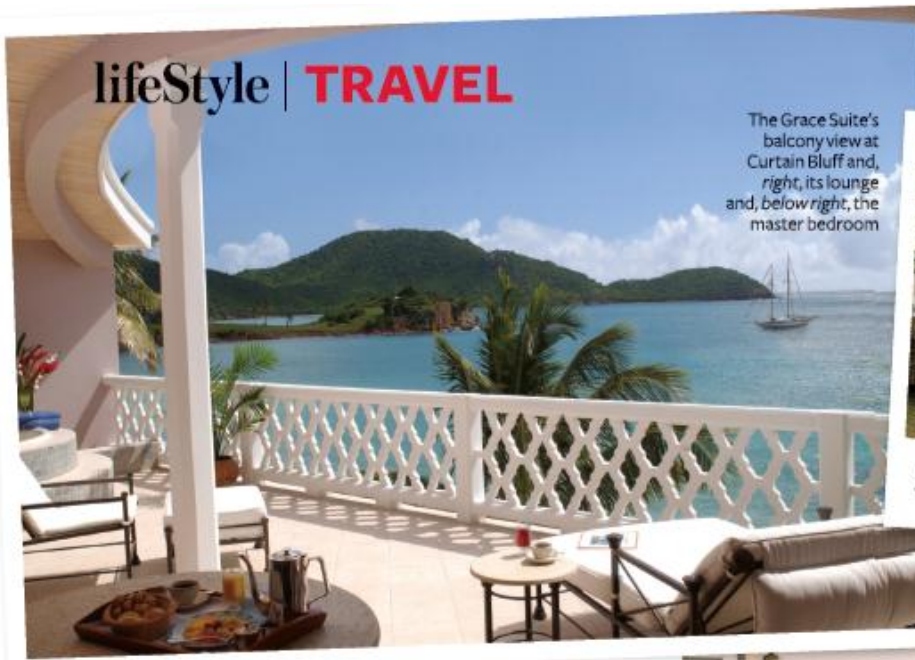
Jumby Bay's Estate House Bar and, left, a Courtyard Suite



Views you won't want to leave

Get a private pool with sea view with a Pool Suite

BY SAUL DOHERTY. PHOTOGRAPHS BY ALAMY



The Grace Suite's balcony view at Curtain Bluff and, right, its lounge and, below right, the master bedroom



Lounge in luxury

Curtain Bluff

What sets this family-run place apart from the Caribbean's parade of picture-perfect five-star hotels is, quite simply, the service. The staff are super-friendly but professional, and the atmosphere intimate, with guests returning year after year.

OCEAN LIVING

The hotel's lively team can take you out waterskiing or on the ultra-fun rubber rings at the relaxed but activity-packed cove beach. We were blown away by the spa, perched atop a bluff with unparalleled views of the sea. After our out-of-this-world full-body massage, we sipped bubbly in the infinity plunge pool. Heaven.

FRENCH FANCIES

All of the rooms and suites have ocean views and the decor is cosily tropical. Plus, its all-inclusive deal lets you grab a cocktail, without dipping into your Miu Miu purse. In the dining room, Alain Ducasse-trained chef Christophe Blatz prepares French-Caribbean fusion fare, while The Beach Club offers a buffet lunch by the sea.

CLIFF NOTES

One of the many highlights of our stay was a trip to Antigua's famed cliff-top lookout Shirley Heights to view the sunsets. Good times in a down-to-earth, people-focused resort with a stunning spa and pool... you may well see us on the repeat guest list next year!



Leap from bed to (outdoor) bath!

Carlisle Bay

Thandie Newton is a fan of this minimalist luxe hotel, below left, created by the people behind London's One Aldwych. It's seriously chic, from the modern colonial-style reception to the exquisitely polished, ultra-stylish rooms (complete with crisp Frette sheets).

CALM YOURSELF

Try yoga or Pilates on the outdoor pavilion, or get pampered at the Blue Spa, which boasts six treatment rooms, a hair salon, Aromatherapy Associates goodies, saunas and plunge pools.

SILVER SCREENINGS

For entertainment, kick back with a bucket of popcorn at the hotel's 45-seat movie theatre, where John Travolta once stopped by for an impromptu viewing of *Saturday Night Fever*!

DINE IN STYLE

At night, put on your bling and head to the opulent East for a variety of tempting cuisine. There's nothing like eating barbecued lobster as you watch the sun go down over turquoise waters. ■

Seasons in Style (01244 202 000; seasonsinstyle.com) offers two nights in a Rondavel room, all inclusive, at Jumby Bay; then three nights in a Garden Suite, b&b, at Carlisle Bay; then two nights in a Deluxe Room, all inclusive, at Curtain Bluff, from £2,695 per person, based on two people sharing, including flights with British Airways and transfers. Valid 1 May to 30 October 2011.

We're definitely coming back



The beautiful Carlisle Bay beach and, above, a Beach Suite



Thandie Newton

Ocean breezes