

The image features four diamonds of various shapes and sizes set against a solid black background. In the top left is a round brilliant-cut diamond. In the top right is a pear-shaped brilliant-cut diamond. In the center is a large, elongated brilliant-cut diamond. In the bottom left is another round brilliant-cut diamond. The diamonds are illuminated from the side, creating bright highlights and deep shadows that emphasize their facets and clarity. The overall composition is minimalist and elegant.

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# PARADISE FOUND

*Known as the Spice Island, Grenada is the fragrant jewel in the Caribbean Crown. The exclusive private hide-away, Mount Hartman Bay Estate is the perfect way to experience heaven on earth.*

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**E**ver since Christopher Columbus set foot on the island in the 14th century, Grenada has seduced visitors with its spell binding beauty.

The mountainous island with its cascading rivers, lush rainforests, breathtaking lakes and stunning beaches is as close to the dream of perfection as most of us will ever come.

Add to that the fragrant aroma of the island's famous nutmeg trees and you will find your senses completely overloaded.

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With such breathtaking beauty, Grenada was always destined to become a haven for discerning travellers in search of a tropical paradise.

Mount Hartman Bay Estate nestles on its own private peninsular on the southern most coast of Grenada. From its hillside position this spectacular 2.5-acre waterfront private retreat within the chic resort area of Lance-aux-Epines, commands grand views across the idyllic bay. The colonial feel that pervades much of the Caribbean is still there but Mount Hartman Bay Estate produces a few architectural surprises that set it aside.

The house combines the grand antique vernacular style with the modern to create a spacious, yet welcoming ambience. In places the architecture doffs its wide brimmed panama hat to the famous Spanish architect Gaudi, while quirky design features such as an internal waterfall that cascades into the reception room and along the main staircase further add to the character of the house.

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The whole estate can accommodate up to 22 people. The Estate House boasts seven large luxuriously appointed air-conditioned bedrooms, and there is now an eighth room, a love nest located in the folly that rises out of the swimming pool, just perfect for newly weds. Each room is individually designed, and furnished with a four-poster bed and exquisite antiques, and comes with its own beautiful en suite bathroom.

Continuing the Mount Hartman Bay Estate motif for fusing the modern with the antique, each bedroom also comes complete with a 42-inch flat screen cable TV and a DVD player.

In addition to the Estate House, the thatched Beach House can accommodate an additional eight people in four huge bedrooms, again all luxuriously appointed with the latest hi-tech gadgetry, stunning





en suite bathrooms and king-size beds. Each bathroom features a glorious outside shower, which, with year-round temperatures in the 30s, is the perfect way to freshen up. Other facilities in the Beach House include a kitchen and a drawing room, with a 50-inch television and PlayStation and its own patio complete with swimming pool and beach. The Beach House can be hired in isolation from the Estate House, as both are self-contained with two completely separate entrances.

The Estate House features a vaulted Drawing Room, tastefully furnished with Indian and Chinese silk rugs and a mix of modern and antique

island's finest fresh ingredients or put him to the test with a favourite request from home. He will happily rise to any challenge. Along with the food comes the drink. All drinks including champagne, wine and cocktails are included in the price.

The Estate's teak jetty leads to a private helipad. The old folly, which stands down from the house on its private peninsula, rises out of the swimming pool and adds further character to the surroundings.

The pool area features a 27m infinity pool with an adjoining Jacuzzi in which to unwind and access to the beach. Gadgetry includes retractable awnings, which provide shade in the heat of day, with in-built vaporisers to keep guests cool.

Despite the myriad of distractions and facilities, this is the Caribbean, which means white sands and dazzling blue seas. Guests have exclusive use of the Estate's jet boat for wakeboarding or water skiing, sea scooters for snorkelling over the reefs, a 43 ft motor cruiser to explore the more remote corners of this paradise, and a pair of matching Shogun 4 x 4 to tour the island's lush rainforests.

The atmosphere at Mount Hartman Bay Estate is classically laid back. Guests are encouraged to take life easy and the service is fantastically discreet. The efficient and charming staff maintain a tactfully low profile but miraculously appear if you need something.

For most of the year Mount Hartman Bay Estate is available on an exclusive use basis for group bookings in the Estate House or the Beach House, or both together. During May and October each year individual couples can book a double room and join a houseparty.

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furniture, including one of the largest collections of Biedermeier furniture in the world. There is a bar where house staff will mix you a tantalising Caribbean cocktail from their cocktail menu, such as 'Dark and Light', a lethal mixture of dark rum and light rum mixed and served over ice. There is an impressive separate dining area with panoramic views of the bay and space for seating 22 people around a grand dining table, handcrafted on site using purple heart wood and green Brazilian butterfly granite. Adjacent to the Drawing Room is the Library with a PC allowing access to the Internet and another 50-inch television, with a DVD library and PlayStation.

Eight permanent members of staff ensure that each guest's needs are fulfilled including Roger Williams, an award-winning chef, trained by the chef to Prince Charles who is on hand to prepare all the meals. Try his Caribbean specialities using the

