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Ohana Villa, Tobago



This fantastical pad is the antithesis to Tobago's low-key vibe, with its Indonesian design, infinity pools, meditation garden and four four-poster bedrooms, mixing teak with Egyptian cotton. A secluded beach, whirlpool and open-air shower in the master bedroom add to the glamour. *Just Tobago* (01373 814234, www.justtobago.co.uk) has a week in December from £9700 based on six sharing, including Gatwick flights and transfers.

Mount Hartman Bay Estate, Grenada

A mix of Thunderbirds' Tracy Island and a hillside hobbit home, Mount Hartman Bay Estate is so luxurious you can see your reflection in its sheen. The Estate House, sleeping 16, and the thatched Beach House, sleeping eight, can be hired separately or as a whole property. An army of staff attends to your needs, including a chef, housekeeper, maitre d' and waiters. There's a helipad out back and a yacht in the dock. Inside, the vibe is equally Bond: four-poster beds have romantic nets, and the Estate House drawing room is full of Beidermeier furniture. If you need to lie down in the face of such indulgence, the Estate House 'love nest' is a bedroom in a folly rising up out of the swimming pool via a glass staircase, with glass bathroom, 360° views and balcony. *Elegant Resorts* (01244 897521, www.elegantresorts.co.uk) has seven nights at the Estate House, from £3,025pp, based on 16 sharing, all-inclusive, including use of motor cruiser, 4WDs, jet boat and underwater sea scooters and transfers. Flights cost from £350 extra.

Altamer, Anguilla

Life's a picnic at the swankiest address on the tiny island sliver of Anguilla. With a butler and chef to cater to your every whim, you can expect champagne-laced days on the china-white sands of Shoal Bay West. Altamer's villas defy local tradition with postmodernist looks – exactly what you need to stay cool in the heat. *Tropic Breeze* (01752 873377, www.tropicbreeze.co.uk) has a week from £2,499pp, B&B (10 sharing), with canapés, drinks, Gatwick flights and transfers.



Seagrape cottage, Little Thatch, BVIs



The private-island experience is just for billionaires. The beachfront Seagrape Cottage is one of just two properties on the island of Little Thatch, off Tortola in the British Virgin Islands. It even comes with a food-shopping service so there are no sunbathing interruptions. A week with *Caribbean Islands Club* (020 8232 9781, www.caribbeanislandsclub.com) costs from £2,975pp based on two sharing, including Gatwick flights.

Villa Sib Jad, St Barts

She's small but perfectly formed – a villa on the Caribbean's sexiest island just made for two lovebirds. Even though Villa Sib Jad is a one-bed nook, there's room enough for a flop-in-the-shade-with-a-glass-of-rose terrace, a post-lunch plunge pool and a hand-holdingly beautiful veranda with views of Baie St Jean.

Flying from the UK, lovers land on St Barts in the early evening – but put in a call beforehand and your fridge will be stocked with French gourmet goodies from the local deli (St Barts is a French territory so baguettes and brie are flown in daily across the Atlantique). When you're not devouring camembert, make for the beach. The closest is Lorient, where turtles swim 100m offshore and huge rocks framing the bay

The Royal Westmoreland, Barbados

The Caribbean is perhaps at its family-friendliest at The Royal Westmoreland, where luxury villas cluster around a kids' pool and playroom, while babysitting allows parents to slip off to the spa, golf course or bedroom. Three-room Royal Villas sleep six, and include daily cleaning, ironing, washing and breakfast preparation. Bliss. *Virgin Holidays* (0871 222 1203,

