

*Casa Kimball,  
Dominican Republic*

7 VILLAS TO RENT

## Luxury for Hire

Looking for privacy and a uniquely indulgent experience for your next Caribbean vacation? Here are 7 villas offering both in equal measure

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### **Tropical Modernism**

The strikingly modern, stand-alone Casa Kimball villa sits on the Dominican Republic's pristine north coast, designed to maximise the sunlight in its spacious, open plan rooms, take in 180 degree views of the Atlantic Ocean and allow the breezes to flow through its open spaces. The villa has eight bedrooms, sleeping up to 18 people, and a vast infinity-edged swimming pool, 156-foot (47m) in length, more than big enough to see everyone luxuriate on the seating platforms around its perimeter. The villa also comes with a personal chef, fully-stocked bar with a bartender, English-speaking guest services and an oceanfront cliff-edge hot tub. You needn't see another person during your stay either as Casa Kimball is hidden away in its own three-acre estate surrounded by almond trees, coco palms and other native shrubs. Rental rates are from US \$2,900—\$3,500 daily or US \$18,000—\$24,500 weekly, including full staff and three daily meals.

*Casa Kimball, Dominican Republic*





*The Living Room and Terrace, Villa Aquamare, Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands*

**Blissful Solitude**

Aquamare is a secluded enclave of three, 8,000 sq ft private villas, set on different elevations and surrounded by lush landscaping with views across Virgin Gorda's Sir Francis Drake Channel. Each villa has five bedrooms – including three en suite master bedrooms – sleeping up to 12 guests, or you can rent two or even all three villas if you wish to accommodate up to 36 people. There are spacious living areas, with 30-foot high vaulted ceilings, terraces and private waterfront infinity pools, professional-grade kitchens and unob-

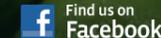
structed views of the islets, providing some of the best sunsets in the Caribbean. Then when you want privacy, the bedrooms offer perfect havens for in-room spa treatments or luxuriate in the open – yet sheltered – marble bath suites. A separate concierge house near the villas provides guests services on demand. Villa rental rates are US \$17,000-\$23,500 per week for up to 12 guests (including toddlers and children). Additional guests, up to two, cost an extra \$150 per person per day.

*Villa Aquamare, Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands*

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*Left: Premium Villa at Rockhouse Hotel, Jamaica  
Right: Bedroom at Opium, Mustique*

**Sunset Strip**

Perched on a secluded cliff-edge on the small Ani Villas Anguilla estate, Ani North and Ani South are two fully-serviced private villas ideal for hosting larger groups or families. Each villa has five bedrooms, a pool and cliff-edge hot tub where you can soak up views of Little Bay, one of Anguilla’s most prized hideaways for swimming and snorkelling, and, as the villas are West-facing, astounding sunsets along the coastline. All master bedrooms and indoor and outdoor living spaces and Ani North has a unique centrepiece: a dramatic stair atrium with a vast skylight above and water feature below. The villas also share a tennis court and gym and each enjoys the services of a private butler, chef, security and housekeeper. Weekly rental rates are US \$30,000-\$42,000 and include private speedboat transfer from St Martin, a rental car and all drinks.

*Ani Villas, Anguilla*

**Rock’n’ Roll**

In a move away from minimalist mansions, the Rockhouse boutique hotel in Negril offers waterfront luxury of a different variety – quirky, cliff-top thatched cottages that sit, like a row of rocky fairy cakes, directly over the water with wrap-around terraces and sublime views across Pristine Cove. The premium villas have outdoor showers, four-poster beds and dressed, polished local timber furniture specially designed for Rockhouse. This is low-key chic with all the requisite luxury, exoticism and seclusion – and astounding views of the sea, sunset and night skies. Rental rates are from \$220-\$465 a night.

*Rockhouse Hotel, Jamaica*

**Paradise Found**

It’s called Paradise in the ancient tongue of Sanskrit and it certainly brings a slice of the heavenly to a secluded corner of Grand Bahama. Nandana is a large, newly-built luxury estate which sits on a private sandy beach near the island’s West End. Designed in Asian beach house style, this ultra-luxurious private property, which sleeps 12 in total, exudes a sense of serenity. Set in a gated enclave, the main house has soaring 40-foot ceilings and the five large bedroom suites in separate buildings all open up to wide, uninterrupted views of the ocean. That’s if you can keep your eyes off the mag-

**Heaven Scent**

This is surely one of the most stylish villas in one of the Caribbean’s most sought-after locations. Opium – a hill-top oasis in the centre of the island, a mere stroll from Basil’s Bar – has contemporary Safari-style decor and Bali-inspired architecture, set around koi ponds and water features. The villa – with three bedrooms in the main house and two in each of the two separate guest houses – has open-air and tented living and dining spaces, and a roof tower for cocktails with panoramic views of the Caribbean and Atlantic. The house also comes with a staff of six to take care of you. For leisure and entertainment, there are two swimming pools, a gym, home cinema and games room. Rental rates, for a maximum of 14 guests, are US\$35,000-\$40,000 per week.

*Opium, Mustique*



nificent Asian art that adorns the properties, including 250-year-old Javanese teak doors and hand-carved antiquities and silk treasures from Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. You'd feel little desire to go far beyond this property, with its 120-foot long infinity pool whose waterfall edge drops to the beach below and 300 palm trees and tropical plants to provide shady reading spots. Pitch up here in your own private plane, landing at the adjacent private airport, or take to the skies in the property's private jet for lunch on another island. If boats are more your thing, you can park your yacht in the property's mooring and enjoy day trips to deserted islands. To rent Nandana, prices start at US\$5,500 a night for up to six people and \$8,000 a night for groups of up to 12.

*Nandana, Dominican Republic*

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*Left: Casa Kimball, Dominican Republic  
Centre: Nandana, Dominican Republic  
Right: Villa and Swimming Pool, Amanyara, Turks & Caicos*

**Serene Beauty**

Just steps from the powdery, alabaster sands of Malcolm's Beach in Providenciales, in the Turks and Caicos, Aman Resort's Amanyara sits in a secluded spot surrounded by tropical vegetation and rocky coves that offer some of the world's best wall and reef diving. Six almost Zen-like villas, with three, four or five bedrooms, are available for rent, each set on more than 1.5 acres of lush terrain and located either along the oceanfront, overlooking a tranquil pond or tucked away among colourful vegetation. Some have internal reflecting ponds and outdoor bathtubs and showers. All villas have an infinity-edged black volcanic rock swimming pool surrounded by hardwood decking and free-standing bedroom pavilions. Rental rates per villa per night are from US \$4,700-\$17,850 and include private airport transfers, non-motorised water sports, daily snorkel trips, tennis lessons, yoga classes and private bar.

*Amanyara, Turks & Caicos*

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