



Villa with a view

...and all the amenities of one of the Caribbean's most luxurious resorts. *Sophia Wilson* reveals a holiday home in St Lucia as elegant as your superyacht

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A natural hurricane hole, **Marigot Bay Marina**, which can accommodate superyachts up to 80m, is less than 12 nautical miles up the coast.

Fitness fans can take on the **Gros Piton**. The strenuous hike will take roughly four hours but offers one of the best views of the Caribbean from its 800m peak.

For those who like the local tippie, Sugar Beach's **Cane Bar** has a professional "rummeller" to help you choose the perfect libation.



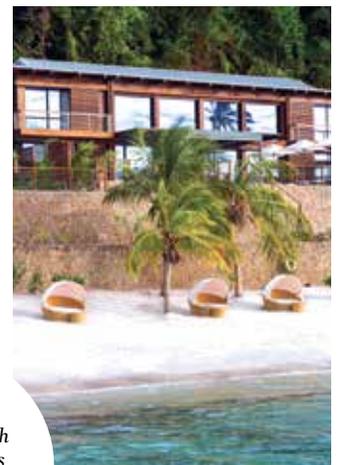
Nestled between St Lucia's Pitons, Jalousie Plantation has been known as a glamorous hideaway for nearly half a century. In the 1980s it became the refuge for Lord Glenconner and his pet elephant Bupa when he was exiled from the island of Mustique. He set up the Bang Between the Pitons restaurant, where you could find Princess Margaret and members of Led Zeppelin eating Mars Bar sandwiches. Nowadays, the bay is home to the ultra-luxe Sugar Beach Resort. The brainchild of British businessman Roger Myers, it's a favourite hideout for Hollywood's elite who sip cocktails served by the resort's impeccably dressed butlers.

The latest addition to this thriving retreat is a series of refreshingly modern residences, designed by Michaelis Boyd Associates. The first two of these properties were completed before Christmas but a further three plots are available: they feature treacle-coloured wood exteriors that will slowly mature to silver grey, as well as floor-to-ceiling windows with uninterrupted views of the Pitons.

The largest on offer is Beachfront Five, which will sit on a lot of more than 5,000 square metres. Plans can be tweaked according to preference, but Alex Michaelis' design includes five bedrooms, all with sea views, six bathrooms, indoor and outdoor kitchens and a sunset yoga deck. Drawings also feature a water slide from the vast infinity pool down to a plunge pool and spa pool. From there, stairs will give direct access to the beach and jetty, offering easy access for



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yacht owners. "The great thing about this bay for yacht owners is that it is as deep as the Pitons are high," says Myers' son Charlie. "You can moor your yacht less than 30 metres away from your property."

Ideal for anyone looking for a hassle-free Caribbean bolthole, owners will benefit from a full-time home maintenance team and the property can be added into Sugar Beach's rental pool. When on the island, no matter whether you are a Hollywood diva or eccentric aristocrat, the hotel's services - including spa therapists and dedicated butlers - will ensure your holiday mood stays sunny. *Beachfront Five is priced at \$15 million, sugarbeachresidences.com*



The residences being added to St Lucia's Sugar Beach Resort are refreshingly modern, with floor-to-ceiling windows affording great views of the Pitons