

Exclusively Yours

Cozy up to utter seclusion with a once-in-a-lifetime, private island experience.

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1 Paradise Found

THE ISLAND Calivigny Island, Grenada
THE BUZZ Indulgence on this rentable privately owned and operated island, which houses up to 50 guests at a time, includes access to five-charter watercraft—a 173-foot Atmosphere Perini Navi sailing yacht and 86-foot Spherfish Hanteras Sports fishing boat, accommodating up to 18 additional people between them. Emerging amid these quirky surrounds, where luxury and marvel-worthy architecture merge, is the typical beach activity slate. Adding to the mix is a full-size tennis court with basketball hoops and two large, freshwater pools, one with a swim-up bar, which complete the outdoor sport facilities. And, for an additional fee, the sky's the limit with instructed scuba diving, tennis, yoga and Pilates, as well as musical performances, entertainers,

fireworks, massage therapy, hair styling services and more.

ACCOMMODATIONS Three guest environments, all decked with custom-designed furniture, first-class amenities and lavish in-suite bathrooms, are on offer. The largest of these options, the luxe Beach House Residence, boasting 10 posh suites and breathtaking vistas, blends French Colonial and Balinese style. The Overhang Residence houses equally extravagant suites with a large terrace availing panoramic views. The Calivigny Cottages—a trio of deluxe two-bedroom villas—all claim private outdoor Jacuzzis.

MAKING IT MEMORABLE With a slew of spots in which to sip and savor, from six glowering sandy beaches to the sprawling Beach House Residence, the garden or on Iguana hill overlooking the ocean, possibilities are endless.

PACKAGE PRICE A minimum rental of \$30,000

per night comes with exclusive use of the island and all its amenities. Select from the Beach House Residence (\$65,000 per day for up to 20 guests), Overhang Residence (\$45,000 per day for up to 18 guests) and Calivigny Cottage (\$30,000 per day for up to four guests). Included in the deal are an on-call 24-hour butler service, private chef crafting bespoke menus, water sports, business facilities, Wi-Fi, use of small motorized vehicles (Jet Skis and motorboats), a sumptuous selection of fine wines and well-stocked in-room refrigerators (refilled daily), laundry service, security, and sound-trip private car and boat airport transfers. Rates, which may vary during the holiday season, are based on a seven-night/ seven-day rental. calivignyisland.com

During our stay, Calivigny Island is charmed just off the coast of Grenada.

CALIVIGNY ISLAND: PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER PHOTOGRAPHY



So few of these islands exist, this private island resort in the British Virgin Islands.

2 Natural Beauty

THE ISLAND Guana Island, British Virgin Islands

THE BUZZ Named for an iguana-shaped rock formation on its northwestern coast, Guana Island is the eighth largest island in the British Virgin Islands chain. In 1975, conservation enthusiasts Dr. Henry and Gloria Jarecki purchased the property to preserve it, creating a wildlife sanctuary and a luxe, yet low-key, resort with quietude and privacy. One of the few remaining privately owned and operated islands in this part of the world, the island accommodates up to 42 guests at a time on its 850 acres of undisturbed natural environs. Here, where the Caribbean meets the vast Atlantic, pristine white-sand shorelines, tropical forest and varied terrain avail uniquely diverse recreation opportunities—hiking is prime and spa-going sublime. Along with excellent food and attentive service, is total seclusion, assured by the absence of a marina and public facilities of any kind. **ACCOMMODATIONS** A total of 15 sea-view cottages and a trio of villas (one-, two- and three-bedroom

options) offer up to 21 bedrooms for up to 42 guests—the island max.

MAKING IT MEMORABLE Seven sandy-white beaches are ideal for soaking up golden rays by day and saturated sunsets at dusk. Or cruise the Caribbean aboard the island's 68-foot Sunseeker, and hit the deck to mix and mingle. Daytrips to Tortola, sports angling and water sports for the aquatically inclined are all certain to make the highlight reel.

PACKAGE PRICE Rent-the-island rates start at \$22,000 (plus percent tax and resort fee) per evening for 32 guests, and include the 15 sea-view cottages and one-bedroom villa. If needed, two other villas may be added to reach the 42-guest maximum (if not used, they remain unrented). Price includes all meals, snacks, drinks (excluding Champagne and high-end cordials), use of nonmotorized beach equipment, a beach barbecue with live music, movie nights, Wi-Fi, wash-and-fold laundry service and three sound-trip group airport transfers. Bespoke touches are available upon request. Not in need of the entire island? Cottages and villas are also available for individual rental. guana.com

3 Caribbean Queen

THE ISLAND Scrub Island Resort, Spa & Marina, British Virgin Islands

THE BUZZ Settle into this newly opened luxury private island resort for over-the-top indulgence in a grand island setting, boasting a 55-slip yacht-sized marina, two world-class restaurants, private beaches, a private dining room and, should the occasion call, a ballroom that can waltz in up to 120

people. Well-appointed guest rooms include gourmand-worthy appliances (with names like Wolf and Sub-Zero taking center stage), primo Italian Fili D'oes bed dressings, Bulgari bath amenities and top-of-the-line technology that accents elegantly modern trimmings. From the culinary team comes Caribbean cuisine customized to match any occasion. Pampering takes place in the Icosa Spa, while a fitness center, nature trails, sea kayaks, on-site dive shop, lagoon-style, multi-tiered pool with waterfalls and a swim-up bar round out the island experience.

ACCOMMODATIONS Along with 52 guest rooms and suites is a swank collection of two-, three- and four-bedroom villas. Depending on sleeping arrangements, 204 is the max number of guests accommodated on the island at a time.

MAKING IT MEMORABLE Jaw-dropping views—will it be immaculate beachfront or a dramatic cliffside vista?—of shimmering turquoise seas are the standard.

PACKAGE PRICE A complete island buyout starts at \$49,500 per day (all accommodations and a daily minimum food and beverage spend included). Not in need of the entire island? Cottages and villas are also available for individual rental. scrubisland.com



The infinity pool overlooking the beach and marina.