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ULTIMATE CARIBBEAN:

Try Before You Buy



To move or not to move? Answer: Stick a toe in first.

The properties on the following pages have both rental *and* purchase options. See why each island is a candidate for the big move (a backyard barrier reef, 33 beaches to choose from) and what moving means (cost of gas, steps to buying property). Now it's time to play house. [→](#)

TRY BEFORE YOU BUY

Far Out

St. Kitts

TRY IT FIRST: WHY VISIT

➤ **OFF THE GRID** St. Kitts, in the West Indies, is the least known of the “Saint” islands, and that’s its appeal. No traffic lights. No need to fight for a beach chair (especially on Cockleshell Beach). No need to wait in line to eat.

➤ **MONKEYS** Speaking of Cockleshell, be mindful of where you set your mojito — the green vervet monkeys who call this beach home are just as fond of the drink as tourists and would-be expats.

➤ **NEVIS** Fall even further off the grid on St. Kitts’ tiny sister island. Intrepid souls scale Nevis Peak for the best view that two worn-out legs can buy, while the less adventurous hit up Sunshine’s for Killer Bees and wait for the stories.



MAKE THE MOVE

➤ **KITTITIAN HILL** Private villas and a boutique hotel built on a tropical-fruit farm; a spa set among mango groves; farm-to-table restaurants. It’s sustainable luxury meets local community on these 400 acres stretching from Mount Liamuiga to where the Caribbean meets the Atlantic. Try: One-bedrooms from \$800 a night. Buy: Three-bedroom villa residences from \$2.4 million. kittitianhill.com

➤ **NUTS AND BOLTS** To apply for permanent residency, you must invest \$250,000 in property or a business that will provide jobs for locals. Want to work? Get a permit, which must be renewed yearly. — AS

Know Before You Go ➤ **Language** English ➤ **Population** 31,880 ➤ **Expats to locals** 1:30
➤ **Currency** East Caribbean dollar ➤ **Two-bedrooms from** \$400,000 ➤ **Closest grocery** 30 minutes from Kittitian Hill ➤ **Cost of ... Gas**, \$5.52/gallon; Milk, \$5/gallon ➤ **Nonstop flights from** Atlanta, Charlotte, Miami, New York ➤ **Ease of immigration** Moderate ➤ **Retirement/residency** Application for a resident visa usually takes two days to process.



Couples can delve into romantic activities on Aruba — and benefit from enticing honeymoon deals.

Aruba offers many types of vacations. While the island’s wide, pristine beaches appeal to all visitors, a stay here can be much more. Families frolic in resort pools. Gamers try their luck in casinos. Thrill-seekers windsurf on the waves. Nature lovers hike the scenic Arikok National Park. And nightlife enthusiasts book evenings aboard party buses.

Don’t think romance is lacking either — it’s such a part of Aruba’s allure that the island has a program offering gifts to those who wed here. Couples visiting Aruba might dine on the beach with their feet in the sand, pamper themselves with side-by-side massages or take a sunset sail.

Rekindle your romance at **Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts**, an eco-friendly and stylish adults-only boutique hotel where day beds dot the beach and pool deck. Enjoy a couples massage in the Arawak Spa. Groove nightly to the sounds of a steel-drum band at the Sand Bar and Lounge. Watch movies under the stars. Book a private sunset beach dinner for two. bucuti.com

The **Divi Aruba** and **Jamarijn Aruba** are both all-inclusive resorts. Couples staying at these sister beachfront properties don’t have to worry about taking their wallets out of the room. Meals in nine restaurants, cocktails in seven bars, and even non-motorized water sports are all included in the rate. diviaruba.com/honeymoon-weddings

