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St Kitts: Pause & play



Pace Saint Kitts to suit your clients, says Jo Cooke

Just when you think you know the Caribbean, you arrive in St Kitts and it throws all your pre-conceived notions up in the air.

The beaches here aren't backed by all-inclusive hotels. There aren't any resort areas either. And tourist accommodation is dotted about the island, with each property aiming to please a specific crowd, rather than the mass market.

Those on a budget can bag excellent value for money on St Kitts, while luxury lovers will find five-star options on the rise, including Belle Mont Farm and the YU Lounge.

St Kitts isn't short on adventurous pursuits or ways to laze around either. Here's our guide to the island's highlights, whether holidaymakers prefer a pace fast or slow.

Stay

Play:

St Kitts' hotel stock isn't typical of the Caribbean, so be sure to fix clients up with an abode that suits their intended pace.

Those who want a resort-style hotel with loads of facilities really only have one option, the 393-room St Kitts Marriott. It has three pools, a golf course, tennis courts and a casino. It's also one of the only hotels in St Kitts set on a beach.

The 65-room Ocean Terrace Inn, meanwhile, is a city hotel overlooking Basseterre's harbour. It's a great base for checking out local bars, restaurants and the capital's sights. The hotel was recently refurbished, rooms have a contemporary feel and there's a lagoon-style pool.

Pause:

For clients who seek tradition and tranquillity, a sense of exclusivity and a warm welcome, there's the family-run Ottley's Plantation Inn. At this hillside retreat overlooking the ocean, the 23 rooms are set in cottages or the Great House.

Also enjoying an elevated vantage point is Belle Mont Farm, which opened in 2014 as part of the extensive and upscale Kittitian Hill development. An on-site organic farm is part of the property's sustainable tourism ethos and it supplies almost all the kitchen's needs.





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Guests get the opportunity to help harvest the ingredients for their meals too. The 84 uber-luxurious guesthouses have outdoor bathrooms with panoramic views to neighbouring islands from their private pool deck and floor-to-ceiling windows.

A giant movie screen acts as a black-out blind at night so you can watch films in bed.