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# Caribbean Discovery



On the beautiful island of St Kitts, there is a new way to experience the region's laidback, luxe lifestyle

**F**or the seasoned traveller, intrepid explorer, experienced yacht owner, regatta aficionado or curious charterer the Caribbean season may hold few secrets – but there are still some unspoiled destinations for even these hardy souls to explore. One such place, in the heart of the eastern Caribbean cruising grounds, between Antigua and St Martin, particularly stands out – Christophe Harbour, St Kitts.

From a viewing platform on the hill overlooking the 1,000ha leisure and residential resort, the meeting of Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea is readily visible. It's a fitting marine milieu for the ambitious project on the land. Brand new marina facilities, with berths available as freehold rather than leasehold, are complemented by the Pavilion beach club – set on the idyllic Sandy Bank Bay – with its own pool and restaurant, and the award-winning SALT Plage bar. Residential opportunities abound, too: 140 plots of land have been sold in the resort, with construction underway

in around 30 of them. And since its opening last November, there is also the wonderful 126-key Park Hyatt St Kitts Christophe Harbour luxury beach resort, the group's first establishment in the region.

All this was the brainchild of CEO Charles P "Buddy" Darby III, who fell in love with the island on his first visit and set out to create a sustainable community there. Darby and his team are no strangers to such projects, as the developers of Kiawah Island, South Carolina, and the Doonbeg resort in southwest Ireland.

At their latest venture, the tranquil Caribbean atmosphere is apparent from the very moment you step foot in the Pavilion. The large pool surrounded by state-of-the-art daybeds and sunbeds; the tropical garden with palms, lipstick trees and bougainvillea of all shades – it's enough to render you speechless. The attentive, friendly staff enhance the atmosphere at this special resort where the attention to detail really makes a difference. [christopheharbour.com](http://christopheharbour.com)



*Clockwise from left:* the view from a real-estate plot overlooking Sandy Bank Bay; after-dark drinking at popular SALT Plage Bar; inside the Presidential Villa at the Park Hyatt



## GETTING THERE

**FROM EUROPE:** British Airways flies from London Gatwick to St Kitts, with an eight-hour stopover in Antigua.

**FROM MIAMI:** From the Floridian city Robert L Bradshaw (RLB) International Airport, St Kitts, is only a three-and-a-half hour flight.

**THE AIRPORT:** The experience of visiting Christophe Harbour is enhanced by taking advantage of the Yu Lounge service at RLB. On arrival, guests are brought directly from the plane to the private terminal where custom formalities and clearance is taken care of while a light snack and champagne is served. Similar courtesies are also delivered on departure.

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