

Great House

Region: Antigua and Barbuda **Sleeps:** 16

Overview

Boasting a private swimming pool, a secluded bay and stunning views of the sparkling Caribbean Sea, the Great House is a boutique hotel set amidst twenty-six acres of palm trees and tropical gardens, which can be reserved in its entirety for a once-in-a-lifetime trip.

Uniquely situated on Antigua's Mercers Creek estate, the hotel's main residence is a characterful 350-year-old Georgian residence, the last remaining historic sugar plantation house on the island. The Great House also encompasses four Garden Suites, located within contemporary Caribbean cottages nestled in the hotel's lush gardens. The estate at Mercers Creek is home to its own turquoise bay, an old sugar mill and the gently flowing creek from which its name is derived.

Those who decide to reserve the entire Great House will be treated to a bespoke island getaway for up to sixteen guests, making this the ideal destination for a wedding party or a special celebration. Here, you will enjoy a feast for all the senses, with each of the hotel's tasteful suites at your disposal, as well as excellent wellness facilities and a carefully curated dining experience throughout your stay.

Inside the historic Great House, guests will find four elegant suites: the Royal Suite, the French Suite, the Pineapple Suite and the Duke Suite. Each spacious suite is tastefully decorated to showcase the hotel's unique personality, with furnishings that combine laidback Caribbean aesthetics with traditional Georgian pieces and modern facilities. The Royal, French and Duke Suites each feature a four-poster double bed with a soft canopy, as well as an en-suite bathroom with a shower. The Pineapple Suite features two single beds under a shared four poster frame, as well as a private bathroom with a shower overlooking the hotel's Chinese Garden.



Located amidst calming greenery, the hotel's four delightful Garden Suites are charming semi-detached cottages. Thoughtfully designed with relaxed Caribbean living in mind, the vibrantly hued cottages are named after plants which grow on the grounds of the hotel. With an elevated position and high vaulted ceilings, each Garden Suite features a king-size canopied bed and understated furnishing which echo the serene natural beauty of the surrounding island. The spacious en-suite bathroom includes a double rainfall shower. There is a wide verandah with comfortable garden furniture and a hammock at the front of each cottage, where you can enjoy a delicious cocktail at sunset whilst admiring the enchanting gardens.

The small team at the Great House is dedicated to making sure that your stay is a completely rejuvenating experience. Wellness treatments can be arranged to take place within the private and relaxing atmosphere of your own suite, or on the hotel's elegant verandah. There are experienced yoga and Pilates instructors on hand for weekly classes in dreamlike settings, including a meditation platform overlooking the crystal-clear waters of the Caribbean Sea. The team can also assist you in arranging exciting island tours, private coastal trips, or guided walks to scenic beauty spots. Once you have worked up an appetite, enjoy a delicious meal in the hotel's intimate dining area, where you will be treated to authentic Caribbean dishes prepared with organic produce from the vegetable garden located on the estate.

Facilities

Spa/Massage • Special Offer • Has Discount • Villa • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Walk to Beach • Air-Con • Wellness • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Safety Deposit Box • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ceiling Fans • Walking/Hiking Paths • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

Hotel Interior

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- The Royal Suite featuring a double bed and en-suite bathroom
- The French Suite featuring a double bed and en-suite bathroom
- The Duke Suite featuring a double bed and en-suite bathroom
- The Pineapple Suite featuring two single beds and adjacent private bathroom
- Communal living spaces
- Formal dining room
- Games room featuring table tennis

The Garden Suites

- Two Caribbean cottages featuring four semi-detached one-bedroom suites
- Four en-suite bathrooms featuring double rainfall showers

Outside Grounds

- Large swimming pool and terrace with sun loungers
- Four private Garden Suite verandahs
- Twenty-six acres of gardens featuring historic sites
- Exercise and meditation platform with sea views
- The Great House verandah and outdoor dining area
- Secluded bay with private beach

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning
- Ceiling fans
- Mini fridges
- Passport safes
- Complimentary tea and coffee
- Complimentary dressing gowns
- Exclusive access to hotel facilities
- Exclusive access to wellness facilities



Location & Local Information

From a calming yoga class in the cool morning breeze to an afternoon spent kayaking around the bay or an invigorating Pilates session at sunset, the Great House offers plenty of relaxing activities that will ease you into the laidback pace of island life. Here, you will feel refreshed by the careful attention to detail that gives this hotel its well-earned reputation. After a dip in the swimming pool, you may wish to wander towards the silky-soft sands of the quiet beach or indulge in a hot stone massage. Or if you fancy venturing further afield, the enchanting landscapes of Antigua lie waiting to be discovered.

The nation of Antigua and Barbuda encompasses two namesake sister islands and several smaller islets. Local Antiguanians are understandably proud of the island's 365 beaches, one for each day of the year. Here, you will be spoiled for choice when it comes to your next dip in the Caribbean Sea!

For an exciting day out, head south to the majestic Nelson's Dockyard National Park. One of five national parks in Antigua, this cultural treasure is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The eighteenth-century British naval dockyard is an area of great historical significance on the island, as well as a popular venue for maritime events and activities. For those who wish to experience the magic for themselves, there are plenty of sailing excursions and water-based activities available.

While taking in the sights at Nelson's Dockyard, don't forget to hike to Shirley Heights, a restored military lookout known for its bewitching views and community feel. With a popular street party happening every Sunday evening, visitors are welcome to enjoy the music of live Caribbean steel drum bands, taste some of the local food and rum punch and take in the breathtaking sights as the sun begins to go down on the beautiful island of Antigua.

Located only a fifteen-minute drive away from the Great House, Devil's Bridge is another Antiguan national park



that is sure to make an impression. The bridge itself is a natural arch composed of limestone rock, formed over the course of many thousands of years. With geysers and blowholes surrounding the bridge and the waves of the Atlantic crashing against the rocks, this is a bracing adventure that will leave you in awe of the serene waters you have just left behind.

Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport | VC Bird International Airport (15.8 km) |
| Nearest Ferry Port | Antigua Cruise Port (14 km) |
| Nearest Village | Pares (3 km) |
| Nearest Town/City | St John's (15 km) |
| Nearest Restaurant | The Great House Antigua (0 km) |
| Nearest Bar/Pub | Locust Bar (4.8 km) |
| Nearest Supermarket | Muffy's Eastside Grocery (2.7 km) |
| Nearest Golf | Cedar Valley Golf Course (15.6 km) |
| Nearest Beach | (200 m) |

What we love

- The beautiful, historic location of the Great House makes this a truly unique holiday setting! We loved exploring the hotel's sprawling grounds and learning about the fascinating history of Mercers Creek
- Staying at the Great House makes for a fabulous gastronomic experience! We enjoyed delicious Caribbean meals prepared with fresh, seasonal produce from the hotel's private gardens.
- Having the excellent facilities at the Great House all to yourself is a luxury, with a private pool on your doorstep for a refreshing morning dip, as well as the crystal-clear waters of the secluded bay only a short walk away
- A day trip to Nelson's Dockyard is highly recommended. Only a twenty-five minute drive away, here you can soak up the lively atmosphere of the marina before hiking to the panoramic viewpoint at Shirley Heights

What you should know...

- Great House is the last remaining historic sugar plantation residence on the island of Antigua. The grounds at Mercers Creek still feature original masonry, a mill house where cane was once crushed, a traditional distillery and many more unique features
- Reserved in its entirety, the Great House features eight suites for up to sixteen guests to enjoy
- We recommend that young children remain supervised whilst exploring the grounds of the Great House and playing near the swimming pool

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** US \$5,000 charged to client's credit card before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 2:00 pm
- **Departure time:** 11:00 am
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, included in the rental price
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, included in the rental price
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed
- **Changeover day:** Flexible
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Smoking & Vaping are not permitted
- **Minimum stay:** 2 nights
- **Tax:** Tourist Guest Levy \$5 per night per guest not included
- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included