



# Where to stay on ST KITTS

Park Hyatt

Five-star to funky, modern to traditional, St. Kitts has it covered BY PETER SWAIN & GARRY STECKLES

## Park Hyatt

This resort hotel on beautiful Banana Bay at the tip of the Southeast Peninsula is the jewel in our island crown. The first Park Hyatt in the entire Caribbean, it opened in 2017 and has already become one of the region's ultimate destination resorts.

Set within the magnificent Christophe Harbour superyacht marina development, the beachfront hotel has 78 guest rooms and 48 suites, some with their own rooftop plunge pools, as well as a three-bedroom presidential villa complete with infinity pool, butler service and private chef.

Three restaurants offer a range of casual and fine dining. There's two swimming pools, 24-hour fitness club, beach bar and watersports center, private dining and event spaces, as well as Camp Hyatt, which offers fun activities for three- to 12-year-old children. The resort is also home to a Miraval Life in Balance Spa.

"We combine the best of Park Hyatt's unrivalled international reputation and experience with the culture and warmth of Kittitians and Nevisians to create a new luxury resort in the Caribbean," says Flor van der Vaart, general manager. [stkitts.park.hyatt.com](http://stkitts.park.hyatt.com), 869 468 1234

## Marriott Resort St. Kitts

The Marriott was the first large international resort on St. Kitts and continues to be the one with the widest range of facilities, including: five full-service restaurants, plus a pizza shack and coffee shop, nine

Ocean Terrace Inn



Kittitian Hill

meeting rooms, several pools, spa and fitness centre, a 35,000-square foot casino, an 18-hole golf course, and a beautiful long stretch of well-tended sandy beach.

It's also the home of the ultra-chic Sky Ultra Lounge, the sophisticated hangout of choice for St. Kitts's after-dark crowd in the Royal Beach Casino. If you want it, the Marriott has it.

Accommodation includes every size of room, as well as spacious one- and two-bedroom villas. On Frigate Bay, which has

other hotels and many good restaurants, the resort is very much at the heart of the island's holiday scene. [marriott.com/hotels/travel/skbrb-st-kitts](http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/skbrb-st-kitts), 869 466 1200

## Royal St. Kitts Hotel

Almost opposite the Marriott, this 215-key condo-hotel has been totally revamped in the past year or so and now offers a winning formula of newly decorated rooms, plus one- and two-bedroom suites, all with kitchens.

Amenities on the 18-acre site, backing onto the golf course, include two pools, complimentary wi-fi, half-court basketball, and two restaurants: the Livingroom, which doubles as a games room, and Italian-themed Splash. The Royal Plaza is also right out front with several more bars and bistros, as well as a grocery store with a duty free 'Smoke and Booze' section.

Set up for independent travellers, the Royal St. Kitts works well for short breaks, but also for longer rentals. "Guests enjoy all the comforts of home while vacationing in paradise," suggests manager Darren Thompson. The beach is a five-minute walk. [royalstkitshotel.com](http://royalstkitshotel.com), 465 8651

## Ocean Terrace Inn

The OTI, as it's known, first opened in 1969, making it the longest-established hotel on island. On a hillside opposite the waterfront on the western outskirts of Basseterre, the 65-room boutique hostelry, extensively refurbished recently, offers a winning

combination of old-world Caribbean charm with modern conveniences.

It's also home to two of the island's most popular restaurants: The Verandah, specialising in Caribbean-Asian fusion cuisine, and Fisherman's Wharf, famous for fresh seafood straight off the grill. The beach is a short shuttle bus ride away. [oceanterraceinn.com](http://oceanterraceinn.com), 869 465 2754

## Timothy Beach Resort

With a perfect beachfront location on Frigate Bay South, this resort has a choice of moderately priced rooms, suites, studios and townhouses, some with kitchen facilities. Ideal for sunset watching, the beachside Sunset Café specialises in authentic Caribbean cuisine, with the picturesque Dock bar also a popular hangout.

Like most other hotels on St. Kitts, Timothy Beach Resort very much welcomes weddings and other group events. The Frigate Bay beach bar Strip is close by. [timothybeach.com](http://timothybeach.com), 869 465 8597

## Sugar Bay Club

After remodeling in 2018, this Frigate Bay establishment has a good choice of two-bedroom and poolside cottages, deluxe ocean-front rooms and studios.

Sugar Bay



Set in five acres of beachfront gardens with two pools, and the Atlantic never more than a few steps away, it's also ideally placed for the varied local restaurant scene.

So, Japanese teppanyaki-style, Indian restaurants and a pizza place operate on the premises, with sushi just next door, while pizzerias, seafood and Italian restaurants, coffee shops and beach bars are all nearby. [sugarbayclub.com](http://sugarbayclub.com), 869 465 8037

## Belle Mont Farm

Part of the ambitious Kittitian Hill development in the foothills of Mount Liamuiga in the north, this Mr & Mrs Smith-branded eco-resort features villas designed by award-winning architect Bill Bensley.

Accommodation includes one-bedroom

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guesthouses, private farmhouses that sleep eight, and sumptuous two-, three- and four-bed villas, each with its own infinity pool.

Using fruit and vegetables grown on site, the Kitchen restaurant is one of the best on island, and the Irie Fields 18-hole Ian Woosnam golf course a challenge for players of all abilities. A short drive down the hill takes guests to the black sand Dieppe Bay, where freshly-caught seafood is served at the ocean-side Arthur's restaurant. [bellemontfarm.com](http://bellemontfarm.com), 869 465 1712

## Villa Rental

Most visitors to St. Kitts stay in hotels or condos but Christophe Harbour also some very ritzy private villas for holiday rental on the Southeast Peninsular. [christopheharbour.com](http://christopheharbour.com)



Royal St Kitts



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**NEVIS**



International resort or plantation inn, on the beach or up the Peak, variety is the spice of life on Nevis

BY PETER SWAIN

VIP circuit. Added to seven lavish three- and four-bedroom villas – each with their own private pool and generous lounging areas – there are five new Balinese-style Beach Houses.

Built on stilts just above the high tide mark, each house has a gourmet kitchen, full A/C throughout, two en-suite bedrooms, dining and living room, all under a romantic thatched roof.

Drawbridge staircases pull up at the touch of a button, but the real treat for guests is a beaten copper plunge pool on each romantic terrace, angled towards the sunset and twinkling lights of St. Kitts.

According to international designer Naomi Cleaver, the design guru behind their creation and that of the chic beach

Cliff Dwellers



Four Seasons

Thanks to its recent acquisition by Bill and Melinda Gates Investments, this iconic five-star resort has just been extensively refurbished. As part of the multimillion-dollar makeover, the foyer and all 195 rooms and suites have been redesigned, four dining and drinking venues are totally new, and the pools have been reconfigured.

The result honours the colonial character of the property while adding a pleasant sense of space and light. The private pier, which already welcomes international guests, has doubled in size – both to accommodate passing superyachts and to provide a pop-up ‘Rosé and beer on the pier’ sundowner venue.

Alongside the 18-hole Robert Trent Jones II championship golf course’s fourth hole and only yards from the shoreline, the eight new Pinney’s Beach Villas – with a courtyard layout around a large pool and a choice of either three or four bedrooms – are another recent innovation.

Guests staying in them and other deluxe rooms, grand suites and plush villas can enjoy the hotel’s 10-court tennis centre, lavish spa, sumptuous pools and well-stocked boutiques.

Amenities for families, watersports enthusiasts and those who simply want to relax in luxurious surroundings are world-class, but it’s the quality of service that really sets this beachside resort apart as one of the Caribbean’s most desirable destinations. [fourseasons.com/nevis](http://fourseasons.com/nevis)

Paradise Beach

This exclusive enclave on Pinney’s Beach is cutting quite a dash on the international

bar and grill, “Nevis is an irresistible alchemy of the simple and glamorous.”

Who could disagree. The onsite concierge takes care of everything from gourmet catering, spa therapists and maid service to golf, diving and travel arrangements. [paradisebeachnevis.com](http://paradisebeachnevis.com)

Montpelier

Under the guidance of stylish chatelaine Muffin Hoffman, this Relais & Châteaux



Nisbet

hotel has become one of the Caribbean’s favourite romantic hideaways.

A converted plantation great house and sugar mill 750ft up the Peak, it has a seductive history that takes in the 1787 wedding of Horatio Nelson to Fanny Nisbet, the 1992 sojourn of Princess Diana with Princes William and Harry, and countless happy honeymoons over the years.

The 18 well-appointed suites are newly upgraded, the sophisticated cuisine served in a choice of restaurants some of the finest on island, the modern pool complex perfect for live music, and there’s a private beach club complete with BBQ, bar and cabanas. [montpeliernevis.com](http://montpeliernevis.com)

Golden Rock

Even higher up Nevis Peak, this classic plantation inn has become a world-class destination – with the celebrity visitor book to prove it.

American artists Brice and Helen Marden, with a little help from architect Ed Tuttle of Aman Hotels’ fame, have created an impossibly exotic backdrop for eleven traditional Caribbean guest cottages, newly refurbished swimming pool, and a restaurant terrace featuring reflection pools and modern sculpture that’s colourful by day, and quietly sophisticated by night.

The garden has 30 varieties of bamboo,



Montpelier



Oualie

Nisbet

This is the only historic plantation inn in the entire Caribbean right next to the beach. There’s an old-school grandeur about the establishment, epitomised by English-style afternoon tea that can be taken on the lawn where Fanny Nisbet and her beau Horatio Nelson once strolled.

The 36 well-equipped cottages, 100 yards from the sea, are set in spacious grounds, with a tennis court, beach bar and pool.

Under the leadership of Tim and Tina Thuell, the friendly staff, many of whom have been here for years, are greatly appreciated by guests, as is dinner in the imposing 18th-century Great House.

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### *Hermitage*

Dating back to the 1670s, the Greathouse at the heart of this boutique, family-run hotel is believed to be the oldest surviving wooden building in the Caribbean. It has a well-stocked library, cosy bar with a fine humidor, pleasantly convivial dining room, and an interesting collection of Nelson memorabilia.

Accommodation is varied, with the self-contained Gingerbread Cottages – replicas of West Indian chattel houses – a delightful way of getting in touch with island traditions while enjoying 21st-century facilities.

Set in lush gardens, this is a particularly tranquil spot, as popular with those who live on Nevis as with visitors, who recently included the crew and models of a *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit photo shoot. [hermitagenevis.com](http://hermitagenevis.com)

### *Oualie Beach*

This three-star resort on one of the island's busiest beaches has a very sociable vibe, with a convivial bar and regular live music attracting a loyal clientele. The name Oualie – rough translation 'Land of beautiful waters' – derives from the original Carib Indians' name for Nevis.



Paradise Beach



Four Seasons

There are 32 reasonably priced rooms arranged along a sandy beach, all with large screened verandas offering uninterrupted views of St. Kitts. Scuba diving, watersports and bike hire are all close by. [oualiebeach.com](http://oualiebeach.com)

### *Villa rentals*

These play a big part in the hospitality scene on Nevis.

Some, like the elegant Cliffdwellers on Pinney's Beach, are collections of well-equipped holiday homes in one location with a few central services.

But there are also plenty of individual villas either close to the beach or up the Peak available through the likes of Sugar Mill Real Estate – ideal for experiencing Nevis living, and as a relaxing base from which to explore all this captivating island has to offer.

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