

CARIBBEAN WORK/LIFE BALANCE

For 2020, 'staycation' has been the safe word for **KERED CLEMENT**, our resident Caribbean Reporter. We follow her as she escapes work from home with a mini-travel bag, minus the jetlag to indulge in the perfect staycation at The Point in Petite Calivigny in Grenada.

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I've just checked in at The Point at Petite Calivigny. The weather in Grenada is perfect, albeit hurricane season, the island's location just outside the hurricane belt creates a safe haven for the several yachts I spot moored in the beautiful bay. Sitting on the expansive deck of Villa Mandala, my home for the weekend, whilst gazing over an impressive infinity pool, my personal vibe director was able to trace a route in the bay where tomorrow's exciting sea activities will be taking place.

The Point at Petite Calivigny is a luxury 11-acre private estate located along the southern coast of Grenada. It boasts three villas and 12 two-bedroom suites and a state-of-the-art gym and spa. It was built to world-class standards with interior design by acclaimed Latin American interior designer Adriana Hoyas and US-based designer, CB Design Studio. The point of pride for the developer, Dr Christopher Ashby, goes deeper than its impressive design. "I wanted to create something unique around a specific philosophy of having the project being owned, built, and managed 100% by Grenadians."

Through speaking with Chris, I got the immediate sense that an extremely deep level of thought went into every component of the property. In great detail he described how everything from the shape of the crown molding to the position of the TV was carefully thought through. As I wander around my three-storey villa, which feels as sleek as a modern Central London apartment, yet as cozy as a countryside cottage, I now see the extraordinary quality and attention to detail making me feel treasured as a guest.

My villa had every modern convenience imaginable including my favourite; an outdoor grilling station for alfresco dining in front of hypnotic sunset views. "Our clients tend to be affluent travellers who wants to hike in the



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mountains, go spearfishing or scuba diving, and afterwards return to an ultra-high-end and elegant living environment that's secure and safe", Chris explained.

After an extremely peaceful sleep (where a pin drop could be heard), I woke up alert and well-rested, curious about my PiYo session (a mix of Pilates and yoga) scheduled for 8am. Wellness is a huge deal at The Point and your experience is curated with a central focus on mind, body and spirit. Chris explained, "the hospitality world, even prior to the global pandemic, is changing. People want memorable and unique experiences which is why we are so focused on making each person's stay a very unique experience. In which no two are alike."

Normally fitness is the last thing on my mind while vacationing, but my vibe director assured me I

would feel awakened and renewed. So said, so done! I was ready for the Bay Bar Crawl planned for the afternoon, an activity among many others on offer on The Point's experiential menu. "We are the only development to have a private marina, so it makes it very easy to jump on a boat and head out on an adventure."

Covering pre-arrivals, rentals, spa and massage, fitness and a wide range of land and sea tours, what stuck out to me most on the activity options was the cultural experiences and workshops. From steel pan playing lessons to traditional dance classes The Point's ability to combine international luxury with the cultural traditions that make people fall in love with Grenada and its people was superb.

"We don't take a blanket approach to our experiences. As a Grenadian, the cultural aspect is



very important to me. Grenada and Carriacou have an incredible cultural history, which is why we offer a vibrant and immersive cultural experience tailored to our guests”, Chris shared.

I’m ending my second day at The Point on a speed boat partaking in a Bay Bar Crawl best described as next level bar hopping. We just visited three different coastline bars and

one small island where I ate grilled lobster. I’m now floating in the middle of the ocean surrounded by azure water. I turn to Chris and ask if this is really what a guest can experience in the development.

“Pretty much. The only limitation is your imagination”, Chris smiles.

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