



YOUR OWN (SEMI-) DESERTED ISLAND

TURTLE BEACH BUNGALOW / CHRISTOPHE HARBOUR

Amid the hospitality-saturated Caribbean islands lie St. Kitts and Nevis, a surprisingly undeveloped two-island nation situated in the West Indies. South Carolina-based real estate group **Kiawah Partners** has taken up the high-end development baton with **Christophe Harbour**, a 2,500-acre residential resort located on St. Kitts, the larger of the two islands. The luxury homes (lots range from \$400,000 to \$6 million) have Atlantic Ocean or Caribbean Sea views and are serviced by **The Beach House** restaurant and a brand new **Beach Club**. Work is underway on a Tom Fazio-designed 18-hole golf course, 300-acre marina, **Mandarin Oriental** resort and FBO.

For shorter-term investment with access to all the amenities, rent one of four 700-square-foot **Turtle Beach Bungalows**, which boast a king-size bed, marble-slab baths, Gilchrist & Soames toiletries and glass doors that wrap around three sides. Palm trees and bougainvillea intertwine to create a hedge of privacy for the *al fresco* rain shower, deck with cabana and personal plunge pool, and the direct path to the Atlantic-fronting white sand beach, sans tourists—for now (from \$450 a night).

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Just when you thought New York had reached its luxury hotel saturation point, newcomer **Conrad New York** opened its doors onto a 15-story atrium lobby masterminded to make a statement that resounds above the din. An early project in **Hilton's** aggressive Waldorf Astoria/Conrad expansion plan slated for the next several years, the 463-suite property—unveiled in March on Battery Park City's waterfront—just played hotel sponsor to the Tribeca Film Festival. Exuberant artworks christened "Loopy Doopy" (by Sol LeWitt, spanning an impressive 100 by 80 feet) and "Topsy Turvy" (by Pat Steir) belie an interior décor that is all sleek lines, neutral tones and crisp style. At the Conrad, spacious accommodations with striking views, the latest in technology and unique pieces by leading contemporary artists are the norm, whether or not you nab the 1,500-square-foot **Conrad Suite** (available in June for \$9,995 a night). Crowning the hotel is the city's latest rooftop hot spot, which pairs 180-degree views of New York Harbor with delectable small plates and sinful cocktails. A rooftop garden supplies signature Mediterranean restaurant **Atrio** and next-door neighbor Danny Meyer's acclaimed **North End Grill**.

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