



EXPERTS FROM ALL OVER COME TOGETHER TO CREATE THIS CLIFFSIDE VILLA  
IN ST KITTS WITH VIEWS THAT GO ON FOR MILES AND MILES

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ST KITTS'S ONCE-REMOTE SOUTHEAST PENINSULA, WHICH HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS THE HOTTEST OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT HOTSPOTS, HAS BEEN TRANSPORTED TO NEW LEVELS OF LUXURY AND ISLAND SOPHISTICATION—A QUANTUM LEAP THAT COMES COURTESY OF A HOME WITH A VIEW.

That home is a cliffside villa called—aptly enough—SeaforMiles.

The recently completed villa, located on the upscale Sundance Ridge development just north of popular South Friar's Beach, is an almost dizzying mix of local and international expertise in its creation and execution.

Its 16,394 square feet of meticulously crafted, no-expense-spared living space embraces a smorgasbord of design and art influences that somehow mesh seamlessly. The international array of creative talent whose works are on display includes Gerald "Swah" Phillip, a master St Kitts stonemason, Keelin Kennedy, an award-winning American designer of concrete furniture, Kate Spencer, the distinguished St Kitts

artist, and Roche Bobois, the fabled French furniture house.

As developer-contractor Ron Fish put it: "We had people from all over the world coming here doing things on this house."

What those people were doing was making a reality of nose-to-the-grindstone creative teamwork that involved the villa's owners, architect Lindbergh Alvaranga of Brisbane O'Garro Alvaranga, builder Peninsula Associates LLC and interior designer Dianne Brisbane of DBB Living Design, who now also manages the property.

Apart from the owners, who prefer to remain anonymous, the companies behind SeaforMiles have one significant thing in common: solid backgrounds and long track records of achievement in St Kitts, with Fish's Half Moon Bay Villas and Nicholas Brisbane's Calypso Bay development among the successful upscale projects on their CVs.

SeaforMiles, though, was a special challenge. For one thing, it may be a huge house by just about any standards, but from the outside it looks elegant, rather than gargantuan. And that's not by chance.

Alvaranga, a Jamaican who has worked in St Kitts since 2000, explained, "The unostentatious—relative to the building size—feel was deliberate. Apart from reflecting the owner's personality, there were several

ABOVE Poolside and deck seating at SeaforMiles

ABOVE RIGHT On Southeast Peninsula, villa overlooks ocean and cloud-covered mountain peaks

RIGHT Unique chandelier made of driftwood and lights, hand-woven by Carib Indians in Dominica illuminates spiral staircase





ABOVE Swimming in the infinity pool, the view from downstairs children's play room

ABOVE RIGHT Scavolini kitchen is luxurious masterpiece

RIGHT A Kate Spencer original adorns one of master stonemason Gerald Phillip's handcrafted stone walls

reasons for the relatively humble elevation. Anything grander would have been too imposing on the rest of the development."

The elongated structure allowed the team to maximise the potential for natural lighting and cross ventilation and to take full advantage of the views that stretch across the Caribbean Sea to the Southeast Peninsula and Nevis peak and eventually a sliver of the Atlantic in the east.

"Given the substantial design programme that we had to fit between the edge of a very steep drop-off and the access road not far behind, the villa would inevitably be close to the road. The solution was to break up the massing and bring the entry in particular to a more human scale. So instead of imposing an awe-inspiring exterior, we went for warm, low-key and intimate."

Alvaranga added: "The owner has a vivid imagination and that made it easy for us to sell him on ideas like windows into the swimming pool and curved glass around the staircase."

A tour of SeaforMiles starts just inside the imposing timber entrance doors with a conversation-piece wall built by the St Kitts stonemason Phillip, using hand-cut local volcanic stone from Sundance Ridge excavations—a technique he duplicates to even more spectacular effect downstairs.

Opposite Phillip's foyer masterpiece is the smallest of three creations by the Chicago concrete artist Kennedy—an elegant console. A few yards away, in the dining room, her biggest contribution is immediately apparent—a 16-seat table in concrete with inlaid wood that weighs in at around 1,000 pounds. Kennedy also created a concrete 14-seat poolside dining table. The infinity pool, for the record, is 80 feet long and the infinity element includes a view that lets you gaze for mile after mile after mile of the Caribbean far below.

Once you've taken in the entrance area, SeaforMiles features an assortment of carefully thought out elements the owners chose for an active and gracious lifestyle. In the main-floor games room, for example,



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a full-size snooker table competes for attention with ping-pong, air hockey and pinball tables and a Bang & Olufsen sound system, while the lavishly equipped lower-floor gym features state-of-the-art Life Fitness treadmill, step-climber, elliptical cross-trainer and upright exercise bike, a Smith weight system with Olympic-style weights, a wide range of free weights/ dumbbells and aerobic equipment and another Bang & Olufsen sound system.

To the left of the entrance foyer and dining room is a meticulously appointed Scavolini kitchen made of timber, glass and eye-catching red two-pac lacquered cabinetry, with a large central island that seats six and incorporates a rugged six-burner gas range that would make a professional chef drool.

The focal point of the 402-square-foot master bedroom, with its high-vaulted timber ceiling, is an exquisite custom glass panel that serves as a backdrop for the king-sized Roche Bobois leather bed. The panel, 12 feet wide and nine feet high, was created by an art-glass fabricator in Florida working from a delicate painting by the St Kitts artist Kate Spencer, whose originals adorn the walls of many of the villa's impressive rooms.

The master bedroom's huge shower, which has an assortment of body jets and an overhead rain fixture, is finished with Italian mosaic tiles, and adjoins a double jacuzzi tub and vanity area. All look out to expansive Caribbean views. And yes, you can see the sea for miles.

The master bedroom also has an en suite sauna, along with a custom-made walk-in closet.

Two circular timber staircases lead to the downstairs living areas, which, in addition to four more spacious bedrooms, offer an assortment of pleasant ways for all age groups to pass the time. In addition to the gym, these include a family room with an array of diversions for children and the larger of the villa's pool-viewing windows, a nine-seat home theatre and a sumptuous wine bar-library featuring elegant Scrabble, chess and Monopoly boards, English Chesterfield lounges, a custom-designed bar with ice machine, microwave and glass washer and a wall-to-wall bookcase by Grange. Among this room's artistic features are three rare and authentic James Bond movie posters (including *Dr No* and *Goldfinger*) which complement the array of Bond films available for viewing in the next-door home theatre. And yes,

THE FOCAL POINT OF THE 402-SQUARE-FOOT MASTER BEDROOM, WITH ITS HIGH-VAULTED TIMBER CEILING, IS AN EXQUISITE CUSTOM GLASS PANEL THAT SERVES AS A BACKDROP FOR THE KING-SIZED ROCHE BOBOIS LEATHER BED

the owners are big fans of 007.

They've also been big fans of St Kitts and its sister island of Nevis since visiting Nevis's Four Seasons Hotel for a conference. They returned for their honeymoon, became regular visitors and decided to build a home in St Kitts. That home was in Calypso Bay, and they asked the highly experienced Barbados-born interior designer Dianne Brisbane to take care of the interior design.

SeaforMiles, however, was on a much larger scale. Brisbane, who has lived and worked in St Kitts since 1998, remarked, "Open spaces meld into each other, maximising the spectacular views from almost every room. My clients had a clear vision for their home—stylish, comfortable, relaxed and functional with

TOP LEFT Glass rendition of a Kate Spencer painting provides spectacular backdrop to king-size bed in master bedroom

LEFT Bathrooms with spectacular views of the Caribbean are one of SeaforMiles's special features

ABOVE Luxurious loungers next to the master bedroom





ABOVE Endless view of the Caribbean is the backdrop when business calls at SeaforMiles

spaces designed to suit their lifestyle and love for entertaining.”

The work of local artists and artisans are showcased throughout. The hand-painted frieze at the entrance portico is by artist Rosie Cameron Smith. Kate Spencer originals are used everywhere. Hand-coloured photographs and art are by Antiguan-based artist Jennifer Meranto and the woven basket chandeliers in the stairwell are the work of Dominican-based designers Andy Maley and Richard De Ath.

As Fish explained, people from all over contributed their expertise. “The acrylic panels that look into the pool were made by an aquarium manufacturer from Las Vegas. The wood flooring, mostly walnut, is very special, a lot of it is hand done, and it had to be installed by people from Florida who were in St Kitts for a month.

“The home theatre was installed by a company from Atlanta, the electrical system, which includes seven miles of wiring, by a company from Barbados, with everything connected to touch panels throughout the house. The air conditioning had to be installed by a factory-trained mechanic brought in from Grenada, all the bedroom cabinetry was made in Florida.”

And the concrete furniture creators from Chicago also came down to oversee an event which may well symbolize the level of expert execution that characterizes SeaforMiles.

The huge concrete table in the dining room had to be manoeuvred into place, inch by inch, with a large crane.

It was a nail-biting engineering feat which took more than a little confidence. But why stop at one heart-pumping achievement. When the 1,000-pound table was in place, the feat was repeated all over again to install the 14-seater table by the pool without end.M

#### IF YOU GO

SeaforMiles is available for short-term vacation rental. With discerning travellers now opting for vacation villas in lieu of typical resort stays, SeaforMiles offers luxury living with options that allow you to customise your vacation to include amenities such as a private chef, butler and nanny services, in-villa massages, yoga, personal training and more in the privacy of your villa.

Weekly rental rates for SeaforMiles range from US\$35,320 low season to US\$81,000 over the Christmas-New Year holidays, plus 12 per cent government tax and a 10 per cent service fee. The rates include the services of a top-flight chef, a butler and maid service.

For people who’d rather buy their slice of paradise than rent it, the owners are open to offers for SeaforMiles. People interested in renting or buying can contact Dianne Brisbane by e-mail at dianne@stkittsnevisvillas.com or by phone at 869-662-3454

Ten lots are still available in Sundance Ridge, starting at US\$800,000, and purchasers can choose from building options with Peninsula Associates ranging from a duplex at US\$1.65 million to an 8,000-square-foot home for US\$5 million. Buyers of land can also use their own architects and builders, as long as their design and colour schemes are pre-approved by the main developers.



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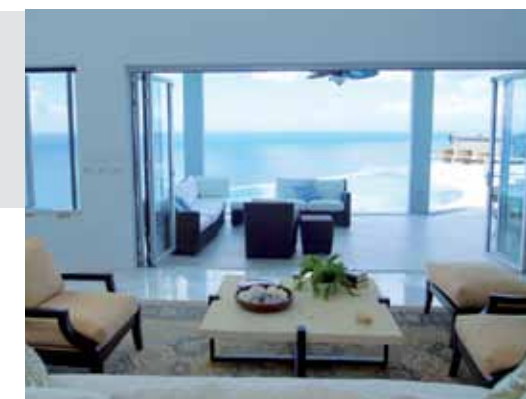
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- Custom architectural design
- Construction management (inclusive of high end finishes)
- Interior design
- Furnishings and furniture selection and placement

Bonus: Any real estate purchase on Sundance Ridge grants the buyer the right to apply to the St. Kitts Economic Citizenship program for citizenship, based on government approval. No residency or other licences required.



All 10 remaining Sundance Ridge lots will have panoramic views, with a total of only 15 villas in the Sundance Ridge gated community.



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