



# FANTASY ISLAND

**TOUCAN HILL**  
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**MAGIC, FANTASY AND** romance – these are the words that guests use to describe Toucan Hill, the most fanciful, improbable villa on one of the world’s most fanciful, unbelievable islands. Toucan Hill is a luxurious Moorish structure perched high above the tropical greenery of Mustique – a Caribbean island as intimate and exclusive as it is beautiful and romantic.

Owners Tatiana and Gerret Copeland first experienced Mustique in the days when Lord Glenconner, who bought the island in 1958, revived and transformed it into a destination for the rich and glamorous, regularly hosting the likes of Princess Margaret at his famous costume parties.

Tatiana drew inspiration from her travels and came up with a magical palace whose style lies somewhere between Morocco and the Alhambra. Its richly planted grounds and white, sugar-sand beaches complete the setting.

“That view is simply stunning,” says Tatiana, the businesswoman and philanthropist who spent 10 years creating Toucan Hill. “I wanted to create a wow factor when you first come in. Guests really do walk in and say ‘wow’ out loud. I wanted it to be completely different from what rational people have in their lives. It’s a place you would never live in in your real life. This is a fun, fantasy house. People who rent the villa step away from reality.”

Toucan Hill offers privacy, serenity and romance, and is available for celebrations such as honeymoons and family gatherings, or simply to enjoy an indulgent, secluded stay in paradise. “Being here is an extraordinary, beautiful experience,” says Tatiana, “even for the most jaded of travellers.”

The villa’s endless charms are like one of the tales from *One Thousand and One Nights*, and then some.

There are dazzling mother-of-pearl inlaid tables, silver furniture, artwork with precious gems, Moroccan arches and tiles, mosaic fountains and a domed dining pavilion.

Outside, bougainvillea and hibiscus add splashes of bright colour against the cool white walls. By day, sunshine floods its terraces and turquoise infinity pools. By night, the glow of lanterns and the scent of jasmine predominate.

Toucan Hill features four luxury suites with their own balconies, a master pavilion, two private infinity pools, the use of two vehicles and a staff of seven. It takes full advantage of the spectacular views and breezes that cool the hilltop estate, which is available to rent through the Mustique Company.

The attentive full-time staff include an estate manager, a butler, a chef, two housekeepers, a houseman and a gardener, who are on hand to organize dinners, beach picnics, parties, spa treatments and water sports sessions, depending on how much or how little the guests wish to do.

The chef at Toucan Hill will prepare delicious meals made with locally grown produce and the freshest seafood. “Our staff provides an incredible service,” says Tatiana. “It’s not just a building and a gorgeous fantasy. I’m blessed with a fabulous manager and a discreet and professional butler. They know when to leave guests in peace and when to help. They are there to see to all of our guests’ daily needs. They make the place come alive.”

A stay at Toucan Hill is defined by a spirit of adventure, passion and excitement. “Even if you are used to luxury travel,” says Tatiana, “there is a special atmosphere in the villa – a spirit of romance and fantasy – that really is unique.”