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TOUCAN HILL

“Magic, fantasy and romance.” Those are the words that guests use about Toucan Hill. It’s 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.

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. Lord Glenconner regularly hosted close friend Princess Margaret at his famous costume parties in Mustique.

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

“That view remains a jaw-dropper,” says Copeland, the businesswoman and philanthropist who spent ten years creating the house. “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 house 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 Copeland, “even in the life of the most jaded traveller.”

It’s like the 1,001 Nights tales – and then some. The details are endless. There are dazzling mother-of-pearl inlaid tables, silver furniture, art work 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 the terraces and the turquoise infinity pool; by night, the glow of lanterns and the scent of jasmine predominate.

Toucan Hill includes 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 (estate manager, butler, chef, two housekeepers, houseman and gardener) are on hand to organise dinners, beach picnics, parties, spa treatments and water sports sessions – however much or little the guests choose 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 Copeland. “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 guests’ daily needs. They make the house come alive.”

Luxury travel defined by a spirit of adventure, enchantment, fantasy, passion and excitement can all begin with your unique stay at Toucan Hill. “Even if you are used to luxury travel, there is a special atmosphere in the house – a spirit of romance and fantasy – that really is unique.”

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