

## THE VERANDAH RESORT & SPA FACT SHEET

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<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>The Verandah Resort &amp; Spa, located just 30 minutes from Antigua's V.C. Bird International Airport (ANU), is a 30-acre, eco-luxury resort that opened in November 2007. Situated on Antigua's northeast coastline and bordered by Devil's Bridge National Park with its dramatic landmark rock arch, The Verandah Resort &amp; Spa is an ideal vacation for family getaways or romantic escapes. For dining, all-inclusive or European plan options are available.</p>
<b>WHAT'S NEW</b>	<p>The Verandah Resort &amp; Spa was awarded the 2010 Gold Magellan Award in the family resort and hotel category and Silver Magellan Award in the eco-friendly resort category as well as the 2009 World Travel Award for best green resort.</p> <p>The use of post and pier foundations minimizes disruption to the natural foliage and terrain and allows indigenous plant life to thrive around and underneath the resort's accommodations. Indigenous materials found on-site have also been incorporated into the resort's design and construction. Environmentally-friendly insulation maximizes energy efficiency, and state-of-the-art solar water heaters help conserve the island's energy sources. Energy-efficient golf carts transport guests around the resort, minimizing noise, environmental pollution and carbon emissions.</p> <p>Additionally, the resort is planning to open a new golf course in August 2011 and recently added six new two-bedroom villas, accommodating up to six guests each.</p>

## ACCOMMODATIONS

The Verandah Resort & Spa has 200 villa-style suites that have vaulted ceilings and Caribbean décor with bamboo accents. Built as side-by-side, single-story duplexes, the resort's suites offer the look and feel of a Caribbean villa while comfortably accommodating up to four guests with a king-sized bed and queen sleeper sofa. All suites come equipped with LCD satellite televisions, air conditioning, ceiling fans, in-room safes, direct-dial telephones, mini refrigerators, microwaves, coffeemakers, wet bars, irons and ironing boards. Families can reserve adjacent suite accommodations with connecting balconies for 50 percent off.

Perfect for families and small gatherings of up to six guests, six two-bedroom villas have been added to the resort's inventory. Situated on top of a hill with an idyllic bay view, each villa has its own dedicated jet-therapy pool and garden, a living/dining area, a flat-screen television and a verandah. Kitchens are fully equipped with a breakfast bar with seating for two, a microwave oven, a two-burner stovetop, a small refrigerator, a toaster, a coffee maker, granite countertops and a dining table with seating for up to six guests. The master bedroom has a private verandah, a flat-screen television and an en suite shower room with two pedestal sinks. The second bedroom offers twin beds, an en suite bathroom with bathtub/shower combo, a flat-screen television and a large walk-in closet. Additionally there is a pull-out queen sofa bed in the living room with flat-screen television.

## DINING

The Verandah Resort & Spa has three restaurants on the resort property.

**Seabreeze, the resort's main restaurant**, serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. It offers a wide range of choices that are sure to please guests of all ages. The lovely, open-air dining room is enhanced by light pine pergolas, ceiling fans, exposed beams and dark wood with lofty vaulted ceilings for an airy, outdoor feeling. Seabreeze offers buffet-style dining seven days a week with internationally themed evenings.

**Nicole's**, a fine dining restaurant, offers a blend of elegantly presented, modern French and Italian cuisine. Warm, red walls and dark wood trim create a cozy ambiance, and rattan, bamboo and upholstered furnishings create a

welcoming, Caribbean feel. For a \$25 surcharge, guests can celebrate a special occasion or have a romantic private dinner. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday with dates subject to change. Reservations recommended.

**The Buccaneer**, an a la carte dining restaurant, serves Caribbean-inspired, family-friendly fare. Afternoon tea is served by the main bar daily from 3 to 5 p.m. The Buccaneer is open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday with dates subject to change.

\*Every Sunday The Verandah Resort & Spa offers a BBQ pool party for guests.

## DRESS CODE

During the day, the restaurants dress code permits covered and dry bathing suits. After 6:30 p.m. Seabreeze and The Buccaneer require long pants, short- or long-sleeved shirts, jeans, dresses, skirts and dress shorts. Dress shoes and dress sandals are recommended, as no flip flops, tennis shoes, t-shirts or tank top/sleeveless shirts are permitted in the evening.

After 6:30 p.m. at Nicole's and during the manager cocktail parties long pants, short- or long-sleeved dress shirts, dresses, skirts, dress shoes and dress sandals are required.

## BARS AND LOUNGES

The resort has four bars and lounges with a wide variety of signature cocktails, top-shelf liquors, wines, beers and nonalcoholic beverages. Guests can get into the island spirit at the beachside **Rasta Bar**.

Perched above Lovers' Beach, **The Beach Bar and Grill** offers views of the cove, along with light lunches, snacks, beer and alcoholic beverages. An evening grill menu is served from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

The resort additionally features a poolside bar and **The Common**, where guests can enjoy refreshments during the day and evenings as well as live entertainment on select evenings, ranging from fire-limbo dancers, magicians and steel bands to a variety of international music.

## SPA

**Spa Tranquility** offers eco-conscious, restorative treatments for the body and skin. Guests can settle in with a relaxing

cup of herbal tea, accompanied by the sounds of Caribbean waters lapping upon the shore. Treatment examples include a Thai Yoga massage, a Sabai Stone treatment, a caviar and pearl anti-aging facial and a green coffee wrap designed to reduce cellulite and water retention. Spa Tranquility uses Pevonia Botanica products. A full-service salon offering hair and nail treatments is also available. Spa Tranquility is open Monday through Sunday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES

Guests can sunbathe on the resort's two, white-powdered beaches, play tennis, exercise in the fitness center or swim in the Oasis Pool, the adults-only pool, the Villa pool or the kids' splash mushroom pool. Other activities include weekly aqua Soca-aerobics, Caribbean cooking classes, nature walks, beach volleyball, soccer and cricket. Non-motorized water sports include windsurfing, sailing, snorkeling and kayaking, which are ideal activities in the resort's reef-sheltered waters.

Guests can take the short walk to neighboring Devil's Bridge National Park to hike or take a short boat ride to the uninhabited Green and Bird Islands. A visit to the historic town of St. John, only 30 minutes from the resort, can be arranged for sightseeing, shopping and dining. All excursions can be coordinated by the tour desk.

A new 18-hole tropical course, set amidst waterfalls, ponds and local landscaping, has been designed to replicate the bends and breaks found on real golf courses. Complete with tunnels, bridges, sharp corners and obstacles, this well-designed course is a welcomed addition for guests. Golf clubs are available for guests' use.

Kid-friendly amenities include the adult-supervised **Kids' Club**, which is open daily from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. for potty-trained children ages 4 to 11, a fenced-in, outdoor play area and a sheltered back porch and splash pool.

Kids eight and older can enjoy sailing, kayaking and paddle boats as well as guided nature walks and swimming. Counselors lead organized beach games, arts and crafts and other age-appropriate activities.

Teenagers can have hours of fun in the Pirates Den games room, open daily from 5 p.m. to 12 a.m. A range of non-

alcoholic fruit punches are available to quench teens' thirst as they compete over a game of pool, foosball or Nintendo Wii.

Babysitting services are also provided at the resort for an additional charge. Guests are advised to give management a 24-hour notice prior to using the babysitting service. Charges go as follows: one child, \$10 an hour; two children, \$12 an hour; three children, \$15 an hour; four children, \$20 an hour.

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