

Caribbean luxury: Where the one percent stay and play

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(Photo: Casa de Campo Resort & Villas)

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When the check list at check-in includes private chefs, security personnel, parking spots for yachts and plenty of Pinot, you know it's vacation time for the upper crust. Whether renting an entire island or living lavish in a grand villa, top dollar buys unbridled privacy and unlimited perks. Here's where the one percenters are vacationing in the

Caribbean:

St. Barth

For those with beaucoup bucks, [Oasis de Salines](#) is the real deal. With panoramas of the southeastern side of the island, the epic tri-level villa is yours for (US) \$70,070 per week until the middle of December and then doubles during the holidays with rates starting at (US) \$140,070. A short stroll from the La Grande Saline beach, the opulent estate cascades over a hillside splashed with bougainvillea and coconut palms. Not for fans of kitschy cocktails in coconut shells, the tropical palace comes with six bedrooms spread out between the main house and two guest houses accessed by a curving stone staircase. Incentives to book include a trio of kitchens (one for the chef on-call), gym, wine bar and two heated pools: an 80-foot lap pool, and a 40-footer with graded access. For bragging rights, the villa was the set for an episode of *Real Housewives of New York City*.

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