

ST. BARTHS



LE SERENO

LUXURY DESTINATION

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Hotel Le Toiny

When you stay at Le Toiny, you won't be sure what you love most about the establishment: the hotel itself or its chic yet comfortable restaurant, Le Gaïac. Le Toiny is a throwback to 19th century design, complete with modern day necessities for the jet set crowd. You'll lay your head upon a beautiful mahogany four-poster bed complete with mosquito netting (so Out of Africa) while watching international cable and cuddling up in Toile de Jouy fabrics. In case the description thus far hasn't clued you in, Le Toiny is exclusive. Private terraces are appointed with heated pools, guests have access to acres of wilderness at Morne Vitet, and Le Sanctuary spa is known to be a favorite of a model or two.

If you try to book one of the 15 villas at Le Toiny with no success, perhaps lunch or dinner at Le Gaïac would suffice. Le Gaïac's cuisine is mainly French with a Creole flair and its wine cellar includes over three hundred choices of fine wine. The panoramic ocean views from the restaurant serves as a tease of what it's like to stay at Le Toiny.

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LE GAÏAC AT LE TOINY



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Le Sereno

Let's get one thing clear, Le Sereno is not the Delano. Though both have iconic decorators – André Putnam and Ian Schrager, respectively, this design hotel doesn't thump with David Guetta or Paul Van Dyk vibrations. Instead, the soundtrack is as spare as the dining room's refectory tables, a piped-in Stephane Pompougnac that seems to whisper: "you're in the coolest place on the island."

The rooms are well equipped with luxury items (not to mention designed by famous Parisian Christian Liaigre) like iPods and Ex Voto|Paris toiletries. The beach that the property sits along was voted as one of the most beautiful beaches in the world by Travel Channel. At Le Sereno it is pretty much understood that whatever you could possibly want they already have. For fellow spa junkies, Le Sereno offers in-room services from the famed Ligne St. Barths (yes, that's right: the spa comes to you). Besides the breathtaking infinity pool, cocktail lounge, and Blanc Bleu Boutique, there is also complimentary limo service to and from the airport.

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Le Ti

If you have a high profile, or just need to party with a different crowd, Le Ti's discreet location will satisfy your ego. Le Ti gets it right by combining palate-pleasing cuisine with an out-of-sight dance scene: think 19th century French luxe décor sprinkled with minimally dressed coryphées. Warning: Le Ti is pure fun, so wallflowers beware. With the drinks flowing and beautiful people dancing on tables, everyone can't help being friendly. Imagine dining on a delicious slice

of Asian-inspired beef, while top DJs from around the world spin music you can't resist shaking to. But just like any in-demand location, you'll have to work around its schedule if you want to play. Le Ti is closed on Sundays and not open from September through October.

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Le Normandie

Visiting St. Barths on a budget? Quel dommage! Luckily for you there's Le Normandie. The hotel caters to the young, fabulous, and dare we say newly cut off from mommy and daddy's plastic. The inn's location is very convenient (situated in town and literally steps away from the Lorient and Saline beach) and the ambiance plays well with St. Barths' reputation of simple luxury. Enjoy breakfast in the morning and wine in the afternoon at the pool garden. During off-season, you might fetch a room for 90 euros a night. At this price the only negative is the size of the rooms, easily made up for by the nautical décor.

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