



Best OUTDOOR LIVING

Sugarbird, 1725 Stewart's Estates, Four Seasons, Nevis – US\$3.95 million

Terri Andrews, Napa Valley native and the designer/owner of this eclectic three-bedroom villa, has installed a bocce court along with a heated pool, hot tub and outdoor dining pavilion. "It's a Californian thing living mainly outdoors, with one space flowing into another." fsre.nevis

Island Beauties

Looking to renovate your home or buy your own bolthole? Take inspiration from six stylish stunners BY CHERYL MARKOSKY

Best MARINA

Sandy Bank Bay, Christophe Harbour, St. Kitts – US\$3.795 million

This contemporary, four-bed, white-washed villa comes with a pool, plus vistas of the sea and Nevis Peak. A big plus is close proximity to the scheme's marina, with shops, restaurants and sleek super-yachts anchored in the harbour. christopheharbour.com



Best SEA VIEW

SeaSpeak, Cliffdwellers, Nevis – US\$2.9 million

The Amalfi Coast meets the Caribbean in a modern, five-bedroom, multi-level waterfront home cascading dramatically down a cliffside. Revel in views of the Nevis coastline, the sea, St. Kitts, and passing boats, pelicans and sea turtles. nevishouses.com

Best BARGAIN

Oceans Edge, St. Kitts – US\$1.4 million

Reduced from \$1.8 million, this fully furnished and landscaped four-bedroom villa overlooking the Atlantic also benefits from a rooftop sundeck terrace and guest cottage. Well located in Frigate Bay – only a five-minute drive from restaurants, beaches and golf club. stkittsrealty.com



Best WILD GARDEN

Black Sand Cove, Nevis – US\$1.8 million

Take a walk on the wild side in a traditional Caribbean house with gingerbread trim and steps down to a black sand beach on the west coast. Swaying grasses and native plants are abundant in eight acres of gardens by award-winning designer Julie Toll. nevisstylerelty.com



PROPERTY

Best HILLTOP HIDEAWAY

SeaForMiles, Sundance Ridge, St. Kitts – Offers from US\$15 million

You can see for miles from this 16,000 sq ft, five-bedroom villa perched on a high bluff with 180-degree views. Features include a home cinema, games room, study, wine cellar, three-car garage, infinity pool and staff quarters. sundanceridgestkitts.com



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Rental RETREATS

Renting a no-maintenance getaway is a growing trend. So, make sure your island home appeals to ready renters
BY CHERYL MARKOSKY

Rather than owning a house requiring constant care, many prefer to rent – a hassle-free fashion that’s on the rise.

Sugar Mill Real Estate’s Suzanne Gordon (nevishouses.com) points out that it might not make sense for everyone – older people or those not able to use their home enough – to purchase property on St. Kitts or Nevis. “It also can be limiting for homeowners who feel they can’t go to Spain or Italy, as they have to use their Caribbean home.”

With rentals becoming more popular, Suzanne believes it’s a good time for purchasers to make their homes alluring for keen renters.

“Typically, a family wants to rent a three-bedroom house near beaches and restaurants. And even if they’re on a beach they still want a pool,” comments John Yearwood at Coldwell Banker (coldwellbankerstkittsnevis.com).

Rental homes need to be convivial and inviting, “with quality sheets and towels, cable TV and internet, Nespresso machines and basics in the larder,” according to Carol Cochrane at Nevis Style Realty (nevisstylerealty.com). In addition, supply a barbecue, cooler, beach chairs, pool lilos and games. “If you get renters on side,



Cliffdwellers

they’ll look after the place,” she adds.

Ricky Pereira (stkittsrealty.com) successfully lets three properties exuding soul on The Peninsula, away from tourist throngs and a short stroll from Cockleshell Bay. “Ocean Song Villa, for instance, has a built-in bar and barbecue, library and guest cottage, and is filled with island treasures – not tat from Pottery Barn,” he explains.

Renting to longer-term tenants could be a wise choice, argues Remax’s Alex Doche (remax-stkitts.com). “There are seven universities on St. Kitts and Nevis, with students and staff requesting studios to three-bedroom homes in good condition with access to pools, tennis courts and gardens.”

In Frigate Bay, The Royal St. Kitts Hotel (royalstkitthotel.com) attracts students, tourists and homeowners, benefitting from on-site gym, pools, restaurants, bars and shops. “If you want guaranteed rent, you can net \$750 a month. Future plans include

The Cove, consisting of 12 new condos, and villas on the lake,” notes owner John Zuliani, who’s proven that renting is the new buying on the islands. ▼

TEST DRIVE

“Try before you buy – see it, live it, feel it – is something we encourage.”
Neybis Sanchez
(christopheharbour.com)

“Spend time on island. Check out where you buy groceries and get used to driving a car here.” Suzanne Gordon (nevishouses.com)

“It’s always a good idea to rent first. A lot of buyers have visited before and want to sample the lifestyle.”
Brian Kassab (bkassab.com)

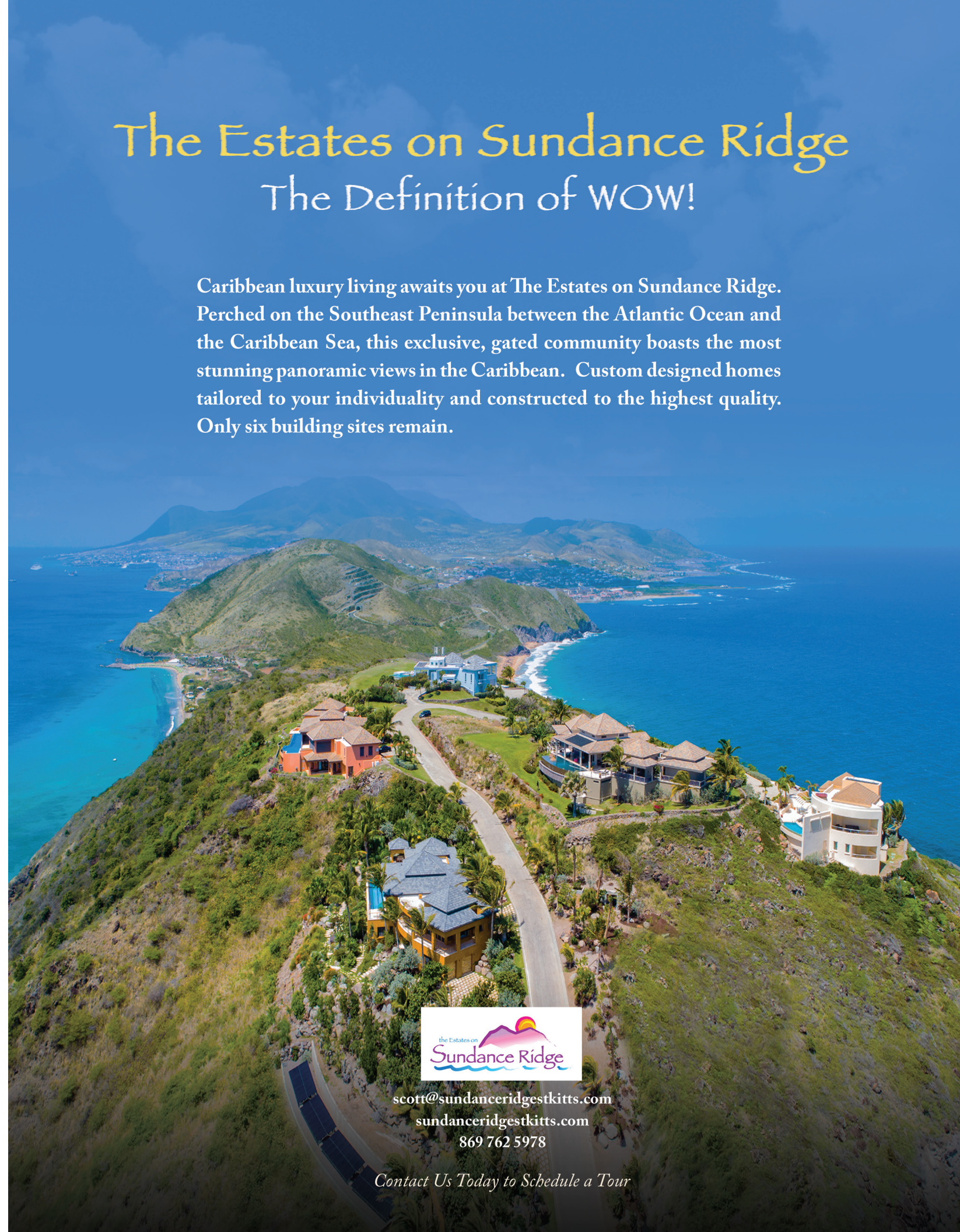


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