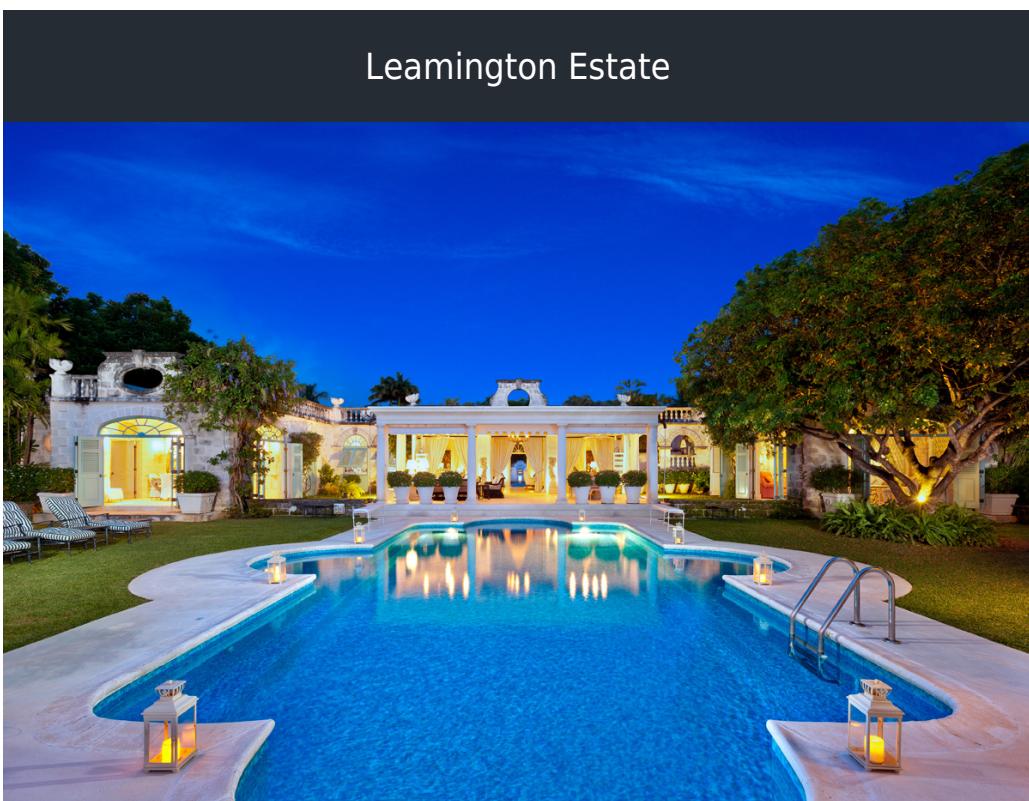




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Leamington Estate



This opulent Barbados beachfront villa is set within two acres of lush, tropical gardens, provides a magical setting ideal for families or groups looking for a more personalized holiday alternative to the larger hotels on the island.

5 Bedrooms
Sleeps 10
Located in St Peter, Barbados
Fully Staffed
Beachfront



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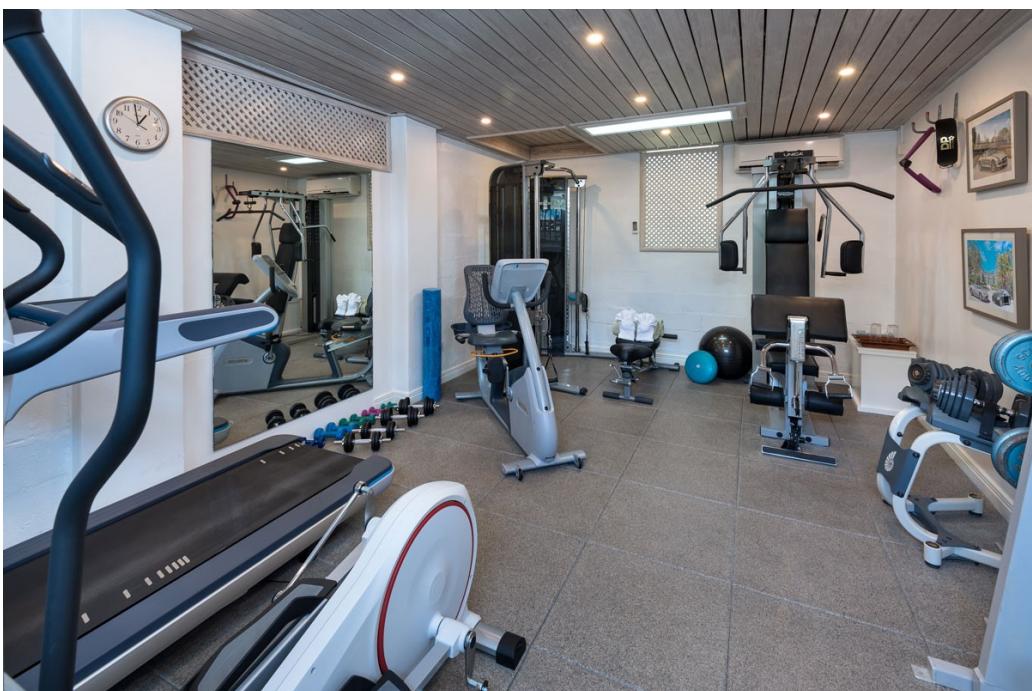


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DESCRIPTION

The timeless essence of Leamington's sophisticated yet unpretentious elegance is reminiscent of its past, when famed movie stars Greta Garbo and Claudette Colbert dined under the Caribbean stars, and glamour juxtaposed effortlessly with relaxed island-style living. On entering the gates of this exclusive beachfront estate, one feels the pressures of the outside world gently slip away; the sound of waves breaking gently on the white sands, combined with the pleasant sea breezes and intoxicating scent of tropical flowers, creates an air of tranquility that immediately embraces you.

Designed by Oliver Messel, famed English stage designer and architect, Leamington is a fine example of his distinctive style, expertly merging the interior and exterior living spaces to create an idyllic tropical setting for refined island living and entertaining. Messel discovered Leamington when he stayed at the villa in the 1950's; he found it so enticing that he persuaded his friends Dru and Jack Heinz (of Heinz Foods) to purchase the estate. Mrs. Heinz then commissioned Messel to rebuild the Pavilion, and his signature style transformed Leamington into one of the most stunning properties on the island today.

Recently renovated and refurbished, Leamington's meticulous décor blends luxurious furnishings, noteworthy antiques and personalized touches to make the villa truly one of a kind. The villa is filled with European and Caribbean-inspired artwork, including paintings, sculptures and hand-painted furniture, as well as artisanal finishes such as sculpted cornices and coral stone archways. View our brochure.

While Leamington is replete with architectural and design interest, intrinsically it is a home. Recent guests described their first impressions: 'From the instant we arrived, we felt ensconced in luxury...everyone was totally hit by the 'Wow' factor of this beautiful house; it's absolutely stunning yet at the same time, calm and comfortable. You really couldn't ask for better.'

The main salon, located at the centre of the villa, opens onto a large covered terrace with casual dining and living areas, suitable for entertaining large groups and parties, yet cozy enough for a more intimate tête-à-tête. Dark wicker furniture, overstuffed white pillows and billowing curtains create a breezy atmosphere ideal for outdoor living, one of the most enticing features of a Caribbean holiday villa. There is also a separate formal dining room, decorated in the Rococo style, featuring classical statues in corner niches framed by shells and coral, surrounding a stunning marble dining table with an antiqued mirrored top. Flowering trellises adorn the entranceways, creating a romantic atmosphere ideal for candlelit dining on cool Caribbean nights.

Beyond the main terrace is the villa's classically shaped swimming pool, where crystal waters entice guests for early morning laps, midday dips to escape from the heat of the sun and evening soaks beneath the stars. Emerald green lawns flank the pool where chaise lounges await sunbathers, as well as two enchanting gazebos designed by famed local architect, Larry Warren. Painted in the trademark 'Messel Green', the gazebos are topped by two lifelike cast lead Barbadian Green Monkeys and feature Messel-inspired copper chandeliers, both created by Barbadian craftsman James Barrow. The dining gazebo is ideal for casual dining or afternoon tea, while the other features an oversized lounger, inviting chats with friends over a round of rum punches, catching up on the latest novel or sneaking in an afternoon nap. As one guest so aptly stated, Leamington is 'the perfect setting to do nothing; read, talk about things you never get 'round to, watch the sunset - and simply, chill.'

The beautifully landscaped grounds surrounding the pool feature lush, tropical gardens with hibiscus, bougainvillea, orchids, ixoras and ornamental palms. The well-established trees provide natural privacy, ample shade and a relaxed atmosphere. Whimsical bronze statues, a



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lily pond and inviting nooks for a few quiet moments to read, meditate or simply listen to the waves, help complete the garden's charming allure.

The garden culminates with over 200 ft. of frontage to the Caribbean Sea, where immaculate white sands entice you to sink your toes in, and crystal blue waters hold treasures of a vibrant coral reef just a short swim from shore. Snorkelers can view stunning corals and tropical fish while cavorting with visiting turtles, a delight to all who visit Leamington. For those who prefer land-based activities, there is a beautiful lawn tennis court and small fitness room on premises, and golf enthusiasts can play the Sandy Lane, Royal Westmoreland and Apes Hill courses, all within 20 minutes' drive.

Leamington's main house features four air-conditioned bedrooms with charming décor, fine-quality linens and hand-painted furnishings, enhanced by warm lighting, unique artwork and ample yet cozy space for private relaxation. Each features a spacious, en suite marble bathroom, exquisitely decorated with crystal chandeliers, floor-to-ceiling curtains and luxurious linens. Two of the guest rooms are located in one wing off the main salon, while a third guest bedroom and the luxurious master suite, featuring a stunning canopied bed, are located in another more recently built wing designed by Larry Warren. The master bedroom opens onto a trellised sitting area with comfortable seating, a flat-screen television and flowering vines, not to mention stunning views of the manicured gardens and swimming pool.

The one bedroom cottage sits on the beachfront of the estate with a spacious terrace and private plunge pool. This little retreat is a lovely addition to the main house for a little added privacy from the large home.

Beyond the enchanting surroundings and luxurious amenities, perhaps one of the most alluring features of your stay at Leamington is the five-star service provided by the villa's experienced staff: 'As much as the house is exquisitely furnished, designed and maintained, it excels most of all because of such wonderful, professional and engaging staff; they are the icing on the Leamington cake.' There is a butler, chef, 2 housekeepers, laundress, gardener, night watchman and dedicated property manager on hand to ensure your comfort; it is their objective that you thoroughly enjoy every moment of your holiday from start to finish, leaving with memories to last a lifetime. As a recent guest proclaimed: 'I don't think we could ever have imagined quite how blissfully relaxing a time we'd have at Leamington. It was from the very first moment to the very last, absolute heaven. The house couldn't have been nicer, the food couldn't have been better and, most importantly, the staff couldn't have been kinder and more wonderfully thoughtful. Their friendliness, warmth and ability to second guess our every wish will never be forgotten.'

While the serene setting and luxurious pampering of the Leamington estate can make one feel miles away from the island's pulsing lifestyle, its location near both historic Speightstown and vibrant Holetown, offers easy access to shopping, fine dining, charming beachfront cafes and vibrant nightlife. Full concierge services are available to assist with reservations and other arrangements.

Leamington Cottage, set just at the water's edge, can be rented in conjunction with the main house should an additional bedroom be needed.

Amenities



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Swimming Pool
Air Conditioned Bedrooms
WiFi
Fitness Room
Cable TV
BBQ
iPod Dock
Tennis Court
Beachfront

Staff

2 x Housekeeper
Chef
Butler
Further Staff Available on Request

Flights

Here at Luxury Villa Living, we help you to create the perfect package. We can source and organise scheduled and chartered flights upon your request.

The Extras

We offer personalised and complimentary concierge services with each booking to make things as easy and stress-free as possible. From car hire to special restaurant reservations and more specific requests, we create a bespoke experience that is specially tailored for you

Location

St Peter, Barbados

