



A Little Piece of PARADISE

Le Toiny emerges as a glimmering jewel of the Caribbean.

When we heard that Le Toiny, the posh hideaway on our favorite Caribbean island of St. Bart's, was reopening after a major redesign, we had to get the scoop ASAP. No time for a yacht voyage, we hopped aboard Tradewind Aviation's Pilatus PC-12 eight-seater and were met with a cool drink upon arrival at the 15-villa resort overlooking the island's "wild coast."

The horizon of pool, sea, and sky that dominates the view from this privileged hillside spot was an inspiration for British designer, Lady Bee Osborn. A thin blue horizontal line is a motif on cushions as well as lamps, custom finishes which include being rolled in sand. Bespoke furnishings of petrified wood and beige leather mix with vintage black-and-white photographs of regattas and the hills and beaches of St. Bart's.

The feel is organic with bits of glamour, including antique frames and elegant mirrors. Oyster shells in resin cover the façade of the new poolside bar. The bar is expected to become the sort of evening gathering hub that was previously lacking at a resort where many guests are content to remain ensconced in their spacious 1,775-square-foot villas after spending the day swimming and sipping rosé in St. Jean.

Le Toiny's new beach club incorporates the property's original 18th-century cottages. It is accessible via a 10-minute hike, or just pick up the phone for a ride in one of the hotel's mini-Hummers. ♦

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