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products used during your treatment are available for purchase, for a luxurious remembrance of Galley Bay.

DINING: The best restaurants here are also by no coincidence the two that require reservations: the upscale Ismay's, which is best known for its fresh lobster, and the Gauguin Restaurant, the highlight of which is its extremely quiet surroundings. Guests at Gauguin are seated outside in front of the ocean. Ismay's, named after the hotel's longest tenured employee, comes with a surcharge of \$45. Reservations for each can be made the morning of, but we suggest the day before to play it safe.

CABANAS FOR CLIENTS WITH

LATE FLIGHTS: This is a touch we don't see terribly often at Caribbean hotels, but Galley Bay has six small cabanas that can be rented out for \$35 each day with the proceeds going to charity. Since a good chunk of the hotel's guests are Europeans who usually have very late flights, these rooms are not cabanas in the traditional sense, but rather small rooms where clients can store their bags and shower in privacy.

GALLEY BAY UPGRADES: *Travel Agent* had the opportunity to chat with General Manager Alex de Brito about the resort's upcoming renovations. He told us that six or so of the property's 15 bungalows will be completely renovated by the end of the summer while the remaining nine will be renovated by the end of next summer.

He also told us that by the end of December, the resort will have a brand new gift shop that will also serve as a grocery store, a new Diamonds International shop, a new rum and cigar bar and a new fitness center that will offer ocean views, something the current gym does not offer. The current gift shop will be converted into an office for the owner and general manager while the gym will become part of the shopping complex that will house the new gift shop.

Agents should reach out to Sherrie Ault (sault@eliteislandresorts.com), director of sales, with any queries.

—JOE PIKE



Carlisle Bay Antigua has 82 suites — all with ocean views.

Editor's Pick: Antigua's Best EP Hotels

GOT CLIENTS LOOKING FOR something other than an all-inclusive in Antigua? Of the hotels we had the opportunity to visit during our one-week visit to the island, **South Point Antigua** and **Carlisle Bay** were our favorites. We suggest staying at both — perhaps three nights at each.

South Point Antigua, which is just under three years old, is a chic condominium resort that gives off a heavy cosmopolitan vibe and caters primarily to affluent Millennials. It is well suited for girlfriend getaways or couples traveling with other couples.

There are 23 rooms, 19 of which are included in the rental pool. All are the same size and provide similar views of the marina. There is practically no beach here, so this is more of a pool-lover's hotel — and the pool doesn't disappoint as it overlooks the ocean. In fact, from a glance, it's hard to see where the pool ends and the ocean begins. We were told a glass-front gym facing the ocean and small spa with two treatment rooms will be open by the end of the year.

Agents should direct any questions to the hotel's manager, Tess Clarke (tess@southpointantigua.com).

The 82-room Carlisle Bay feels like a luxury all-inclusive because the value was so impressive. Whereas some all-inclusives may surprise its guests with extra fees, here or there, this EP hotel did the opposite. A lot of the amenities were included in the rate, most notably the minibar with top-shelf spirits is stocked for free once a day with all of its contents included. There is a charge if clients want this restocked more than once in a day.

The hotel accommodates children but does an excellent job in separating children's and adult's areas. We recommend booking this for either smaller families or young affluent couples. Like Galley Bay Resort, Carlisle Bay offers one of the best beaches of any hotel in all of Antigua.

Mandy Cameron (mandycameron@carlisle-bay.com), reservations manager, is the go-to person for information.

—JOE PIKE