

# Fustic House

Region: Speightstown Sleeps: 14

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## Overview

A privately owned eleven acre estate dating from 1740, Fustic House is set on a ridge above the Caribbean coastline, where trade winds cool the air a mere 200 paces from the water. Re-designed in the late 1970's by Oliver Messel, Fustic House has sublime views of the Caribbean sea and the west coast.

The privacy, location and splendour of the gardens designed by Todd Longstaffe-Gowan provide a tropical escape that rejuvenates the senses, and the exemplary cuisine (regarded among many as the best on the island) prepared by Fustic's private chef, Mr Kenroy Hunte, make this home unique amongst the great properties of the Caribbean.

The accommodation is housed in four separate wings; there are two suites in the Great House, two in the Plantation Wing (a Mahogany Suite and a Wicker Suite), two in the Messel Wing and one in the Pavilion that is set in a more remote tropical ravine. There are seven luxury suites, each beautifully appointed are air conditioned and feature Bose sound systems.

The world famous Oliver Messel lagoon swimming pool, is carved from the coral stone ridge and complemented by a large sun deck over the tropical ravine, from which the quiet, sandy beach is just a five minute walk. Fustic House is masterfully designed for indoor-outdoor living, and the large terrace, multiple sitting areas and dining room provide ample opportunity for entertaining. The fourteen exemplary staff at Fustic House will do their utmost to make your vacation at this unique home a memorable one.

With so much to offer and more, Fustic House is the perfect base from which you can explore this delightful island. They are ideal for those who love to spend their days relaxing by the sea or taking part in a multitude of water sports which include snorkelling and scuba diving around the expansive off-shore coral reefs.



## Facilities

Wow Factor • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Ideal for Xmas/NY • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Gym/Fitness Room • Games Room • Home Cinema • DVD • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Waterfront • Watersports • Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Romantic



# Interior & Grounds

## The Villa

Fustic House is a 7-bedroom tropical villa, with serene and enchanting gardens encapsulating the Estate. Fustic House is guaranteed to make every vacationer feel welcome and accepted, by the time you leave you will feel as you are not only leaving the isle but a part of yourself in Barbados and will want to return again and again.

### Ground Floor

- Living & dining area
- Fully equipped kitchen

### Messel Wing

- Two twin bedrooms
- Family bathroom

### Plantation Wing

- Two King bedrooms, with en-suite bathrooms & outdoor showers
- Atrium
- Fitness area
- Games room

### Pavilion

- King bedroom, with en-suite bathroom
- Kitchenette
- Living area
- Outdoor shower

### First Floor/Great House

- King bedroom, with en-suite bathroom
- King bedroom
- Library
- Salon

### Exterior Grounds

- Private swimming pool (15m x 5m)
- Arawak Cave
- Gazebo
- Lotus Lake
- Mahogany Park
- Orchid Walk
- Outdoor dining & furniture
- Parasols
- Poolside shower



- Sun loungers

## Location & Local Information

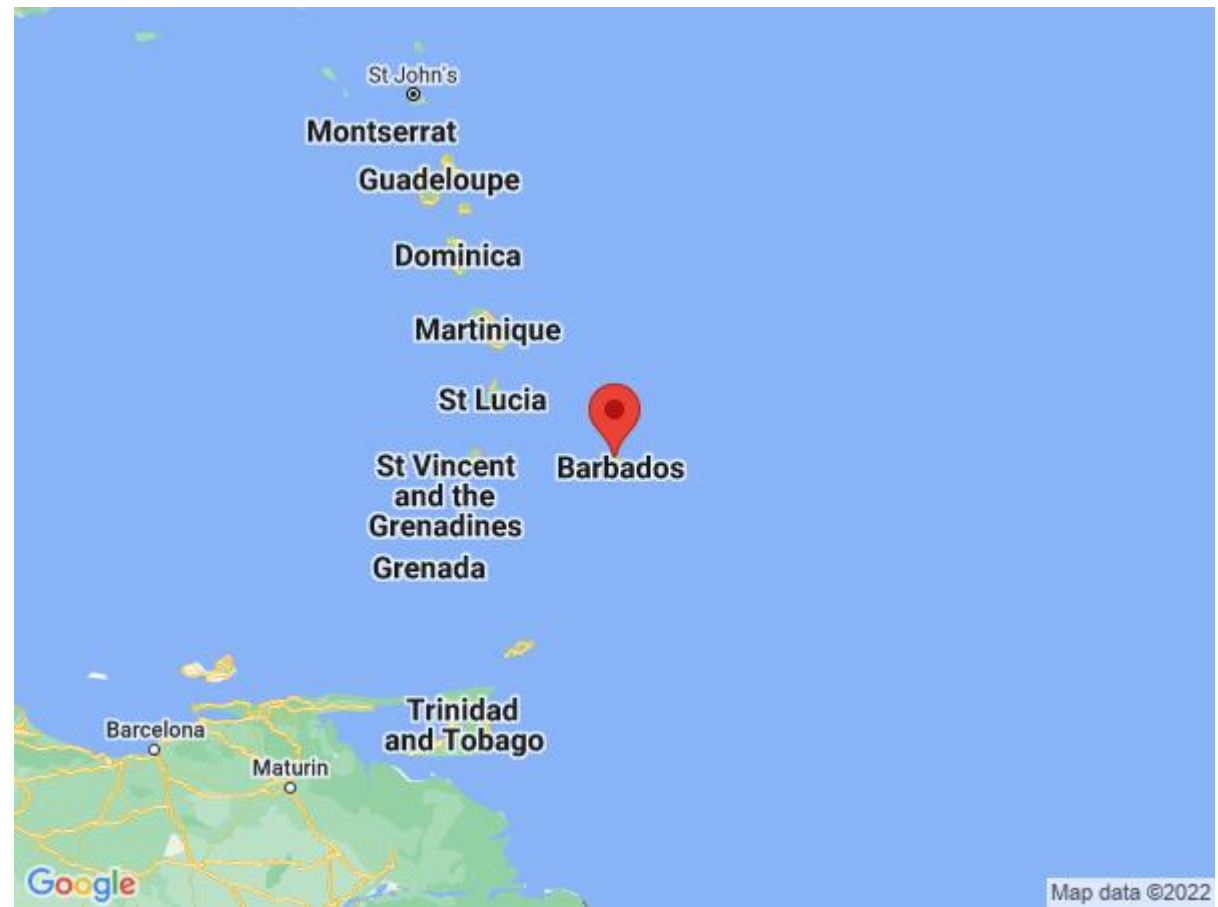
Barbados is a truly phenomenal holiday destination, and geologically unique; a coral island, initially pushed from the sea as two separate land masses by volcanic activity many years ago. Over time these two land masses merged together creating the isle we now know as Barbados. Barbados lies on the boundary of the Caribbean and South American continental plates making it unlike any other Caribbean Island. Within the core of the island, made up mainly of coral sediment, numerous caves and underground lakes can be found. Arguably the most famous of these is Harrison's Cave; a network of caves, waterfalls, pools and fantastic stalagmites and stalactites.

Descendants of the indigenous Arawakan-speaking tribes tell that the original name for Barbados was 'Ichirouganaim' meaning 'red land with white teeth.' The reason for the later name Barbados is controversial; some believe that the Portuguese, en route to Brazil, were the first Europeans to come to the island. Others say that it was this Spanish which gave it the Spanish name 'Los Barbudos'. The word Barbados means 'bearded ones' but it is really personal preference as to whether 'bearded' refers to the long, hanging routes of the bearded fig-tree (*Ficus citrifolia*) indigenous to the island; to the allegedly bearded 'Caribs' who once inhabited the island; or, more romantically, to the foam spraying over the outlying reefs, giving the impression of a beard.

When visiting Barbados, the first thing you are sure to notice are the gorgeous and renowned flat white sand beaches. On the west coast of Barbados, miles of coral shore beaches and fine white sands stretch along a hypnotising turquoise sea. The West Coast of Barbados is also fringed with countless breath-taking Coral Reefs to provide excellent snorkelling and scuba diving opportunities. The South Coast also offers something for everyone, and is a curious mixture of the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean. Here you can swim in calm waters, snorkel over the inshore reefs and tidal pools, and at the southernmost tip of the island, you can windsurf.

The East Coast of Barbados has fantastic and lively surfing opportunities, blown briskly by the strong and constant trade winds; the constant breeze of these trade winds give Barbados its mild and pleasant tropical climate. Along the east coast, huge Atlantic waves crash along the shore and so the beaches are better suited for walks and sun-bathing, with a few enchanting places to have a dip in the sea – as the waves break over rocks and reefs, small pools are formed close to shore – natural swimming pools!

Inland Barbados is delightful to explore, enchantingly quiet and rural there are endless fields of sugar cane dotted with old plantation houses. Barbados has a rich and interesting history and has preserved and restored many of its historic buildings – you can visit a plantation house for a trip back in time, see the



towering lighthouses that once led ships to safety, or explore the historic towns that are an important part of the island's past and present.

Whilst on Barbados, a taste of the island's rum is a must! The isle has been producing rum for over 350 years, and it is recognised internationally for its quality. Many tours and taste sessions are available at the local distilleries.

As a Caribbean holiday destination Barbados is a stunning island with a plethora of entertainment, culture and cuisine to make your trip a once in a lifetime experience. Another truly unique quality to this enchanting island is the people. Barbadians, more often referred to as Bajans, are warm and friendly souls, always ready to greet you with a sincere smile.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Grantley Adams International Airport BGI (38km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>(Walking Distance)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Apes Hill Club (11km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Heywoods Beach (3.3km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>(Walking Distance)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Speightstown (4.5km)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>Braddy's Bar (2km)</b>
Nearest Tennis	<b>Advantage Tennis Services Tennis School (12.5km)</b>

## What Oliver loves...

- The private cinema room is a great way to end a fun packed day
- Enjoy showering outdoors, whilst taking in the tropical florae
- Guests have the use of the Owner's beachfront Day-House, which is located in Half Moon Fort, just a 5-minute walk from the villa

## What you should know...

- Five Star cuisine can be prepared by the professional Chef, but please note that any allergies must be indicated at the time of booking

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: £2,500 charged to client's credit card before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 3pm
- Departure time: 12 noon
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in the rental price
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes, included in the rental price
- Tax: A 10% Shared Economy Levy and a 1.5% Service Fee have been included in the rental rates. Please just select your dates for an accurate price.
- Changeover day: Flexible
- Minimum stay: 5 nights (Mid April - Mid December); 7 nights (Mid December - Mid April); 14 nights (Weeks that include Christmas and/or New Year)
- Internet access?: Yes, Wi-Fi included in the rental price
- Pets welcome?: No pets
- Smoking Allowed?: No smoking
- Insurance: It is recommended that all guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation and any accidental damage caused during your stay at the property.
- Other Ts and Cs: Cots & Highchairs available upon request

## **Villa Conditions**

- Please note that a 50% Deposit may be required for any bookings travelling between mid December and mid January.