

# Great House French Suite

Region: Antigua Sleeps: 2

## Overview

From characterful interior spaces to gently swaying palm trees and the turquoise waters of the ocean, Antigua's Great House is a boutique hotel offering an elegant ambience with breathtaking surroundings. The 350-year-old residence, originally a sugar plantation house, has been elegantly preserved to provide guests with a glimpse into the island's fascinating history, as well as a luxury Caribbean experience like no other.

Tranquil and secluded, the Great House is situated amidst the verdant trees and lush foliage of the Mercers Creek estate, with an elevated position that affords spectacular views of the sparkling Caribbean Sea and Guiana Island. The estate is home to a beautiful bay, a historic sugar mill and the pretty creek from which its name is derived. The Great House benefits from a gentle sea breeze, making each of its charming suites a cool and calm oasis in which guests can take a refreshing break from the bright Caribbean sunshine.

Decorated in opulent red, the enchanting French Suite features a double bed with an elegant four poster frame made from wrought iron, which dates back as far as the 1800s, as well as fitted wardrobes. Located in the historic Great House, the suite gives guests the chance to step back in time, with high vaulted ceilings, traditional embellished furnishings, and romantic décor. French doors opening onto the gardens allow plenty of natural light to flow into the suite, along with the rejuvenating sea breeze. In the morning light, the sumptuous curtains and the walls of the suite take on a soft peachy glow, instilling a sense of calm and tranquility before you begin your day. There is also an en-suite bathroom with a walk-in shower. Guests at the French Suite have access to the many splendid facilities of the Great House, including a fantastic swimming pool with a sun-soaked terrace featuring comfortable loungers, as well as a serene white sand beach.

The Great House's small, friendly team is committed to making sure that your stay in this tiny corner of paradise is a completely restful and revitalising experience. Wellness treatments can be arranged to take place within the privacy of your own suite, or on the hotel's gorgeous verandah. There are experienced yoga, Pilates and exercise instructors on hand for weekly classes in dreamlike settings, including a meditation platform overlooking the crystal-clear waters of the Caribbean Sea. The team can also assist you in arranging exciting island tours, private coastal trips or guided walks to scenic beauty spots. Once you have worked up an appetite, enjoy a delicious meal in the



hotel's intimate dining area, where you will be treated to authentic Caribbean dishes prepared with organic produce from the vegetable garden located on the estate.

The French Suite is the perfect place to unwind in style whilst making the most of all that this magical island has to offer. At the Great House, no detail has been overlooked when it comes to providing a laidback luxury experience during your stay in breathtaking Antigua.

## Facilities

Resort Villa • Wellness • Shared Pool • Beach Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Beach • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Safety Deposit Box • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Spa/Massage • Ceiling Fans • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic • Boat Trips

# Interior & Grounds

## Suite Interior

- Comfortable double bed with four poster canopy frame
- Traditional furnishings and décor
- En-suite bathroom with walk-in shower
- French doors opening onto garden

## Outside Grounds

- Shared swimming pool and terrace with sun loungers
- Twenty-six acres of gardens featuring historic sites
- Exercise and meditation platform with sea views
- The Great House dining area
- Secluded beach

## Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning
- Ceiling fan
- Mini fridge
- Passport safe
- Complimentary tea and coffee
- Complimentary dressing gowns
- Access to hotel facilities



## Location & Local Information

The spectacular location of the Great House on the northeastern coast of Antigua provides an idyllic setting for visitors to soak up some of the Caribbean's most stunning scenery. The hotel also offers plenty of activities to help ease guests into the relaxed pace of island life, from calming yoga classes in the cool morning breeze to invigorating Pilates sessions at sunset. Here, you are bound to feel refreshed and pampered by the careful attention to detail that gives this hotel its well-earned reputation.

For those who fancy discovering more of the island, the enchanting landscapes of Antigua lie waiting to be explored. The nation of Antigua and Barbuda encompasses two namesake sister islands and several smaller islets. Local Antiguan are understandably proud of the island's 365 beaches, one for each day of the year. Here, you will be spoiled for choice when it comes to your next dip in the Caribbean Sea!

Tranquil beaches are only the beginning of all that this vibrant, friendly island has to offer. Drive for twenty-five minutes to reach the island's capital, St. John's. In this colourful port town, you will find the white twin towers of St. John's Cathedral, as well as the Museum of Antigua and Barbuda, providing a fascinating look at the island's heritage and history. Visit the harbour at St. John's over the weekend and chances are you will find yourself wandering through a lively local market.

For an exciting day out, head south to the majestic Nelson's Dockyard National Park. One of five national parks in Antigua, this cultural treasure is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The eighteenth-century British naval dockyard is an area of great historical significance on the island, as well as a popular venue for maritime events and activities. For those who wish to experience the magic for themselves, there are plenty of sailing excursions and water-based activities available.

While taking in the sights at Nelson's Dockyard, don't forget to hike to Shirley Heights, a restored military lookout known for its bewitching views and community feel. With a popular street party happening every Sunday evening, visitors are welcome to enjoy the music of live Caribbean steel drum bands, taste some of the local food and rum punch and take in the breathtaking sights as the sun begins to go down on the beautiful island of Antigua.

Located only a fifteen-minute drive away from the Great House, Devil's Bridge is another Antiguan national park that is sure to make an impression. The bridge itself is a natural arch composed of limestone rock, formed over the course of many thousands of years. With geysers and blowholes surrounding the bridge and the waves of the Atlantic crashing against the rocks, this is a



bracing adventure that will leave you in awe of the serene waters you have just left behind.

### Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>VC Bird International Airport (15.8 km)</b>
Nearest Ferry Port	<b>Antigua Cruise Port (14 km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Pares (3 km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>St John's (15 km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>The Great House Antigua (0 km)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>Locust Bar (4.8 km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Muffy's Eastside Grocery (2.7 km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Cedar Valley Golf Course (15.6 km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>(200 m)</b>

## What we love

- We loved the ornate furnishings and romantic red décor of the French Suite, which provides a delightful contrast to the natural beauty of the tropical gardens outside. The gentle sea breeze flowing in through the French doors is truly heavenly
- Antigua is a small island with five national parks - don't forget to pack comfortable shoes so that you can hike to the amazing panoramic viewpoint at Shirley Heights
- We really enjoyed our delicious Caribbean dinners on the terrace, prepared using fresh produce from the hotel's private gardens
- We adored the secluded location of the Great House, where the hardest part of each morning was deciding between a refreshing dip in the swimming pool or an invigorating ocean swim!

## What you should know...

- The Great House is one of the last remaining historic sugar plantation residences on the island of Antigua. The grounds at Mercers Creek still feature original masonry, a mill house where cane was once crushed, a traditional distillery and many more unique features
- The French Suite is located within the Great House and features one double bed and an en-suite bathroom
- We recommend that young children remain supervised whilst exploring the grounds of the Great House and playing near the swimming pool

# Terms & Conditions

- Arrival time: 2:00 pm
- Departure time: 11:00 am
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in the rental price
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included
- Minimum stay: 2 nights
- Changeover day: Flexible
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed
- Smoking Allowed?: Smoking & Vaping are not permitted
- Tax: Tourist Guest Levy \$5 per night per guest not included
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay
- Other Ts and Cs: Hotel guests must be 18+