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SLEEP IN THIS
Clifftop Villa

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*Turtles and
Angelfish*



BASED IN BARBADOS

BY SUNSHINE FLINT

It's the place where rum was invented, so you're pretty much guaranteed to have a good time on Barbados. And why not treat yourself to its famous rum punch year-round? These developments span the island, from the powdery-white beaches of the west — known as the Platinum Coast — to the dramatic coral and limestone cliffs of the eastern shore.

THE CRANE

Get a taste of history at this resort, which

opened in 1887 on the island's east coast. The original building, with 18 guest rooms, features 200-year-old coral stone walls and views over Crane Beach — consistently voted one of the best beaches in the Caribbean. The Carriage House restaurant, one of five on the property, is housed in the ruins of the original stables; there are also five pools, a shopping village and a day spa. The 40-acre gated property has one-, two- and three-bedroom units for sale for full

or fractional ownership — all can be put into the rental pool. Wholly owned properties range from \$450,000 to \$3 million. The Crane Private Residences is a separate community currently under construction; the first phase sold out, and the second phase is now on the market. The two-, three- and four-bedroom homes have private patios or roof decks, some with plunge pools and large gardens, with prices from \$803,000 to \$1.3 million. Also in the works are



KNOW BEFORE YOU BUY *Flights are 5 hours from New York, 3½ hours from Miami and 4½ hours from London. You must get permission from the Central Bank of Barbados to buy a property. Even though it's a formality, the*

45 single-story, stand-alone beach houses on Skeetes Bay, about 5 miles up the coast from The Crane; move-ins are slated for winter 2017. thecrane.com

Try before you buy: From \$410 per night

OCEAN TWO

Set on Dover Beach on the island's south shore, this 70-room, four-star hotel-condo, built in 2011, is just 5 miles from the airport and a 10-minute walk from the bars, clubs and shops of



Above: Sugar Cane Ridge villa at Royal Westmoreland. Left: Bottom Bay Beach.

St. Lawrence Gap. It offers a 150-foot pool, multiple restaurants and an adults-only rooftop pool and bar. The 34 one- and two-bedroom condo suites

are comfortably modern, with balconies and oceanfront or bay views; half are available for whole or fractional ownership. One-bedrooms start at \$400,000, two-bedrooms range from \$650,000 to \$750,000. oceantwobarbados.com

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ROYAL WESTMORELAND

This 750-acre resort and gated community on the swanky Platinum Coast is made up of multiple neighborhoods, or estates, designed around a Robert Trent Jones Jr. championship golf course. Amenities also include a clubhouse, tennis courts, a gym and four swimming pools, plus access to nearby Mullins Beach. The one- to three-bedroom Royal Apartments start at \$395,000, semi-detached three-bedroom villas on Sugar Cane Ridge begin at \$1.45 million, and custom-built homes of four to seven bedrooms can run north of \$5 million. There are also 63 lots for sale, including 30 on the new Lancaster Estate, priced from \$1 million to \$3.995 million. Five home designs are available — variations on the West Indies colonial or modern Caribbean style — or owners can custom-build their own, with design approval. royalwestmoreland.com

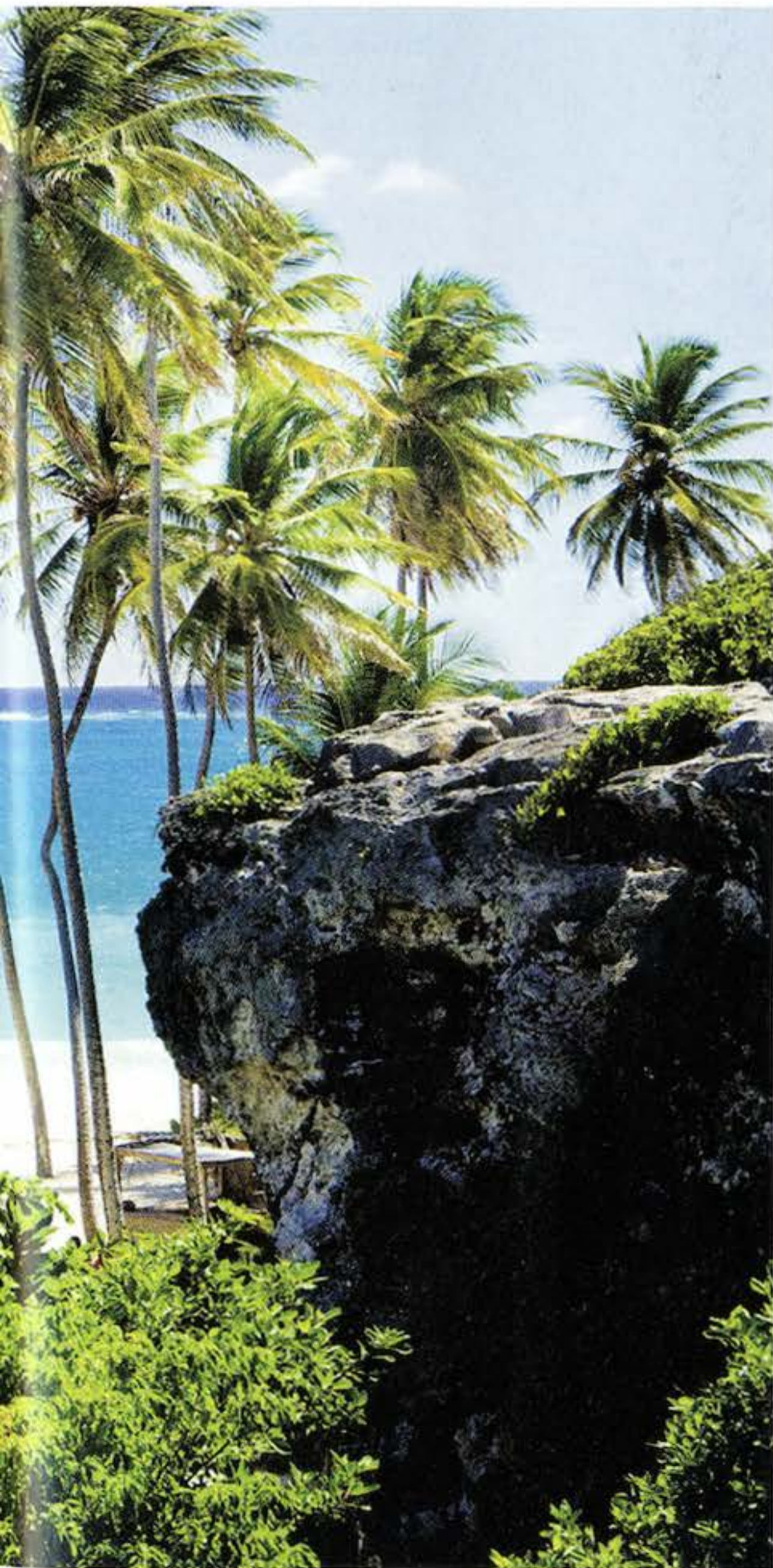
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JULIE AND GORDON BAYNE
property owners at The Crane
Hometown: St. John, Barbados
Occupations: Owners of two local businesses in Bridgetown

OUR THREE CENTS

1. We've owned a timeshare at The Crane for 10 years and always stay for a week in July, as do my parents and in-laws. I grew up going to the beach there, and now our kids have grown up there as well. We love the energy of the property.
2. When we retire, we want to live there on a full-time basis, so we bought a Private Residence. The walls are up, the roof is on and they plan to finish next year. We'll stay there in summer and rent it out in winter, and we hope to live there permanently in a decade.
3. We meet the same families year after year and spend time together. Many Barbadians have bought timeshares here; it's a great value.



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