



INFORMATION AND SERVICES

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Introduction

Welcome to Villa Petrus. It is your private sanctuary for the rest of your time with us. Villa Petrus was designed to be a perfect venue for family holidays, reunions with old friends and celebrations such as weddings and birthdays.

It is designed in the plantation style with cross flow ventilation keeping it cool with the breezes that flow from being perched on our hill. The design integrates the flow of the gardens, the interior and exterior living spaces, the pool terrace and the pool itself.

We will endeavour to make your time with us as relaxing and pleasant for you as possible and in that regard, this booklet should provide you with some useful information to help with your stay. Have a wonderful time at Villa Petrus!

Our management and staff

Resident Concierge

Kerry Joseph and his wife, Chezelle are our Resident Concierge team. Kerry and Chezelle will be there to greet you on arrival and check you out, but will be otherwise discrete. But they are there to answer your queries with regard to the Villa, any questions you might have about places to visit, good restaurants and simply making the most of your stay with us.

Kerry's cell number is: +1 868 4961411

Please contact him for any matters with regard to the Villa. Kerry is available 24x7 and of course in an emergency.

Gardeners/ Caretakers

We have a team of gardeners and caretakers who are managed by Kerry to ensure that the Villa, its gardens and pool are well maintained. He is in charge of the pool, the verandah, the garden and general maintenance. Please speak to Kerry if you have any questions or concerns.

Housekeepers

We also have a team of Housekeepers who work Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. They are managed by Kerry and are responsible for laundering sheets, towels and cleaning the Villa. Please leave used pool towels in the laundry room and if possible re-use when they are not soiled to help protect our environment.



Arriving at Villa Petrus

Check In

Not earlier than 3 pm

You will be met at Villa Petrus by our Resident Concierge for exchange of keys and information about the Villa.

Check out

Not later than 3 pm

Directions to Villa Petrus

The Villa is located at the top of Mt Hay Road. The easiest route is to start by finding Mt Irvine Hotel using GPS or a local map. It is located on the corner of Shirvan Road and Orange Hill Road.

From Mt Irvine Hotel follow Orange Hill Road as it winds through the golf course. The road will divide a number of times and it is important to always take the left hand fork or turning. Once at the top of the hill, the road flattens and you will pass Prospect Estate (clearly signed) on the left. Continue past Prospect Estate and the road curves to the left. Before it curves again to the right there is a road that would take you straight ahead and that is Mt Hay Road (sometimes called Mt Hay Trace). Continue along Mt Hay Road about 300 to 400 metres and you will see a blue wall on the left hand side. Follow the road and the blue wall and at the end of the curve in the road and where the blue wall ends you will find the entrance to Villa Petrus. There is a sign for the Villa on the left hand bluestone wall of the driveway entrance.

Parking

Parking is available at the top of the Villa driveway for 3 cars

Meals on Arrival

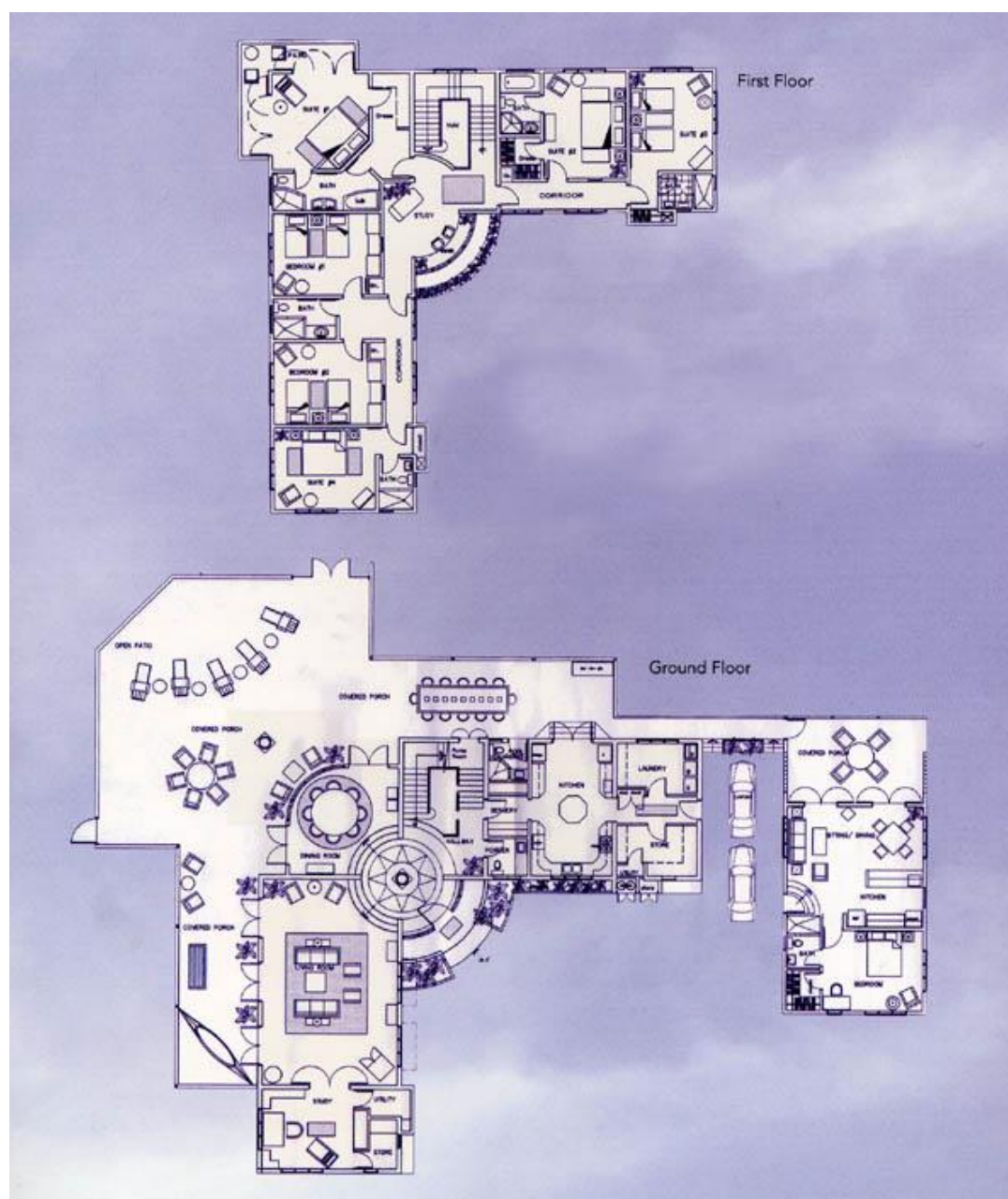
Since many flights arrive in the late afternoon/evening, you might not want to go out again the first evening, once you have settled into the Villa. Our Resident Concierge will be pleased to arrange for food to be bought on account for you so that you have sufficient for an evening meal and breakfast the next morning. Please advise Kerry Joseph, kerryajoseph@yahoo.co.uk of any Pre-arrival food order that you require.



Villa Facilities & Services

Bedrooms

Villa Petrus has six bedrooms, all with air conditioning and mosquito nets. The bed arrangements are three rooms with King size and three with Twin beds and each Twin bedded room has an extra rollout bed. Sleeping capacity is 15 people. All of the Villa rooms have a wonderful view. The bedroom layout and the general design of the villa is shown in the plan below.



Air Conditioning Systems

Each bedroom has its own independently controlled air conditioning system, with its own infrared remote control which can be found in a cradle near the light switch in each room. Kerry has spare batteries if needed.

We would appreciate it however if you would switch them off when you are not in the room and during the day generally, unless taking a nap of course!

The Villa has been designed with cross flow ventilation in the plantation style to take advantage of the wonderful breezes that we get in the hills. You will find that air conditioning may often be unnecessary at Villa Petrus.

Please do not the run air conditioning on a continuous basis for many hour as the units will overheat and automatically shut down to prevent damage. This is also the case if you run the air conditioning with doors and/or windows open as the room can never achieve the targeted temperature and again the result is an automatic shutdown.

Drinking water

Whist the Villa has mains water supply it is not really suitable for drinking. Bottled water is of course available from most shops if you require it but the Villa has its own filtered water supply for drinking purposes. A sophisticated carbon filter Culligan system is installed under the sink. It provides very high quality drinking water and stores several gallons at a time.

Wifi

Villa Petrus has a 25 Mb fibre service from TSTT which feeds a modem on the first floor of the Villa. Two routers are installed, one at the entrance to the Villa and the other above the BBQ on the verandah. These two routers service the ground floor and immediate garden and pool areas. Kerry will provide you with a password on arrival. If connectivity is an issue at any time please reboot the modem and if that fails please call Kerry.

“Bose Soundlink Revolve +” Music System

Villa Petrus has recently acquired a new music system by Bose, the “Bose Soundlink Connect +”. These two Bose speakers connect to your mobile telephone or tablet via Bluetooth to provide a high quality stereo sound system. On arrival, Kerry will offer the two speakers to you and ask that you acknowledge receipt of them by signing for them as they are completely mobile. Kerry will also demonstrate how to connect them to your device and how to operate them. However, you will also find the following operating instructions useful and you will also be given another copy of these on arrival.

Bose Soundlink Revolve + Operating Instructions

Please follow these instructions to enjoy the system.

1. Download the Bose Connect App from the App Store (its free).



2. Turn on one Bose speaker and pair it with your mobile phone or other music device such as a tablet by pressing the Bluetooth button on the top of the Bose speaker.
3. Turn on the other Bose speaker and pair it with your mobile phone or other music device such as an iPad by pressing the Bluetooth button on the top of this other Bose speaker.
4. Open the App that you have downloaded from the App Store at step 1. The speakers should automatically announce that they are connected to your mobile device. You should see an image of one Bose Soundlink speaker and in the bottom left corner, an image of two box figures (speakers). Press on this two box image in the bottom left hand corner.
5. A new message will appear Asking "Find a speaker" in a black box. Press on that message box and two speakers should appear with an arrow from the top one to the bottom one. Slide the top one towards the bottom one and the two speakers should connect to provide stereo sound. If a successful connection is made it will announce "Party Mode".
6. In the event that the two speakers do not appear after pressing the black box message in step 5 then after a brief period turn one speaker off and back on and repeat step 5.
7. You can now play music in stereo from your phone or tablet either from your own music library or a music service such as Spotify using the Wifi network in the Villa.
8. You can place the speakers to deliver optimum stereo sound and locate them wherever you are in the Villa. The only technical proviso is that both speakers must be within Bluetooth range of the mobile device to which they are connected. On no account are these speakers to be moved from the Villa compound.
9. Please ensure that you place the speakers with attention to potential damage as you are responsible for them i.e. do not place them where they can be accidentally kicked or knocked off a table or railing.
10. The speakers are not water proof so please do not leave them where rain can get to them or where they could fall in the pool or other water such as a sink or bath.
11. The volume on the speakers is already balanced so our recommendation is that you operate the volume up or down using the volume control on your mobile device.
12. These speakers each have a rechargeable battery and the recharging units are in the Servery near the Kitchen. They are already plugged into a power surge protector. Please only recharge the batteries when connected to the power supply via the surge protector as any electrical surge damage will be your responsibility.

TV

The TV service is also provided by TSTT using the fibre connection. A guide can be accessed by using the remote control and it should be on "subscribed channels" in terms of what is accessible.



Occasionally, in the event of an electric power outage with the diesel generator cutting in and then out again, service can be lost and the TV modem may need to be rebooted. If you try that and it doesn't work then please call Kerry or speak to Floyd if he is present.

Kitchen

The Villa has a well equipped kitchen with all of the usual appliances. There are two large fridge/freezers. The one on the left as you face the exit to the verandah makes ice using filtered water. If you require a chef please ask Kerry.

Barbeque

There is a large gas fired barbeque (4 burners) on the verandah outside the kitchen. It has a Pieta ignition and should this not work for any reason please ask Floyd as he has a spare and can replace it.

Floyd or Kerry will show you how to start the barbeque. If the gas runs out, a spare tank is stored on the property and Floyd can change the bottles over for you. Floyd will also keep the barbeque clean but its always helpful to let it burn for two or three minutes after you have finished, with the oven cover closed, to burn off the food residue. Always pre cooking for the same reason. Please take care not to let the barbeque overheat by leaving it burning for too long unattended as it can melt the temperature controllers. There is also a wire brush hanging on the side of the barbeque for scrubbing it down.

When turning off the gas please take care to turn off the valve at the gas tank first and only turn off the regulators on the barbeque after the flame has extinguished.

Laundry

There is a washing machine and a tumble drier in the laundry room available for use by guests. **Please do not use bleach in the washing machine under any circumstances.** Please leave used pool towels in the laundry room in the basket for washing and make sure that all sand is shaken out first – thank you.

First Aid Kit

Accessible in the top right hand cupboard in the Servery (connecting the kitchen to the Front Entrance)

Baby Sitting

If you require a babysitter please speak to Kerry.

Main Gate and Intercom

The main gate is operated with a small infrared "clicker" – Kerry will provide you with two clickers for your use on arrival. An intercom at the gate entrance allows visitors to announce their arrival and you can open the gates using the intercom system or the clickers.



The gates are on a timer and will close automatically after a brief period. Alternatively they can be closed with the clicker and Floyd can demonstrate this.

In the event of a power failure or if for any reason the gates cannot be operated electronically, Kerry has a key that can be used to release the hydraulic pressure so that they can be opened manually.

Electricity supply

The voltage is 110 volts. Power sockets are American standard.

The Villa's electricity supply can suffer outages but a standby generator will automatically cut in within 10 minutes of any outage and cut back out when the normal power supply returns. The generator is large enough to provide power for all critical requirements such as fridge, freezer, lighting etc. However, fans, air conditioning and the filtration system on the pool, for example, will not operate from the generator power supply.

Outages are never for very long, sometimes only minutes, but there is enough diesel fuel stored on the property to run the generator for a few days so don't be concerned if there is an outage.

The generator has its own separate fuse box opposite the Store room alongside the normal fuse box. Should you experience any problems with the generator, please call Kerry or Floyd.

The interruptions to the power supply can also cause power surges and appropriate protection must be installed for all devices. The Villa has surge protectors fitted to all of its electrical equipment. However, it is critical that no appliance is connected to a power supply in the Villa without a suitable surge protector. This is particularly true of laptop computers, tablets, mobile phones and the Bose speakers belonging to the Villa.

You can find a UPS permanently fitted to the Wifi modem on the first floor and that has some spare sockets should you need them but please do not unplug the Wifi modem.

Kerry will also provide a multi socket surge protector with the Bose Soundlink speakers.

Fire Precautions

The Villa is fitted with smoke detectors and fire extinguishers are located near the kitchen outside the Store room, in the Study and in the corridors of both wings of the Villa upstairs.

Security System

The Villa has an internal security system. Kerry will show you how to operate this system on Check In.

The Villa also has security lights on each external corner of the Villa and Cottage. The security lights are clearly marked on the wall switches at the bottom of the staircase, in the Dining Room on the wall panel and on the first floor landing near the study area. Garden lighting is also available for both ambience and security purposes and Kerry will demonstrate their operation on Check In.



Pool

The pool is almost certainly the largest private villa pool on the island – it is 75 feet in length, 4 ½ feet deep at the Villa end, 6 feet deep at the opposite end and 8 ½ feet at its maximum depth. There are no lifeguards so children must be supervised at all times by an adult.

We recommend that you keep the Villa doors closed until an adult is present downstairs – that way you can sleep without worrying about children in the pool.

The pool filtration system uses natural salt and an electrolysis process to convert the salt to a mild chlorine. You will find that the pool has a soft silky texture and is gentle on the eyes and hair relative to most pools.

Pool Lights

There is a panel of three switches on the verandah wall outside the verandah pool shower room – one of these switches controls the pool lights. Kerry will show you how to operate the pool lights if you are having difficulty. Please turn off the pool lights when you retire for the evening, again to avoid the LED bulbs “blowing” for any reason and becoming inoperable during your stay. These cannot be sourced on the island and need a special order from Miami.

Pool Towels

Please find them in the Laundry Room. Our Housekeepers will wash any left in the wash basket but please, in the interest of the environment, feel free to re-use them.

Garden Lighting

The lighting in the garden creates a wonderful ambience in the evenings and we encourage you to turn all of the garden lights on each evening. There are switches in the Kitchen near the telephone and on the Dining Room panel.

There is a separate switch for the lights in the pool steps in the panel in the Dining Room near the driveway light switch.

Please also turn all of these lights off when you retire for the evening other than the security lights at night.

If any of the lights are out be sure to advise Kerry.

Driveway Lights

The Driveway lights provide ambience, safety and security. There are two switches on the panel in the Dining Room. Please try to remember to turn these off when not needed in the day for example or the bulbs will blow and they cannot always be easily replaced during your visit due to lack of supply if our inventory is exhausted.



Finding the Essentials in Tobago

Shopping

Supermarkets - Penny Savers at Carnbee (nearest), Scarborough and Canaan.

- Morshead (includes gourmet foods) – just off Shirvan Rd on way to Carnbee.

Fish Markets -at Mt Irvine, Pigeon Point, Lambeau, Scarborough and Castara (North)

There are also **roadside fish vendors** at Mt Irvine (nearest) and various other locations and **roadside fruit and vegetable vendors** at various location (nearest is Stonehaven)

Shopping Malls – near Tobago Plantations at the corner of Shirvan Rd and the Highway.

Chemist

There are a number of local chemists. The closest is in Carnbee in the same location as the Penny Savers supermarket. Please phone to check opening hours.

Banking.

Banking hours are Monday to Friday 8:00am to 2:00pm. The closest banks are situated at:

- Republic Bank - Crown Point near Coco Reef Hotel and Scarborough
- Royal Bank of Trinidad & Tobago – Crown Point (near Coco Reef hotel) and Scarborough
- The Bank of Nova Scotia located in Lowlands Mall near Tobago Plantations.

Cash point machines are available at each of the banks, near the small store just above Stonehaven beach and at various shopping areas. These machines will allow access to your account back home if you have the right card. For example, a card with Cirrus access will allow withdrawals of cash in local currency.

Currency

The local currency is Trinidad & Tobago Dollar (TT\$). Foreign exchange with the US Dollar is at the time of printing: US\$1.00 = TT\$6.70. If you run out of local currency almost all shops and even traders on the beach will take US dollars. It is illegal however for them to give US dollars back so any change must be given back in local currency. Black market rates can be around 7:1.



Car Rental & Taxis

Car rental is strongly recommended in order to have access to all the facilities on the island.

There are a number of car rental firms on the island. Standard size and larger people carrier size vehicles can be rented.

If you need assistance locally rather than through your holiday booking system, Kerry can arrange car rental for you in advance.

There are a number of Taxi service providers on the island and some know Villa Petrus location very well – see Helpful Telephone numbers.

Massage

Anthony Joseph is a fantastic masseur who will come to the Villa by appointment. He also works at Karawak near the airport. You can have your massage in a bedroom or on the verandah – the choice is yours.

Anthony is skilled in various types of massage, including shiatsu and reflexology. His ability to put you in a relaxed holiday mood is legendary!



Entertainment

At the Villa

If you would like some entertainment at the Villa such as a steel band, drummers, singers and belly dancers, please ask Kerry and he will arrange it for you. You will need to pay these performers directly on the night of the performance.

Nightlife

There are numerous bars and places to party in Tobago but one of the most popular is “Sunday School”. Each Sunday night in Buccoo alongside La Tartaruga restaurant, there is a disco that is very popular with both tourists and local residents.

Restaurants

For eating out, among the particularly good restaurants in Tobago is [La Tartaruga](#). It offers uncompromisingly Italian dishes, with an emphasis on fresh local seafood, and has an extensive wine cellar focused of course on Italian wine. La Tartaruga’s Italian owner, Gabriele, and his staff all operate with high enthusiasm.

Seahorse Inn right on Stonehaven beach also provides high quality Caribbean and International cuisine in a lovely setting with friendly staff providing excellent service.

Café Down Lo on the road leading into Buccoo is wonderful for local food for lunch, international cuisine for dinner and the best Cuban cigar selection on the island (with a walk in humidior)! This restaurant is operated by Kerry and Chezelle so you can easily make bookings and get great recommendations!

Il Portico is not far from the airport and offers truly Italian pizzas and Roberto and his wife Giselle offer great service and a friendly atmosphere.

This is a small sample and there are many other restaurants offering a range of cuisines.



Sports & Island Activities

Birdwatching

Although Tobago is a small island, it has 210 recorded species of birds. As a result, birdwatchers can be assured of a very satisfying experience as Villa Petrus is built in the hills of Tobago it is virtually a bird sanctuary in itself. This is aided by two factors:

- the gardens surrounding the Villa have been planted with birds in mind. Hummingbirds can be seen gathering nectar from the flowers around the pool and woodpeckers are sometimes spotted on the trunks of coconut palms; and
- the growing of an orchard on the southern side of the property leading into a valley with its own micro climate. The orchard backs onto an almost vertical hillside of natural forest and the fruits of the orchard trees bring an abundance of birds. Even the beautiful Mot Mot lives in the bank behind the palms at the top of the driveway and is a frequent visitor to the pool, the verandah rails and the front garden.

Specialist bird watching tours can be arranged. A good guide to some of the bird watching sites can be found at www.essentiallytobago.com. A trip to Buccoo Marsh and the Grafton Bird Sanctuary will see over 60 species. Little Tobago, a small island just off Speyside is well worth a visit as it is a migration nesting spot.

Animals, Insects and Trees to be aware of

Tobago is mostly free of dangerous animals, reptiles and insects. There are no dangerous snakes on the island. Although the tarantula spiders look fearsome they are fairly harmless.

There is a large centipede that can give a nasty sting and should be avoided and a bite from a particular variety of mosquito may result in Dengi fever (although few cases have actually been seen). So do take precautions with repellents but we are fortunate at Villa Petrus in being in the hills where the mosquitoes are much fewer.

Avoid picking up the frogs – they are very slimy to touch and it is difficult to get the slime off your hands once its on them.

Be careful not to touch the leaf of the Manchineel tree. This tree produces a milky sap which is a severe irritant to the skin and eyes and bad cases of blistering have been reported from tourists on the island who have handled the leaves of this species or even worse, stood under this tree to shelter from rain. It has a green roundish fruit which is also extremely poisonous. Many hotels and beaches display signs warning of the danger of this tree.



Golf

Golf in the Caribbean is famous for being a wonderful experience and Tobago is no exception. Tobago boasts two courses with international reputations; they have very different characters and provide different golfing experiences. Between them, they offer variety and the ability to choose anything from a comprehensive dedicated golfing holiday to just the odd round on a 'holiday with golf'.

Mount Irvine Bay Golf Club (5 minutes' drive from Villa Petrus)

This award-winning championship quality course was carved out of the grounds of an old coconut plantation and has magnificent views of the Caribbean Sea. It is set in gently rolling countryside along the north coast of Tobago. It has recently been renovated and is in much better condition than it has been in for a number of years.

The course was established in 1968 and was designed by the late Commander John D. Harris and considered to be his finest. It has been a regular host to Pro-Am competitions and winners have included Andrew Sherborne, David Gilford, Ronan Rafferty and Stephen Ames.

This 72-par course is 6,793 yards (6,182 metres) from the back tees, with five Par 5's, eight Par 4's and five Par 3's. Water comes into play on four of the holes. The course has natural grasses on tees, fairways and in the rough, with good quality grasses on the greens. Buggies are allowed on all parts of the course, but players can walk and use trolleys if they so wish.

This is an ideal course for a relaxing round of holiday golf, at the same time as offering a testing challenge to lower handicap golfers. The course will suit almost any standard of golfer.

Tobago Plantations Golf and Country Club (15 minutes' drive from the Villa)

The modern Plantations championship course has been built in the old sugar plantation of Lowlands Estate. It is sited alongside the Atlantic Ocean and was planned around the mature trees and landscape features, including an old sugar mill. The landscape varies greatly throughout the course with lakes, wetlands, woodland copses, beaches, mangrove and wild grasses providing each hole with a distinctive character.

The course was only established a few years ago and was designed by Bob Hunt and Marcus Blackburn of PGA Golf Management Ltd. The comments book at the club records Brian Huggett as saying 'Magnificent' and Nick Job 'A great course, one I would like to play again'.

The 72-par course has a distinct links feel. It measures 7,009 yards (6,380 metres) from the back tees, with four Par 5's, ten Par 4's and four Par 3's. Water comes into play on eleven of the holes. The course is very well maintained. The greens are Tif dwarf Bermuda Grass and the fairways and tees are Tifton 419 Bermuda Grass. Buggy tracks run through the course and these have to be followed. The course has been designed as a good test of the game for golfers of all levels, but will require the golfer to have some experience.



Water Sports

Tobago is prized with having some of the best scuba diving and snorkelling in the Caribbean. It is a destination for both advanced and amateur divers. In addition it has a plethora of water sports and activities.

- Scuba and snorkelling walking in right off the beach at Mt Irvine and Arnos Vale
- Amazing scuba diving at Speyside in the North of the island.
- Surfing the renowned curl off Mt Irvine
- Lazy family swimming in the calm waters of Pigeon Point
- Hobbycats, kite surfing and jet skis off Pigeon Point
- Glass bottom boats at Pigeon Point to see the reef
- Sailing cruises
- Power boat cruises
- Deep sea fishing
- General beach days at many of the wonderful beaches. Stonehaven is a favourite and only 5 minutes drive from the Villa. But visits to Englishman's Bay and Castara are a must.
- Englishman's Bay is reputed to be one of the most beautiful beaches in the world and legend has it that Robinson Crusoe pitched up there.
- Castara is a fishing village with a beautiful beach where you can swim with stingrays.

Helpful Telephone Numbers

Resident Concierge

Kerry Joseph 496 1411

Please contact Kerry for anything to do with the Villa, its gardens and pool

Emergency numbers

Fire	990
Ambulance	639 4444
Police	999
Old Grange Station	639 8888
Crown Point Station	639 0042
Scarborough Hospital	639 2551 / 639 4292
Doctor Madoo	631 0196
Dentist (Dr Steele)	657 7111

Art

Art Gallery 639 0457

Banking

Republic Bank- Crown Point Airport	639 0808
Republic Bank- Scarborough	639 2561
Royal Bank of Trinidad & Tobago Crown Point	625 1083
Royal Bank of Trinidad & Tobago Scarborough	639 1396/7
ScotiaBank Lowlands Mall	627 2684

Car Rental

Sherman Auto Rentals	639 2292
Frankie Tours & Rentals	681 3717/394 4553

Chemist

Pennysavers (Carnbee)	639 2976
Scarborough Drugs	639 4161



Cooking

Contact Kerry 496 1411

Dive Operators

Wild Turtle Dive Safari 639 7936

World of Watersports 660 7234

Golf

Mt Irvine 639 8871

Tobago Plantations 387 0287

Massage

Anthony Joseph 754 7337

Restaurants

La Tartaruga (Buccoo Bay) Great Italian 639 0940

Il Portico (near airport) Best pizzas 356 4911

Seahorse Inn (Stonehaven) International/Carribbean 639 0686

Café Down Lo (Buccoo) International & local & humidor 631 0548

Kariwak Village(Crown Point) Caribbean 639 8442

Jemma's Seafood (Speyside) Great lobster 660 4066

Riding

Looking Out Stables 639 9379

Taxi Service

Ken Mt Irvine based 799 3040

Tennis

Mount Irvine 639 8871

Grand Courland 639 9667

Water activities

Frankie Tours & Rentals 631 0369

Hews Glass Bottom Boat tours 680 9775

