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Nelson Gay BARBADOS

Location

Address: Road View, St Peter, Barbados.
Immediately north of Cobblers Cove Hotel.

Distance from airport: Approximately 40 minutes by taxi.

Distance from Speightstown: 5 minutes walk on the beach.

Land area: 1.6 acres on one of the best west coast beaches in Barbados. The house, all on one level, is approximately 5,000 sq.ft./500sq.m

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Overview

Nelson Gay is located on a half mile pristine, sandy beach with incredible swimming and a reef at one end ideal for snorkelling. A large area immediately in front of the house is roped off with buoys for safe swimming. The villa occupies nearly two acres of beach-front site with spacious landscaped gardens. Many giant old trees offer shade and lush tropical vegetation and families of monkeys are a regular daily sight. The villa was originally built in the 1950s for US Ambassador Scotten, a friend of US President Franklin D. Roosevelt and constructed entirely of coral stone in the grand Palladian

manner. Nelson Gay retains the charm of a bygone era with all the original features including the floors, designed by Oliver Messell. Two new covered terraces have been recently constructed, for the North and South Wing bedrooms to offer additional privacy and comfort. This 6 bedroom, (plus 2 chatel houses, Media Room) 9 bathroom estate can sleep 12 and up to 16/18 by special arrangement. Our friendly, efficient core-staff of 6 who cook, clean, shop and give you an exclusive 5 star service. The house is ideal for holidays with children.

History

Nelson Gay was designed by UK-born and trained Barbara Hill, a member of the Royal College of Architects, and the daughter of a prominent architect. Inspired by a book on life in the Windward Islands, she moved from England to Barbados in 1958. During her 24 years here, she participated in national life and made a lasting contribution to her adopted country. She was an active member of the Barbados National Trust, the author of Historic Churches of Barbados, and a founding member of the local Institute of Architects. At the Barbados Museum, she

remodelled the upper and lower courtyards, creating its garden courtyard and outdoor theatre. She also designed the old Bank of Nova Scotia building on Broad Street, alterations at Mango Bay, and the wrought iron gates to Villa Nova.

Nelson Gay is considered to be her finest work, and by many experts to be one of Barbados' finest and most elegant homes, retaining the charm of a bygone era. Nelson Gay nestles in nearly two acres of mature tropical gardens fronting the pristine Cobbler's Cove beach.



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Furnishings/Decor

Nelson Gay is elegant, functional yet unpretentiously decorated and thus devoid of so-called 'glitz'. It represents a rare example of a bygone era of elegance and good taste. The house is child friendly, all the sitting areas are covered in washable fabric. The rooms are airy and mostly decorated in white with some green to compliment the tropical surroundings. The dining table was designed by Oliver Messell with 12 French antique chairs and a large Messell mirror. The beds are new and comfortable with 100% high count cotton sheets and soft hypoallergenic pillows. There are many antiques and works of art including an Erté original mural and a fine collection of Haitian paintings. There are 5 different place settings, including Wedgewood, Rosenthal and Mikasa crystal glasses and 4 cutlery sets. Dinner is by candle light and is served by your own chef, butler and a maid in stylish uniforms.

For a full description of contents visit www.nelsongay.com prepared for the Annual National Trust Tour. The new spectacular garden lighting was recently designed by famed UK lighting expert Bruce Munro.

Bedrooms

The property has 6 bedrooms plus study and 2 Chattel Houses (sleeps 12/13 in the 6 bedrooms and by special arrangement up to 16/18)* Single beds can be pushed together and made up as king-size beds

**Using study and/or Chattel Houses*

Summary of sleeping accommodation

Bedroom	Size (Feet Approx)	Sleeps	Bed Size	en Suite Bath	A/C	TV	Fan
Master 1 ^F	16.3 x 16.3	2	King	Yes	Yes	42"	Yes
Master 2 ^F	16.3 x 16.3	2	King 4 Poster	Yes	Yes	42"	Yes
Study	21.3 x 10.5	1 or 2	Day Bed	Share	Yes	60"	No
Erté Room ^F	10.0 x 13.0	2	Queen	Yes	Yes	DVD only	Yes
Green Room ^{**F}	13.0 x 13.0	2	Singles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
South Wing ^{**F}	9.4 x 15.0	2	Queen	2 (His & Hers)	Yes	Yes	Ceiling
Cottage	13.0 x 16.0	3	Singles	Yes	Yes	DVD only	Yes
Chattel House 1	14.0 x 13.0	2	Bunk	Yes/Shower	Yes	No	Ceiling
Chattel House 2	18.0 x 18.0	2/3	Singles	Yes/Shower	Yes	DVD only	Ceiling

** Private covered porch 12 x 18 feet in purple heart each with loungers

- House has a portable crib for babies up to 9 months

^F Small fridge/mini bar



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Air Conditioning

All bedrooms are individually air-conditioned. Air conditioners in the bedrooms and study are quiet, split systems with remote temperature control. South Wing bedroom and Chattel House have ceiling fans.

Bathrooms

There are 8 en-suite bathrooms (one bedroom has two bathrooms) and 1 powder room. Master bathrooms have showers only. The South Wing bedroom has his and hers bathrooms with showers. Bathroom in the cottage has a combination tub/shower. Bathrooms in North Wing with tub/showers. Chattel Houses have their own toilet/showers.

Living Accommodation

There is a stunning living room with 14ft high ceilings measuring approximately 22ft x 22ft. An 80ft terrace (partially covered) overlooking the pool, garden and sea with 2 covered seating areas. One with a table for 14+ and the other with 3 large sofas and chairs. The house has various seating arrangements in the gardens including 8 lounge chairs.

Food/Kitchen

In high Season a full-time Bajan chef is available aided by an assistant cook. On the chef's day off you can either visit one of the many delicious local restaurants or our cook will be happy to prepare meals as required. Our chef, Tyrone Charles specialises in fresh, delicious Caribbean foods. He also makes excellent home-made pasta, pizzas, grilled fish and a world famous coconut cream pie. Keep it simple, fresh and delicious is our motto (and lowish in calories). The kitchen is equipped with a professional six-burner gas range, large stainless steel fridge, freezers, smoke extractor and preparation table. All equipment is of professional standard. Our staff orders all your food and drinks requirements so there is no need to shop. The Butler has a car and will run errands as required.

Eating Choices

An elegant garden gazebo designed by well-known architect Larry Warren, by the beach seats up to 14 and is equipped with a wet bar and fridge. A dining table on partly covered terrace can seat up to 20. Formal candle-lit dining room with glass topped table was designed by Oliver Messell and seats up to 12. The round table on the terrace seats 8.

Entertainment

The study/media room is equipped with reclining chairs, a LG 60" TV, DVD, surround-sound and PS3. Two 42" TVs are connected to cable in the 2 master bedrooms, there are 2 smaller TV's in the other bedrooms. A music system with multiple surround-sound speakers is available in the living room and terrace. There is a library of over 160 CDs and approximately 300 DVDs for all ages. A projector and large screen is available for use in the living room by special arrangement.



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Leisure Amenities

Small weights, snorkels, masks, yoga mats, exercise balls, water weights and an inflatable pool for toddlers and various games; cards, chess, backgammon, poker/chips. The garden has 8 beach loungers, 9 beach chairs and various seating arrangements. A gym and tennis court may be booked, subject to availability, next door at Cobblers Cove Hotel; the rates are reasonable.

Swimming

This property is located on a half mile of pristine, sandy beach with incredible swimming and a reef at one end which is ideal for snorkelling. A large area immediately in front of the villa is roped off with buoys for safe swimming. There is a stunning new heated* swimming pool 50ft x 12ft x 4.5ft deep, tiled in green mosaic, near the ocean. *At an extra cost

Staff

A friendly, well-trained and efficient core staff of 6; Chef, Housekeeper, Maid/Laundress, 2 Gardeners and a contracted Night Watchman. Extra staff ie. Butler, Laundress, extra Maid available for larger groups at extra cost. Your staff shop, cook, clean and do all that is necessary to make your stay a true pleasure with the service of a five-star hotel. The property has self-contained staff quarters and 3 staff toilets with 2 showers. All staff wear day/night uniforms. A part-time manager supervises the staff and looks after the house, aided by West Coast Villas, an associate of Sotheby's.

Children

The house is ideal for children of all ages, it is all on one level and features washable furniture covers. There is a portable crib for babies up to 9 months, a high chair, children's plates, cutlery, buckets and spades and inflatables. The staff will prepare children's meals at earlier times as needed. A baby-sitter can be arranged. Two sets of bedrooms are connected which is ideal for close supervision and easy monitoring.

Communication

There are 2 phone lines and 1 fax line (dedicated), telephones in all bedrooms and wireless broadband internet connection for those who bring their own laptop. There is also a VOIP phone that allows free calls to USA/Canada landlines, mobiles and UK landlines but not UK mobiles. Some UK/US cellphones work in Barbados.

Security

A night watchman patrols the grounds. A digital safe is installed in each bedroom. Each bedroom has a central alarm facility connected directly to a security company and the Police.

Medical Equipment

A defibrillator and First Aid kit are available.

Laundry

There is a full-time maid/laundress 6 days a week. For larger groups a full-time laundress can be made available at extra cost. She will do all your personal laundry. Try to avoid bringing items that require dry cleaning. The laundry has 2 washing machines and two clothes dryers. Hand washing is possible. Normally personal laundry is returned the same day.



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About Barbados

Barbados measures 21 x 14 miles and has a permanent population of 270,000 and is the world's second oldest parliamentary democracy. Literacy is 97% and the official language of the friendly, welcoming 'Bajans' is English. The year round temperature average is 75-85 degrees F (mid 20's C) with constant Easterly Trade Winds.

There is virtually year round sport, music and a full calendar of golf, tennis, polo, cricket, jazz, performing arts festivals such as "Holders Season", horse races, house tours, even a 'drive in' cinema and world class restaurants.

There are daily non-stop flights from the USA (US Air, Continental, American), from the UK (BA, Virgin and many charters), from Italy (Lauda) and Condor from (Frankfurt Germany)

The West Coast and so-called 'Platinum Coast' is where the best hotels, houses and swimming beaches, including Nelson Gay, are located.

Currency is the Barbados dollar, 2 BDS\$ for one US\$, but the USA currency is welcomed. The electrical current is 120V, 50 cycle. For further information see www.barbados.org

Daily Rates 2010/2011 in US Dollars

	Summer 2010/11	Winter 2010/11	Summer 2011
Nelson Gay	to 14 Dec 2010	Starts 15 Dec 2010	15 Apr - 14 Dec 2011
6 bedrooms	\$2,800 + 7.5% VAT	\$3,750 + 7.5% VAT	\$2,800 + 7.5% VAT
4 bedrooms	\$2,200 + 7.5% VAT	\$2,800 + 7.5% VAT	\$2,200 + 7.5% VAT

Christmas and Easter rentals subject to special rates and availability.

Rates quoted in US\$ Dollars per night and subject to 7.5% Value Added Tax and subject to **change without notice.**

Booking options

1. from owners directly - email: nelsongay@gmail.com
2. UK Owners Representative: Martin Bird ++44 (0)7766117448 Email: martin@spacottage.com
3. Barbados agent: West Coast Villas The Beach House, Holetown, St. James, Barbados
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Nelson Gay may also be booked through some leading travel agents in the UK, USA and Europe

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