

# NELSON GAY

Barbados



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\*3 additional bedrooms available by special arrangement



*Living room*



*Outdoor Terrace Dining*

Located on the favoured and exclusive West Coast, Nelson Gay's garden gates open on to a stunning half-mile crescent beach. The clear, sheltered water is roped off for safe swimming and is ideal for all water sports and snorkelling. Nelson Gay is child friendly – all on one level – making it perfect for family or group holidays.



*50' pool*



*Exit to beach*

This elegant coral stone Palladian mansion is set in a lush tropical estate of 1.5 acres. Built for a US ambassador over 50 years ago, the timeless good taste this property offers is hard to find in more recent properties. However, it has been kept up to date with modern amenities. The surrounding gardens reflect the sure touch of the original designer and have matured to become some of the best on the island. The focal point of the garden is a 50' heated pool which can be fenced off if required.

### Nelson Gay - Excellent value

From US\$2,450 per night, a fully staffed house of this size and quality on one of Barbados' best beaches offers unbeatable value.

## Barbados – A perfect island for a special Caribbean holiday

### *The best weather in the Caribbean*

Barbados is sunnier and drier than many other islands in the Caribbean. The steady trade winds create the most comfortable of tropical climates. The year-round average of 75-85o F. (mid 20s C.) could hardly be better for relaxing holidays.

December to June is the dry season. July - November has mostly brief showers to cool things down nicely before the sun comes out again. Barbados averages at least 8-9 hours of sunshine daily, year-round.

### *Friendly and relaxed*

some Caribbean islands are not too friendly to overseas visitors, perhaps because of an unhappy colonial history. By contrast, Barbados, the world's third parliamentary democracy with 97% literacy, has historically enjoyed great stability. Whatever the reason, the warmth of the "Bajan" welcome and the friendly, relaxed approach to overseas visitors is one the great pleasures of a holiday in Barbados.



### *Perfect for holiday sports*

**Golf** Barbados offers some of the best golf courses in the Caribbean and has become a favourite with the golfing jet set. Designers like Tom Fazio have made the most of the lush tropical vegetation and ocean views to create some of the most beautiful courses in the world. As a result, Sandy Lane was chosen to host the World Golf Championships World Cup in 2007. Nearby Nelson Gay are four fine courses: the royal Westmoreland (18 holes), Sandy Lane (18 and 9 holes), Apes Hill (18 holes), Barbados Golf & Country Club (18 holes) near the airport and Club Rockley (9 holes).

**Tennis Courts** may be booked next door at Cobbler's Cove Hotel where there is also an excellent gym. In addition, there is a new David Lloyd Tennis Centre at sugar Hill.

**Horse riding** There are several stables and riding schools within easy reach. They offer both lessons and guided rides either along the beach or in the green valleys.

**Cricket** The national sport of Barbados, it is played everywhere at the weekends. Watching some of the best amateurs in the world playing on a tropical seaside pitch is a rare delight.

**Polo** The Barbados Polo Club was formed over a hundred years ago and the sport is played at international level on the island's four polo fields. There are many polo events for visitors to enjoy throughout the year.



### *A paradise for marine sports*

With one of Barbados' best beaches just through the garden gate, Nelson Gay is perfectly situated for water sports. On the sheltered, western "Platinum Coast", you will find pristine white sand, calm, clear water and coral reefs, which make an ideal natural playground. Take your pick: windsurfing, surfing, sailing, parasailing, scuba, diving, water-skiing, jet skiing, snorkelling and deep-sea fishing. The beach at Nelson Gay is roped-off with buoys so swimmers can enjoy the water safely. Snorkelling equipment is available in the house, scuba diving can be arranged by the house manager and other activities can be arranged through Cobblers Cove Hotel, just next door, where there is also a gym, a tennis court, and spa.



### *Magical days out*

No matter how long your holiday in Barbados, you won't run out of things to do on this magical island. These are our favourites and should not be missed: Harrison Cave with stalactites, stalagmites and underground waterfalls; Welchman Hall, a deep ravine with many rare trees and spices; Farley Hill National Park, The Flower Forest and andromeda Gardens where you can walk among amazing tropical plants and brilliant flowers. There are also many relaxing day cruises if you want to get out on the water.

### *Many excellent restaurants*

While our chef can provide delicious meals at Nelson Gay, some of the best eating-out in the Caribbean can be found on Barbados. Bajan cooking makes the most of fresh fish and seafood with flying fish a local favourite. However, there are also many excellent restaurants offering a wide choice of the world's best cuisines.

### *Events calendar*

There is a wide range of events, carnivals and other cultural activities taking place across Barbados throughout the year. From music, dance, and fine arts to film and food there are dozens of events every month. Please click on the link below for a full calendar.

<https://whatsoninbarbados.com>



## One of Barbados' finest and most elegant properties



*House from the Ocean*



*Outdoor dining options*

Nelson Gay, fronting one of Barbados' best beaches, is discreetly screened by its own tropical gardens for total privacy.

### *A fine Colonial villa*

Built in the '60s for US Ambassador Robert M. Scotten, a personal friend of President F.D. Roosevelt, the house was designed by British architect Barbara Hill. Inspired by a book on life in the Windward Islands, she moved from England to Barbados in 1958. Next to the celebrated Cobbler's Cove Hotel, and located on a half-mile crescent of pristine coral sand, this house is one of Barbados' best kept secrets.

Erté visited Nelson Gay numerous times, staying in what the owner now calls the Erté Bedroom. As a gesture of gratitude and friendship, Erté painted a black mermaid on the bedroom wall, which remains there to this day.



*Gazebo next to the Ocean*



*Relax by the pool*



### *Mature landscaped tropical gardens*

This elegant beachfront coral stone Palladian mansion is set in nearly two acres of mature, landscaped tropical gardens with many fine trees, fronting the immaculate Cobbler's Cove beach. An impressive 50' pool leads the eye naturally from the house to the beach. Tiled in Italian green mosaic, the swimming pool blends beautifully with the lush tropical vegetation. At the far end of the garden alongside the beach is an octagonal "Chinese" gazebo, a wonderful place for sunset cocktails and long, leisurely meals cooled by the ocean breeze.

### *Formal or al fresco dining*

The elegant garden gazebo by the beach seats up to 14. It is equipped with a wet bar and fridge. A dining table on the partly covered terrace can seat up to 20. The coral stone formal dining room features a glass topped table by Oliver Messel and seats up to 12.



*Outdoor dining*



*Formal indoor dining*

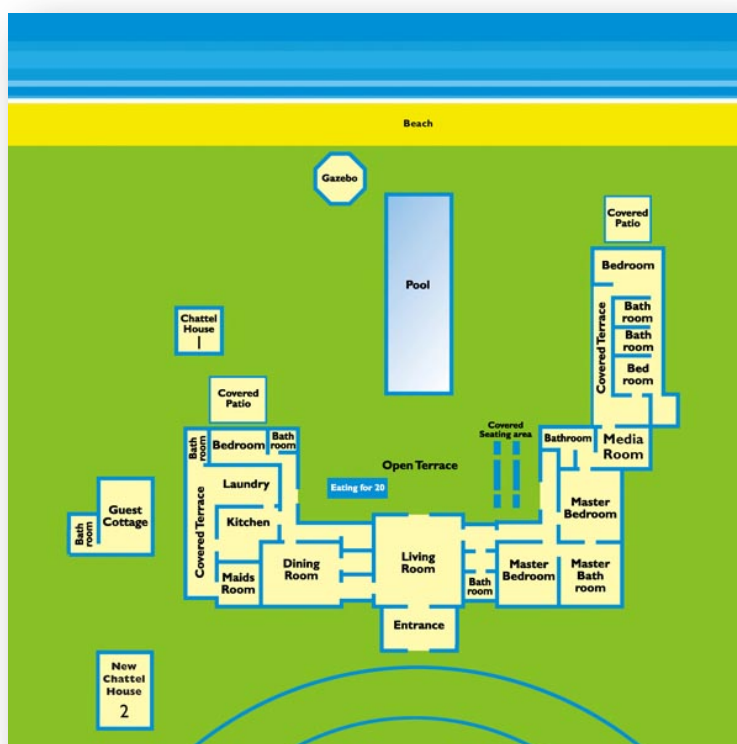
### *Restrained good taste*

Nelson Gay is impressive but never pretentious. A unique blend of elegance and good taste makes it a very special house for discerning guests. The dining table was designed by Oliver Messell with 12 French antique chairs and a large Messell mirror. There are 5 different place settings, including Wedgewood, Rosenthal and Mikasa. Dinner is by candle light and is served by your own uniformed butler, chef and maid.

The rooms are airy and mostly decorated in white with some green to complement the tropical surroundings. The beds are comfortable with high count 100% cotton sheets and soft hypoallergenic pillows. The house is child friendly as all sofas and beach loungers are covered in washable Sunbrella fabric.

### *5-Star service*

The well-trained and friendly core staff consist of a butler, chef, housekeeper, maid/laundress, a gardener and a night watchman, all supervised by a part-time house manager. The staff will help you to plan your meals, shop, cook, serve, do your laundry, and make your holiday truly relaxing, stress-free and unforgettable.



## Nelson Gay at a glance

### Accommodation

- Main house: 5 bedrooms, Cottage: 1 bedroom
- Garden house – Chattel Houses with king size bed, ensuite
- Media Room with day bed
- All with A/C and en suite bath or shower

### Amenities

- 1.5 acres of mature tropical gardens right on Cobbler's beach, with safe and excellent swimming
- 50ft x 12ft Italian mosaic tiled pool, heated on request
- Gazebo with wet bar
- Covered garden dining area seating 16
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- Formal indoor dining room seating 12
- Child friendly furniture, slip covered in Sunbrella/cotton towels
- Medical kit

### Entertainment

- 55" flat screen TV in Media Room with surround sound, cable TV and DVD player
- Sonos Sound System in living room
- 42" plasma TVs in 2 master bedrooms (cable TV + DVD)
- 32" plasma in other bedrooms (cable TV + DVD)
- DVD player in 2 additional bedrooms
- Wi-Fi, printer and house phone
- Snorkels, masks, numerous games and books
- Tennis, gym and spa at the next-door Cobblers Cove Hotel subject to availability and at extra cost

### Core Staff in high season (Winter)

Butler, 2 Chefs, Housekeeper, Maid/Laundress, Gardener, Night Watchman. Supervised by part-time house manager overseen by Blue Sky Luxury.

### Bedrooms

There are 5 double bedrooms in the main house. There is also a day bed in the media room (which can sleep up to 3 by special arrangement). In addition, there is a self-contained cottage which sleeps 2.

By special arrangement, additional guests can be accommodated in the two self-contained Chattel Houses, bringing the maximum number of guests to 18.

### Bathrooms

There are 7 en suite bathrooms in the main house and the cottage (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. The cottage bathroom has a combination bath/shower. North Wing bathrooms have bath/showers. The 2 Chattel Houses have their own toilet/showers. Any guests using the media room will have a shared bathroom. Each sleeping accommodation is individually air-conditioned. All air conditioners in the bedrooms and media room are quiet, split systems with remote temperature control.

#### Bedroom specifications

Bedroom	Approx. Size (ft)	Sleeps	Bed Size	En Suite Bathroom	A/C	Cable TV / DVD
Master 1*	16.3 x 16.3	2(+1)	King	Yes / Shower	Yes	42"/DVD
Master 2	16.3 x 16.3	2	King 4-poster	Yes / Shower	Yes	42"/DVD
Erté Room*	10 x 13	2	Queen	Yes / Bath	Yes	32"/Cable TV and DVD
Green Room* **	13 x 13	2	2 x Singles	Yes / Bath	Yes	32"/Cable TV and DVD
South Wing* **	9.4 x 15	2	Queen	2 (His & Hers) / Shower	Yes	32"/Cable TV and DVD
Cottage*	13 x 16	2	King	Yes / Shower	Yes	32"/Cable TV and DVD

#### Additional accommodation

Media Room	21.3 x 10.5	1(+2)	Day bed	Share	Yes	55"/DVD/PS3
Chattel House 1***	14 x 13	2	Queen	Yes / Shower	Yes	Yes/Yes
Chattel House 2***	18 x 18	2	King	Yes / Shower	Yes	Yes/Yes

\*Small fridge/mini bar

\*\*Private covered porch 12x18ft with sunlounges

\*\*\*Small en-suite kitchenette

Note: There are 4 additional single beds which can be set up in the Media and Master Bedrooms for children



## 2021 – 2022 Rates

**Prices and terms subject to change without notice.**

All prices subject to an additional 10% Shared Economy Levy.

### Rates in USD

2021	Winter 2021 & 2022
April 15th to December 14th	December 15th to April 25th
<b>\$2,800</b> 6 bedrooms per night	<i>Excludes Christmas, New Year, Thanksgiving &amp; Easter*</i>
<b>\$2,600</b> 5 bedrooms per night	<b>\$4,100</b> 6 bedrooms per night
<b>\$2,450</b> 3-4 bedrooms per night	<b>\$3,800</b> 5 bedrooms per night

### Rates in GBP

Exchange rate used; £0.73 to \$US 1.00

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April 15th to December 14th	December 15th to April 25th
<b>£2,050</b> 6 bedrooms per night	<i>Excludes Christmas, New Year, Thanksgiving &amp; Easter*</i>
<b>£1,900</b> 5 bedrooms per night	<b>£3,000</b> 6 bedrooms per night
<b>£1,800</b> 3-4 bedrooms per night	<b>£2,800</b> 5 bedrooms per nights

*\*Prices exclude Christmas, New Year, Thanksgiving & Easter. Available upon request.*

### Booking information

- Rates quoted in USD and GBP per night include core staff\*\* but exclude food, drink, optional gratuities and a 10% Shared Economy Levy.
- Prices quoted are based on two persons per room (i.e., the 6-bedroom rate is for 12 people). Additional guests beyond 12 years of age will incur an extra weekly staff charge of US\$500 (UK£370) per week.
- The rates shown are for bookings of up to 2 weeks. Lower rates may be possible for longer periods and are available upon request.
- The rates shown are for 6 bedrooms or 12 guests. Special arrangements can be made to sleep extra guests (up to 18 guests in total). This will require the use of two chattel houses, each sleeping two, and use of the media room (with shared bathroom). Extra cost for each of these bedrooms would be an additional \$US150 (UK£110) per guest per night (over the age of 12). Plus 10% Shared Economy Levy.
- Staff levels vary according to season, rates and occupancy.

\*\*Core staff = Butler, Housekeeper, Maid/Laundress, Gardener, Night Watchman, supervised by a part-time house manager. For larger groups beyond 12 guests, extra staff may be hired at the expense of guests, depending on the season.

## Our friendly and efficient staff



Staffing levels depend on the number of guests and season.

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

**Distance from Speightstown:** 5 minutes' walk on the beach.

**Distance from airport:** approximately 40 minutes by taxi.

**Land area:** 6,160.3m<sup>2</sup> (66,309sqft) on one of the best West Coast beaches in Barbados. The house, all on one level, is approximately 465m<sup>2</sup> (5,000sqft)

[www.nelsongay.com](http://www.nelsongay.com)





*Guest Chattel house*



*Inside guest Chattel house*

## What our guests say

*"I fell in love with Nelson Gay without any reservation"*

We had a simply, heavenly, wonderful time. It is my sincerest hope that I'm able to come back more than once a year, and even on occasion stay there for more than a week - perhaps even a month. Your beautiful pool is a stunning addition. Nelson Gay simply reeks of Old Barbados in the very, very best way. Nelson Gay is representative of the very, very best of Barbados tradition. It's a beautiful old house, kept going, without any of the so-called 'modernizations' - the beautiful old bathrooms, the scent of the corral stone and tropical gardens; all of it weaves a magical spell that is not found in houses that have been updated with newer structure.

Douglas Urbanski, Hollywood Producer of the Oscar-winning film 'The Darkest Hour'

*"Wonderful home in a tropical paradise, right on a stunning beach"*

The home, the staff, the location all add up to an extraordinary holiday. My family and I enjoyed two magical weeks at Nelson Gay. The crystal blue waters on the garden's doorsteps were impossible to resist every morning. The food and service of the team on site were excellent. Overall an amazing time for all of us, and we will definitely return.

Charles F, 2021

*"Perfect paradise vacation for our large family"*

From the moment you step onto the grounds of Nelson Gay, you know you've found your ultimate slice of paradise. White sands just steps from the gorgeous property, large warm pool with floats and toys for the little ones, drinks and snacks during sunset, a wonderful coral reef for snorkelling directly off the quiet beach. The staff were so kind and hospitable—doing laundry each day and returning it before dinner, preparing rum cocktails at sunset, and coming up with wonderful meals that would satisfy our large group's varied tastes. The grounds are spectacular (we even had a wonderful tour by the gardener examining all of the exotic plants and trees). We hadn't even left and had already booked our stay for next year. So, the secret's out...

Jodi S, 2019

For more reviews, please search "Nelson Gay" on TripAdvisor.