

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.

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. 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 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.

www.visitbarbados.org/things-to-do/events-and-festivals



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



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 three 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 three 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 (Feet)	Sleeps	Bed Size	En Suite Bathroom	A/C	Cable TV
Master 1*	16.3 x 16.3	2(+1)	King	Yes / Shower	Yes	Yes 42"
Master 2	16.3 x 16.3	2(+1)	King 4 poster	Yes / Shower	Yes	Yes 42"
Erté Room*	10 x 13	2	Queen	Yes / Bath and shower	Yes	Yes
Green Room* **	13 x 13	2	2 x Singles	Yes / Bath and shower	Yes	Yes
South Wing* **	9.4 x 15	2	Queen	2 (His & Hers) / Shower	Yes	Yes
Cottage* **	13 x 16	2	King	Yes / Bath and shower	Yes	Yes
Additional accommodation by special arrangement						
Media Room	21.3 x 10.5	1(+2)	Day bed	Share	Yes	Yes 55"
Chattel House 1*	14 x 13	2	Queen	Yes / Shower	Yes	Yes
Chattel House 2***	18 x 18	2	King	Yes / Shower	Yes	Yes
Chattel House 3***	18 x 18	2	King	Yes / Shower	Yes	Yes

(+1) or (+2) indicates that small single bed can be added to the room to sleep an additional person if needed.

*Small fridge/mini bar

**Private covered porch 12 x 18 feet in purpleheart each with loungers or chairs

***Small en-suite kitchenette

Note: There are 3 single beds, which can be set up in the Media and/or Master Bedrooms for children





Amenities

General:

- Nelson Gay is on ONE Level property
- Every bedroom is Air Conditioned with quiet split AC units. Some rooms have additional ceiling fans
- Every bedroom has a TV connected to a large package of programs, Netflix & Amazon Prime
- Very fast WIFI – over 500mps
- Every room has a small fridge and writing desk
- Enhanced cleaning practices throughout the property

Security:

- A safe in every room
- A panic button in every room
- A night watchman – from 7pm to 7am
- Security Alarms & Fire Security

Outdoor amenities:

- A 50ft pool that can be heated at an extra cost
- 8 lounge chairs by the pool
- A large tropical garden
- A gazebo by the beach with sofas
- A beach shower
- Swimming in the ocean is literally a few steps away
- 2 BBQs

Outside Gym:

Open-air gym with fans, lights, a small fridge, and access to a bathroom. Equipment includes:

- Treadmill
- Stairmaster
- Stationary bike
- Rowing machine
- Free weights
- Weight bench
- Multi Weight machine

Other Amenities:

- Media Room with 55inch TV connected to the Netflix, Cable & Amazon Prime
- In the living room, we have a JBC Portable Bluetooth Speaker
- Sonos music System
- A large Alexa speaker connected to Spotify
- A writing table with a fax & printer

Recreation:

- Ping pong table
- Frisbee
- Pickleball court in final stages of construction
- Water volley ball net
- Snorkel, masks, floats,
- Many board games
- Hundreds of books
- Badminton
- Basketball Hoop

Staff:

- Chef (2 in winter), Housekeeper, Maid/Laundress, Gardener, Night Watchman. Supervised by part-time house manager. Butler available for larger groups by special arrangement.

(The staff levels can be varied to suit the number of guests and season).

Current Rates

For our most up-to-date pricing, please visit our website:

www.nelsongay.com/rates-availability

Prices and terms subject to change without notice. All prices subject to an additional 12.5% taxes and fees.

Our friendly and efficient staff



Staffing levels depend on the number of guests and season.

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'

"Paradise"

This was just what we needed. We had 3 adult couples and it was the most incredible experience. The house, the property, the staff, the food and the service were all equally impressive. Each day was like a dream taking our time eating and drinking and going back and forth between the beach and the pool. We had a boat pick us up from the beach one day to go snorkelling and went into town another day to hop on a charter fishing trip where

we caught mahi mahi, tuna and a barracuda, which the staff cooked for dinner the next night. We can't wait to go back!

Jeff U, 2023

"Family of 16 experience a tropical paradise"

Nelson Gay Villa in Barbados is a remarkable retreat that seamlessly combines historical charm, relaxation, and excellent service. The villa's authentic Barbadian architecture and tasteful furnishings create an atmosphere that transports guests to a bygone era, reminiscent of my mother's time as she was a native Bajan. Surrounded by lush tropical gardens, each room provides a perfect blend of the past and present, offering modern amenities while preserving its historic charm. The tranquillity and serenity that pervade the villa are unmatched. We enjoyed the pool, strolled through the manicured gardens, and accessed the stunning beachfront. Watching a family of green monkeys romp up close was delightful, and observing the Bananaquits, Barbadian Bullfinches, and an assortment of pigeons from the patio was a great experience for bird enthusiasts. Snorkelling just yards from the shore revealed a fascinating array of fish. The villa's staff provides exceptional service, going above and beyond to ensure guests' needs are met. They handle meals, housekeeping, and laundry efficiently. Culinary delights prepared with local ingredients surpass expectations, and the personalized service made us feel like honoured guests, relieved of the hassle of dining out, housekeeping, and laundry.

Henry D, 2023

"Where holiday dreams become a reality"

After checking out of Nelson Gay a few days ago, I am still in disbelief that I got to stay in such a beautiful villa overlooking the pristine beach where I spent a lot of my time. Nelson Gay has a charm that stands out from other properties on the island, the house from inside and outside has so much character but it doesn't feel imposing. I loved the contrast between all the greenery in the garden against the crystal blue ocean and how the house itself feels hidden amongst all the trees that it almost feels like Nelson Gay is your own little tranquil secret. The whole house was spotless and the amenities such as a big TV in all the rooms was great (not that we watched any TV while there) and the showers were all very powerful! You can really tell that owners have a keen eye for attention to detail and even though we didn't meet them we could feel their desire to provide excellent hospitality. The service me and my family received was wonderful too! The staff were so helpful and friendly and got along with us all so well - we had a mixed party, older people from 70+ through to 2yr olds, and everyone was made to feel so special and welcome. I would 100% recommend Nelson Gay! It's a beautiful property and I hope one day I can go back there.

Linda C, 2023

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

www.nelsongay.com



Guest Chattel house



Inside guest Chattel house

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: 6,160.3m² (66,309sqft) on one of the best West Coast beaches in Barbados. The house, all on one level, is approximately 465m² (5,000sqft)