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This past summer, the **Eco Serendib Villa and Spa** (www.ecoserendib.com) opened its uber-green, ultra-chic doors on the Caribbean island of St. John. We hear that the property prides itself on reducing its carbon footprint without the sacrifice of five-star luxury.

The Villa sits atop Point Rendezvous Estate, with panoramic views of St. John's southern coast and the Caribbean Sea. There are eight individually designed suites, all of which incorporate green practices into the design.

The Villa is also home to a full-service spa that uses Sodashi products; a Life Fitness gym; an epicurean theater kitchen; pool, hot tub and barbecue terrace; and organic garden (perfect for garden-to-plate meals). We love the luxe touches—from individualized turn-down service to Frette linens and a dedicated

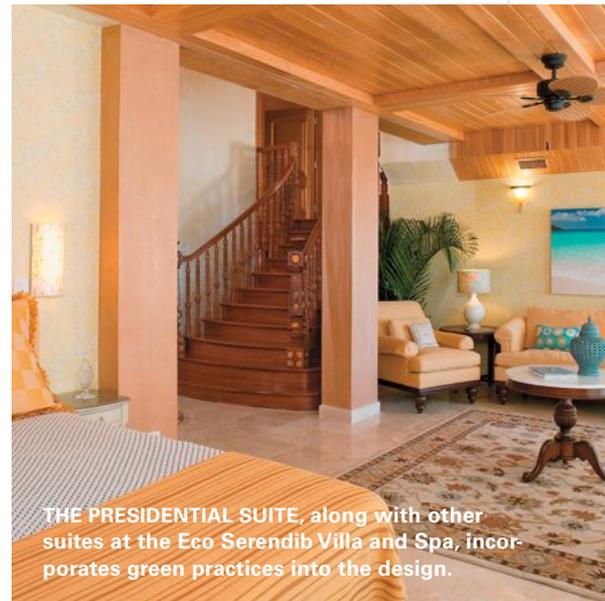
Villa concierge.

Note: The Villa provides private butler service, but advance reservation is required.

So, how green are we talking? We hear that Eco Serendib has installed 69 Buy America-compliant Suniva solar panels to reduce carbon emissions; the dining facilities have Sub-Zero/Wolf's kitchen appliances (made from up to 75 percent recycled materials); bathroom and spa fixtures are from Kohler, a top name in water conservation; furniture and accents are made from recycled materials; and there are three separate 20,000-gallon cisterns to collect rain water.

Luxury travel advisors should contact President of Harith Productions (the managing agent for Eco Serendib) Harith Wickrema (harith@harithproductions.com; 215-830-8300).

—Meagan Drillingier



THE PRESIDENTIAL SUITE, along with other suites at the Eco Serendib Villa and Spa, incorporates green practices into the design.

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