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THE JETSETTERS GUIDE TO GLUTTONOUS GLOBETROTTING.



FLIGHTS OF FANCY

It used to be that getting to St. Vincent and the 32 smaller islands that make up the Grenadines meant a full day of travel. But the payoff was always well worth the effort, for with the trek to the southern-most Caribbean islands came the reward of empty beaches and glimpses of true island life unimpeded by crowds.

Last year fewer than 16,000 Americans visited St. Vincent, while a whopping 790,000 jetted to Jamaica. This all may be about to change thanks to a hefty initiative by Harlequin Resorts. The company behind the recently opened all-inclusive Buccament Bay Resort on St. Vincent is launching its very own airline, Harlequin Air. What once meant lengthy layovers and logistical planning is now made easy with a simple booking.

As of this year, guests of Buccament Bay will have access to a fleet of sleek nine-seater planes that will provide flights, as well as puddle jump to other Harlequin Resorts

(currently, there are four in development) and enticing day excursions. In the meantime, Buccament Bay offers plenty in terms of amenities (a tennis center, soccer field and performing arts center to start), though the true star is the surrounding nature. The hotel is a scenic two-hour boat ride to the horseshoe reef-enclosed Tobago Cays for snorkeling or diving, and close enough for a quick jaunt to the celeb-inhabited island of Mustique for lunch. Catamarans are also at your disposal to explore the neighboring island of Bequia, where dolphins lay in wait to show off their skills. The arrival of Harlequin Air will only make gallivanting that much more simple.

While the tides are turning, and more and more travelers are discovering the appeal of these lesser-known Caribbean islands, the droves have yet to descend. As they so commonly say, "Timing is everything." Indeed. — Ariane Marder



CHECK IN TO CHECK OUT

Once you've arrived at the luxury resort Six Senses Ninh Van Bay —by speedboat, that is—you'll never want to leave. Located on the eastern coast of Vietnam, the rustic resort is eco at its chicest. The villas—either tucked into the lush hillside, balanced in the stony stretches of the foothills, or placed along gleaming white sand beaches—are minimalistic but ideal. Daybeds, bathtubs and private gardens have all been designed to take advantage of the resort's best feature: the glistening South China Sea.

The resort's list of amenities is vast, with everything from spa treatments to an on-site scuba school to private chefs, but what sets Six Senses Ninh Van Bay apart from the rest of the luxury sector is its environmental consciousness. Six Senses Ninh Van Bay uses local materials whenever possible, and gourmet dining excludes all marine species on the IUCN red list of endangered and threatened species. Even the villas are situated as to avoid upsetting the

surrounding ecosystem, which has left the view virtually unchanged and the coral reef in the bay teeming with life.

In the future, eco-mindedness may be the defining factor when it comes to luxury travel. Six Senses Ninh Van Bay is helping pave the way, with cultivation of more than natural beauty, but of nature itself.

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