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JUST BEACH AND SKY

Mixed-use hotel/residential properties are enormously trendy, but the concept is not as cutting-edge as you might think. One of the Caribbean's grandest estates, the five-star Half Moon Resort on the north coast of Jamaica, has been a mixed-use property since opening its doors in 1954 with 30 beachfront hotel rooms and 17 privately owned cottages. Ownership may have changed over the years, but a close-knit familial vibe remains despite the resort's expansion, which includes a gorgeously manicured indoor/outdoor spa, an equestrian centre, and multi-bedroom villas dotting 400 acres of lush tropical gardens.

You know you've arrived somewhere special when your breakfast tray, piled high with fresh fruit and a vase of flowers, is delivered to your villa by bicycle and balanced atop your waiter's head. The elegantly old-guard estate quietly boasts such notable house guests as Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Charles, Prince Rainier of Monaco and John and Jackie Kennedy.

The iconic enclave's two-mile private beach is a key selling point of the newly announced, 14-acre Colony at Half Moon, a seaside hamlet of 24 luxury villas currently under development for mixed-use private ownership. The Colony will be located within the existing resort, just 15 minutes from Montego Bay, and is being designed in the traditional Jamaican colonial style, featuring wide verandas and private pools. halfmoon.com — *Kendon Polak*

HOT & SPICY

A longtime popular destination on the southeast corner of the Caribbean Sea, Grenada is a verdant volcanic island ringed with powder-fine sand beaches and coral reefs. Inland are mountain lakes, rivers and waterfalls, as well as lush rainforests. Numerous local festivals and lively markets are an integral part of Grenadian life, as are the centuries-old spice plantations and rum distilleries that still use traditional methods to ensure quality rather than quantity. St. George's, the island-nation's capital, boast myriad colourful shops and homes with red-tiled roofs.

Azzura Castle (right) overlooks Grand Anse Beach with 200-degree panoramic views from a wraparound veranda. This magnificent property also features one of the first great diving pools in Grenada, spacious indoor and outdoor living areas, a conservatory study, a sundeck, well-tended gardens, and even an adjoining golf course. *For sales information, call 1-473-439-0000.*

