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HOW MANY ROOMS? 126 rooms and suites

**PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS** Located at the tail end of the island, within the closest proximity to Nevis, this secluded resort wins out for being the island's newest and most exclusive. Expect perfected service and dining amid a tropical backdrop. The adults-only infinity edge pool and expansive family pool are centerpieces of the resort while the Miraval Life in Balance Spa is a huge hit among guests. The beach area has so much sandy space that everyone seems to have a corner to themselves.

**PRICE** Internet rates for a traditional room on the random dates we checked start at \$302.

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**WHERE IS IT** St. Kitts is shaped like a tadpole, and the hotel is at the smallest tip of the tail, which is also the closest point to Nevis (the resort has private boat taxis that can make the transfer). It is close to excellent dining nearby, and the popular "strip" of bars and restaurants along the beach is a short drive away. The ride to the airport only takes 20 minutes.



**WHAT'S IT LIKE?** As with all Park Hyatts, the experience is designed around creating a home away from home. The grounds are designed in a blend of colonial and modern styles including stone walls that mimic some of the fortified walls seen around the island. They blend into the backdrop easily because the stones were taken from the nearby mountains. Divided into multiple buildings, the accommodations all enjoy exceptional views of the sea through floor-to-ceiling windows. There are so many options for recreation and dining that it is hard to pull yourself away for other activities.

**ROOM FACILITIES** Designed as an all-white backdrop with wood-paneled walls and timber floors, the emphasis is on coloring the room with the outdoor views rather than in-room art. A pair of colorful wooden chairs sit beside a dining and work table, and blues, reds, and yellows hues mark the fabrics. Convenient nooks hide minibars, espresso machines, bottled water, and glassware while walk-in closets provide so much space to unpack leaving the rooms clutter-free.



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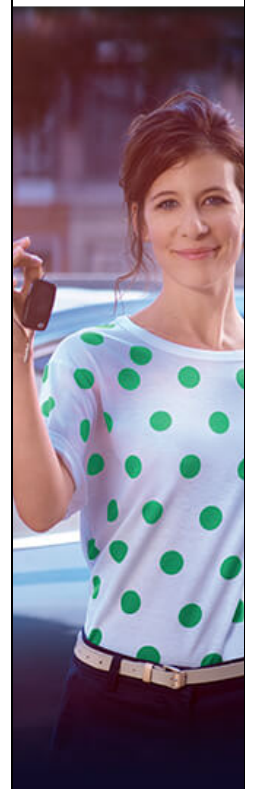


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Sofas or *chaises longues* in the room are an alternative to lounging on the bed, and many premium rooms and suites enjoy furnished terraces, some even with plunge pools and whirlpools. Each of the buildings wraps around the central facilities of the resort (restaurants, pools, and the main beach) in an arc-like shape. Hyatt's famous Grand Beds feature cushioned mattresses, thick white duvets, four downy pillows, and bedside controls, power outlets and USB ports. In fact, the room features plenty of power and USB outlets in different corners, and ceiling fans supplement the otherwise strong air conditioning. Free wireless Internet and flat-screen cable TVs are standard in all accommodations. Bathrooms have plenty of natural light and wide vanities stocked with Le Labo perfumed toiletries, robes, slippers, and deep soaking tubs. All rooms have beach views with Park Kings on the lower floors being the entry-level category while Beachside and the most popular Sea View categories step views up a notch. Nearly a third of the accommodations are suites with Nevis Peak View and Sea View being especially popular options. The Presidential Villa is scoring a lot of attention for its duplex setup with three bedrooms, a full kitchen, private swimming pool and fitness center, butler and chef service, and billiards room. Also included are private airport transfers, cabana rentals by the pools with head and shoulder massage, additional spa treatments, and access to a private lounge in the airport upon arrival.

**RESTAURANTS AND BARS** No one could go hungry here with three restaurants among a handful of bars and poolside menus. Fisherman's Village serves freshly caught seafood dishes by the pier where boats rush guests (and commuting employees to Nevis).



It was designed to look like the many huts and berths that used to be along the island's coast. The open-plan kitchen provides additional entertainment. Over at The Great House (considered the hub of the resort with the concierge and main bar offering both afternoon tea and evening cocktails), three meals a day are served in the restaurant from an international menu. All fresco dining complements the air-conditioned dining room and bar where guests can linger throughout the day. The breakfast buffet extends into the kitchen itself, and each evening, a chef's table brings guests into the action for elaborate set menus if they choose. The Stone Barn (stone barns were traditionally used to protect important crops from the elements) opens for dinner and serves Mediterranean fare in full view (like all other dining options) of the beach and ocean. This option is an adults-only venue.

**LEISURE FACILITIES** The Miraval Life in Balance Spa features numerous treatment rooms, many designed for couples with private plunge pools. A 24-hour fitness center is lined with windows and offers the latest cardio and weight-lifting equipment. Yoga and stretching classes take place in a replica of one of the island's famous stone sugar mills. Relaxation areas are complimentary to all guests, even without a spa treatment, and feature saunas, steam rooms, outdoor plunge pools, and locker rooms. Island Fort by Camp Hyatt activities have everything from nap and game rooms to an amphitheater for nature or cultural activities and yoga classes for kids. A daily roster of activities includes snorkel and kayak tours, meditation classes, rum tastings, and sports challenges with beach volleyball, croquet and spike ball.

**BUSINESS AND MEETING FACILITIES** This Park Hyatt is one of a few to offer the residential-style meeting venues for which many Hyatt properties have become known. The concept is meant to be like a home with living, dining and cooking areas that can be used by groups for better interaction and teamwork events. Most properties that operate this concept are in Asia and Australia, and the addition of the concept in St. Kitts emphasizes the popularity of this resort with incentive and business groups. Modern meeting spaces have speedy wireless Internet and the latest audiovisual capability. Space can be adjusted based upon group size, and breakout space facing the ocean is unbeatable.

**VERDICT** As one of the hottest new Caribbean resorts, Park Hyatt St. Kitts Christophe Harbour is a guest favorite and is quickly becoming one of the shining stars in the Hyatt portfolio.

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