

# Bathsheba Villa

Bathsheba is set 100 metres from the sea, in a peaceful area of Nevis, a beautiful and unspoilt island, with quiet beaches and, a surprising amount to do and see. The house was built during 2001/2002 to a plan by a local architect, with the intention of combining typical local design features with modern facilities.

Bathsheba has five large en-suite bedrooms and a 36ft x 16ft living area, all fully air conditioned. Outside there is a large deck with a swimming pool, an upstairs viewing deck which has wonderful views of the Narrows and the neighbouring island of St.Kitts, and about three quarters of an acre of gardens with many attractive trees and plants, running down to a ghaut, a dry river bed.

Inside, the house has been designed to offer privacy if you are part of a group, together with large communal areas for everyone to gather in comfort.

## Nevis Island

Nevis lies near the top of the Lesser Antilles Archipelago around 200 miles south of Puerto Rico and just west of Antigua. The island is dominated by the (extinct) volcanic cone of Nevis peak. Around the edge of the island are classic white sand Caribbean beaches. In between the two lie small saltwater marshes, a cultivable plain, lush vegetation, and a true rain forest.

The peak, at 3,232 feet, is higher than anything in England, yet the island totals only 36 square miles. The beaches are superb and the mountains, covered with lush green vegetation, and inhabited by numerous green vervet monkeys, offer some serious walking.

Although Nevis could be described as a sleepy Caribbean hideaway, there is plenty to do, a good range of restaurants and bars, markets and shops, and it is fantastic for nature lovers.

The islanders have made a conscious decision to appeal to an upmarket tourist audience, and their friendly and welcoming attitude means that visitors can easily participate in the island life. There is very little crime and an easy, laid back feel.

If you wish to find out more visit [www.nevisisland.com](http://www.nevisisland.com) the official tourist information website.

## The Climate

With very little humidity, cool sea breezes and sunshine almost every day, the climate on Nevis is perfect all year round. When it does rain, it tends to fall in very short sharp bursts and mainly in the late afternoon or early evening.

Temp	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	83	82	84	85	86	86	87	87	87	86	84	83
Low	73	72	73	75	78	78	78	78	77	76	74	74

## *Activities*

Many people choose simply to move slowly between the pool and the beach, but those looking for a little more activity and interest from a holiday will not be disappointed.

Nevis was once an important trading island in the West Indies and was known as the 'Queen of the Caribbees' due to its wealth, gained from the sugar industry. There are many visible relics of those days including historic ruins of old churches, plantation houses and stone buildings.

Ranked as one of the most beautiful of all the Caribbean Islands, Nevis offers an unspoilt ecosystem, which includes a coral reef, ideal for divers and snorkelers, and lush rain forest inland. For the more adventurous, a daylong hike to the top of Nevis peak offers spectacular views.

The capital, Charlestown, a charming, largely untouched, small port, is the commercial and social hub of the island, and is the home of the museums. There is plenty of evidence of Admiral Horatio Nelson, who lived on the island for some time, and married a local woman, and of Alexander Hamilton, a prime mover in the American War of Independence. Hamilton was born on Nevis.

As well as the full range of water based activities there is also golf at the Four Seasons, a Robert Trent Jones designed course, tennis, horse riding, mountain-biking, art galleries, two museums, a fine Botanical gardens and more.

## *The Beaches*

There are beaches all around Nevis. The most attractive are on the Western Caribbean side, which is where you will find our villa. Our nearest beach, with bars and windsurfing, is only a five minute stroll. Pinneys Beach, which is often rated amongst the top ten beaches in the world, is only a mile away from Bathsheba, and a little further on, you will find the Nisbet Plantation Hotel and Nisbets beach with its excellent facilities.

Swimming, snorkelling, sailing, fishing and scuba diving are all very popular from the many Nevis beaches. There is a reef only 100 metres offshore.

## *Location*

The house is located in Jones Estate, an old plantation in the North West of Nevis, about 100 metres inland. The nearest beach with facilities is about a five minute walk away. The capital, Charlestown, is four miles south on the main island road.

St Kitts is the nearest island to Nevis, a short ferry ride across the Narrows, and Antigua is a 20 minute flight in a LIAT twin-engine plane.

Nevis airport is too small for large aircraft, but British Airways fly direct into St.Kitts from Gatwick on Tuesdays and Saturdays. An alternative route, almost daily, is via Antigua from Gatwick with BA or Virgin. Flight time to Antigua is 7.5 hours followed by the short hop from Antigua to Nevis.



## *Availability and Costs*

Peak season is traditionally from Christmas to Easter, however Nevis is certainly a year round destination. The temperature in the months of June July and August is still very favourable. There can be a little more humidity and rain, but very rarely enough to be irksome.

All costs are for one week

- December to July - £2,000
- August to November - £1,500

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