

# COASTAL LIVING

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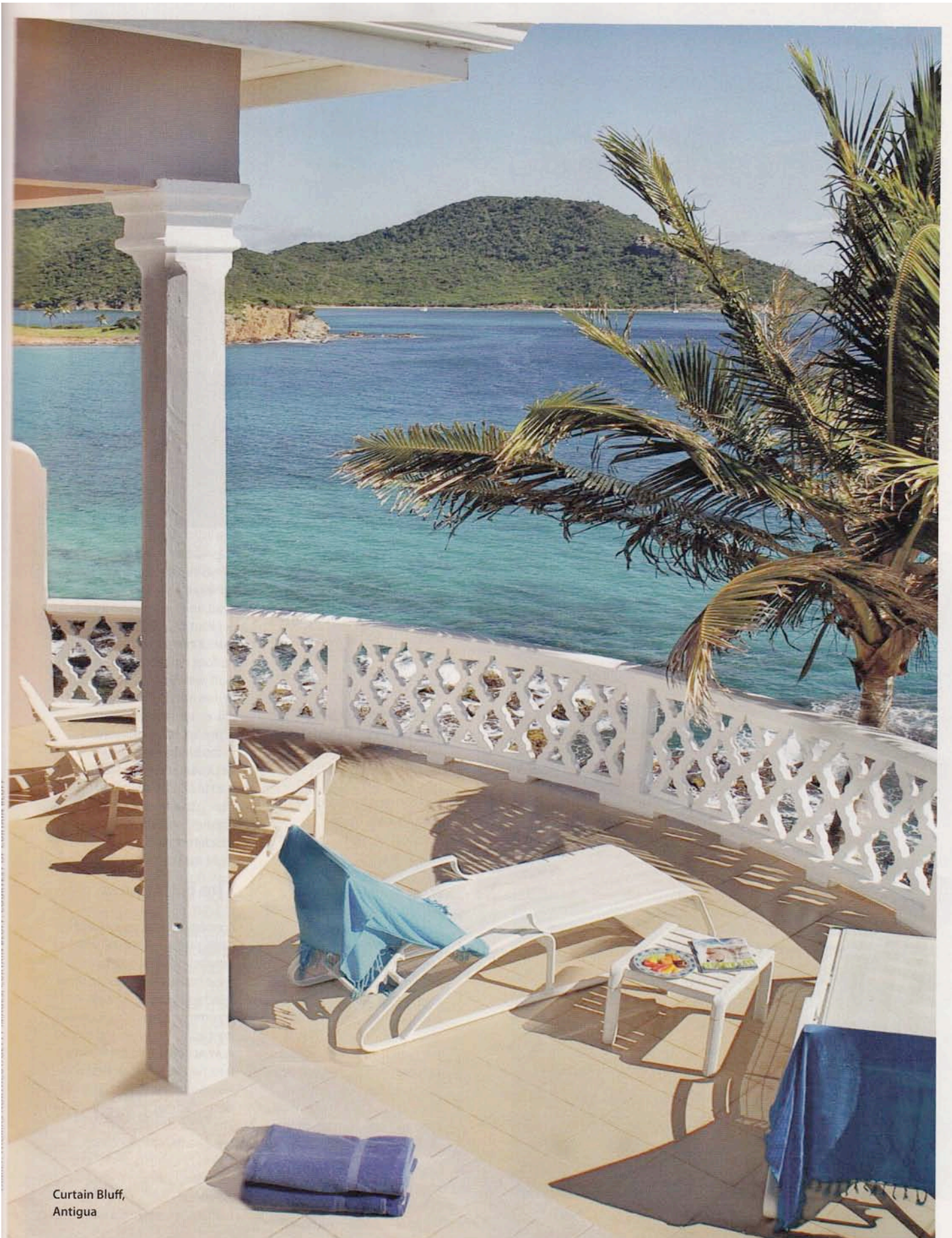


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America's  
favorite seafood  
dives

# beach retreats *for families*

Get everybody packed! We found beautiful pink-sand beaches, prime swimming spots, and fun-filled resorts to make this summer's getaway your most memorable yet





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Something for everyone—is that too much to ask in a family vacation? We don't think so! If the kids want to surf, the grandparents head to the pool, mom books a spa treatment, and dad plays golf, these days it's easier than ever to please everybody. Top resorts on every coast are catering more to multigenerational families who are vacationing together. Group activity lists are growing, and so are the rooms, the dining options, and the deals. We found 10 destinations that make family travel a breeze. Spread the word: This year's reunion is on the beach!

## CARIBBEAN Curtain Bluff

Antigua

Located on the southern tip of Antigua in the Leeward Islands, Curtain Bluff offers stunning scenery and abundant on-the-water activities. The new spa has private balconies with ocean views, and recently refurbished rooms keep this spot fresh but still familiar to the families who have been coming back to vacation here for almost 50 years.

**PLAY ALL DAY:** To satisfy competitive spirits, get to the squash and bocce court, putting green, tennis facilities, or half basketball court. Make time for scuba diving, deep-sea fishing, and a twice-daily boat ride for reef snorkeling. Two beaches, a swimming pool, and bar area with chaise longues and thatched umbrellas are available for relaxing. Watch live entertainment at night.

**EXPLORE:** Nearby, Nelson's Dockyard has been restored since its days as a British naval base and now features shops, museums, and restaurants in

NEW  
SPA!

original 18th-century buildings. Climb the fort's ramparts for more great views. On Sundays, head up to Shirley Heights Lookout for reggae music.

**FAMILY PHOTO OP:** Chelle Hulford, owner of Curtain Bluff, welcomes family photos on her balcony with the island of Montserrat, home to the active Soufrière Hills volcano, in the background.

**GET A DEAL:** All-inclusive rates start at \$645 per room per night, double occupancy. Children under 2 stay free. Special packages offer a fifth night free; curtainbluff.com.

## The Buccaneer

St. Croix

Formerly a sugar, cotton, and cattle plantation, this hillside hotel is anchored by a pink great house with access to three beaches. Newly revamped accommodations boast ocean-front adjoining suites and rooms.

**PLAY ALL DAY:** Take the resort's free, two-hour beginner scuba lessons for guests 10 and older, or choose reef snorkeling.

The grounds include shops, restaurants, a fitness center, spa, Kids' Camp (ages 12 and younger), golf, and tennis.

**EXPLORE:** Head out with Ras Lumumba Corriette, a local