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Set on 53 hectares of the most coveted land in the Caribbean, Half Moon Bay Antigua offers secluded island luxury on the jewel of the English harbour

In the 1950s, Antigua set itself apart as the international retreat for high society. In a decade in which HRH Princess Elizabeth became queen, Ian Fleming invented the Vesper Martini, and actress Grace Kelly made history in Monaco, Antigua's bays became a sanctuary for some of the most enduring icons of the era. And nowhere was more popular than Half Moon Bay.

Over the years, Half Moon Bay developed a reputation as an area of secluded hedonism, where the world's elite would go to unwind, escape and indulge. Its white crescent beach drew the yachting crowd, and the area was frequented by the likes of Audrey Hepburn, Elton John and the Kennedys. Now, on the site of the former Half Moon Bay Resort, a new development is reviving the regal legacy of days gone by.

Already lauded as one of the "10 Best New Developments in the World" by *The Sunday Times*, Half Moon Bay Antigua affords its residents an unrivalled living experience. The intimate enclave is the first community of its kind in the Caribbean, comprising a collection of premier residential estate lots, Rosewood branded residences and a 47-suite Rosewood Hotel, which is due to open in 2022.

These expansive living spaces open out onto a verdant 11-hectare national park. And further afield, sea-rise cliffs offer panoramic views of the Caribbean Sea, where the property's 975m white coral beach cradles clear water.

Drawing on the raw beauty of the natural terrain, the resort's dwellings blend seamlessly into the landscape. The fully serviced and furnished Residences at Rosewood Half Moon

Bay retain a connection to the surrounding tropical gardens and vivid Caribbean views. Designed by internationally renowned Studio Piet Boon, the properties come with thoughtful amenities including infinity pools, open-air baths and shower gardens with live orchid walls. The offerings are also fully customisable, and buyers can purchase land and design their perfect home at the location that inspires them the most, from dramatic cliffside settings to the 1.6km-long, white sand beachfront.

Owners and resort guests at Half Moon Bay Antigua are also served by an on-site biodynamic farm, from which residents can harvest the freshest organic local produce, right from the source. Elsewhere, a private cocktail lounge and state-of-the-art Rosewood spa offer respite for the weary. It is in part, a return to simpler

times. Half Moon Bay Antigua is a living space, innovatively designed for experiencing life, with fewer distractions and more of all the things you need, with one eye on its cultural and social past and the other on the very latest technologies – it is future living, today.

Natively, Antigua is known as "Waladli" (often written as Wadadli), an Amerindian word meaning "our own". Indeed, for close to 60 years, the coastal country has served as the home to those in search of a haven. Now, with the new Half Moon Bay Antigua, developer Freetown Destination Resort invites you to define modern luxury living on your own terms and claim your own slice of island life in the storied coves of Antigua.

Prices range from US\$10 million to US\$25 million; halfmoonbay.co.uk



Above: Half Moon Bay Antigua comprises a collection of premier residential estate lots, Rosewood branded residences and a 47-suite Rosewood Hotel. Opposite: The crescent-shaped white sand beach of Half Moon Bay has long attracted the world's elite, from music and movie stars to politicians and high society figures

