



The Westin St. John Resort Villas Proudly Reopens After Hurricane Recovery and Restoration Efforts

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ORLANDO, Fla. – February 6, 2019 – The Westin St. John Resort Villas—a breathtaking vacation destination located along the white beaches of Great Cruz Bay in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands—proudly reopens after a 16-month-long recovery and restoration effort due to damage caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria which struck the islands in September, 2017.

“The resort looks spectacular,” said Samuel Hugli, general manager. “We’re thrilled to be back providing Caribbean paradise to our Owners and guests. We’re even happier that our islands are recovering and thriving.”

The U.S. Virgin Islands—including St. John and neighboring St. Thomas and St. Croix—continue their return to pre-hurricane beauty and Caribbean-style experiences. On the beaches, powder-fine sand leads to crystal-clear waters and in the towns, more and more quaint shops and tasty restaurants are reopening for business. An all-new private ferry between The Westin St. John Resort Villas and St. Thomas provides fast travel between the two islands. Airlines are adding flights from the U.S. mainland to the U.S. Virgin Islands, making it easy for those feeling winter’s chill to make a quick getaway to the warm and sunny Caribbean.

The Westin St. John Resort Villas is once again the stylish sanctuary for Owners and guests who want to enjoy snorkeling, hiking and swimming along St. John’s pristine beaches or relaxing in the resort’s quarter-acre pool, surrounded by lush foliage and friendly atmosphere. Close to the resort, lively boutique shopping and delectable dining are waiting to be discovered.

The resort’s studios and multi-bedroom villas, townhouses and lofts easily accommodate families and combine all the comforts of home—including full kitchens and generous living and dining areas—with signature Westin touches. Private balconies provide picturesque ocean views and several villas offer expansive courtyards and private pools.

To make a reservation for a Caribbean vacation of a lifetime and a stay at The Westin St. John Resort Villas, go to WestinStJohn.com.

Restoring the resort began just days after each hurricane passed. “I couldn’t be more proud of our associates’ dedication in getting The Westin St. John Resort Villas ready for our Owners and guests,” said Hugli. “Each associate took on the hard work of getting the resort back to its original splendor, even though they and their families and friends were greatly affected by the storms.”

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Giving back to the local community was also important to the resort's associates. During the island's recovery, trucks from the resort distributed 5,000 gallons of water each day, and rooms and meals were provided to first responders. The resort's dock was made available for evacuations and valuable supply deliveries, and clean linens were given to local shelters. Six cargo containers, each filled with dressers, desks, dining room sets and more, were donated to the local housing authority, providing furnishings and comfort to residents who were impacted by the storms. The resort is also a strong supporter of the island's Resilient Housing Initiative, a collaborative effort between nonprofit organizations and local St. John businesses that helps seniors and families rebuild their homes.

About The Westin St. John Resort Villas

The epitome of island elegance, this breathtaking Caribbean vacation ownership resort is located along the tempting white beaches of Great Cruz Bay in tranquil St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. Its lush surroundings, friendly atmosphere, incomparable water excursions and charming shopping district make a stay at The Westin St. John Resort Villas the perfect Caribbean escape. Visit WestinStJohn.com for more information.

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