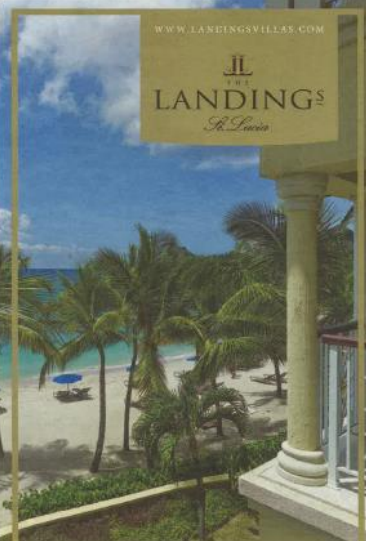


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for many the most exotic alternative is the real deal. "The property investment, the Caribbean is hard to beat," says Walter Zepherin, managing director of 7th Heaven Properties, which sells homes across the region. "It offers not only year-round sunshine and a stunning landscape – from lush rainforest and cascading waterfalls to pristine beaches and colourful coral reefs – but a stable political environment, high quality of life, a range of tax benefits and excellent property at various price points."

The Citizenship by Investment programmes, offered by countries including St Kitts and Nevis, Antigua, Grenada, Dominica and, most recently, St Lucia, are creating a spike in interest. For British investors, the benefits typically include full citizenship for the main applicant and family members, and huge tax breaks. As for prices, Hayden Harrison, chief operating officer in the Region Department of Terra Caribbean, says: "Although earlier predictions of a recovery were perhaps premature, it is now widely accepted that the Caribbean property markets are on their way, led by well-established destinations such as St Barths, Montserrat and Barbados. Prime markets will undoubtedly see some price growth in 2016."

Three-bedroom seafarer flats with terraces on four corners start at £27,000, Tan says, compared to about £385,000 on Lanzarote or Tenerife (00 34 928 535044, goldcoastrealestate.com).

Over in St Lucia, the newly launched two- and three-bedroom Martin Villa will allow owners to step from their door onto the deck of a yacht – if it's no longer than 50ft. Prices start at £230,000 (00 783 4597, landingsvillas.com).

Finally, it's hard to beat the Caribbean's signature offerings when it comes to beaches. On Meads Bay, one of just Anguilla's best beaches, the eight-bedroom Beach House was recently rented by Justin Bieber. It has a library, a cinema, a gym, an infinity pool and a tennis court, and costs nearly \$100,000 a week to rent. It's also up for sale – see £10.5m (00 869 1084, 7thheavenproperties.com).

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