

COASTAL LIVING®

ESCAPE TO THE ISLANDS

SECRET BEACHES
FROM CUBA TO HAWAII

DESIGNER VILLAS
IN THE CARIBBEAN

TROPICAL COLORS
FOR EVERY ROOM

DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC

FEBRUARY 2016

\$5.99US \$6.50CAN



0 92567 10460 4

STAY IN THIS
RETREAT!
PAGE 16

BERMUDA'S
NEW FLAVOR
**MARCUS
SAMUELSSON**
DIGS IN

HOT RETREATS

DESIGNER VILLA CRUSHES!

These Caribbean stays boast
five-star views and star-designer style



Dominican Republic Playa Grande Beach Club

DESIGNED BY CELERIE KEMBLE

There's a bit of whimsy to Celerie Kemble's recently unveiled Dominican Republic resort, where pastel ceilings and fanciful antiques meld with gingerbread details and sweeping views of the resort's mile-long private beach. Each of Playa Grande's structures—nine bungalows and a clubhouse—is designed to reflect the historical vernacular of the area, with reclaimed palm wood siding and pale green corrugated metal roofs, all nestled under the shade of tropical palms. "I found endless inspiration in the local architecture and design—the farmhouse-style buildings, the decorative Victorian touches, and the vibrant culture of the Dominican Republic," says Kemble. playagrandebeachclub.com

DREAM STATE

Get vacation-quality R&R every night with these three island bedroom looks

This guest room at La Playa Grande resort in the Dominican Republic was designed by Celerie Kemble. Get the look: page 30



1 VINTAGE CARIBBEAN

This airy haven is reminiscent of an old and beloved island estate. Treasures from decades past, charming fretwork, and a refreshingly mellow vibe are among a handful of comely details that put us right at ease.

LET TRIM RULE Mimic the sugary sand of Caribbean shorelines with white walls and floors, and then paint the trim a retro melon shade for a clever pop of color.

WEAVE IN NATURE Play up organic materials with a headboard and bed frame upholstered in woven raffia

and dressed in white bedding. Potted tropical greenery, like this emerald elephant's ear, brings the allure of the landscape indoors.

ADD A SURPRISE Amid pieces that reflect the natural environment, industrial-style sconces provide nice contrast and pretty patina.

EMBRACE VINTAGE WICKER

The nostalgic gems are right at home in island rooms. Look for pieces with a bit of whimsy, like this courting bench.

USE A DHURRIE A soft, flat-weave rug, such as the pink ticking dhurrie here, makes for a super barefoot-friendly bedside. ➤