

The newly built Villa My Way in fact lets its privileged occupants have it both ways. The first thing that catches your eye after you ascend the steps - which themselves are designed to represent a piano - is a gleaming decorative black-lacquered grand piano, given pride of place in the living room under a curvaceous midcentury-modern lamp. Photos of Frank Sinatra hang on the walls, and a quote from "My Way" decorates the backsplash behind the stove in the open kitchen which is well equipped with gadgetry and walk-in cold room.

A sense of retro glamour permeates this luxury villa in Colombier, one of the finest new rental properties in St. Barth. But guests' way of making themselves at home here doesn't have to involve only unplugged pleasures like tickling the ivories, settling into the sleek Corbusier chairs for intimate conversations, or soaking up the beautiful views of the sea and the islands of Bon Homme and Fregate.

There is no compromising in Villa My Way. Guests have sublime privacy, thanks to the private entrances into each of the five equal-size bedrooms, and myriad ways to amuse themselves, whether reveling in Rat Pack nostalgia, losing themselves in sea and sky views, or watching a movie indoors. This makes My Way an excellent choice for extended families with adult children, groups of friends traveling together and even corporate retreats.

The overall look is sleek and modern, with cool slate gray floors, horizontal lines, low-slung furnishings, walls made entirely of glass, and carefully deployed pops of color amid the soothing seas of white: an orange wall in one of the bedrooms, or a canary yellow table paired with black and white Philippe Starck chairs. Space is abundant, both in the expansive indoor and outdoor living areas and in the five bedrooms (three upstairs and two downstairs) with private bathrooms. Downstairs there's also a fitness room with top-line equipment and floor-to-ceiling mirrors to reflect the ocean view. There's also a large, covered parking area.

But the best ocean view, of course, is to be had from the infinity-edge pool that stretches the length of the terrace, or from the Jacuzzi and sun loungers outside. There are whimsical features too, like a pool that's just deep enough to float in on a chaise, and a window in the main pool that gives guests a glimpse of what's happening in the water as they make their way up the stairs from the downstairs bedrooms and fitness room.







