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Zemi Beach House, Anguilla's Tranquil, Tropical Luxury



Directly north of Saint Martin in the Caribbean's British West Indies is the small, charming island of Anguilla. This island has quickly become the place to vacation for celebrities and globetrotters. Anguilla's crowning jewel is the spectacularly tranquil, tropical getaway, Zemi Beach House.

This exceptional property just opened in early 2016 and is the first on Anguilla's North end, Shoal Bay East. Located on one of the world's best beaches, [vacationers](#) bask in the true serenity only an island of this beauty provides.

According to Jeffrey Goldstein of the Goldstein Family Partnership, the resort's developer, they "[f]ell in love with Anguilla years ago and saw the opportunity to create a one-of-a-kind resort that mirrors the transcendent nature of the island."



This really set the tone for what we were about to experience here. Meticulous design and effort was put into every detail of this property, and extreme care was taken in selecting the highly experienced staff.

The Caribbean music, friendly residents, and beautiful scenery are Anguilla's welcome mat to Zemi Beach House. We were already immersed in the island's culture and energy by the time we arrived at the oceanfront resort.



With an accommodating and thoughtful staff there to greet us, no question or desire was left unattended to. There is a concierge for everything, so we felt like royalty.

The design of this property is nothing short of magnificent – opulent and brilliant, from the rooms and suites to the pools and incredible Thai House Spa.



The collection of guest rooms and suites pair contemporary luxuries and amenities with the appeal of sun, sand, and warm sea breezes. Each room puts Anguilla's breathtaking natural beauty on display by way of floor-to-ceiling windows and private balconies and terraces where your eyes and heart feast upon the vast clear sky, turquoise ocean, and sugary white sands.

We had the pleasure experiencing one of their beachfront suites, a penthouse with three bedrooms, two king beds and two twin. This luxurious 2,826 square foot suite featured a large living room, state-of-the-art kitchen, truly superior Wi-Fi, and a private terrace. Best of all, it is located directly on the beach and has its own private pool that overlooks the water.



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Honestly, whenever the level of luxury a property offers takes me aback, I immediately wonder how the food will measure up. I should have known better than to worry. There were too many wonderful options to choose from, but I couldn't really go wrong as all of Zemi's casual and fine dining venues focus on locally and seasonally sustainable items as well as imported delicacies, further realizing their goal of complete consciousness. With flavors from Caribbean to Latin and Asian, *and* offering vegan options (very important), they set the bar even higher. Our favorite way to enjoy these meals was to ditch the tables and have our meal with our toes in the sand and handcrafted **cocktail** in hand.



Speaking of drinks, there is a bar or lounge for every mood and vibe ... as long as it's Caribbean in nature. There are places for pre- and post-dinner cocktails in trendy settings, Champagne and wine served in elegance, the casual beach club serving exotic, inventive cocktails, and a rum connoisseur's dream – the Rhum Room. Oh, this! The rich, wood-paneled sophistication of the Rhum Room provides the perfect atmosphere for the more than 100 small-batch, single-estate rums featured here.



As if the Caribbean waves and silken white sands weren't enough to melt away any stresses, Zemi Thai House Spa was there for our full rejuvenation and healing needs.

Inspired by the ancient healing traditions of the Anguilla's native Taino Indians, Zemi Thai House Spa centers on the belief that all of nature's elements have the power to heal mind, body and spirit and maintains a deep sense of commitment to wellbeing. – ZBH

This authentic 300-year-old Thai house was transported from Thailand to Anguilla piece-by-piece, and it is undoubtedly Zemi Beach House's heart and soul. It is a 15,000 square foot sanctuary of private spa suites, yoga decks, and a meditation garden. The spa includes a heated gobek tasi, sun deck for mud and salt body treatments, outdoor rainfall showers, and a vitality pool. Consider yourself elevated to a new plane.

The complementary balance to all of this relaxation is adventure! The concierge will help set up all sorts of island adventures, activities, and tours for you – both on and off of the property.

There was so much to experience, from stand-up paddle boarding over the clear, sapphire waters to snorkeling beneath them; we even got a front-row view of the aquatic life (without getting wet!) in a glass-bottom kayak.

If there were such a thing as needing a break from the ocean, the resort's swimming options had us covered with not one, but three pools – including an oceanfront infinity pool with an aquarium window, a lap pool, and an adults-only tranquility pool.

Even everyday activities got a beach-luxury twist: we flexed our competitive muscles playing coconut bowling and donned a fin in the Mermaid Experience learning how to swim like Ariel.

Part of the reason Zemi is so extraordinary is the breathtaking, lively island it's built on. There are places great for parties, dancing, golf, watching the boat races, and hiking nature trails. You can also visit The Fountain Cavern National Park, Shoal Bay East, or charter a boat for a day trip to St. Bart's or sunset cruise off of Anguilla's coastline.

The entire experience is impressive, memorable, and lavish. You will not want for anything, except for more time here.

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