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If you're reading this then you're planning to celebrate your love of another, witnessed by your nearest and dearest on the beautiful Caribbean island of Saint Lucia.

Our spectacular panoramic setting, stunning open-air architecture and warm welcome make Cosmos Saint Lucia a magical destination for small, intimate ceremonies and celebrations. Read what guests say.

This Wedding Guide, together with <u>our</u> <u>blog</u>, is designed to inform your plans.



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Logistics

# picture this...



The Pavilion Terrace, Sunset

A romantic ceremony, held in the late afternoon, when the heat of the day has lifted and there's a soft, natural light. The tiled terrace is an elegant stage against a backdrop of the magnificent Pitons, the Infinity Pool and the Caribbean sea. Ceremonial style seating for up to 25 people is arranged on the partially shaded terrace, to witness the couple's commitment to one another, led by an officiant or pastor.

After the ceremony, celebrations start with bespoke Cosmos cocktails and mocktails, based on the couples preferences and seasonal ingredients. They are served on the Fountain Terrace with its calming water feature and sunset view. This is a popular time for photos against a variety of backdrops - the Pitons, the Infinity Pool, the terraces and the sunset. A St Lucian musician may add to the occasion, playing gentle violin or guitar. Or the wedding couple may share playlists and use The Villa's complimentary Bluetooth speakers for soft background music. Around six o'clock the setting sun starts to spectacularly paint the sky, bringing an extraordinary ambience to the reception.

Hors d'oeuvres may be served to accompany the cocktails. For dinner, choose from a five course Flavours of the Caribbean menu, a Surf and Turf Barbeque Buffet menu or our Private Dining menu. The wedding party dines in The Cantilever, a unique solid wood structure pointing due west to the sea and sunset. The long table is laid with our white tableware and clear glassware, or a custom theme. Stunning celebratory cakes are available from the top pâtissier on the Island, which will be displayed on the Marble Bar in The Cantilever. Accompany with Champagne or prosecco for the cake cutting, speeches and toasts.

After dinner, guests may relax on the lounge seating in The Cantilever, head to the various terraces to stargaze or embrace some joyous dancing, courtesy of a local band or DJ. St Lucian coffee, locally made Emerald Estate chocolate truffles and best quality aged St Lucian rum round off your special day.

Your presence is requested

### Sunset Wedding at Cosmos St Lucia

Ceremony 4.30pm Pitons Terrace

Reception & Photography 5pm Fountain Terrace

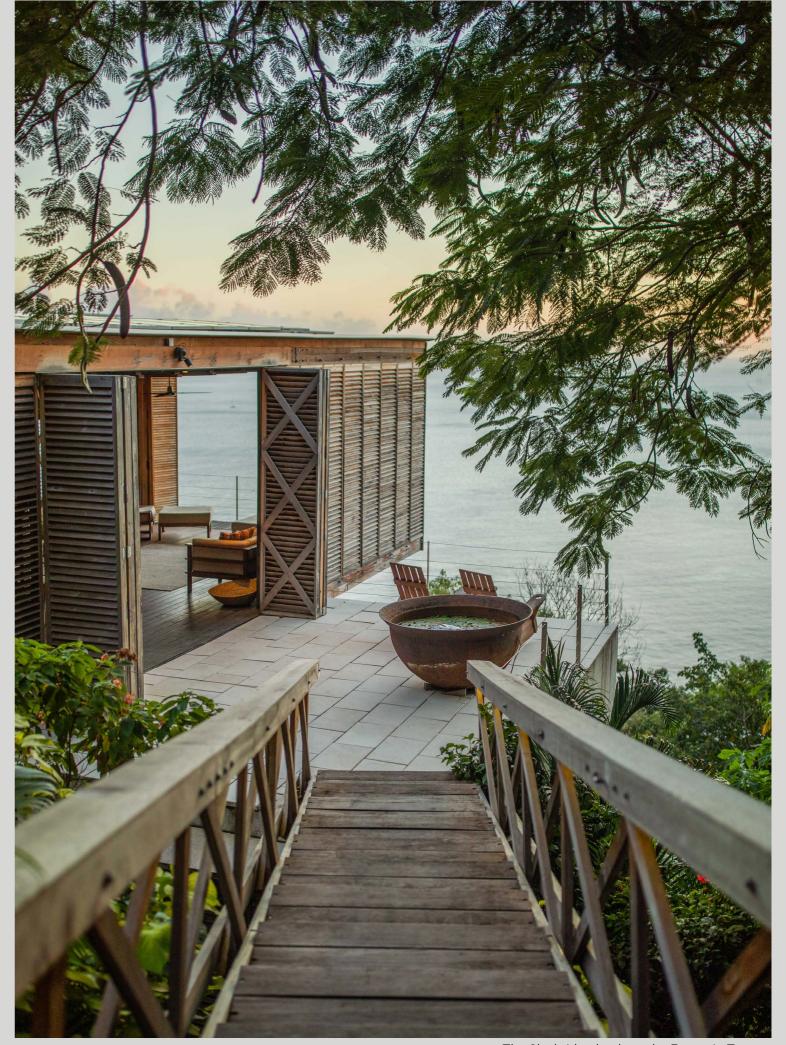
> Dinner 6.30pm The Cantilever

Toasts & Wedding Cake 8pm Marble Bar

> Dancing 8.30pm Pavilion Terrace

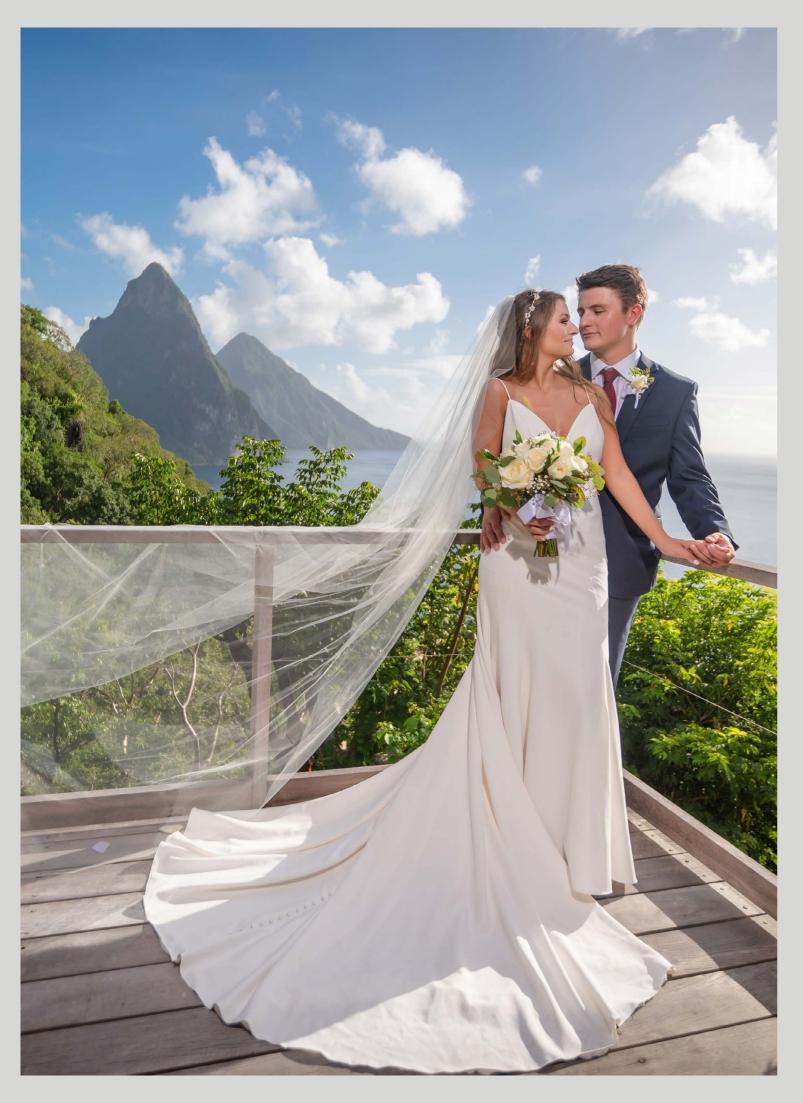
Dress: Tropical Cool





The Sky bridge leads to the Fountain Terrace







# Planning

There is no need for expensive wedding planners; we have established relationships with local suppliers that we will recommend. You liaise directly with them to specify your requirements, and the suppliers will invoice you directly. Our team of staff, led by our manager and concierge, ensures that this all comes together seamlessly by coordinating logistics, in advance, and on the wedding day.

# Ceremony

Choose an officiant, pastor or personal friend to oversee your ceremony. Whoever you choose, they will want to speak with you prior to the occasion, to help plan the ceremony content. Most couples get their marriage license in their home country and only hold the ceremony in St Lucia. However it is possible to get a marriage license in St Lucia.





### Decor

Choose from our all-white tableware and clear glassware or work with our approved supplier for more elaborate decor and larger place settings.



Cosmos White tableware with tall goblet candleholders





Decor provided by wedding planners (both above)



Cosmos Colours of the Caribbean tableware

### **Informal Flowers**

We buy flowers directly from farmers in the nearby rainforest and arrange them in our glass vases. Primarily these are pink and red ginger and anthurium lilies, as well as orange heliconia and birds of paradise. The Bride may also wish to use a selection of these for an informal bouquet. In addition, purple and pink bougainvillea blossoms from the Cosmos gardens add a splash of colour on our table settings, and may also be used to make casual buttonholes.



Rainforest anthurium lilies in Cosmos vases



Homegrown Bougainvillea with Cosmos white tableware



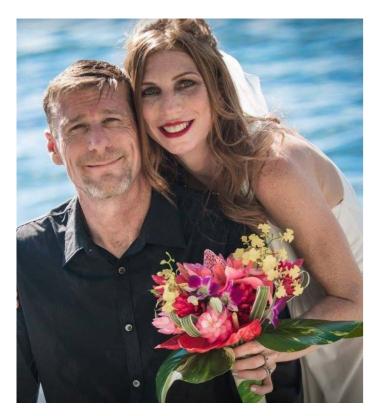
Bougainvillea in the Cosmos gardens



Heliconia rainforest flowers in Cosmos vases

# Formal Flowers

You may also wish to work with a local florist who can provide more elaborate and structured arrangements, formal buttonholes and a bouquet for the Bride. The florist can also create an arch or flower-topped pedestals to frame your ceremony.



Brides' bouquet by the florist



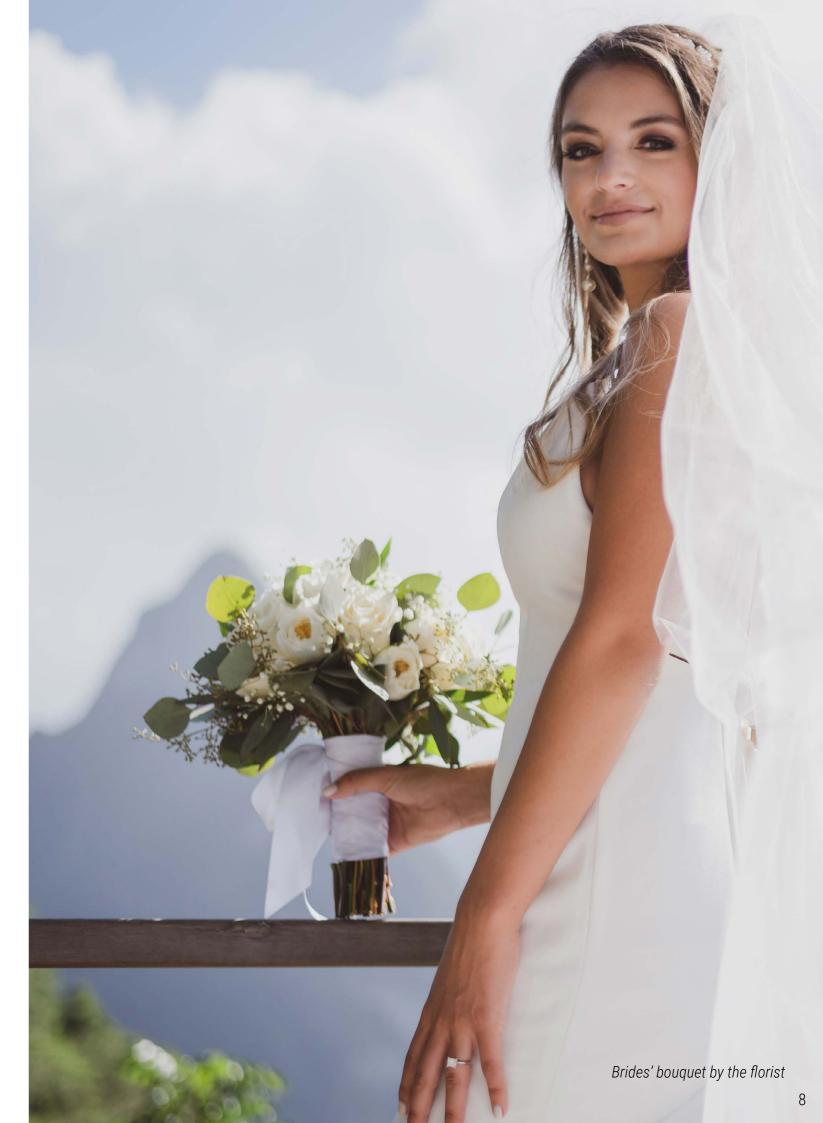
Brides' bouquet by the florist



Pedestals and flowers by the florist



All floral arrangements by the florist





The preparation of all food and drink is led by our House Manager who formerly ran a restaurant in the seaside resort of Laborie. For celebratory occasions she is supported by guest chefs, many who have worked in some of St Lucia's finest hotels. All meals at Cosmos are steeped in our ethos: creating a magical experience while minimising our footprint on the beautiful island of St Lucia.

We have carefully crafted a Private Dining menu of delicious home cooked meals that Cosmos guests enjoy throughout their vacation. This is also available for special occasions; choose from three or four courses. In addition, we have specially created celebratory menus, offering a mouthwatering journey through native tropical flavours and seasonal produce.

"We all agreed that our meals at Cosmos rivaled – if not beat – our dinners eaten out (at excellent restaurants). A true testament to the talent within the home."

- Guest review

# Celebration Menus



### Bar Menu

Cocktails and Mocktails

Passionfruit mojitos

Shermika's rum punch

Virgin Pina colada

### Hors d'oeuvres

Jamaican fish & curried pumpkin fritters with chilli mayo dip Chicken & plantain satay sticks with sweet peanut dipping sauce Lightly salted toasted coconut curls

### Wines

Champagne Comte Decrion Brut Prosecco Ville D'Arfanta DOCG Kidia Reserva Chardonnay Mi Terruno Cabernet Sauvignon

Best quality aged St Lucian rum, Chairman's Reserve 1931

St Lucian dark roast coffee, served with locally made Emerald Estate chocolate truffles





### Flavours of the Caribbean Menu

Choose one of the following

Ceviche or Gazpacho



Mixed Salad of Local Greens © extra virgin coconut oil vinaigrette and toasted cashews served with Caribbean bread rolls





Choose one of the following

Red Snapper or Mahi Mahi
Poached with Scallops & Prawns
in a white wine reduction,
served with gratin potatoes and seasonal vegetables

or

Fresh Lobster

in season (Oct-Mar)
served with drawn butter grilled and
accompanied by a medley of steamed potatoes
and seasonal vegetables
(\$25 supplement per person)

or

Sweet Potato, Coconut & Ginger Gratin, topped with a Cashew Crust  $\odot$  served with a medley of steamed vegetables in season



Seasonal Fruits and Mango Sorbet

### Surf and Turf Barbecue Buffet Menu

Choose two of the following

Fillet of Citrus Marinated Tuna

Ierk Barbecued Chicken

or

80z Black Angus Sirloin Steak served with herb butter

(\$25 supplement per person)

and

Vegetable Brochettes 📎



Black Bean, Tomato, Cucumber and Herb Salsa 🕖

Sweet Potato Fries V

Green Papaya House Slaw 🛇

Caribbean Bread Rolls & Butter 🔍



Seasonal Fruits and Mango Sorbet

<u>View allergens</u>



### Rehearsal Dinner

In anticipation of the actual wedding day, many couples choose to host a rehearsal dinner the evening before. Both the Surf and Turf Barbeque Buffet and Private Dining menus are available. For Private Dining, select one dish per course (one starter, one main, one dessert), as we are unable to offer multiple dishes in any one course.

### Cake

We commission stunning celebration cakes from a top pâtissier in the capital, Castries. The cake maker has mastered a unique marbling technique that renders these cakes works of art. Cakes are finished with rich butter cream or elegant fondant in your choice of colours, and decorated in varying themes, from beach-rustic to more traditional wedding florals. Flavours available include vanilla, chocolate, coconut, red velvet, lemon-basil, vanilla rum and cookies and cream. Choose from two sizes: single tiers 6-8", serves 14; two tiers 6" or 9" (tall) or 7" or 10" (short), serves 20+.



Freshly made cocktails and mocktails

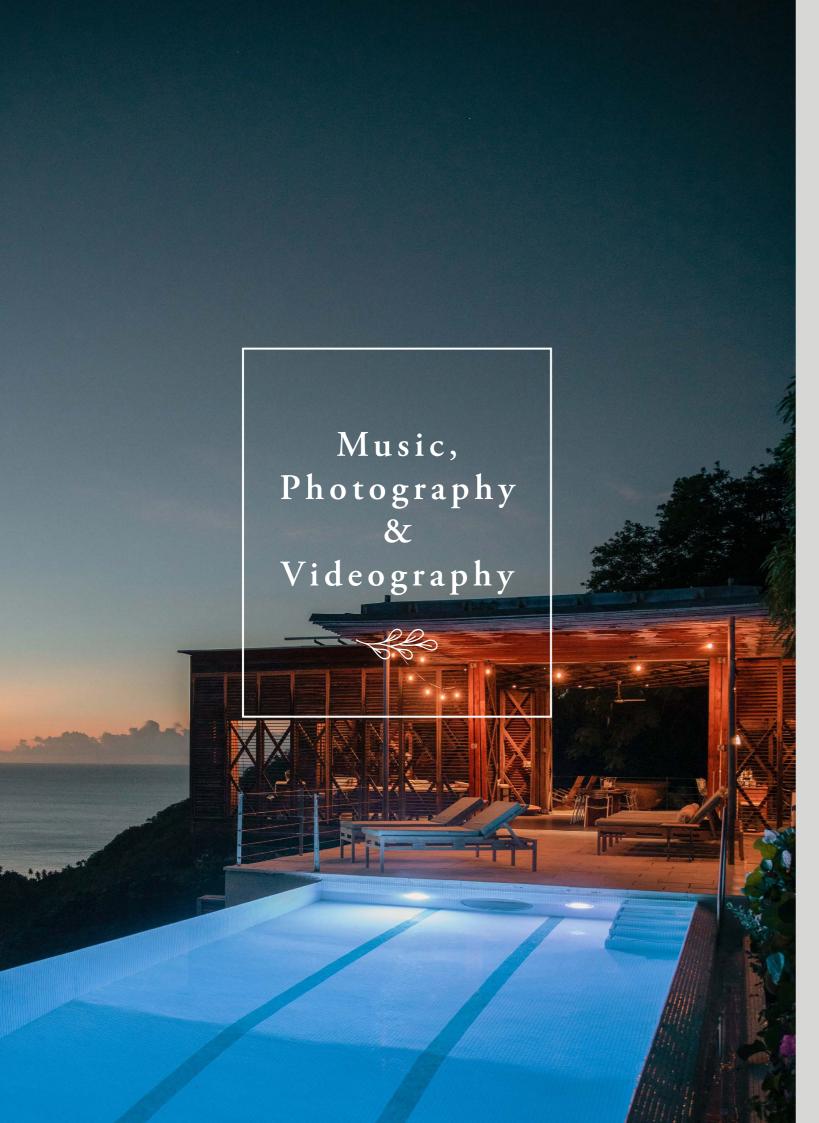


Custom celebration cake by a top pâtissier



Think ahead and choose a material for your wedding dress which is going to breathe and keep you cool on your big day. Loose fitting fabrics such as chiffon and organza are perfect for a tropical climate. For men, a summer suit is a perfect solution. Consider a breathable fabric such as linen, khaki, or seersucker.

The Caribbean climate is great for naturally removing creases from hanging clothes, but a steamer is also available.



### Music

Live music adds to the sense of occasion. A variety of musicians have performed at Cosmos, from soloists to full bands. We have curated a shortlist on our Celebrations Planner, featuring links to give a taste of what each artist offers, where available. Out of respect for our hillside neighbours, please note music must not be audible outside of the property after 10pm.

# Photography & Videograpy

Please request our Celebrations Planner for recommendations directly from couples previously married at Cosmos, many of whose photos feature in this Guide.









We've designed superb in-house spa treatments that ease tensions and unwind the mind, body and soul. Therapists are available to provide full body massage, manicure and pedicure. Bookings can be scheduled before or after the celebrations. Hair styling and makeup is also available for the wedding day if required.





The Infinity Pool viewed from the Pavilion Lounge



Sun loungers and fresh juice

# The Highlights

Full information on accommodation and services at Cosmos is available on <u>our website</u>. The following highlights are offered in anticipation of queries you may have considering your options for accommodation and for your wedding.

### Accommodation

Eco luxury Villa Cosmos St Lucia accommodates a maximum of 16 guests in seven bedrooms. The Lodge enjoys a completely private location on the property; it does not overlook, nor is it overlooked by The Villa. Unsurprisingly, many guests book The Lodge as a honeymoon suite.



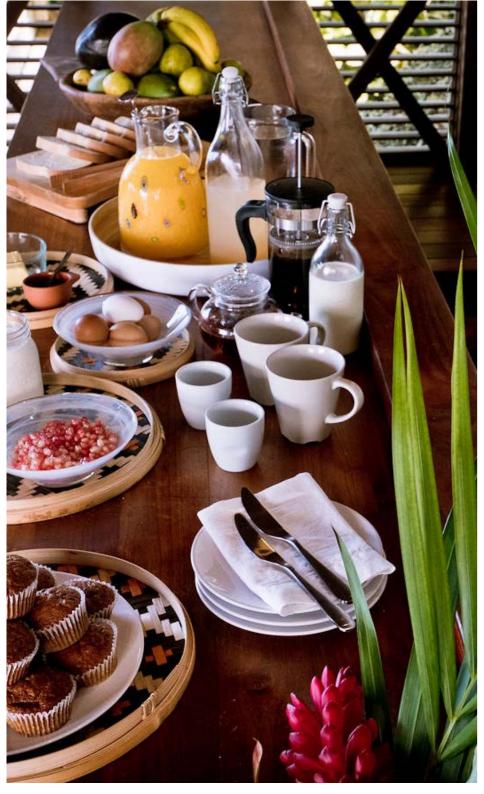
A bedroom in The Villa at Cosmos St Lucia



Rocking chairs on the Fountain Terrace

# Private Dining

Continental breakfast is included when renting The Villa, while cooked breakfast, lunch and dinner are available at an extra cost. Breakfast is available from 8-11am, Lunch is served between 12-2pm and Dinner between 6-8pm. Please see the Private Dining menu and prices on our website. For those who don't want to do anything but relax at Cosmos, we can preplan the Private Dining meals for the week, so you don't have to make any more decisions.



The Continental Breakfast Buffet



### Pre-Arrival Services

We offer a Villa Welcome Shop if you would like to have snacks, teas, coffees and beverages waiting. Beverages are also available to purchase locally in Soufrière, or at Uptown Liquors just outside the airport.

For special occasions we offer Celebration Indulgence, a selection of luxury items waiting for you on arrival, featuring Champagne, Emerald Estate chocolate truffles, a tropical fresh fruit basket and an exotic floral arrangement.

In addition to our Cook's Kitchen, there is a self-serve guest bar in The Villa with its own fridge, freezer, coffee and tea-making facilities as well as juicer and blender for fresh juices, smoothies and cocktails.



Non-stop bird watching throughout Cosmos St Lucia



Stretch out in the Hammock at The Villa



Practise yoga in The Cantilever

### Your Private Paradise

Cosmos St Lucia offers an exceptional openair living experience. With plenty of room to spread out, you may easily enjoy your entire vacation at Cosmos. Bring a yoga mat to boost your practice with the next-level energy, your binoculars for bird watching (we have a soft spot for the Hummingbirds) and a pack of cards for evening games. Or just enjoy making memories with your loved ones. And if you choose to explore the local area, our House Manager can advise you on hillside walks, beach access and standard safety protocol.

### Eco Luxury

Learn all about our approach to <u>eco luxury</u>, Cosmos style. For each guest who pays to offset their return flights' carbon emissions, we will match their contribution with a donation to the Soufrière Foundation, a non-profit established by the people of Soufrière to support and coordinate local development initiatives in the region.

### Beach Access

Our guests have access to numerous beaches, including our local Hummingbird Beach with its newly developed park of brightly painted beach huts offering food, beverages and souvenirs. Malgretoute beach, at the foot of the Petit Piton, offers excellent snorkelling, as do other more secluded beaches that can be reached by boat. Hotel beaches such as those at Anse Chastanet and Sugar Beach may also be accessed, but some have been closed during the Covid 19 pandemic. Most beaches charge a fee for use of lounge chairs and restroom facilities.

# Concierge Access

Our House Manager Shermika lives on site and has in-depth local knowledge of the island. She is available to help organise transport, book restaurants should you choose to dine out, arrange local activities such as boat trips or any other enquiries.

### Wifi

Cosmos has WIFI throughout thanks to a booster system that carries our signal from the main Villa, to the Pitons terrace, Garden Studios and the Lodge.

### Music

Bluetooth speakers are provided for guests to enjoy but do take care to keep the volume at reasonable levels in consideration of our neighbours on the hillside. Music must be switched off (or barely audible from outside The Villa) between 10pm – 10am.

### Transport

We have a trusted reliable driver who is regularly booked by our guests. His van accommodates up to 15 people, or 11 people with luggage. Larger parties can also be accomodated. He also has a small vehicle for 2-4 guests.

## Local Experiences

Expand your vacation experience with a variety of Covid-19 certified activities nearby. See our blog for recommendations and the latest news. Below are suggested activities during a seven day vacation at Cosmos.

- Mystic Man Ocean Adventures (full or half day): fishing, sailing or cruising around Soufrière's coves. Snorkel some of the healthiest coral reefs in the Caribbean, look for dolphins and savour the sunset while on the water.
- Sulphur Springs Land and Sea (half day): dive into the detoxifying mud baths at Sulphur Springs, then head to the nearby Pitons Falls for a refreshing natural rainforest bath.
- Flora, fauna and float (half day): retreat from the outside world and into the tropical paradise of the Botanical Gardens and bath in the hot springs.
- ATV adventure (half day): a high octane journey through rainforest and the lush greenery of an old sugarcane estate road.





# Next Steps

We hope this Guide gives you a suitable introduction to Cosmos St Lucia, both as a vacation destination and an intimate wedding venue. If you're ready to proceed:

- 1. <u>View Sample Budgets</u> to help you gauge the cost of a wedding at Cosmos. Final pricing will depend on specific services selected, number of guests, foods and beverages required.
- 2. Reserve Cosmos by booking your vacation dates and paying your deposit. Many guests begin planning their weddings up to a year in advance, and in order to secure your preferred dates, reservations should be made well in advance. We recommend at least 3 months of advance planning with the finer details of the menu and decor being confirmed no more than one month prior to the big day
- 3. Get in touch to request our Celebration Planner, featuring detailed costs as well as our recommendations for the best ceremonial officiants, photographers, florists and entertainers.

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