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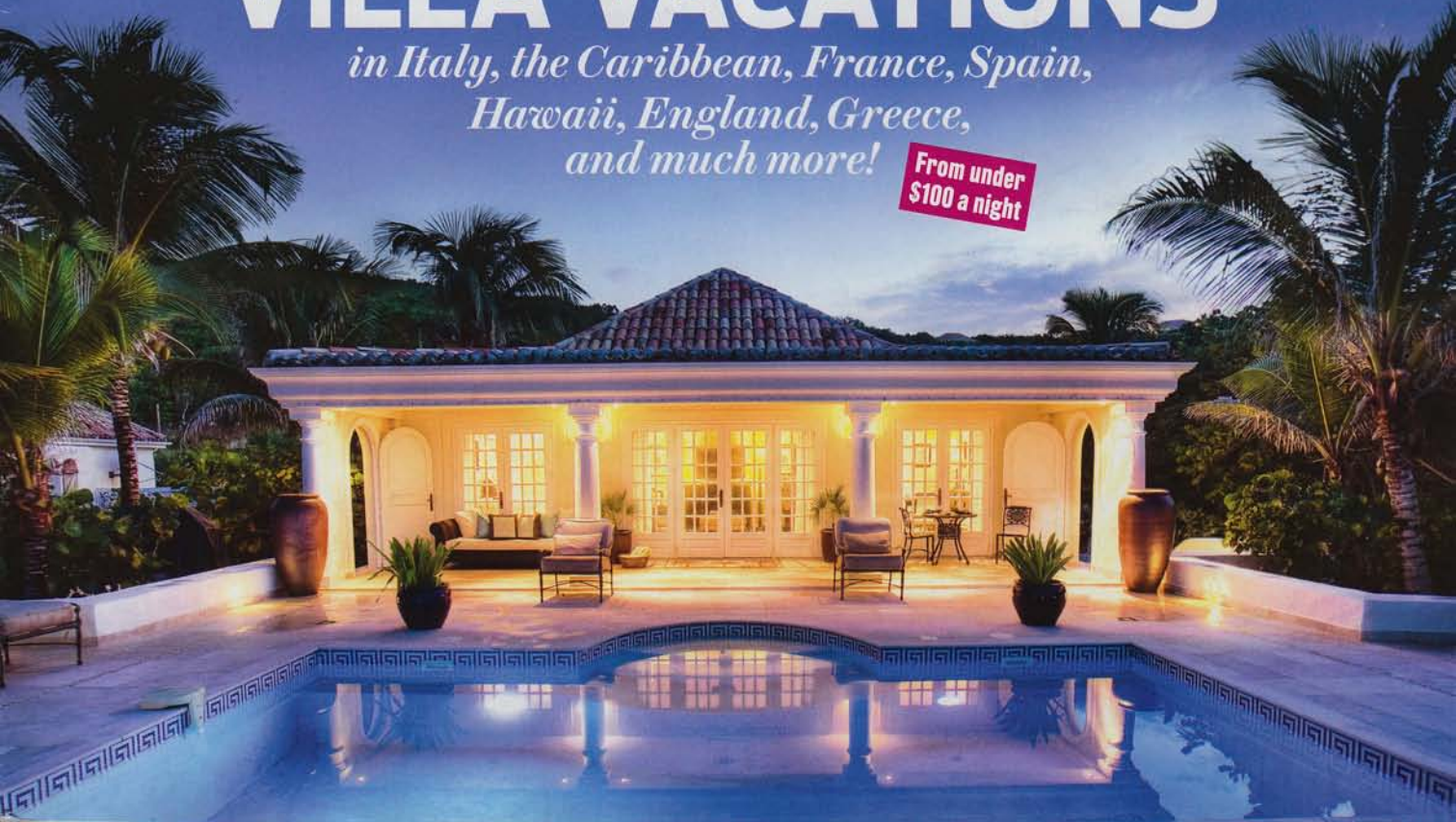
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74 properties (low season, \$5,000–\$150,000; high season, \$8,500–\$150,000). Overall portfolio: \$\$\$ The private island of Mustique is known for its exclusivity: Paparazzi are not welcome; bargain seekers should look elsewhere. But if you've been dreaming of an architectural stunner overlooking an azure sea, buckets of privacy, and an island refuge known for its stringent security—and you don't mind spending a pretty penny to make that dream a reality—Mustique is for you. After 23 years of renting out the islands' homes, Cadet knows the ins and outs of each property in her portfolio: Though they're all fully staffed and furnished to designer-showcase standards, she can tell you, for example, which ones have the most creative chefs (784-488-8500; [jeannette@mustique.vc](mailto:jeannette@mustique.vc); [mustique-island.com](http://mustique-island.com)).

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