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The Cotton House Mustique, St Vincent and the Grenadines

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Rooms from
£421 per night

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Telegraph expert rating

"The Cotton House is an enchanting 17-room luxury hotel, restaurant and spa set close to the beach on the 1,400-acre private tropical island of Mustique."

By **Nigel Tisdall**, TRAVEL WRITER

9/10 **Location**

Mustique sits in The Grenadines island chain between Bequia and Canouan – in 1958 it was bought by the aristocrat Colin Tennant who turned it into a paradise of dream holiday villas much loved by rock stars and royalty. The Cotton House sits at its northern end, close to Endeavour Bay, and occupies the site of a former sugar mill and cotton warehouse. Most guests arrive on charter flights from Barbados or St Lucia organised by the Mustique Travel Company. The hotel offers complimentary minibus transfers to beaches and attractions, but for more flexibility (and fun) you can hire a mule (heavy-duty golf cart) from £53 a day – you'll need your driving licence and a local permit (£27).



9/10

Style & character

Colonial charm meets contemporary comfort. At the heart of the hotel is the elegant Great Room, remodelled by Parisian designer Tristan Auer - juggle your dates to be here for the terrific complimentary cocktail party held on its wooden decks every Tuesday night, which virtually everyone on the island attends.



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Service & facilities

The Cotton House comes with its own private pool, while the beach and a watersports/dive shop are just a stroll away. Loungers and snorkels are free but other activities are chargeable. A gym, boutique and a spa with four treatment rooms can be found in a separate building across the lawn. There is a small historical museum in the Sugar Mill (beware the mosquitos!), and floodlit tennis courts nearby. Around the island are superb beaches (picnic sites must be reserved in advance), walking trails, a library, several shops, bars and an equestrian centre. Service is polite with an easy pace.

- ✓ Bar
- ✓ Fitness centre
- ✓ Laundry
- ✓ Pool
- ✓ Room service
- ✓ Tennis court
- ✓ Beach
- ✓ Kids' club
- ✓ Parking
- ✓ Restaurant
- ✓ Spa
- ✓ Wi-Fi

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Rooms

Spread around six separate buildings, the choice of cottages, rooms and suites is complex, but all come decorated in light and uplifting hues and feature four-poster beds and verandas. The many pampering amenities include robes, a TV and DVD player, air-conditioning, a Nespresso machine and a complimentary beach bag and flip-flops. The three entry-level cottages are sweet and romantic - both these and the Seaview rooms are perfect for couples. The Family and Duplex suites are suitable for families and friends sharing, while the Residence is a very private hideaway with two bedrooms and pool.

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Food & drink

All meals are à la carte, served al fresco in the Veranda Restaurant with views of lawn and sea – should the birds get annoying, water pistols are available. Breakfast is leisurely, featuring enjoyable Caribbean dishes such as jerked egg and smoked lionfish. Lobster linguini is a favourite for dinner, a two-course prix fix menu costs £54 with a glass of wine from £10. For lunch, and on Tuesday nights, the Beach Café offers relaxed dining including sushi, burgers and pizzas.

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Value for money

Double rooms from £421 in low season, and from £690 in high. Breakfast and island airport transfers included. Free Wi-Fi. Mustique is a well-run and privileged escape with an unashamedly high price tag – bear in mind that connecting flights from Barbados or St Lucia are an additional cost and there's a £28 airport departure tax, cash only.

Access for guests with disabilities?

Yes, in the family suites.

Family-friendly?

Very – restaurants have children's menus and there are complimentary Kids' Club activities for ages four to 16 during holiday periods, including movie nights on the lawn. The island has a playground, football field and the equestrian centre offers pony rides from age two.

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