



# AND RELAX...

OK! FOLLOWS IN THE SANDY STEPS OF THE SUPERSTARS FOR A BREATHTAKING BREAK ON THE IDYLIC ISLAND OF ANGUILLA...

**N**estled in the heart of the Caribbean, we've found a secret celebrity hotspot that's sun-kissed, luxurious and super-exclusive. The beautiful island of Anguilla is where the jetset come to chill – Justin Timberlake, Sofia Vergara and Ellen DeGeneres are fans, but don't tell anyone they're here, secrecy is all part of the appeal. OK! was lucky enough to be invited out to Cap Juluca, an exclusive five-star resort on the tiny coral-fringed island of Anguilla – which has been under British colonial rule since the 1600s – to relax on the fluffy white sand, swim in the clear blue sea and mingle with the A-list...

## THE NAME'S BOND..

If there is a more exotic place in the world than Cap Juluca, we'd like to know about it. Arriving James Bond-style by speedboat, you can unlock your inner Sean Connery or Ursula Andress as the rigours of the long journey melt away when you catch your first glimpse of the resort's home, the tropical island of Anguilla. Most visitors fly in via St Maarten, before boating across to Anguilla for peace, quiet and unhassled luxury. It's no wonder so many stars frequent the island – and we can't wait to get spotting! Whizzed by taxi to the island's top beach resort, we're looking forward to dipping our toes into the sapphire-blue sea



Above: The beautiful property boasts star fans including Penélope Cruz. (right)



OK!'s stayed in a gorgeous sea-view villa

and lie under the coconut palms in this incredibly quiet island idyll.

Designed beautifully in Moorish style and spread over 18 three-storey beach-front buildings, Cap Juluca really does look like your perfect desert island – albeit with every luxury the 21st-century traveller could wish for. Seen from the sea, the resort exudes a '60s James Bond vibe – and it's a feeling that continues as we enter the resort's cool bar area and are served an ice-cold, super-potent rum punch – shaken not stirred.

Situated on the gorgeous crescent-shaped Maundays Bay beach, the hotel has a staff-to-guest ratio of four-to-one, so the all-star treatment certainly isn't reserved for the likes of Sheryl Crow, Brad Pitt, Penélope Cruz, Beyoncé and Jay Z – all of whom are Cap Juluca visitors.

## THE CAP FITS!

After our flight, we're eager to check into our graciously appointed villa – all of Cap Juluca's

69 rooms have a sea view and ours is bigger than most London flats! Individually decorated in Caribbean style, there's a huge bathroom filled with Bulgari products and a big, airy bedroom and lounge. But it's the private veranda we make a beeline for, dazing while parrots squawk above, lulled by the sound of the crashing waves.

Dinner tonight is at the finest of Cap Juluca's three excellent eateries, Pimms – a high-end seafood restaurant which overlooks the twinkling lights of Maundays Bay. We dine on king crab with mango and papaya, jerk mahi mahi fish with artichoke and conch with a Riesling butter sauce. After a long day, and with our bed calling, we order the chocolate sorbet with vanilla sauce for dessert before calling it a night and heading back to the room for the most relaxing night's sleep we've ever had.

## FLOATING IN HEAVEN

The next day, we hop on a private speedboat bound for Scilly Cay, Anguilla's most legendary bay. Twice a week there's a beach-side barbecue and, serenaded by a Caribbean steel band, we enjoy one of the most delicious-yet-simple meals of our lives – huge barbecued crayfish and half a barbecued chicken licked by charcoal flames then marinated in a sublimely tasty coconut and rum, mildly curried sauce.

After lunch, we take a trip around the rest of the island to see the other beautiful bays of Anguilla – although, in our humble opinion, none can hold a candle to the sheer perfection of Cap Juluca's intimate crescent of Maundays Bay.

## SPA-RKLING TREATMENTS

Back at the hotel, our fluffy white robe is calling, so we head off to the spa. The resort does most of its many treatments either in-room or in the beach-side cabana, where you can doze off as soothing essential oils are massaged into your back. On the beach, we enjoy the signature Cap Juluca massage, a Swedish-





Spa treatments take place on the beach or on your verandah

style rub-down which uses light to moderate pressure, while on our private verandah, OK! indulges in a tropical spice body polish, using oils, cane sugar and honey mixed with Tahitian vanilla. We could certainly get used to this!

## TO THE BEACH!

Deciding to make the most of Cap Juluca's most beautiful natural asset, we spend our last day at the beach. It's unlike any stretch of sand we've ever reclined on – custom-designed chaise lounges, complimentary chilled towels and sorbet, and no less than five cabana bars staffed with handsome barmen waiting to take our cocktail order! Beach fitness classes, complimentary water-skiing, paddle boarding and Hobie Cat sailing are

all available should you feel inclined, but we decide to spend our last few hours in paradise horizontal, soaking up the rays. As the sun starts to set, we enjoy an early evening dinner at Cap Juluca's Blue, complete with its breathtaking views of the neighbouring island St Maarten. We can certainly see what all the celebrity fuss has been about. Cap Juluca, you've been amazing!

## HOW DO I GET THERE?

Room rates at Cap Juluca ([www.capjuluca.com](http://www.capjuluca.com); +1 264 497 6666) start from £355 per night during low season (till August 2014), including continental breakfast. British Airways ([www.ba.com](http://www.ba.com)) flies from London to St Maarten via Antigua daily from £727.19, or direct to Anguilla from £702.19. Price valid for departures between August 17 and October 16. **OK!**

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