

# Viva Villas: Enjoy the Caribbean in luxury by splitting the cost

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Once upon a time, villas were built by the well-heeled, who in turn rented them to others with money. That's not so much the case anymore. Vacationers are doing the math and when rates are shared, a stay in a lux villa does not have to cost a (tanned) arm and a leg. A slam-dunk decision even for travelers on a budget, a villa vacay is full of creature comforts and high-end amenities for couples, families and packs of pals who like to holiday together. Check into our top 10 and shake up your resort routine.

## Saba



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A big villa on a small island, [Villa Orchid](#) is price perfect, with nightly rates as low as USD\$188 per person or USD\$375 per couple. With two master bedrooms in the main house and two more in a smaller cottage, the Danish-designed villa comfortably fits eight people or four couples. High above sea level, the terrace views over the ocean are awesome and on a clear night, islands in all directions from St. Barth's to Anguilla are fun to spot. A stone's throw (or 12 minute flight) from St. Maarten, the villa was named for the one hundred varieties of orchids that keep the mango, papaya, avocado and lemon trees company on the property.