



A RELAXING oceanside massage at CuisinArt Resort & Spa

Gables, FL, sends clients to Canyon Ranch. He notes that, "Lorraine Travel keeps abreast of each guest's upcoming stay, checking in with the Reservations Staff and on-site program coordinators to ensure their clients' upgrades are secured in advance and to pre-schedule treatments and classes. And, the folks at Canyon Ranch keep in friendly contact with Lorraine Travel to ensure each and every stay goes off without a hitch."

The **CuisinArt Resort & Spa** (www.cuisinartresort.com) on Anguilla is inspired by Grecian architecture with cerulean domes, stark-white villas and a curvilinear spa. It's the only Caribbean spa with fresh-from-the-garden produce harvested from its half-acre, state-of-the-art hydroponic farm, organic garden and orchard. Three-star (*New York Times*) chef Daniel Orr (dorr@cuisinart.ai) conducts a weekly Master Class, supervises Spa Grill luncheons, hands-on luncheons and demonstration dinners at the Kitchen Stadium. Insider tip: With advance notice, he'll create individualized cooking classes or guest menus. At the three-story, 8,000-square-foot Venus Spa, outdoor massages are a favorite on the terraces of three treatment rooms and on the rooftop terrace or under beach canopies. (Request Nicky,

the Anguillan masseur, and masseuses Michelle, Melva and Tracy.) Spa Director Kathy Eggleston caters to VIP guests (kathyeggleston@bellsouth.net).

There are daily scheduled fitness classes and a personal trainer for private, partner or small group sessions.

Owner and General Manager Rabin Ortiz (264-498-2000) notes that Villas 1 through 4 are closest to the spa; all villas feature satellite TV and high-speed Internet and face the powdery beach and the hillsides on French St. Martin. VIPs favor third-floor, one-bedroom suites (\$1,155 double occupancy with breakfast), and accommodations can be booked over the GDS, or via Travel Agent's Sales Representatives Colleen Schimmenti or Christy Connolly (212-972-0880).

Concierge Ena Hodge (concierge@cuisinart.ai) arranges

reservations at and transportation to the haute restaurants at Malliouhana and Blanchard's, or at Mangos, where guests sit water-side, and to the ferry for a trip to Marigot on French St. Martin to shop for designer fashions and lunch at La Vie en Rose.

Private jets land on the runway at Wallblake International Airport, about 30 minutes from the resort.

On the Riviera Maya, the art-filled **Paraiso de la Bonita Resort and Thalassotherapy Spa** (www.paraisodelabonita.com), a member of The Leading Hotels of the World, introduces American spa goers to the European destination spa experience. Señora Elisa Gosselin oversees the 22,000-square-foot spa, the first in Mexico and only the second in Latin America to offer Thalassotherapy. These therapeutic treatments use heated seawater to release toxins from the body, seaweed-based Thalgo prod-

ucts to restore beneficial minerals, and balneotherapy and afusion rain showers to aid circulation.

Agents: Book treatments with Spa Operations Manager Duval Loissel (duval.loissel@paraisodelabonita.com), whose nurturing watsu-like "Janzu" massages in the warm seawater pool are very much in demand. Along with an oceanfront fitness room, pampering spa services, complimentary fitness activities and a multitude of healthful choices from the French chef's menu (alcoholic drinks are served), there's a unique Mayan sweat-lodge opportunity in the Temazcal.

Would your clients care to helicopter to a Mayan ruin? Travel to Cuba on a 50-foot Catamaran? Request personal menus? Call Chef Concierge Lucio Aleman (872 83 00, ext. 8028). Ground-floor oceanfront rooms have private plunge pools, and the Bali "Presidential" Suite has an open-air shower. Private jets also land at Cancún International Airport, from which transfers are in a Lincoln Navigator (helicopter service is available). For a taste of authentic Mexico, dine and shop in Playa del Carmen, go to the show at the water park in Ixcaret, or club the night away in Cancún. One caveat:

ADVISOR INSIGHT:

David M. Panzer, president of Harrison Travel, New York, appreciates the aesthetic beauty of CuisinArt and its incredible spa facility. "Clients have been very complimentary about the food, the large rooms with balconies and the powdery beach. Anguilla offers fine dining and easy access from St. Martin. My clients are met by boat in St. Martin, clear immigration and arrive on the beach right at the hotel. I book all reservations in advance; for Christmas week, I book dining and spa appointments by April."

A COURTYARD brimming with fresh flowers at Canyon Ranch

