

The Peninsula House



A SMALL WORLD unto itself, perched 1,000 feet above sea level, **The Peninsula**

House is the result of impeccable taste and a thousand intelligent decisions. A plantation-style guesthouse, it contains just six airy suites and public areas distinguished by a museum-quality art collection, the life's work of French proprietor Marie-Claude Thiebault and her American partner, Cary Guy.

On arrival, we stood for a moment in the foyer admiring the light-filled interior courtyard, rife with broad-leafed tropical plants, before being led up to our spacious corner suite. This came with high ceilings, a hardwood floor scattered with kilims, and a four-poster king-size bed. Louis XIV chairs and cabinets were combined with Indonesian marionettes and mandala scrolls. Inside the cozy bath, a rainfall shower sat opposite a soaking tub. French doors opened onto a vast wraparound veranda.

Dining is an eminently civilized experience, and meals feature dishes such as tangy merguez skewers, delicious dorado ceviche, roasted quail in a caramelized onion reduction, or flank steak with Argentinean chimichurri sauce. Guests take lunch down at *The Beach Restaurant*, a casual open-air establishment that is a five-minute car ride from the main property.

On a half-mile constitutional along the sands of Playa Coson, we ran into only a handful of other people. We spent the rest of the day at the main property, reading by the pretty saltwater pool. While it may lack the spa and sport facilities of a classic luxury beach resort, The Peninsula House is a very special place, and is certainly a fine choice for a birthday or an anniversary with a zero in it. **AH**

Junior Suite, \$580 (breakfast included).
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