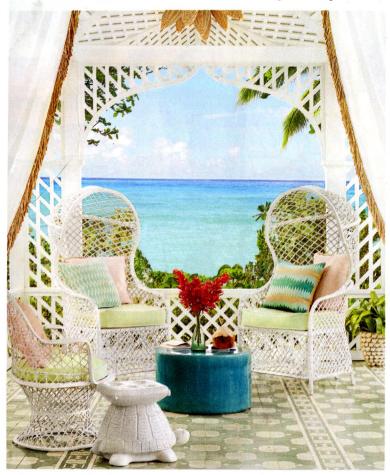




# DESIGNER VILLA CRUSHES!

These Caribbean stays boast five-star views and star-designer style



## Dominican Republic Playa Grande Beach Club

#### **DESIGNED BY CELERIE KEMBLE**

There's a bit of whimsy to Celerie Kemble's recently unveiled Dominican Republic resort, where pastel ceilings and fanciful antiques meld with gingerbread details and sweeping views of the resort's mile-long private beach. Each of Playa Grande's structures—nine bungalows and a clubhouse—is designed to reflect the historical vernacular of the area, with reclaimed palm wood siding and pale green corrugated metal roofs, all nestled under the shade of tropical palms. "I found endless inspiration in the local architecture and design—the farmhouse-style buildings, the decorative Victorian touches, and the vibrant culture of the Dominican Republic," says Kemble. playagrandebeachclub.com



# **DREAM STATE**

Get vacation-quality R&R every night with these three island bedroom looks



## 1 VINTAGE CARIBBEAN

This airy haven is reminiscent of an old and beloved island estate. Treasures from decades past, charming fretwork, and a refreshingly mellow vibe are among a handful of comely details that put us right at ease.

LET TRIM RULE Mimic the sugary sand of Caribbean shorelines with white walls and floors, and then paint the trim a retro melon shade for a clever pop of color.

**WEAVE IN NATURE** Play up organic materials with a headboard and bed frame upholstered in woven raffia

and dressed in white bedding. Potted tropical greenery, like this emerald elephant's ear, brings the allure of the landscape indoors.

ADD A SURPRISE Amid pieces that reflect the natural environment, industrial-style sconces provide nice contrast and pretty patina.

### **EMBRACE VINTAGE WICKER**

The nostalgic gems are right at home in island rooms. Look for pieces with a bit of whimsy, like this courting bench.

USE A DHURRIE A soft, flat-weave rug, such as the pink ticking dhurrie here, makes for a super barefootfriendly bedside. ➤

