

• **The newly renovated Four Seasons Nevis West Indies has been rebuilt for greatness**

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# Tennis Paradise

**T**he Caribbean island of Nevis—one-half of the twin-island nation St. Kitts and Nevis—spans only 36 square miles. That's more than enough, however, for its best-known resort to offer guests 10 tennis courts.

In the late 18th century, the 350 acres of the Four Seasons Resort West Indies were home to a sugar and coconut plantation. Back then, the island's hot mineral springs brought spa-seekers to its shores. The custom continues: Since the Four Seasons opened in 1991, the resort

*Though the Four Seasons Nevis originally opened in 1991, its full-scale renovation makes it feel like a modern property with a classic feel.*

has attracted affluent visitors looking for me time, tee time (on the 18-hole Robert Trent Jones II course) and, of course, court time.

Towering palm trees and cloud-topped Nevis Peak views are everywhere you turn on the grounds, even at the resort's four red-clay courts and six hard courts. Want to feel the ocean breeze and play under lights? No problem—two of the clay courts and three hard courts are lit for night play. Friendly games to liven up a family vacation are common, but you can bring your A Game if you wish: The facilities include one exhibition court with stadium seating.

The tennis facilities are managed by Peter Burwash International and include both private lessons and clinics. There's also a pro shop, complete with racquet rentals, stringing services and ball machines. Forgot to pack your tennis shoes? Simply borrow a complimentary pair.

Off the court, Four Seasons Nevis can cater to any whim, whether you stay in a cabana, private villa, Nevisian-style estate home, or one of the 196 rooms and suites. After two years of room and grounds repairs post-Hurricane Omar in 2008, the resort re-opened this past December. Now in the year of its 20th anniversary, it's in its best shape yet.

Need a break from tennis? You could sign up for a two-day sailing school lesson, a day of scuba diving followed by a private beach dinner, or indulge in the four-hour Golf Widow's package at the spa (it includes a massage, facial, manicure and pedicure).

And there's nothing wrong with reclining by the pool—or taking a post-match dip in the calm waters of white sand Pinney's Beach.

Visit [www.fourseasons.com/nevis](http://www.fourseasons.com/nevis) or call (869) 469-1111 for more information.

#### GETTING THERE

A number of U.S. airlines fly direct to Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport in St. Kitts: American Airlines and American Eagle from Miami, New York and San Juan; Delta from Atlanta; and US Airways from Charlotte. LIAT flies to Nevis from St. Kitts and other Caribbean islands, but most visitors take the 30-minute ferry ride from Basseterre in St. Kitts to Charlestown, which is the capital of Nevis.

