

Secrets of St Kitts



As the sailing yacht rounded the headland to join four other yachts in the bay, Kirsten from Christophe Harbour pulled out a Blackberry™ with all the crew information and began to complete its customs form. The customs officials were quite relaxed and seemed to enjoy their afternoon operating from the beach. This kind of concierge service is all part of the Christophe Harbour vision, the collaboration between a superyacht owner who understands the obstacles to cruising in the Caribbean and an island nation that is preparing to leapfrog into becoming a tourism destination. But it is not just the team associated with Christophe Harbour that has the “let’s make it happen” attitude. This philosophy is spread across the island.

With only an hour on my side and a whole island to explore I asked my taxi driver to showcase some of the beauty of St Kitts. I wanted some nice island-style shots unique to the place so I yelled at him across the local talkback radio station, which we could not work out how to turn down, “There is an

hour before I need to be at the airport and I need some beautiful photos of St Kitts, it does not need to be an island tour just some great sights for great images.” Thinking he knew what I meant we began our journey. First he pointed out the 50 per cent discount store, followed by the fire station and the police station, which is adjacent to the local jail – in case I needed to visit anyone he showed me which entrance to take! Then to top it all off he pointed out his favourite take-away store, KFC.

By this time I was laughing and hoping things would improve as we headed for the coast. Our last stop was a drinks stand on the side of the road, which was uninspiring on first appearances until I noticed the breathtaking view beyond, so I took a little time to photograph it. This was when Muriel (pictured right) came and greeted me to introduce her medicinal herb garden. Moments later my hand was flooded with three types of fragrant basil, lemongrass and lemon bush, and this was just the beginning of her collection. Muriel told me how yacht chefs come to visit her and she supplies



them with bunches of the herbs. “How do they find you?” I enquired. She said it was when the taxi drivers bring them, perhaps by accident like mine had! “How much do you charge?” I enquired. “Nothing”, she informed me, “I do it for St Kitts.”

Sarah Meek

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