

Stake your claim on a corner of golf heaven

A smart new address on the island of Barbados, Apes Hill Club offers luxury residences set around an 18-hole championship golf course. **Harry Coen** reports



Almost 1,000ft above sea level in the Caribbean jewel of Barbados, a richly diverse landscape of tropical park, rolling meadows, luxuriant forest and coral-stone quarries creates one of the island's most dramatic and sought-after backdrops. And it is waiting for you, ready to reveal a world of elegance, exclusivity and sporting excellence.

A world-class golf course. A renowned polo club and equestrian centre. An exclusive development of high-end luxury residences. Welcome to Apes Hill Club.

The natural beauty of the community's prime location in a historic plantation on the island's crest, high above picturesque St James, is rivalled only by its splendid amenities. The 470-acre estate will

feature eight low-density hamlets of spacious luxury villas, each giving onto stunningly contoured fairways. Only one third of the stunning landscape will be devoted to these magnificent homes, leaving vast tracts of glorious vistas and enchanting sea views to be enjoyed – outdoor living to the highest possible standard.

The entire club will be designed so that each fairway and residence can take maximum advantage of the panoramic views and fit in perfectly with the unbeatable surroundings. Magnificent sports and fitness facilities, including a hyper-indulgent spa, will lend extra lustre.

The touchstone everywhere is quality. Apes Hill Club is the result of an unparalleled partnership between landowner and polo legend Sir

Charles Williams (whose Royalist family was exiled to Barbados by Oliver Cromwell in the 17th century), Landmark Land, acclaimed developer of some of the most exclusive resorts in the entire US, and the famous Wentworth golf club in Surrey, venue for the PGA and World Matchplay tournaments and a byword for excellent hospitality.

Together these partners guarantee an unbeatable combination of experience, elegance and exclusivity.

Variety too. Apes Hill Club has been divided into eight distinctive hamlets each named after an original plantation field dating from the 17th century.

There is something for everyone here. The plots available during the current phase of construction range in size from one-third of an

Caribbean dream: properties at Apes Hill Club are all beautifully appointed, including this semi-detached Garden Wall villa, above

acre to two acres and provide the opportunity for you to design and build your own home, always with advice and expertise available from Apes Hill Club.

Should you not wish to build, you can choose from a range of exceptional designs of superlative quality, each with its own character and inimitable setting.

The community's entrance, road layouts, plot configurations and landscaping take their cue from nature and are designed to blend harmoniously with the site's remarkable ecology.

Upon completion, the low-density community will comprise a Bajan-themed collection of single-family homes anchored around the championship-calibre 18-hole golf course.

A CHALLENGING COURSE IN A BREATHTAKING SETTING

The final stage of the par-72 18-hole championship golf course opens shortly, offering dramatic views. The most advanced golfers will enjoy 7,150 yards from the Professional Tees, with undulating putting surfaces and sharply edged bunkers.

The Front Tees, set at just over 5,000 yards, take full advantage of the wide, beautifully contoured fairways. The salt-resistant turf grass is carefully



selected for its suitability to the conditions in Barbados. In addition to a spacious practice facility, a clubhouse inspired by traditional West Indies architecture will

feature coral stone walls, a cedar shake roof and louvred windows.

Set high on a hill, the clubhouse overlooks the golf course and the sea. The clubhouse interior, accented by dark woods, will offer formal and informal dining, a lounge, bar and a full-service golf shop. Well-sized locker rooms will provide the amenities for members and their guests to relax before or after the round.

LUXURY RESIDENCES WITH THE STAMP OF EXCLUSIVITY

Here is a taste of the variety on offer during the current phase of development.

Garden Wall

These luxurious semi-detached villas have been designed along classic plantation lines. Features include solid mahogany doors and cream coral stone finishes, plantation shutters, high ceilings, large living and dining areas, and ample outdoor living.

To add the modern touch, your home will include a Miele designer kitchen, a golf-buggy garage, central air-conditioning and a brilliant blue infinity-edge swimming pool.

Polo Villas

Appropriately situated next to the polo field, the Polo Villas (above) surround a lake with a central swimming pool. Each has open-plan living areas, beautifully landscaped gardens, private plunge pool and breathtaking views.

Moonshine Ridge

The exclusive area of Moonshine Ridge slopes gently towards the Caribbean. Each home is set within 3/4 of an acre, and they range in size from 5,000 sq ft to 8,000 sq ft with extraordinary views of the west coast. They are designed with family indulgence and luxury living in mind.



Holders Meadow

Flanked on all sides by no fewer than five holes, the setting could not be more dramatic. In addition to vistas of both coastlines, nearly every plot at Holders Meadow is bordered by a fairway.

The golf holes themselves are as varied and unique as the site, starting with the massive par-five 15th, which offers players a spectacular ocean view and tumbles downhill to a lovely green

guarded by a natural pond. The par-three 16th, set within a coral stone quarry, is one of the signature holes at Apes Hill Club.

Cabbage Tree Green

Located in the most southerly section of Apes Hill Club, Cabbage Tree Green is set above the polo field. Located between the 6th hole and a dramatic, wooded gully, the plots start on a high ridge and are terraced into the undulating landscape. Both interior and fairway lots are available.

Great Hill

Situated directly in front of the 300-year-old Apes Hill Plantation Great House, Great Hill is embraced by a lovely stretch of holes on the front nine of the golf course. Each plot has been carefully placed to take full scenic advantage of the picturesque west coast.

For more information on luxury residences at the Apes Hill Club Barbados, contact Knight Frank: 020 7629 8171; julian.cunningham@knightfrank.com; or go to www.knightfrank.co.uk
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