Good Old St. Nick
What’s old is new again at St. Nicholas Abbey!

Barbados welcomes Nikki Beach

The Majesty of Codrington College

Speightstown - The place to eat
We’re so excited to bring you our second newsletter with a whole new look as we have lots to show and tell you about. This edition heads to the often forgotten North of the island where there’s now so much more to see and do!

The wondrously historic St. Nicholas Abbey is becoming a hive of activity as they get set to launch their new – or is it old? – steam engine tours.

Even the quaint city of Speightstown is the delightfully unexpected hiding place of culinary hot spots. We will check out some of them in this issue.

Pack your bikinis and shorts for a day at Nikki Beach Barbados. Fun, food, and loads of flair await you at this sunny beachside venue.

Finally we take a quick trip to the East and pay a visit to the majestic Codrington College; the oldest theological college in the Western Hemisphere.

Get set, let’s cruise inside Barbados!

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Hey Nikki!

World-renowned for creating epic beach clubs in luxurious locales, Nikki Beach has made their beachside sun beds in Barbados. Catering to the discerning traveller, Nikki Beach Barbados raises the bar on coastal entertainment on the island. With nearly one and a half acres of impressive beachfront property, this elegant club commands impressive views of the Atlantic Ocean, while catering to up to 200 guests, some of whom arrive by yacht to Port Ferdinand. Relish in an all-day party filled with drinks, dining, entertainment, fashion and more!

Visit www.nikkibeach.com for more details.
You may have already heard that St. Nicholas Abbey is one of three Jacobean style mansions remaining in the Western Hemisphere, but did you know that the Abbey’s history tells an exciting tale of murder (alleged) and love, and of links to the Carolinas? Yes, those Carolinas of the United States.

From as far back as the mid 1600’s, St. Nicholas Abbey played a riveting role in the histories of both Barbados and the United States.

Once known as one of the island’s leading rum distilleries and producers, St. Nicholas Abbey utilised a steam power engine to aid in the extraction of cane juice from sugar canes. Today, the restored mill produces a traditional rum that is distilled and aged in rum barrels in the abbey’s exclusive rum bond. As always, St. Nicholas Abbey is alive with events on their grounds including fabulous moonlight dinners, daily rum tours and carol singing by candlelight at Christmas. It’s also a fantastic place to tie the knot!

Find out more on their website www.stnicholasabbey.com.
Speaking of steam engines, St. Nicholas Abbey is getting set to launch a railway tour featuring a steam-powered locomotive built in 1914. You will be transported through the stunning Abbey grounds, heavily wooded mahogany trees and expansive rock façades on your journey along the track. Stay tuned for more on this later this year.
A Legacy of Rich Heritage at Codrington

Located in scenic St. John on the top of Society Hill, Codrington College was bequeathed to the Anglican Church from Christopher Codrington III upon his death in 1710. The sprawling gardens of the property are filled with a rich history based in the theological teachings of many of today’s Caribbean clerics. Over the years, the estate has survived numerous natural disasters and is in consideration to one day being named a UNESCO World Heritage site.

The College will soon offer guided tours around the property as well as an Eastern Anglican Church tour, which will feature other historical churches in the area. Opening soon are the College’s museum, which exhibits archaeological remnants of the Amerindian and slave eras; the Arawak/Amerindian Village, which will present life as it was among the First People; and the Gift Shop and Café, where visitors can find refreshment and locally handcrafted souvenirs.

Visit www.codrington.org for further details.
Epic Epicureans
Speightstown’s Best Kept Secrets

The West Coast has always been known as having remarkable restaurants, but head a little further north and discover the latest eateries in charming Speightstown.

Hugo’s Restaurant: Brings together the best of Caribbean cuisine with international style. Open for lunch and dinner.

Orange Street Grocer: A European style gourmet deli and retail shop with vegan and gluten free menu options and the best thin-crust pizza on this side of the island.
The Place To Be!

Speightstown’s Simplicity

First settled around 1630, Speightstown still maintains its old-fashioned charm in colonial-style buildings like Arlington Museum, and its modern aesthetic in the town centre shops. Roadside vendors of fruits and vegetables still line the main street in front of new boutiques, while fishermen ply their trade as luxury yachts cruise by. The town has developed even further with many restaurants and cafés popping up along the coast, while many of the beaches offer watersport activities.

A walking tour of Speightstown is a must do to fully appreciate the dichotomy of old and new in one small town.

Just north of Speightstown the marinas at Port St. Charles and Port Ferdinand are all new-world allure with their luxury villas and restaurants on premise.
Our cruise terminal is home to over 60 businesses and radiates with a hive of activity. Traditional wooden pushcarts serve as attractive kiosks for the local vendors, while many duty-free stores, featuring international brands of fragrances, jewellery, cosmetics, clothing, liquor and other luxury goods, line the aisles alongside local crafts and ware. Waiting taxi drivers are knowledgeable and amiable tour guides ready to provide an authentic perspective of the island.

The terminal also features free Wi-Fi, a post office, guest information service, tour operations, a Bridgetown shuttle, Customs, Immigration, health and quarantine services.