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LA BANANE

With its palm-fringed gardens and 1950s interiors, this Caribbean beauty is *the* place to be seen



NEED TO KNOW

- The striking rooms have all mod cons, plus open-air bathrooms with rainhead showers and Acqua Di Parma toiletries.
- With its protected reef, Lorient beach is perfect for swimming, while diving and other watersports are available nearby.
- Services include a butler, private chef, full transfers and a concierge service.
- Rental starts at US\$9,400 for two bedrooms per week.
- La Banane, St Barts, 00 590 590 520 300, labanane.com.

While a gorgeous interior will turn heads, possessing the spirit to match is what really makes us swoon. La Banane on the luxurious Caribbean island of St Barts, certainly has that joie de vivre. Created in the 1960s by French actor, nightclub owner and cabaret artist Jean-Marie Rivière, his secret hideaway

quickly became a magnet for the pretty young things that hung out in his Parisian nightclub. Later, when it became a hotel, it retained this exuberant mood with playful interiors that referenced the 1950s heyday of the island. This year, La Banane has made the transition to private rental property, allowing you to

have the beauty of its location and vibrant décor all to yourself and your own private guest list. Its nine bungalows are bright and airy, with splashes of colour to lift the senses. It's also equipped with a cocktail bar and two gloriously palm-shaded pools – at this decadent villa you'll lose yourself in style. ■

TAKE IT HOME Be inspired by the style of Room 4



Padang bench seat, H46xW180x D40cm, £595, Lombok, 020 7736 5171, lombok.co.uk.

Harlequin Pop lamp and shade, H59.5x diam30cm, £222, Elstead Lighting, 01420 82377, elstead-lighting.co.uk.



Manhattan shutters, £375sq m, The New England Shutter Company, 020 8675 1099, tnesc.co.uk.

N°134 tiles, 20cm sq, £92sq m, Emery & Cie, 00 32 2 513 58 92, emeryetcie.com.

