

## Tequila Sunrise Villa - How we found Paradise



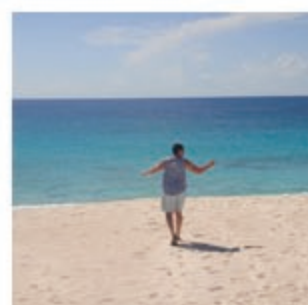
After a long day of work in the Corporate World and finalizing the day-to-day routine of the 2 boys (then 14 and 11) my boyfriend and I convene at home over a well-deserved glass of wine. Sharing the experiences of our day he asks, "Where would you like to vacation this year?" With thoughts of sun and sand swirling in my head I had already thought of several places I could escape to. After much deliberation we decided we wanted to go somewhere neither of us had been. The race was on! With the Internet at our fingertips we immediately started our search. Wow! So many great places to choose from but none that resonated with us 100%. FINALLY after 3 weeks of searching he had found it! We both fell in love with Tequila Sunrise Villa from the first click of the mouse on their website. The call would be made the next morning and we were booked!



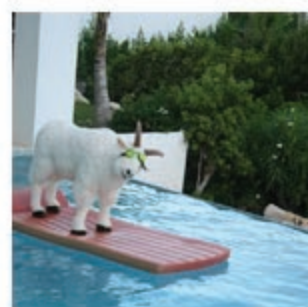
Our journey to paradise began one early August morning from our small airport in Roanoke, VA. Filled with such excitement we sat anxiously at our gate waiting to board the plane. When suddenly we were approached by a very well dressed older gentleman, who asks us, "Are you two married?" We both turn to each other with a puzzled look wondering what an odd question, and say at the same time NO. To which he reply's, "I can tell." With a big smile on his face, he disappears just as quickly as he had appeared. After 6 hours of traveling we had finally reached our destination and the experience of a lifetime would begin.



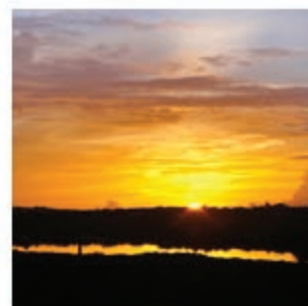
The moment we walked into Tequila Sunrise we felt like Hollywood Stars. We were welcomed with a well-needed beverage, which to our surprise was a Tequila Sunrise, and the tour of our residence for the next 8 days began. The home was immaculate with all the amenities one could ever dream of and more. I mean seriously an outdoor shower in each bedroom? Ok we'll stay a while. Once settled, we sat in awe by the infinity pool, sipping our island drink looking across to beautiful Saint Martin. With huge smiles on our faces we looked at each other with the pleasant thought of 8 days here???? Life is Good!



Day one - To our surprise we wake up at 6:30 am without the help of an alarm clock. Just the sound of the ocean crashing onto the secluded beach below, called Lovers Cove, an apropos name. Unknown to us at the time we would be planning our wedding on that very beach the following year. Breakfast is served while we sit in silence taking in the beautiful landscape all around us. When all of a sudden we notice this stuffed animal goat staring at us in a unique way. Yes you read that correctly. There is a stuffed animal goat that resides in Tequila Sunrise. At that moment, as funny as it may sound "Billy" the goat became a part of our day-to-day routine at Tequila Sunrise.



The early afternoons consisted of relaxing by the infinity pool contemplating the many exploration choices for the day. With zero plan in place we head out in our rental car to stumble upon whatever was meant for us that day. But not before giving a cheers to Billy before we leave. Needless to say we found so many great places and met so many fabulous people we couldn't possibly convey how at home we felt everywhere we went. After an amazing first day exploring we make our way back to the Villa. As we pull up to the house we witness our first sunset in Anguilla. Another peaceful moment is given to us as we watch the colors in the sky changing from minute to minute like an artist painting a picture. Relaxed and full from a superb lobster dinner cooked on the grill we take a dip in the infinity pool. With a breathtaking view of the stars we watch the show unfold. Shooting stars and cosmic activity of such magnitude continue long into the night. With a 5,100 square foot house at our disposal we decide to sleep outside on the plush furniture situated on the upper deck of the Master Bedroom and take in this amazing experience.



The remaining days were filled with clear days and secluded beaches, friendly residents who greet us at every turn and of course our daily dose of our new favorite drink, a tequila sunrise. We were amazed at how one day could top the next but in this paradise it happened. The days went by slowly and the evenings were filled with star gazing, local cuisine, and of course "Billy" time. This amazing villa exceed our expectations on every level so much so we will be returning this November to share our new favorite vacation spot with our close family and friends. What a perfect place to say "I Do". Of course Billy will be a part of our special day on the beach of Lovers Cove. We have made fast friends with the owners of this amazing villa Joel and Robin. Having never met them but emailing and talking on the phone we feel like we have known them for years. We can't thank them enough for sharing this little piece of paradise with the rest of the world. What they have created is truly something to experience.

Counting the days until we return to Tequila Sunrise and Anguilla.

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