HASSEL ISLAND

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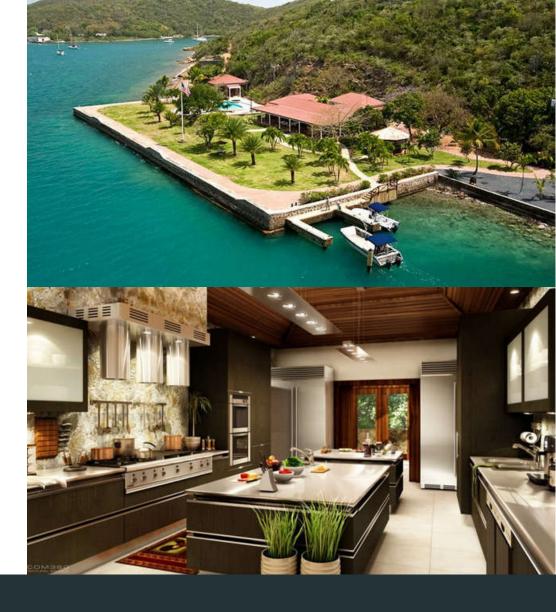
Name:	Hassel Island Estate
Region:	
Location:	Near St. Thomas
Development:	developed
Title:	freehold
Type:	private island
Price:	USD 7,600,000
Status:	for sale
Size:	10.00 acres

ABOUT HASSEL ISLAND ESTATE

The past awaits on Hassel Island -- an island unlike any other in the US Virgin Island chain. Voiced through its ruins and abundant, indigenous flora and fauna, Hassel Island speaks of an important Caribbean multicultural history from pre-Columbian times to now.

The Estate

The estate was purchased by its current owner in 2007. Extensive renovation to the property were completed in early 2010. The project was designed by award winning local architect, Kevin Qualls, who understands the nuances of multicultural Caribbean architecture. His many creations include elite homes combining old Caribbean designs and textures with new, contemporary dimensions. Brick arches, stone walls, West Indian Mahogany shutters, and more will be used to create this great Caribbean living experience.

Set on 10 acres of land surrounded by National Park, the estate consists of three houses totaling about 15,000 square feet. A main house with three master suites opens to an unobstructed view of Charlotte Amalie harbor. The large living room leads to an open terrace just 100 feet from the harbor, and the main swimming pool, featuring a natural cascade from the existing ancient rock outcroppings. In addition two 1200 square foot West Indian-inspired Guest Cottages are located North and South from the main home, to capture a great view of the harbor. An ample Harbor facing front lawn is suitable for up to 225 guests. A new dock and helipad site were also added.

History

Hassel Island, a lush and unique place originally connected to St. Thomas, now forms an island, just a quarter mile from the town of Charlotte Amalie. It is an island whose own cultural history is still deeply connected to the islands that surround it. In exploring Hassel Island, historic ruins stand as testaments of Britain's occupation of the area during the Napoleonic Wars. A little further are the remains of the Creque Marine Railway, one of the earliest steam powered marine railways the world has ever known. Listen carefully to hear the distant echoes of the Dutch, British, French and American steamship companies that once operated from the island. And from the island, it has been said that the ships of smugglers, pirates and buccaneers sailed into Charlotte Amalie harbor, close to the island, before St. Thomas became a free port. Much has been seen and done here on Hassel Island and the ruins still whisper their compelling tales.

National Park

Hassel Island also boasts a lush and protected natural landscape, as 90% of the island lies within the Virgin Islands National Park. Within the park boundaries, you will find protected bays of limpid blue-green waters, and sandy beaches teeming with sea grape trees, coconut palms, and other tropical flora. The Virgin Islands National Park provides habitat for over 800 species of plants and animals. Add to this relics from the Pre-Colombian Amerindian civilization and the remains of Danish colonial structures, and you begin to experience the rich cultural and natural history of the Virgin Islands National Park and the island it inhabits.