

Check Into Cap Juluca with Susan Moynihan

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a professional jetsetter? Each month, we feature travel tips and off-the-record experiences by various jetsetters and journalists who have visited Cap Juluca.

Next up, luxury honeymoon specialist and prolific traveler, Susan Moynihan. Susan has written for *Modern Luxury Brides*, *USA Today*, *Organic Spa*, *Destination I Do*, *Bridal Guide* and more. Now Susan is Traveler-in-Chief of *The Honeymoonist*, a travel site focused on wedding and honeymoon travel, so we are checking in with her on why Cap Juluca is the idyllic romantic escape.

CJ: What is your all-time favorite experience at Cap Juluca?

SM: One of my favorite meals I've ever had in the Caribbean was at Pimms, the fine-dining restaurant. It was my first time in Anguilla, and we had a table by the ocean. I had grilled crayfish (of course) and a chilled white, accented by candlelight and the occasional splash from a crashing wave. At the time I thought, "This is *exactly* what a romantic Caribbean restaurant should be" – and it still feels that way to this day.



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CJ: What's your most memorable indulgence at the resort?

SM: My first time at Cap Juluca, I had an amazing massage in my room. The therapist was outstanding, but it was the setting that took it over the top. We had the doors open so I could hear the waves crashing outside, and there was a lovely breeze that kept me cool. It was so much more special than being in a typical spa treatment room. After 90 minutes, he slipped out and I fell asleep on the terrace chaise, perfectly relaxed.



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CJ: Do you have an insider tip/suggestions for couples planning their nuptials on Maundays Bay?

SM: The beach at Cap Juluca is gorgeous and feels really private; it's only used by people staying at the hotel, so you don't get the walk-bys you may have on other stretches of sand. But to me, what makes Cap Juluca stand out even more is their restaurant Blue, which they use for parties. It's open air and set in the middle of the beach, apart from the main lobby and other restaurants, so it feels like a private standalone venue. It's very easy to have a ceremony by the water, and then just stroll up the sand to Blue for your reception, a few feet away.



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CJ: As a honeymoon expert, what's your best travel tip when traveling to paradise?

SM: One thing I love about Cap Juluca is every room is beachfront, so you're never without ocean views – even in the entry-category rooms. But this is your honeymoon, so this is the time to splurge on a room. I love the One-bedroom Pool suites, which come with a separate living room, full kitchen, outdoor dining area and a private swimming pool for those times you don't want to interact with other people. If that's too much for your budget, look at the Beachfront Luxury Room, which comes with a soaking tub big enough for two and a truly private solarium where you can sun in secret. Because who wants to come home from a honeymoon with tan lines?



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CJ: Of course we have to know, what's your favorite Anguilla beach and why?

SM: Anguilla has some of the best beaches in the Caribbean, hands down – sugar-white sand, clear turquoise water. And Maundays is one of the prettiest, so there's no need to leave. But if you want to get a little lively, taxi over to Rendezvous Beach, a two-mile strand that's also home to an Anguilla institution: The Dune Preserve, a ramshackle beach bar owned by local musician Bankie Banx.



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CJ: Name an item you pack and cannot live without when you check into Cap Juluca?

SM: My credit card!! I like to shop when I travel, and the two boutiques at Cap Juluca are fantastic. Azzemour is eclectic and chic, offering a beautifully curated selection of jewelry, clothing and accessories, while Cap J is more casual with beachwear, local handicrafts and the like. I probably wander in once a day when I'm there, and inevitably leave with something fabulous, be it a cute coverup or a necklace.



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Susan's work with Cap Juluca:

<http://thehoneymoonist.com/hotels-we-love/cap-juluca-caribbean-luxury/>

http://www.capjuluca.com/i/downloads/USA_Today_coverage.pdf

<http://www.orlandomagazine.com/Orlando-Magazine/June-2016/Perfect-Match/>

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