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Sublime boltholes that offer tranquility  
amidst the bustle of the city



## Ré of light

Villa Clémée in Saint Martin is a stylish haven of serenity

Around 8pm at Villa Clémée, when the golden sun has begun its descent over the Atlantic waves, the gardeners and florists with its colony of bees and butterflies, and take the first sip of the potent, subtle Provençal rosé, I know I'm living the life of my dream. Every July, for better (Bourgeois Bohemians of Paris migrate to the villages of this small island on the west coast of France, where stunning villas, art deco restaurants and low-key sandy beaches await. Its bustling capital, Saint Martin, is equally lively to visitors, when evenings are chillier than the sea still shimmers through the

sky. Restaurants here tend to be open all year round, unlike in the smaller villages. The mood of tranquility is close to Saint Martin in the 100-year-old, between boulogne, beach and harbour-front restaurant Le Balcon Blanc, which will show the best fish to come. To enjoy it all, you'll need a villa: a large, luxurious bolthole where you can take a morning dip in the pool, post up fresh pastries for breakfast and have July at French beaches. Boutique 1848 Villa Clémée will do nicely. A white-washed 18th-century building in the shadow of l'Église de Saint-Martin-de-FR, it sleeps 10, is near French

beach clubs, and has a private pool garden with a heated outdoor pool. If you take it as an exclusive one night, they'll even throw in a bottle. There's also a spa, bar, dining room and kitchen. Add large group dinner in the garden, cooked by local chef Philippe Fournier d'Almon, or stroll those mezzos down to the post and six busy restaurants. Wind up with drinks back in the villa before packing off to bed, ready to do it all again the next day. **Kitopi Margreaves**

Villa Clémée is open until 31 November, from £2,500 per night for a full week, with variations