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## WHAT NOBODY TELLS YOU ABOUT ...

### *Nandana Villa, Grand Bahama*

#### **ASIA (REALLY) CLOSE**

Thai architecture, Burmese teak, Javanese doors — this Asian-style mansion is more than a nod to the Far East. I'm 65 miles from Miami, and my villa's giant teak walls slide open — blurring indoor and outdoor space.

The only thing Asian that's missing is jet lag.

**SPA SAFARI  
YEP, THERE'S A  
SPA. BUT THIS  
IS NANDANA.  
THE SPA IS IN A  
2,000-SQUARE-  
FOOT INDIAN  
SAFARI TENT.**

#### **OVERWATER VILLAS?**

The property's five villas (*bangalas*) don't sit on stilts. But Nandana's 120-foot infinity pool does wrap around two villas to inspire an overwater vibe. And unlike in Tahiti, there's no need to wash off the salt water. *From \$9,000 a night for six people, [nandanavilla.com](http://nandanavilla.com)*

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