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A STYLISH RETREAT IN  
SÃO PAULO STATE

**MASHPI LODGE**  
ECO-LUXURY IN THE  
ECUADOR RAINFOREST

**SQUARE NINE**  
A BELGRADE BOUTIQUE  
WITH BRAZILIAN FLAIR

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# Check-In

## **Where are we?**

At Theresa's Guesthouse, Moonhole Peninsula, overlooking the beach on the perfect island of Bequia St Vincent & the Grenadines!

## **How did you get here?**

I was suddenly able to take six months off so I came from Sweden in a sail yacht.

## **Who are you sharing your room with?**

With all four of my kids, who else?

## **Is there anything you would like waiting for you in your room on arrival?**

Yeah, a large iguana, scary at first but it turns out that it's tame and can do a few tricks!

## **Who's at the concierge desk?**

The local string band with JGool the singer singing out all the hints of what to do.

## **And the owner / manager?**

Theresa – a charming old local woman (probably the mother of the whole string band) with no education but an inbuilt sense of hospitality outperforming any Swiss scholar.

## **Describe the hotel building, your room and the view...**

The hotel is built of driftwood, stone, exotic woods, whale bones and other 'treasures of dubious value'. Each room on Theresa's Moonhole peninsula has a personality all

its own, built from natural caves with the contours of the site dictating the floor plans. That's why the multi-level buildings melt into their natural surroundings so uniquely. With open air showers and views of Mustique and the rest of the Grenadines, some travellers might consider this roughing it – but not me!

## **Who designed it?**

Mother Nature, with the local string band, assisted by ganja and a few bottles of rum.

## **What's the restaurant / bar like?**

It's the beach!

## **Who are you dining with this evening?**

1. Saga
2. Tilde
3. Liv
4. Lucas
5. And ok, my wife Elisabeth.

## **Who's manning the stoves?**

Uncle Bill, the local taxi driver and BBQ champion of the Grenadines for five years straight.

## **And what's on the menu?**

Starter: Theresa's famous Callaloo soup

Main: The lobster I caught earlier on the reef, grilled by Uncle Bill

Dessert: Theresa's famous coconut cream pie

## **Would you like something to drink with that?**

**Erik Nissen Johansen** is founder of one of Scandinavia's leading hospitality design firms. His ideal hotel stay sees him living the beach life and mixing with the locals in the Grenadines.

Fresh coconut water, Hairoun bitter lemon and Hairoun beer.

## **What music is on the iPod on your in-room docking station?**

Well, the string band will play, but as a back up I brought all the stuff Bowie did in Berlin, and Steely Dan for the morning after.

## **What's on the movie channel?**

Who needs TV?

## **And a book at bedtime?**

A midnight swim!

## **What's in the mini-bar for a night cap?**

Another coconut.

## **Would you like a newspaper or magazine in the morning?**

The Bequia Observer Weekly.

## **What toiletries would you like to freshen up with? The Aloe Vera plant next to my shower!**

## **Early morning alarm call or late check out? Late check out**

## **Full English, continental or something different? Full English.**

## **Swimming pool, spa or gym?**

I prefer the ocean.