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Curacao lodge opens 'Tree House Mansion'

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By Gay Nagle Myers



The Tree House Mansion at Curacao's the Lodge Kura Hulanda & Beach Club.

The Lodge Kura Hulanda & Beach Club in Curacao has opened a new accommodations option for guests.

The two-bedroom, two-bath, thatched-roof "Tree House Mansion" is built on wooden stilts and surrounded by foliage atop a cliff.

The 1,312-square-foot unit is decorated with African artifacts and antiques that Kura Hulanda owner Jacob Gelt Dekker brought back from his travels over the years.

"It might best be described as Swiss Family Robinson meets African safari on a Caribbean island," said Peter Heinen, president and director of Project Kura Hulanda.

A wooden spiral staircase leads up to the tree house and into the open-air living room, which features an ornate Bali bridal bed and wide terrace. Each bedroom is air-conditioned and offers a four-poster king bed with a flat-screen TV and full bath with tub and shower.

The Tree House Mansion, which can accommodate up to four people, also has Wi-Fi and a full kitchen.

Rates start at \$1,000 a night through Dec. 23.

The Lodge Kura Hulanda also offers a basic tree house, located among the gardenview rooms and suites, with rates from \$100 per night. Guests climb a ladder and enter through a trap door onto a wooden platform, where a full-sized safari tent is erected.

Inside the zippered tent, the tree house offers a king bed and electricity for lights, a mini-refrigerator and a television. The bathroom is beneath the platform.

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