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well it was a whirlwind week and as usual i am trying to figure out how to move to some island....

sat) the wedding was on the beach at sugar bay. it was lovely. the bride was beautiful in full length gown with train and bare feet. groom white shirt and pants. wedding planner was there and very efficient. after ceremony lots of pro photos then off to the shady!! porch for food and bar and dancing and cake. more photos. then everyone chilled and swam for an hour or so and regrouped (again problematic) for sunset sail from sapphire marina. new horizons boat. more food and drinks. very nice 2 1/2 hour sail - it was a dandy way to close out the day.

the secret harbour group went home for a last swim of the day.

sun) mom of bride and i treat ourselves to reward day. we took a boat from sapphire. stop st. john to clear customs. then off to the baths. explored and swam. cruised length of tortolla to marina key for lunch at pussers. grabbed a couple cigars for the boys. then off to guana cay for some outstanding snorkeling. mind you at this point they have been serving pain killers since we left the dock... saw 5 foot tarpin, school of maybe 600 blue tang, turtles, etc. after that it was off to the soggy dollar. six or so other bar or shops there to. we got an ice cream (oh was that good) a couple tshirts a cocktail and swam back to the johnny quest for the ride back to st.john for customs and home. some others did magens bay and coki beach! a group went into town for shopping, and a few went parasailing off the sugar bay beach.

mon) relaxed at secret harbour til 5. then into town. had a drink at the top of the tram (we Drove Up - do not attempt this loaded!) and my friend bought a dubloon.

then we went to frenchmans to HAVANA BLUE. what an experience. to begin with the space is gorgeous. billowing gauzy curtain. deep marine blue accent. and then the food. this was one of the best meals i ever had. i started with a trio of pico de gallo, gauc, and black bean hummus served with plaintain chips. the hummus was unreal. my entree was a pan roasted duck served over a flavored boniato mash. out of this world. tasted the sea bass and steak. both also excellent. warm blueberry cake with raspberry sauce and sorbet to finish.

tues) our last full day. spent the am at sh then went to sugar bay again. they do have a yummy cheeseburger.

wed) beach morning headed home at noon.

found sugar bay to be not as perfect as i recalled. it was booked but the beach never seemed crowded. the sugar bay group did complain about some rudeness from the front staff. despite booking a large group 6 months ago the rooms were all over the hotel, and several had terrible views. these were changed on request. surprisingly the wedding planner after the actualy event (when trying to get the videos, etc) was a bit short. i did not take a good look at frenchmans but thought in general it looked nicer. i would definetely stay in the morning star section. the buildings are small and near the beach. hotel is up on the hill like at sugar bay.

all in all this was a good but short trip.