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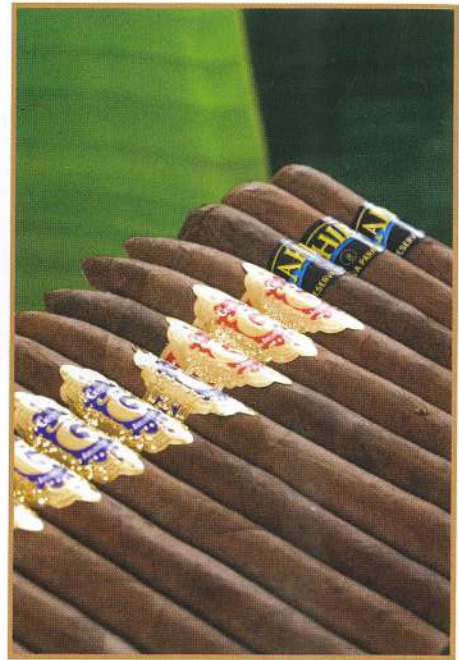
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Pirate's Treasure



Graycliff serves up five-star hospitality as well as some of the world's finest smokes

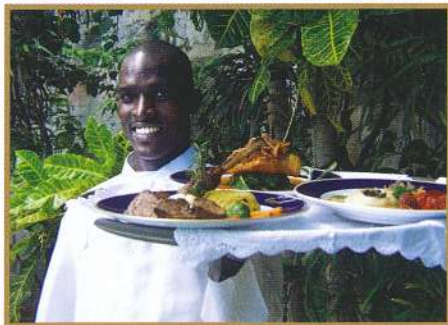
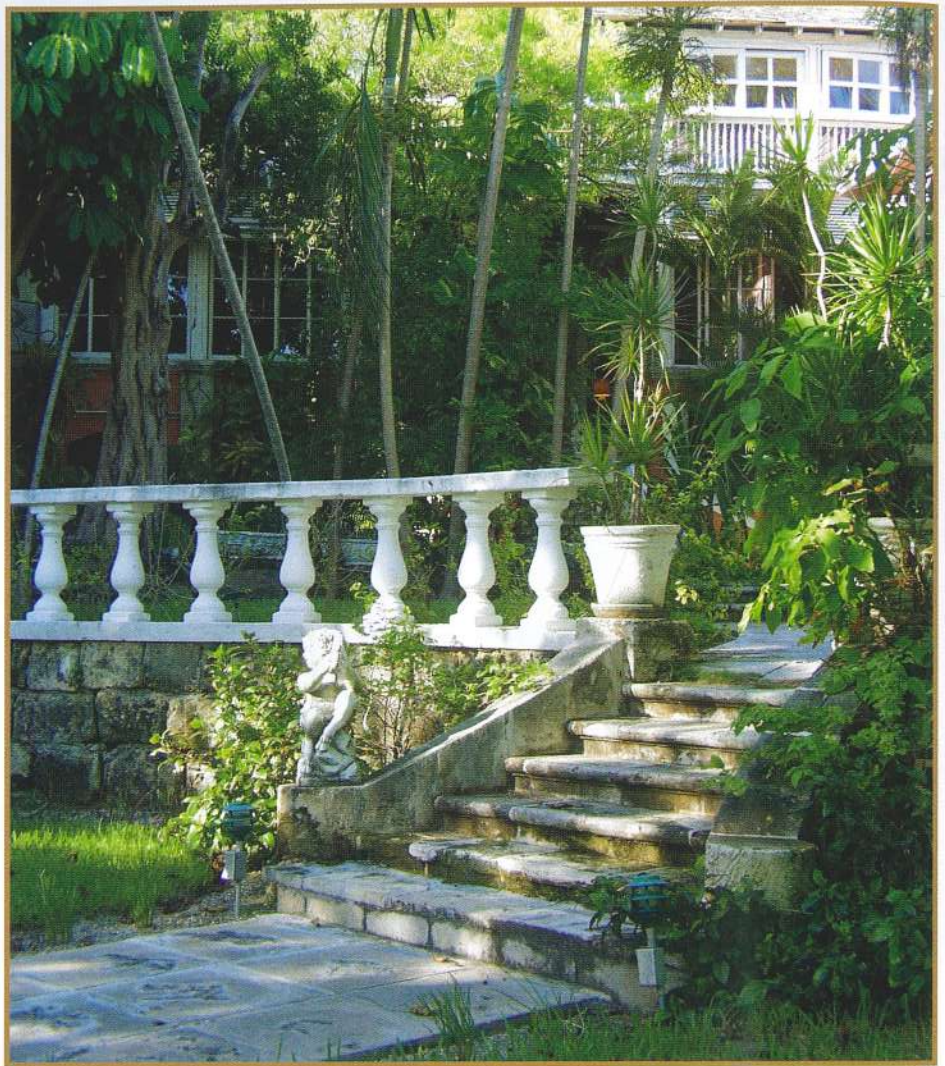
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Fourteen years ago during a trip to Cuba, Enrico had the good fortune to meet Avelino Lara, former head of Castro's El Laguito cigar factory and the creator of such legendary smokes as Cohiba, Davidoff and Trinidad. It was Avelino who developed Graycliff's house cigars in conjunction with Enrico.

Nowadays many aficionados compare Graycliff's cigars to the quality Cuban cigars of years past. They are hand-rolled by a dozen or so Cuban natives, each of whom was selected by Castro's personal roller. Though the humidors do house one of the largest collections of Cuban cigars in the world, Graycliff's own cigars are Bahamian in origin and can legally be brought back to the United States.

Graycliff was recognized as the first five-star restaurant in the Caribbean and has been named one of the world's ten best restaurants by *Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous*. The 200,000-bottle wine cellar has earned the *Wine Spectator* Grand Award 15 years in a row and is one of only 93 establishments to earn the honor worldwide. Guests winding their way through the cellar stroll past an ominous eight-inch thick steel and concrete reinforced door. The wine cellar once was a garrison and a prison, and



has the barred windows to prove it. It also holds more than 80 vintages of Armagnac and ports, including a 1788 Clos de Giffier Cognac and an 1871 port from Otto Bismarck's collection.

The new and expanded gardens, pools, private home and dinner areas are ideal for weddings, honeymoons, and executive and board retreats. Up to 250

dinner guests can be accommodated. Daytime activities range from touring Old Nassau to working out in the gym and relaxing in Graycliff's full-service personal spa.

All good things come to an end and so our trip to Nassau's Graycliff ended after three short days. We say goodbye to the extended Graycliff family, take one more look around, one more breath filled with exotic scents and leave for the airport with three suitcases and two minds filled with memories and special moments. We ponder whether we visit for the food, the wine, the history, the tropics or the friendship and personality of the proprietors. Graycliff, our old friend, we hope to see you again. Soon. 🍷