

We sat on the veranda at Casa Sara, Esperanza, enjoying the view of the Caribbean through breezy palm fronds, watching the passing scene -- horses trained in that special Spanish Riding School gait known as Passafino. Riding them were serious teenagers, dressed in white shirts and black jeans, barefoot or in Tony Lamas or even English riding boots. Later, a group of horses, mares, foals, a stallion, might idle by, on their way to the beach. In the evening we were able to walk to a variety of restaurants, ranging from a family-run posada featuring delicious home-made soups, to the elegant Blue Horizon its wide fields of coriander sweeping past the kitchens of its busy well-trained chefs, on out to the edge of the sea. Sun Bay beaches were a short walk away, as were shops and an interesting little local archeological museum. Casa Sara offered three spacious and breezy bedrooms, Caribbean views, two tiled baths, hand painted floors, a fully appointed kitchen complete with washer and dryer, verandas upstairs and down, and quite a contemporary art collection. We'd go back in a minute.

sincerely,

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and Sammie,
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