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Four Seasons evokes Costa Rican pura vida with planned residences

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Rendering of Four Seasons Private Residences Prieta Bay at Peninsula Papagayo. Photo credit: Four Seasons, photo by Ecodesarrollo Papagayo, LTDA

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Four Seasons Hotels is ensuring its private residences are part of a \$100 million reimagining of Costa Rica's Peninsula Papagayo.

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The reimagining of the area is being spearheaded by Miami-based hospitality and residential real estate investment and development firm Gencom. Four Seasons will manage a collection of environmentally designed private villas and estate homes, the peninsula's first new-build residential development in more than a decade.

An eco-adventure playground

The 20 privately owned properties will be known as Four Seasons Private Residence Prieta Bay at Peninsula Papagayo. Construction is scheduled to begin in February and its completion is targeted for the end of 2019.

Four Seasons' private residences will sit on 17 acres of oceanfront real estate. The hotelier's Four Seasons Resort Costa Rica neighbors the land intended for the villas and estate homes.

A private path will connect the two Four Season properties as well as a members-only beach club and two nearby beaches.

Prices for the Four Seasons Private Residence Prieta Bay at Peninsula Papagayo are expected to start in the mid-\$3 millions.



Four Seasons Costa Rica (pictured) will neighbor Four Seasons Private Residences. Image credit: Four Seasons, photo by @revistadogramado

The "innovative organic design" for the private residences was undertaken by Costa Rican architect Ronald Zrcher, who sourced his inspiration from repeating patterns found in local flora and fauna as well as pre-Columbian seals discovered on-site.

Each of the homes will appear to grow out of the landscape, inviting the outdoors in through glass walls, thoughtfully designed windows and pocket doors connecting interior and exterior spaces. The design makes the most of the views and provides a closeness to Costa Rican nature.

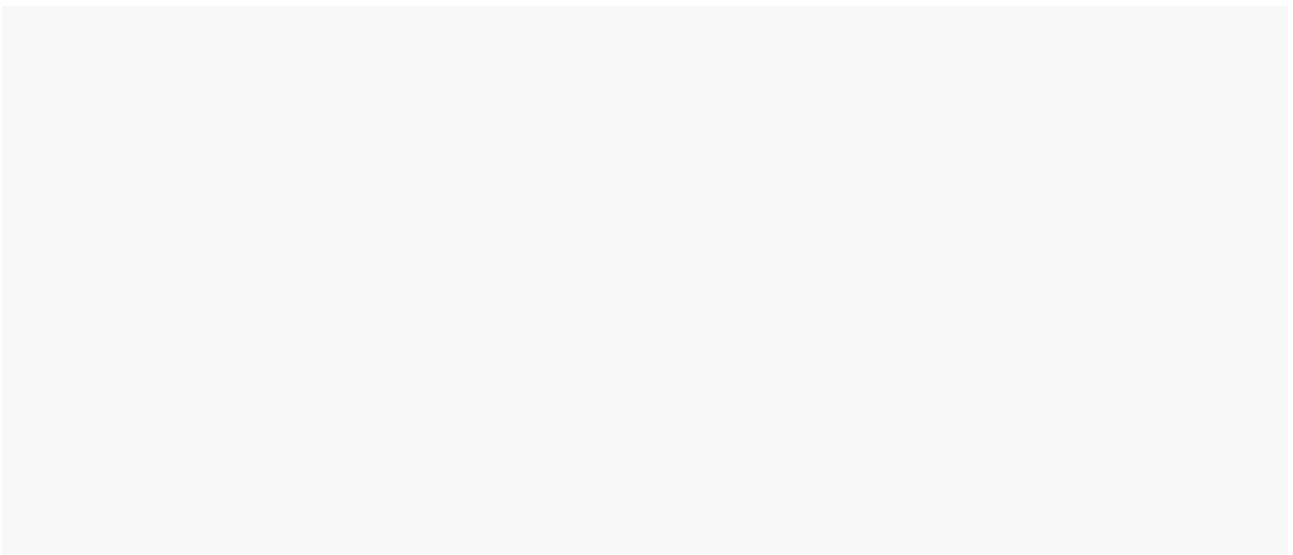
Furnishings and clean lines add a modern aesthetic for an elegant simplicity that appeals to international sensibilities.

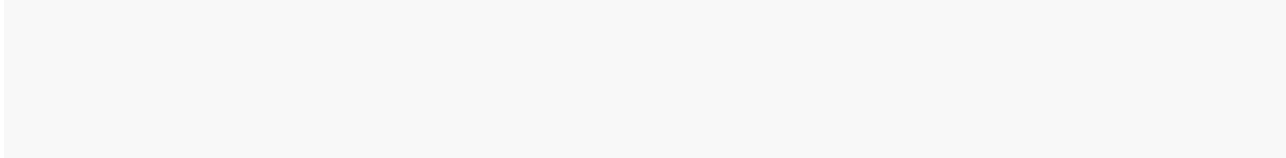
Currently, 99 percent of Costa Rica's electricity comes from renewable sources. Four Seasons' residences will follow suit, running on clean energy and designed with green roofs and local materials.

As for amenities, Four Seasons Private Residence Prieta Bay at Peninsula Papagayo will include membership to the private Peninsula Papagayo Club, where a beach, golf and tennis courts, as well as social facilities such as outdoor programs and activities for members and their families can be found.

"Four Seasons Private Residences Prieta Bay at Peninsula Papagayo will offer the best in sophisticated environmental design and luxurious finishes," said Paul H. White, senior vice president and co-head of residential at Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts, in a statement.

"This is a unique opportunity to extend our presence in Costa Rica and offer discerning collectors the finest Four Seasons residential experience in one of the world's most sought after eco-adventure playgrounds," he said.





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Four Seasons has been actively expanding its private residence offerings.

Scheduled to open in 2018, for instance, Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts will open its first standalone private residences in London's Mayfair neighborhood.

Located in the heart of Mayfair at Twenty Grosvenor Square, the development includes 37 private residents which will be serviced by Four Seasons. A number of high-end hoteliers have entered the private sector to offer discerning guests hotel-level amenities but within the comfort of a personal home environment ([see story](#)).

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