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Designed entirely by Oscar de la Renta, the ultra-exclusive Tortuga Bay is a nod to the simple serenity of its surroundings. Opened in December 2005, the resort is nestled into the Puntacana Resort & Club along the eastern shore of the Dominican Republic. Tortuga Bay's 15 beachfront villas, restaurant, pool, walkways, bars and public spaces merge seamlessly into their quiet Caribbean surroundings—and that's no accident, according to de la Renta.

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palette chosen by de la Renta, but furniture and casegoods designed by him as well, to echo the natural surroundings. Warm saffron shades characterize the villa exteriors and bedroom interiors, while white trim provides a simple framework for the blue skies outside. Light wicker and rich mahogany hardwood set off the understated cream tones of the bedding and softgoods.

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-- *Stephanie Ricca*



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BY JENNIFER WATSON

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NATURAL STONE: Oscar de la Renta is known for his use of natural stone in his designs. In this bathroom, such as the stone bathtub and the shower enclosure, he chose to use natural stone to create a sense of continuity with the rest of the resort.

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PROJECT SPECS

Project: Tortuga Bay
Punta Cana,
Dominican Republic
Designer: Oscar de la Renta
Opening date: December 2008
Owner: Grupo Punta Cana
Architect: Oscar de la Renta
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BLUE SKIES Azure tones from the sky and water are natural accents to the villa's palette. Top: The villa's living room that opens directly onto the private patio (middle) and the pool area, which is bordered by bamboo restaurant (bottom).

