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*Gilles Saint-Gilles, author, composer and player creates spaces for Art and for Emotion. His chamber music that soothes us and magnifies our spirit is the echo of our soul. Like Stendhal, Saint-Gilles holds up a mirror and interprets our most secret dreams sometimes unknown even to ourselves.*



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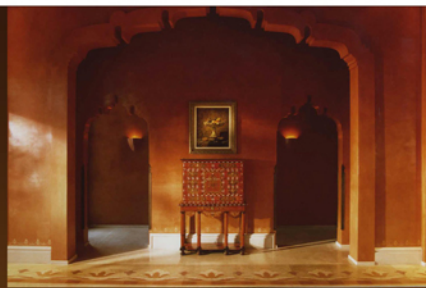




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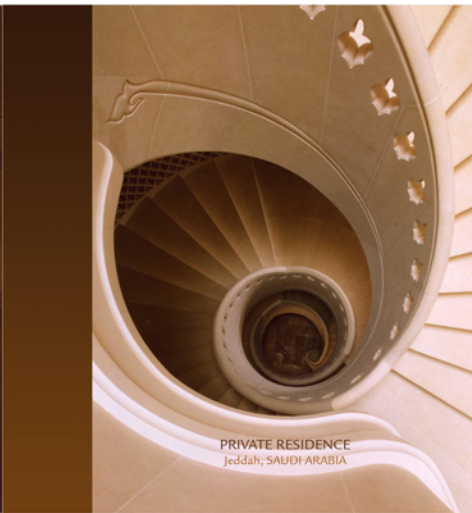


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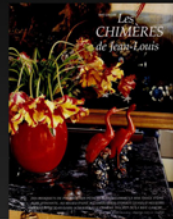




Dans la salle à manger, une longue console en rouge à la chinoise, peinte sur papier représentant une scène domestique, Chine, 2007 visible. Table d'inspiration japonaise en acier peint et verre, chaises en métal et cuir, création Gilles Saneu Gilles, Visite en laque noire, Japon, 2007 visible. Pigeon gravé de la culture chinoise, sculpture, Italie, à partir de la maison de campagne, à Montefiore, s'inspirant dans un peu en peinture de Chine, 2007 visible. Paire de grue et papillon, Chine, 2007 visible.



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Pedassi, PANAMA





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Beach Club Studios  
Indoor Pool  
Pedasi, PANAMA



## INTERNATIONAL HeraldTribune

### Guest Book: A risk-taker with designs on Panama by Nancy Beth Jackson International Herald Tribune WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2006

**AZUERO, Panama** Gilles Saint-Giles has designed boutiques for Jean-Louis Scherrer, palaces for Arab princes and apartments for New York socialites, but two years ago he shuttered his studio on Avenue Montaigne in Paris, not to retire but to take a chance.

"A little bit of insecurity is very important," he said, reclining in the Japanese teahouse he built on a hilltop here. "If you want to be creative, you have to live a little insecurity. Too well-installed, you lose the power of youth."

Now 60, Saint-Giles vacationed in Panama nine years ago and discovered the Azuero Peninsula, which juts into the Pacific roughly midway between Panama City and the Costa Rican shore. Its rolling land, climate and calm reminded him of Tuscany. "It changed my life for me," he said.

He saw the landscape as a canvas where he could create a beachfront community of luxurious villas and began buying tracts of land that would total 450 hectares, or 1,100 acres, near the fishing village of Pedasi. Three years later he brought craftsmen from France to train local artisans and began building Azueros.

His emphasis on craftsmanship grew from his studies at École Boulle, the elite cabinet-making school he entered at age 14. Some Beaux Arts classes followed, but earning a living had to come before his first love, painting. Then the "fairy tale," as he calls it, began.

Learning that Scherrer needed a design for a boutique on the rue de Rivoli, the 19-year-old boyki applied, presenting a successful model two days later. The project led to more boutiques and introductions to the designer's clients, including a Russian princess who became Saint-Giles's first wife.

"He was very precocious and talented. When he was 20 years old, he knew what he wanted to do with his life," said William Beaudouin, a retired New York art dealer, one of Saint-Giles's clients. "He has done it all himself with tremendous risk always."

What ties all his designs together, he said, is not subscribing to a particular school, but "to absorb what has been done and create something personal."

He now spends weekdays in the Panamanian capital, working out of his new studio, a wooden building of Canal Zone vintage, on projects that include a palace in Jidra. On the weekends, he boards a chartered plane with his wife Camille, whom he married after his first wife died, and heads for Azuero. He already has completed a guesthouse and his own villa, where he now finds time to paint.

Construction has begun on the first enclave of beach villas, but Azueros is one project that is not rushing to finish. He is taking his time on this canvas. "I didn't come from Paris to change a place I like. We don't have to cut the branch where we sit," he said.

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## The secret side of Panama

### STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- The Pacific coast region of Los Santos is about five hours from Panama City
- The region's big draw is its beautiful emerald beaches
- The town of Pedasi is a great launchpad for day trips to Iguala Island

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### By David Kessler BudgetTravel

**Budget Travel** — One of the most undervalued travel spots could be a region for finding that beach life in Panama that is scenic, casual, seaside capital, and sometimes packed (as in the tiny islands).



But there's a more scenic and usually spectacular site for the country about an hour's drive west from Panama City: the Pacific coast region of Los Santos, where, along beautiful and remote stretches of mangrove and coastline lies top-of-the-world recreation, surfing culture, water sports, and, increasingly, friendly and luxurious hotels, some from afar.

Although accessible road routes historically suggest a far more developed future, Los Santos has been a remote area with other scenic locations, so in that place are a handful of inns — and for those affordable — including hotels.

The road to this is the same route Villa Carrillo, just outside the fishing village of Pedasi. The old road highway, built in an early 20th-century period of the former Panama Canal, ended at a 6-mile stretch for French interior designer Gilles St-Giles and his wife, Camille.

"The area interested us off hand," says St-Giles, who worked with the artist with frequent guests, planners, and visitors. In 2005, the couple opened their place as a hotel, and last fall he added a new 30-room boutique.

An appeal as they are family-friendly, the couple came with full tile floors, white painted walls, and ocean-view rooms. An in-house stable is ready for extensive horseback riding, and you can sign up for swimming trips to nearby Los Cuiles, a palm-fringed village where thousands of waterfowl fatten themselves to build nests.

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Father-in-law, the center of Pedasi has a clean town vibe. Picture a long string of colorful painted bungalows and inns, and travelers seeking handsome Panama style.

Yellow is also the color of choice at the new Casita Margarita. This two-room B&B includes a private terrace and a wraparound veranda overlooking Pedasi's main street.

Perhaps best of all, it's within walking distance of local bargains like Surf Community, a cafe shop that does smoothies, and El Sincero, a cafe, which, address cards not so varied in U.S. Home office, Joseph Dumas, who makes the best barbecue ribs in Los Santos.

Of course, beyond the culture and fun, the region's big draw is its beautiful, remote beaches. Some of Panama's most scenic — San Desiderado, Mochales, and the black sand Playa Vista with its eight hot tubs — are about 20 miles from Pedasi.

Closer to home, Pedasi's El Arenal is a great launchpad for day trips to Iguala Island. If fishermen obtained by the pier and their modern boats, captain included, for about \$50 (more) by the 100-mile and 40-minute drive into a narrow bay for the modest beach and green gardens. Sign up for an in-house hotel Foundation (mountain and fishing hut, you might not get a good seat on some hotbaths).

While it may be hard to top that night, 77-year-old Dalia Vera de Quintero knows how to command respect. Her ocean-view terrace has a beautiful view, and El Sincero, a cafe, which, address cards not so varied in U.S. Home office, Joseph Dumas, who makes the best barbecue ribs in Los Santos.

She also shares a cafe or bar in the kitchen for family customers, such as former Panamanian president and Pedasi native Manuel Antonio. Dinner (usually good) and Quintero may just reward you with a thick presidential kiss.

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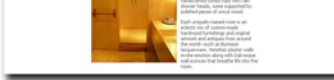
**Villa Carrillo Hotel — Azuero Peninsula, Panama**  
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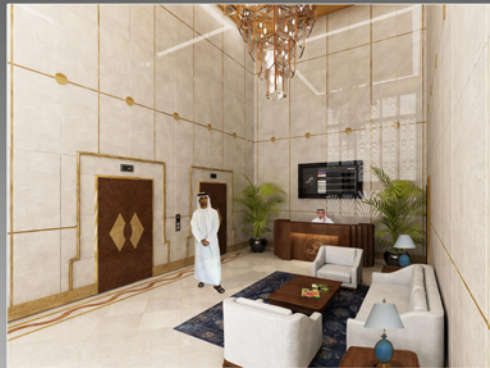


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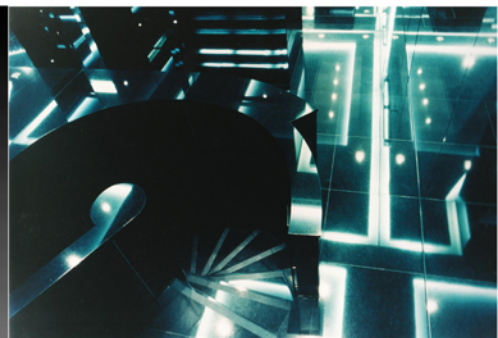
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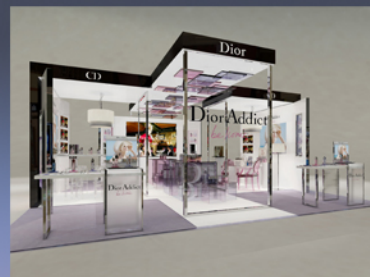
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## *Gilles Saint Gilles*

Gilles Saint-Gilles is a French designer whose portfolio includes high end fashion boutiques and apartments in New York and Paris, palaces in the Middle East, renovations of castles in the South of France, and a community of masterfully crafted villas on Panama's Azuero Peninsula.

### DESIGN

The Saint Gilles design does not subscribe to a particular school, but seeks to "absorb what has been done and create something personal", mixing design elements from around the world.

He is well known for possessing both elegant taste and technical expertise.

His taste for geometry, minute detail, cosmopolitanism and a subtle blend of classic and contemporary styles have enhanced private residences, castles, boutiques, banks and palaces.

Working closely with his craftsmen, he also designs and produces custom-made furnishings, currently produced in his workshops in Pedasi, Panama.

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