BAY GARDENS RESORTS **NEWSLETTER** FEBRUARY 2020

The Key to your Ultimate Caribbean Vacation Getaway

Centrally situated in the heart of Saint Lucia's entertainment capital, Rodney Bay Village, the Bay Gardens Resorts family of hotels and luxury private villas offers inviting, island-inspired accommodations. With five properties positioned on the Reduit Beachfront and within Rodney Bay Village and the Rodney Bay Marina, Bay Gardens Resorts is a favourite hotel destination in Saint Lucia for families, couples, and island explorers.

Featuring a total of 241 rooms, seven conference centers, four restaurants, and six bars, our resorts are the perfect choice for a Saint Lucian getaway for families, couples, honeymooners, wedding parties, business travelers, groups, and more. Guests can stay at the property that suits them best and can still enjoy luxurious amenities from each. Click here to read more about our beautiful properties.

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OF EVENTS



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Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa Captures WEDDINGWIRE'S Couples' Choice Awards 2020



Bay Gardens Beach Resort and Spa recently captured the Couples' Choice Awards from WEDDINGWIRE. The team was recognized for demonstrating excellence in quality service and professionalism wedding the wedding industry.

Here's what we do!

Once in a lifetime happens right here. A unique, exotic and romantic experience awaits you at the Bay Gardens Beach Resort and Spa located on the beautiful island of Saint Lucia. Nestled on the magnificent Reduit Beach renowned for its pristine golden sands, crystal clear waters, amazing views of Pigeon Island National Landmark and the most romantic sunsets.

Our wedding and event planning services are customized to meet the needs of every bride and groom. We give the utmost attention to every detail along with our gracious surroundings, exquisite cuisine and legendary first-class service. We offer multiple ceremony and reception locations in and around our premises. Want to feel the sand between your toes? opt for one of our outdoor wedding sites which boast beautiful panoramic vistas of the Caribbean Sea. Say "I Do" at our Aqua Vista Courtyard where you are sure to be greeted by the fresh scent of our natural flowers for a lovely garden wedding.

Love being more secluded? Our fully airconditioned conference center is ideal for a very intimate setting. But that's not all our Trios terrace, Hi Tide Restaurant or Sea Grapes Restaurant creates an amazing backdrop for your reception. Our event venue can accommodate intimate ceremonies for two or as many as 300 of your loved ones. Your Vision is our precision with Bay Gardens Beach Resort and Spa!

Services Offered

The Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa team of professionals can cater to your every need. Some of the professional event services that they offer include:

- Accommodations
- Cake

- Decorating
- Event planning

- Event Rentals
- Lighting and Sound
- Parking
- Shuttle Service
- Wheelchair Access

Valentine's Day Trivia Winners

As part of our Valentine's Day giveaways, Bay Gardens Resorts hosted an Instagram Contest for a period of 7 days. This contest offered participants a chance to win a dinner for two persons given that the provided name of the featured movie (photograph) as well as the lead couple characters names were guessed correctly. In the end, 5 persons answered all the movies correctly and a name was raffled among these participants. The winner was Nyoka Warrick.



Valentine's Day Highlights

Bay Gardens Resorts hosted numerous events in celebration of love on Valentine's Day.

Bay Gardens Beach Resort and Spa presented 'Our Love is like a Movie' from 7:30 pm at our Hi Tide Restaurant. Guests and patrons were invited to dress up as their favourite movie couple with lots of prizes being captured. The event featured live entertainment and lots of prizes to be won!



The Bay Gardens Beach Resort and Spa's SeaGrapes Restaurant held a delectable Valentine's Day Dinner from 7:30 pm. It featured live entertainment and a Champagne Reception.

At our Bay Gardens Hotel and Inn's Spices Restaurant, patrons were invited to Reignite their love with 'Hearts Afire: 25 years & more, Desire' which started at 7:30 pm. The night was filled with entertainment by Soulful Music and included a Champagne Reception and buffet dinner.

From 7:00pm, the Bay Gardens Marina Haven's Anchor Restaurant invited everyone to join the fun aboard the "Love Boat". Couples enjoyed welcome cocktails and A La Carte Dinner. The event featured live entertainment with lots of prizes being won!

Every love story deserves to be celebrated; many patrons celebrated theirs at Bay Gardens Resorts this Valentine's Day.

Bay Gardens Hotel Undergoes Renovations on 25th Anniversary



Bay Gardens Hotel in St. Lucia has a brand-new look for a brand-new decade. Executive Director of Bay Gardens Resorts, the St. Lucian-owned and -operated hotel group, recently unveiled a sneak preview of ongoing renovations of the flagship Rodney Bay hotel as it celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.

The "newer, fresher look" is part and parcel of "soft" refurbishments to the higher room categories. The rooms, which have a modern look incorporating Caribbean blues and corals, also feature new drapery, artwork, cushions, bedside lamps, bedside mats, and bed throws. In addition, brand new mattresses, wall mounted 40" smart TVs, ceiling fans and AC units have been installed, while bathrooms have been revamped with new, stylish tiling to complete the updated look.

Environmentally friendly soap dispensers have replaced single-use plastic bottles at the group of hotels, which recently took top Environmental Stewardship honors at the 2019 St. Lucia Business Awards. Bay Gardens Hotel, Bay Gardens Inn and Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa each earned the prestigious Green Globe Gold Member certification a year ago. Bay Gardens Resorts also placed runner-up in the Environmental Sustainability category at the 2019 Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association's Caribbean Hospitality Industry Exchange Forum (CHIEF) Awards in Miami last summer.

Bay Gardens Hotel features 87 rooms, including Standard and Superior rooms, and Junior Executive Suites with views of the pool and tropical gardens. To date, nine Junior Executive Suites and 10 Superior Rooms have been completed to the tune of US \$92,500 (EC\$250,000). The group has plans to refurbish its 13 remaining Superior Rooms and four remaining Junior Executive Suites by the end of September 2020. Destang explained that for the dawn of a new decade it was "out with the old and in with the new" for the popular St. Lucia hotel, a favorite amongst North American, European and Caribbean visitors.

"It's a new decade and we will have a distinctively new look," said Destang.

Bay Gardens Resorts Celebrates 25 Years of Service Excellence



Bay Gardens Resorts, an award-winning resort chain and one of Saint Lucia's most successful hospitality brands celebrates 25 years of 'Service Excellence' this year.

Featuring unique and modern accommodations within the Rodney Bay Village and near the Rodney Bay Marina, Bay Gardens Resorts with its rich cultural heritage and values, received its first guest in November 1995. Since then, Bay Gardens has grown from a single property namely, Bay Gardens Hotel, to a chain of successful resorts; including Bay Gardens Beach Resort and Spa, Bay Gardens Inn, Bay Gardens Marina Haven and Bay Gardens Water's Edge Villas.

Celebrations kicked off with Bay Gardens Hotel and Inn's New Year's Eve Galas and continues with other amazing specials. Throughout 2020, the company will be unveiling new and exciting specials, contests and campaigns. Videos sharing heart-warming stories from key personnel focusing on the most important attributes of the Bay Gardens brand will be seen.

As a Saint Lucia Chamber of Commerce award-winner for Environment Sustainability, Bay Gardens Resorts has been a pioneer for sustainable development since its inception. Guests will be invited to partake in a wide range of sustainability activities such as tree planting, school initiatives, community projects and more. This will help promote sustainable tourism and continue to enrich the lives of patrons within the community as Bay Gardens Resorts celebrates 25 years of service.



New All-Inclusive Drinks Only Meal Plan



Enjoy the best of Saint Lucia at the best value with the Bay Gardens Resorts All-Inclusive Drinks Only Experience. This plan includes breakfast and unlimited drinks at one affordable rate; alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Arise each morning to a generous full-service breakfast buffet featuring traditional favourites and local specialties. It's just the plan you need when on vacation!

Click here to learn more.

Ojas Spa and Wellness Services now offered at La Mer Spa

La Mer Spa, in collaboration with the TripAdvisor top-rated Ojas Spa and Wellness, has introduced Ayurveda therapy as part of its health and wellness package.

Indulge in authentic Caribbean experiences with this wellness Nasyam Sinus Cleansing Therapy.

Medicated oil is instilled into the nostrils after massaging and inducing sweating to the upper



portion of the body from the shoulders. During this process the areas around the nose, neck and shoulders are massaged continuously. This treatment is highly effective for cleansing of sinuses and treating migraines, chronic colds, headaches and chest congestion.

Join us on this journey of rest and relaxation whilst our skilled specialists delightfully accommodate your needs.

Call 758.457.8553 or click here to book your Summer Spa getaway today!

International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2020 Celebrated!



In celebration of International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2020, the Aspire Artemis Foundation founded by Hermina Johnny hosted an event at our Bay Gardens Hotel and Inn's Creole Pot and Ixora Conference Rooms. The theme for the event was, "R2020 -STEM: An Innovation Symposium Mapping on Inclusive STEM Future". This innovation symposium was open to dignitaries and the general public, including numerous

Secondary Schools who visited. The displays which included contributions of Origami, prototype robotics and paintings from some of the attended Secondary Schools were available for viewing in three rooms;

'What's your superpower?' room; This room explored interview techniques and learning preparational skills when job seeking within the technology and other related fields. This also included relevant training on what a technological job entails and ways of obtaining these.

The HoloLens room; In this room, an augmented virtual reality untethered device was used to create an immersive world for user interaction. For instance, it allowed users to be transported to an alternate reality, allowing the same version of the user but speaking another language with the same mannerism. Users were seeing a whole new world around them but were still able to control a world within their purview.

AI and Robotics lab; This room showcased a wide array of robots that are being constructed. It explored the use and coding of new technology where the audience was able to learn through interactive building. The afternoon session was only for dignitaries, including the Canadian government with a representative who spoke on the theme. There were also a few regional presentations from young people as well as locals.

Flip.to Contest Winners!



We wish to congratulate our Flip.to "Summer Never Ends in Saint Lucia" Campaign Winners. Voting criteria included photo captions, photo content as well as shares.

1st Place

3 Nights (Inclusive of Breakfast) Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa Mrs. Michelle G.



OUR dream came true at Bay Gardens #BVIme Pe\$111



MICHELLE G.



When life send you lemons, you make an a

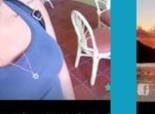


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2nd Place

Ms. Sondra L.

USD\$150 Resort Credit



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3rd Place USD\$150 Resort Credit Ms. Wendy T.



Our Guests Experience

Have you seen what our guests are saying about us on TripAdvisor?

Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa

"VACATION"

Reviewed by: Explore674032

Resort was very nice on a beautiful beach. We had a 1 bedroom suite and it was perfect for my husband and I. Great location near great



restaurants and shopping. Staff was extremely friendly and helpful. Would definitely love to go back! TRIP ADVISOR

Bay Gardens Hotel

"BEST BIRTHDAY-VACA EVER"

Reviewed by: Cameile473

I got the royal treatment just by letting them know it was my birthday. I wasn't even expecting all of what I got...from the concierge to everyone...just splendid. The island is even more beautiful. It was worth every penny. TRIP ADVISOR

Bay Gardens Inn

"GREAT LOCATION, SUPER STAFF"

Reviewed by: Alan C

I got the royal treatment just by letting them know it was my birthday. I wasn't even expecting all of what I got...from the concierge to everyone...just splendid. The island is even more beautiful. It was worth every penny. TRIP ADVISOR

Bay Gardens Marina Haven

"10 DAYS CHILLIN"

Reviewed by: deakin_david

Family run this place is most welcoming. The staff are helpful, and nothing seems to be too much trouble. Excellent for a laid-back Caribbean experience. There is plenty of opportunity to be more adventurous with Rodney Bay Marina right opposite sea-based activities are plenty. TRIP ADVISOR

Tour Feature - Soufriere SeaFari

You become the driver and experience a thrilling ride on our island buggies SEA-FARI tour! On your drive to Soufriere along the west coast of Saint Lucia, you will make stops at some of the best look out points with the chance for pictures and fun. Along the way you will see working banana plantations, Marigot Bay (home to mega yachts and a location for many movies such as Superman 2 and Dr. Doolittle. Additionally, you will pass the local fishing villages of Anse La Raye and Canaries



before coming to Soufriere, home of the Majestic Pitons. In Soufriere you will get out of the buggies and be taken to the Toraille Waterfall, our Drive in Volcano where you can get a guided tour or enjoy the therapeutic Mud Baths.

Following these sites, you will visit the Morne Coubaril Estate, an 18th Century Plantation for a fresh local buffet lunch and a guided tour of the Estate. You will then head down to the Soufriere docks where you will meet one of our spacious catamarans, which will take you to the Anse Cochon beach ideal for swimming and snorkeling. Before returning to the Rodney Bay Marina you will get a chance to see Marigot Bay once more, this time from the water!

Tour Days: Monday and Saturdays - 8:30am to 5:00pm Duration: 8 hours and 30 minutes

It is the perfect inclusion to your Saint Lucian vacation!

Click here to secure your reservation today!

What's Happening in Saint Lucia? - Saint Lucia's 41st Independence Celebration



On February 22, 2020, the Helen of the West Indies, Saint Lucia, celebrated 41 years of Independence. The paradise island showcased several activities which started with an Independence Press Briefing held on January 15, 2020. The theme for this year's celebration is "Now is the Time Let's Do This Together" and activities will continue until March 1, 2020. Other events included various community activities, Schools Independence Celebration,

Independence Domino Competition, Mister Independence Pageant, Miss Independence Pageant, the 40th Annual Sports Award, National Independence Day Parade and numerous other events.

Recipe of the Month: Braised Flank Steak



Ingredients

- 2lbs Flank Steak
- 1 Onion
- 1 Head Garlic
- 1 Carrot

- 1/2lb Mushroom
- 1 Bottle Red Wine
- 2 litre Chicken Stock
- 3 Teacup Olive Oil
- 1. Roast flank steak in a hot pan with olive oil. After getting golden brown. Place in a baking pot.
- 2. Add in onion, garlic, carrot, mushrooms, in the same pan, and roast until golden brown.
- 3. Pour red wine into a hot pan.
- 4. Add the heated red wine and chicken stock in the baking pan with the flank steak and vegetables.
- 5. Foil and place in the oven for 4 hours.
- After 4 hours, remove and allow to cool. Serve and Enjoy!