

# BAY GARDENS RESORTS NEWSLETTER

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## 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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## Saint Lucia Jazz 2024 Recap – An Amazing Event!



This month, the curtains closed on yet another successful staging of the Saint Lucia Jazz & Arts Festival. The festival which ran from April 30th – May 12th, 2024, is one of the Caribbean's biggest musical productions which saw the likes of both locally and internationally acclaimed artists such as Black Boy, Ricky T, Ezra D'fun Machine, Teejay, Romain Virgo, Berres Hamond, Machel Montano, Davido, Chloe Bailey, Babyface, Air Supply and many more. In addition to the mainstage events which happened from May 10th- May 12th, 2024, at the Pigeon Island National Landmark, there were several fringe events, which brought the jazz atmosphere to the different communities.

Some of the well sort after-fringe events were Soufriere Jazz, which featured Nailah Blackman, Skinny Fabulous and Tarrus Riley. Bexon Jazz, which was held in a small rural community, had their cast of local talents, and not forgetting the popular Jazz on The Square which brought the jazzy feel to the Capital city of Castries.

The arts component of the festival honored and showcased local talent in the performing arts and the craft aspect was represented as well with a showcase of many local craft artisans, who showcased their amazing work on the Rodney Bay strip.

Bay Gardens Resorts was on site at the main stage jazz events, and we were proud to be part of this spectacle, serving as the official caterer for artistes. Our water taxi service alongside Saluna Watersports also proved to be a convenience for people who wanted to beat the traffic and arrive by sea. Overall, the festival was a success, and we look forward to Saint Lucia Jazz & Arts Festival 2025.

In case you missed the action, you can catch a glimpse here on our Event highlight on our Instagram page.

## Mother's Day Recap at Bay Gardens Resorts



Earlier this month, the Bay Gardens Resorts hosted three events to honor our special mother figures amongst us. Mother's Day has always been an exciting time for us at the properties and this year was no different. Delicious food is synonymous with celebrations at Bay Gardens and all three events offered guests an extensive, yet delectable brunch buffet, which featured various meat options, a carving station, soups and so much more. Mom was also treated to

welcome mimosas and sparkling wine at her table. Overall, the ladies came out and had an amazing time, enjoying the engaging entertainment.

DJ Pressure kept guests on their toes at the Bay Gardens Beach Resort, while local country music icon, Shervon Sealy had the crowd grooving. At the Bay Gardens Hotel & Inn, Ossie The Pianist soothed the ears of the guests and the guests of the Bay Gardens Marina Haven's Mother's Day brunch lounged poolside while enjoying their live entertainment and delectable food.

We thank everyone for celebrating with us and we look forward to another power-packed event next year!

## Hosting A Special Event? Let Us Take Care Of It!

The Bay Gardens Resorts is well known for hosting private events and conferences year-round. Boasting six (6) conference facilities collectively, and over 25 years of experience, our brand has built a solid reputation as the preferred choice for local, regional, and international corporate clients. Our team of expert event planners will customize your event with delicious Caribbean Conference Feature cuisine, state-of-the-art multi-function facilities, and design to execute your vision from start to finish. All conference



bookings come equipped with an LCD projector, Projector screen, complimentary wireless internet, Podium with Microphone, Flip Chart pad and Markers, roving microphone, and 110v/220v outlets. Our events team is also versed in handling leisure activities. Bay Gardens Resorts is the preeminent destination for beach weddings in Saint Lucia as we are uniquely located on Reduit Beach, one of the longest and most beautiful beach stretches on the island. To ensure your wedding vision becomes a

reality, our team will be with you every step to create and customize your perfect wedding package. We also offer top notch and high-end food catering services. We have catered to many major events including The Saint Lucia Jazz Festival. So, the next time you are looking for offsite food catering, let us take care of it! For more info email: events@baygardensresorts.com.

## Oh Happy Day & Friday Night Lime



We believe that taking time to enjoy yourself while creating memories with friends is the surest way to a happy and balanced life. Sometimes, however, we need more than an hour to do that. Well, The Bay Gardens Resorts "Oh Happy Day – because an hour is not enough" is the perfect day. Every Saturday from 11 am – 5 pm, you can enjoy 2-for-1 happy hour specials on house-brand cocktails, wines, and beers. Pair the best drinks with flavorsome bar bites like pizza,

wings, bruschetta, burgers, and seafood kebabs' just to name a few. So, why limit your happiness to one hour? Join the party this and every Saturday at the Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa, Bay Gardens Hotel, and the Bay Gardens Marina Haven from 11 am - 5 pm. Also don't forget to check out the Friday Night Lime with your friends at the Bay Gardens Marina Haven from 4pm – 8pm every Friday, where you can enjoy 2-for-1 on drinks and bar bites as well. You'll be glad you did.

## Summer Savings - Save Up To 35% Off

Bay Gardens Resorts is offering guests Major Summer Savings when you book at the Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa, Bay Gardens Hotel, Bay Gardens Inn, and Bay Gardens Marina Haven.

#### The Offer Includes:

- Complimentary breakfast daily (at the Bay Gardens Hotel, Inn & Marina Haven)
- Welcome cocktail on arrival
- Two Kids Stay and Eat FREE\*
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Complimentary shuttle between the Bay Gardens properties ONLY
- Complimentary non-motorized water sports activities
- Complimentary unlimited passes to Splash Island Water Park



## Spa Feature – La Mer Island Bliss



The ultimate in St. Lucia sensory delights and relaxation, this spa package comprises of a 3-hour spa experience inclusive of exfoliating treatments, aromatherapy, and nail treatments.

## This amazing spa experience is a combination of the following:

- Tranquility Massage
- Coconut Body Scrub
- · Hydrating Facial
- Classic Manicure
- Classic Pedicure

To book your next relaxing Experience, contact the La Mer Spa at the Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa at 758-457-8553 or via email at lamerspa@baygardensresorts.com.

### Tour Feature - Live Like A Lucian Tour

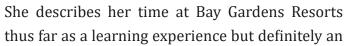


There is no other way to explore and discover the true culture of Saint Lucia than to live like a local. The Live Like a Lucian is a specially curated authentic St. Lucian experience, offered by Bay Gardens Resorts. With a tour of our Castries market, a Pigeon Island picnic, and the infamous Gros Islet Friday Night Street party, you're guaranteed to receive a quintessential idea of St. Lucian living.

Learn more about these three iconic attractions and book your Live Like A Lucian tour here.

## Featured Employee - Makeda Joseph

Our featured staff member for May 2024 is Ms. Makeda Joseph. Makeda has been employed with Bay Gardens Resorts since 2020 as a Bartender at the Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa. She has also held temporary positions in Housekeeping and as the Restaurant Cashier when other team members are unavailable.





enjoyable one. She truly enjoys working with her teammates and other staff members. She particularly enjoys serving guests and loves it when she gets complemented for a well-made cocktail or drink. Makeda has a variety of specialty cocktails in her portfolio and is always happy to offer a unique mix to guests to try. Infact, this month's featured drink (which can be found in this in this newsletter) is one of her specialty cocktails.

Makeda mentioned her most memorable and touching moment at Bay Gardens Resorts was the immense support she received from management and staff when her partner passed away. She describes it as one of the most amazing feelings she ever had and was so grateful for all the love and support she received in her time of grief and sadness.

When not serving guests at the bar, Makeda loves to spend her spare time on the beach where she can relax and watch the waves crash on the seashore. She calls it her "Me Time" When asked what her inspiration is, she mentioned, "I just want to create a solid foundation for my children's future, so they won't have to struggle in life."

With continued learning and personal development, Makeba is excited about her future with Bay Gardens Resorts and mentions when another opportunity for upward mobility arises, she is excited and ready to take on the challenge.

The Bay Gardens Resorts thanks Makeba for her service and commitment and we look forward to more great things from her!

## Recipe - Lime Cooler Cocktail



#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 oz Bounty Lime
- 1 oz Peach Snaps
- 1 Fresh Lime (Juiced)
- Lime Wedge & Sugar
- Soda Water

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

#### 1.) Prepare the Glass:

Rub a lime wedge around the rim of your glass. Dip the rim of the glass into a plate of sugar to coat it evenly.

#### 2.) Mix the Cocktail:

- Fill a cocktail shaker with ice.
- Add 2 oz of Bounty Lime.
- Add 1 oz of Peach Schnapps.
- Squeeze the juice of one fresh lime into the shaker.
- **3.)** Shake well until the mixture is chilled.

#### 4.) Serve:

- Fill your prepared glass with ice.
- Strain the mixture from the shaker into the glass.

#### 5.) Top Up:

- Top off with soda water.
- Gently stir to combine.
- **6.)** Garnish with a lime wedge or a slice of peach, if desired.

#### **Enjoy your refreshing Lime Cooler!**

## Our Guest Experience

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

#### **BAY GARDENS BEACH RESORT & SPA**

Reviewed by: robin e - Exeter, United Kingdom

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#### **BAY GARDENS HOTEL & INN**

Reviewed by: Sallyab28 - Saffron Walden, United Kingdom

#### "Loved the Inn!"

"This is a great little low cost hotel which really offered a relaxing stay and the staff are so friendly, as well as the staff in the nearby Bay Gardens Hotel where we ate and drank. It is quiet even though we were near the main road to Castries. Yes the rooms aren't super modern but very comfortable and well equipped. We had a deluxe room with microwave and were all inclusive. Preferred the pools at the Hotel as the bar was closer! Particularly loved the lunches which had "catch of the day" which included marlin and jack fish. Great base to visit St Lucia."

#### **BAY GARDENS MARINA HAVEN**

Reviewed by: miken20242024 - Calgary, Canada

#### "Wonderful Facility"

"Wonderful facility with excellent sharing with associate facilities. Had lunch at the beach and used the shuttles. Went sailing at the beach and dinner at the hotel in the business district. Convenient to the marina as well. Great group of hotels"