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OUR  
CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BAY GARDENS RESORTS!

## MAY 2023



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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## Bay Gardens Resorts Honours Saint Lucia's CARIFTA Stars at Special Prize Giving Ceremony

On Sunday, May 4, 2025, Bay Gardens Resorts proudly hosted a prize giving ceremony in celebration of Saint Lucia's CARIFTA Swim and Athletics teams.

Held at Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa, the event recognized 28 exceptional young athletes who represented Saint Lucia at the 2025 CARIFTA Games in Trinidad & Tobago.

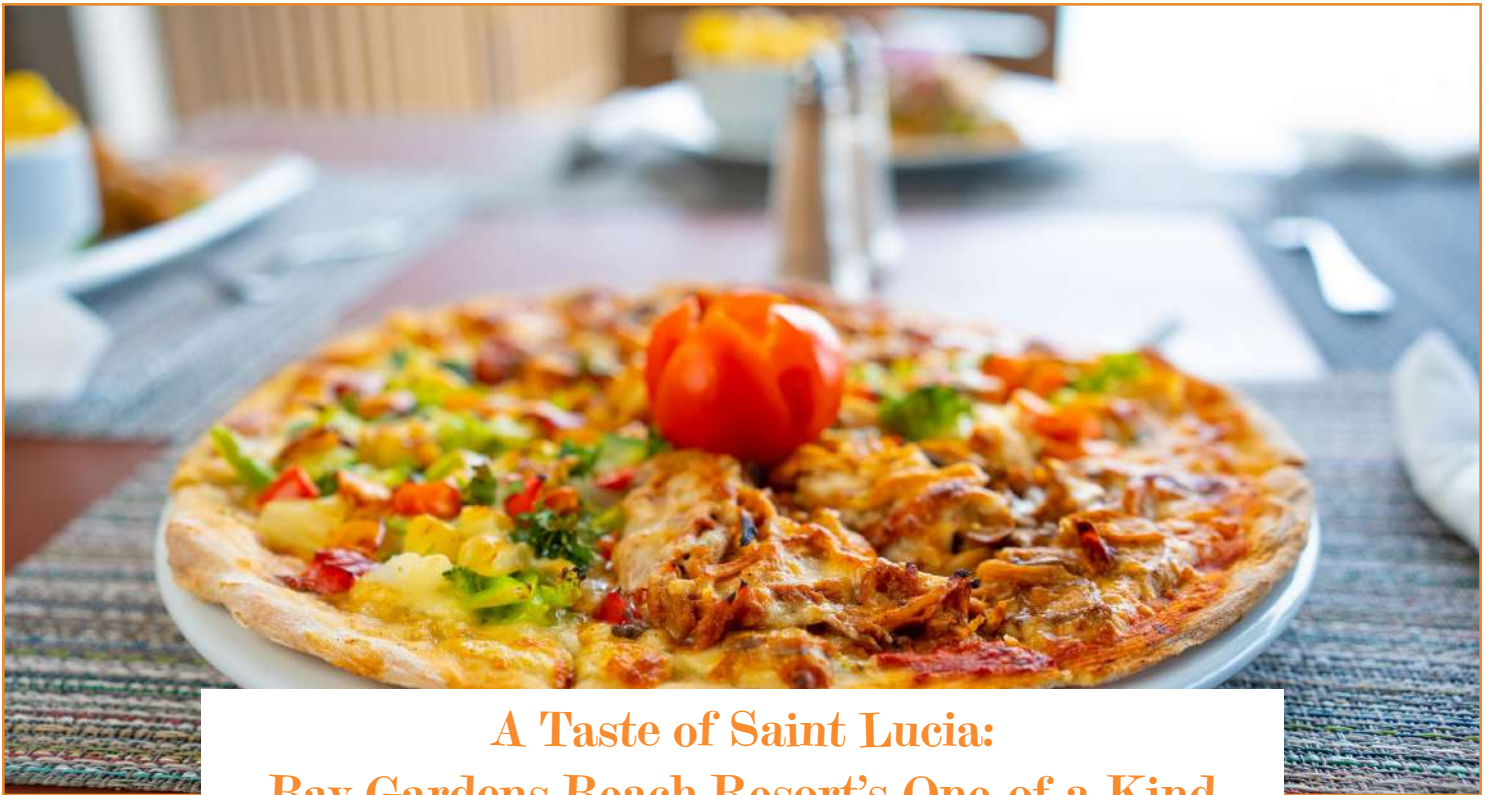
More than \$60,000 in prizes including luxurious stays, all-inclusive day passes, and tech gifts were awarded to honour their dedication and success, with special recognition given to standout performers Jady Emmanuel and Sapphire Parks.

In line with our 30th anniversary, we launched the Bay Gardens Community Fund, with Bank of Saint Lucia stepping up as our first external donor. Their \$10,000 contribution was split evenly, with \$5,000 awarded to both the Saint Lucia Aquatics Federation and the Saint Lucia Athletics Association to further support youth development in sport.

Our Executive Director, Sanovnik Destang, highlighted the global impact of athletes like Julien Alfred, and reaffirmed our commitment to uplifting Saint Lucian talent from CARIFTA stars to world-class champions like Daren Sammy, Johnson Charles, and Lavern Spencer.

A huge thank you to our strategic partner Promotech, for helping us reward our medalists with cutting-edge tech gear.

This ceremony was more than just recognition — it was a statement of our ongoing commitment to youth development, community partnerships, and national pride.



## **A Taste of Saint Lucia: Bay Gardens Beach Resort's One-of-a-Kind Dine Around Program**

When it comes to all-inclusive Caribbean vacations, few resorts deliver a culinary experience quite like Bay Gardens Resorts. Nestled along the sun-kissed shores of Rodney Bay, this award-winning property offers more than just beachfront relaxation; it offers a true culinary adventure.

Since 2017, Bay Gardens has invested over \$1 million into its unique Dine Around Program, a signature feature that reimagines the traditional all-inclusive model. The program's success even inspired the launch of the Taste the Bay Food Festival, a vibrant showcase for Rodney Bay's top restaurants and culinary talent.

Unlike most all-inclusive resorts, Bay Gardens offers a unique blend of in-resort convenience and the opportunity to explore Saint Lucia's culinary scene. Guests staying seven nights or more on the all-inclusive or MAP meal plans can enjoy two dinners off-property at a selection of top-rated local restaurants with roundtrip transportation included.

Whether you're in the mood for sushi at Rituals, French-Caribbean fusion at Jacques Waterfront Dining, bold Indian spices at Spice of India and Razmataz, or hearty seafood and steaks at Buzz Grill, the options are as diverse as they are delicious. Each restaurant offers an authentic taste of Saint Lucia's rich cultural flavours and international influences.

Simply choose your restaurant from the resort's handpicked list; book your evening in advance with the front desk, and you're off to experience the flavours of Saint Lucia in style. For food lovers and explorers alike, the Bay Gardens Dine Around Program is more than a perk—it's a passport to the island's most celebrated dining spots. It's no wonder this experience is one of the most cherished among Bay Gardens guests.



## Bay Gardens Resorts Celebrates SAIL Gros Islet Knights' Historic SPLT20 Victory

Bay Gardens Resorts is thrilled to celebrate the momentous achievement as the SAIL Gros Islet Knights, proudly sponsored by us, have been crowned champions of the 2025 Saint Lucia Premier League T20 (SPLT20). In a historic performance, the Knights secured their first-ever title with a commanding 110-run victory over the South Castries Lions in the finals held at the Gros Islet Mini Stadium.

The final match was a showcase of true cricketing excellence. The Knights delivered a powerful batting performance, putting up a massive 247 for 5 in their 20 overs. Jard Goodman led the charge with an explosive 95 off just 44 balls, while Kimani Melius, who was later named Player of the Tournament, added a lightning-fast 63 off 24. Their aggressive partnership set the tone for a dominant night, and the Knights' bowlers followed through with precision and pressure, bowling out the Lions for 137 in just 17.2 overs.

This championship is the result of hard work, strategic planning, and a strong sense of commu-



nity values that Bay Gardens proudly supports. The season was filled with standout performances, including Tyrel Chicot's historic hat-trick during the group stage and his tournament-best 21 wickets, which earned him the title of Bowler of the Tournament. Kimani Melius also emerged as the top batsman with a remarkable 518 runs across the tournament.

Beyond the individual accolades, what stood out most was the spirit and determination of the entire Gros Islet team. The energy they brought to every match and their commitment to excellence resonated deeply with fans across the island.

Supporting the SAIL Gros Islet Knights this season was more than just a sponsorship for us but an opportunity to invest in Saint Lucia's youth, culture, and love for the game. We extend heartfelt congratulations to the players, coaching staff, and supporters for this well-deserved victory. This championship marks a new era for the Knights, and Bay Gardens Resorts is honored to have been on this journey with them.



## A Year of Change: Bay Gardens Resorts Empower At-Risk Youth from the Babonneau Secondary School

In May 2024, a quiet initiative began that would go on to transform the lives of several at-risk boys at the Babonneau Secondary School. It all started when the teacher, Mrs. Adams reached out to Bay Gardens Resorts, asking for help to inspire students in an after-school program aimed at guiding those on the verge of going off track.

Bay Gardens responded with thoughtful intention, enlisting grassroots leader Shabazz Mitchell, whose powerful journey from street life to community leadership made him the perfect mentor. Together, they launched a series of impactful interventions starting with honest talks about manhood, discipline, and building a better future.

The program quickly evolved to include hands-on experiences tailored to the boys' interests. Music lovers joined studio sessions through Airborne Academy with support from Ezra D'Funmachine and Corey Raggie, while young athletes received donated football boots from Education Minister Hon. Kenson Casimir. Five boys also gained valuable work experience at Bay Gardens Resorts during the Easter holidays, where exposure to a professional environment helped boost their confidence and outlook.

The results have been remarkable. Teachers and parents reported improved behaviour, with some boys earning leadership roles and awards. Over the past year, the group has also enjoyed enriching field trips to farms, stables, and automotive events.

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This initiative, in just one year, has demonstrated the potential of collaboration between schools, businesses, and community leaders in transforming lives.



## Bay Gardens Resorts Participates in the 43rd Annual CHTA Marketplace in Antigua

Bay Gardens Resorts recently participated in the 43rd Annual Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association (CHTA) Marketplace, held for the first time ever in Antigua from May 18–22. As one of the most prestigious tourism events in the region, the CHTA Marketplace brought together leaders, hoteliers, and professionals from across the Caribbean to connect, collaborate, and craft the future of Caribbean tourism.

Our team was honored to be among the delegates at this highly anticipated event. Representing Bay Gardens Resorts were Sanovnik Destang, President of the CHTA and Executive Director of Bay Gardens Resorts, Anice O'Neil Commercial Director, Pauline Francis Marketing Manager and Neil John Marketing Supervisor. The team embraced the opportunity to engage with key industry stakeholders, explore emerging trends, and discuss innovative strategies to continue offering our guests exceptional, authentic, and sustainable Caribbean experiences.

One of the highlights of the event was the Caribbean Travel Forum, where pressing issues such as climate change, sustainable tourism, and the evolving needs of today's travelers were thoughtfully addressed. It was an ideal platform for industry leaders to collaborate on meaningful solutions for the long-term growth and resilience of the Caribbean tourism industry.

Another groundbreaking moment at this year's Marketplace was the inaugural Direct Booking Summit-Caribbean. As online travel agencies continue to influence booking patterns, the summit emphasized the importance of cultivating direct relationships with guests. Topics ranged from data-driven marketing strategies to enhancing guest experiences and fostering brand loyalty, all of which align with Bay Gardens Resorts' commitment to personalized service and building strong guest connections.

Attending the 43rd Annual CHTA Marketplace reaffirmed our dedication to innovation, sustainability, and excellence in hospitality. We are excited to bring fresh insights and strategies back to Saint Lucia as we continue to elevate the Bay Gardens Resorts experience for every guest who walks through our doors.

## Escape to Paradise: Unlock Up to 15% Off Your Summer Stay!

Enjoy up to 15% off your stay at select Bay Gardens properties this summer, including Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa, Hotel, Inn, and Marina Haven.

Your tropical getaway 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

Hurry! Only new bookings made by June 30, 2025, for travel from July 1 to August 31, 2025, are eligible for this offer. **Book** your summer escape today and soak up the savings!



## Spa Feature Peppermint Pedicure

Treat your feet to a refreshing escape with our Peppermint Pedicure. Enjoy a revitalizing soak, invigorating peppermint scrub, hydrating foot mask, and soothing peppermint oil massage—perfect for tired, achy feet.

To book your Peppermint Pedicure experience, contact the La Mer Spa at the Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa at **758-457-8553** or via email at **[lamerspa@baygardensresorts.com](mailto:lamerspa@baygardensresorts.com)**.

# Employee Feature: Kaila Gregg

After seven incredible years of dedication, growth, and achievement, Kaila Gregg continues to be a shining star on our team! Starting her journey in 2018 as the General Manager's Administrative Assistant, Kaila has worn many hats, from Culinary Administrative Assistant in 2020 to her current role as a dynamic Events Sales Associate since 2022. Her career path is a testament to her adaptability, work ethic, and dedication to customer service.



Kaila's efforts have earned her multiple accolades, including the General Manager's Award for Excellence in 2019 and 2022 and the prestigious title of Group Team Member of the Year in 2023. Outside the office, she finds joy in baking, reading, and spending meaningful time with her children.

Kaila, thank you for seven years of passion, persistence, and positivity. We're lucky to have you on the team!



## Tour Feature St. Lucia Segway Adventure

Get ready for an exciting and unforgettable adventure with an energetic Segway Tour! Hop on and glide your way to Rodney Bay, a legendary pirate hideout nestled along the beautiful northwest coast. Cruise through a lush 78-acre private nature reserve, where hidden ancient ruins peek out from lush tropical foliage, perfect for exploring and snapping awesome photos. As you ride, take in stunning views, discover fascinating history, and marvel at the vibrant plant life that makes this tour so special.

Are you feeling adventurous? Don't wait, [book](#) your tour today and get ready to make some amazing memories!



# Paradise Breeze Cocktail

## INSTRUCTIONS

Indulge in the tropical flavors of St. Lucia with our delightful cocktail, the Paradise Breeze. Inspired by the sun-soaked beaches and lush landscapes of this beautiful island, this simple and refreshing drink will transport you to a state of pure relaxation. Whether you're lounging by the pool at Bay Gardens Resorts or hosting a gathering with friends, the Paradise Breeze is the perfect beverage to elevate your Caribbean experience.

## INGREDIENTS:

- \* 1.5 ounces white rum
- \* 2 ounces pineapple juice
- \* 1 ounce passion fruit juice
- \* 0.5 ounce lime juice
- \* 0.5 ounce grenadine syrup
- \* Pineapple slice or lime wedge for garnish

## METHOD:

1. Fill a cocktail shaker with ice cubes.
2. Add the white rum, pineapple juice, passion fruit juice, lime juice, and grenadine syrup to the shaker.
3. Shake vigorously for about 15 seconds to ensure all the flavors are well mixed and chilled.
4. Strain the cocktail into a glass filled with fresh ice cubes.
5. Garnish with a pineapple slice or lime wedge for a touch of tropical flair.
6. Sip and savor the refreshing taste of the Paradise Breeze, letting the flavors transport you to the vibrant shores of St. Lucia.



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

### BAY GARDENS BEACH RESORT

#### *"A Peaceful Getaway"*

Reviewed by Curt S (05.12.25)

Very beautiful and peaceful place to just kick back and relax, staff was excellent. Went for my wife and I's honeymoon and its a lot of cherishable memories for us. Location is very safe and welcoming. For sure we will be going back God's Willing.

### BAY GARDENS HOTEL AND INN

#### *"Nice Hotel!"*

Reviewed by Debra (05.20.25)

Nice hotel with lovely gardens. 3 pools which always had sunbeds available. Friendly staff. Room was nice and clean, comfy bed. Shuttle bus to beach at sister hotel or approx. 20 min walk. Breakfast was good. Plenty of choice. Location is great, stones throw from restaurants and shops.

### BAY GARDENS MARINA HAVEN

#### *"Enjoyable Birthday Well Spent"*

Reviewed by M Katee (05.02.25)

My mum and I stayed here for my birthday and loved it! The staff were so helpful. Special thanks to Amelia, Debra, and "Mr Fix it" for decorating our room and patio. Spacious, comfy rooms with UK plug sockets, tasty local food, and great cocktails from Arnold at the bar. The pool was lovely (more loungers coming soon), plus free pool towels and a safe. The free shuttle made beach trips easy, and Rodney Bay Marina is perfect for sunset pizza and a Piton. A quiet, relaxing hotel, highly recommend!