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# 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.

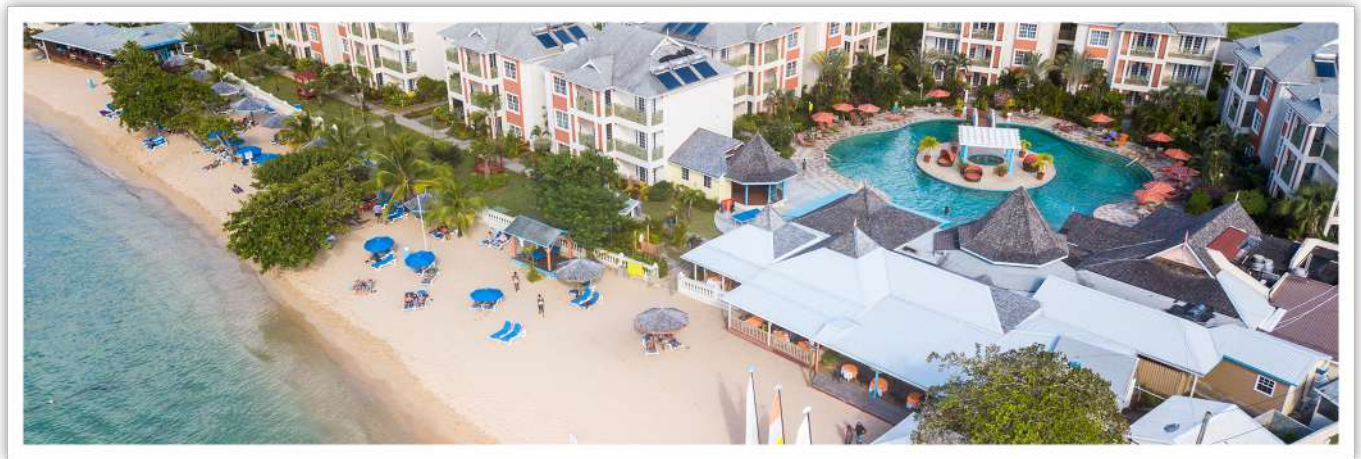
Featuring a total of 241 rooms, seven conference centers, four restaurants, and six bars, our resorts are the perfect choice for a Saint Lucian getaway for families, couples, honeymooners, wedding parties, business travelers, groups, and more. Guests can stay at the property that suits them best and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



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## Honourable Minister of Tourism visits Bay Gardens Resorts.



On Thursday September 2, 2021, Bay Gardens Resorts was honoured to provide a grand tour of its five (5) signature properties to Honourable Ernest Hilaire – Minister of Tourism, Investment, Creative Industries, Culture, and Information guided by Executive Director, Mr. Sanovnik Destang.

Mr. Hilaire was inspired by the excellent contribution the Destang family has made to national development through the hospitality sector over the past twenty-five (25) years. He was even more impressed by Managing Director, Mrs. Joyce Destang O.B.E. who is one of the most accomplished female hotel entrepreneurs in the Caribbean.

The Bay Gardens brand has a staff population of approximately two hundred and forty (240) team members who are 98% St. Lucian nationals and nearly 90% of whom have voluntarily taken at least one dose of either the Astra Zeneca or Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine. All 3 General Managers and 75% of department heads are strong Caribbean women who lead governed by the organization's core values of dedication, integrity, and ownership.

Despite the challenges from the ongoing global pandemic, the brand has plans for expansion with the next generation at the helm focused on being the hotel chain of choice in St. Lucia for travelers and employees where they are cared for as family, by our family.

The team looks forward to working with the Government of Saint Lucia and Minister Hilaire in growing St. Lucia's tourism sector.

## Be Entertained!

Experience the Sun, Sands and Seas of Saint Lucia with a fun-filled vacation at Bay Gardens Resorts. This locally owned and operated hotel chain caters to everyone, with a variety of relaxing amenities and services which are sure to keep you entertained while on your tropical getaway.

There is always something exciting on site from our highly anticipated sunset karaoke, manger's cocktail parties, beachfront movie night, bingo

and more. Our Bay Gardens Beach Club program grants access regardless of property, to the ultimate aquatic playground "Splash Island Water Park Saint Lucia", unlimited non-motorized water sports, yoga, and aqua aerobics.

During your stay, the kids will be busy at our Corals Kids Club with activities from tie dye, board games, arts & crafts and more. Parents can also take advantage of our babysitting services and enjoy much needed alone time.

Sound like a dream?

Visit [www.baygardensresorts.com](http://www.baygardensresorts.com) and say yes to the ultimate Caribbean getaway.



## Bay Gardens Resorts awards staff students with scholarships



Two students were presented with renewal scholarships from Bay Gardens Resorts on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, for their outstanding performance in academics at the secondary school level.

Kershelle Leo, daughter of the Bay Gardens Beach Resort and Spa accounts receivable clerk Nacha Peter and Ri-Ann Emmanuel, daughter of the Bay Gardens Beach Resort and Spa purchasing

manager Shirvon Mathurin were our 2020 Bay Gardens Resorts scholarship recipients and were able to maintain very high averages (well in excess of 80%) in their first year at St. Joseph's Convent, thus allowing them to retain their scholarships for 2021.

Team members with children in both primary and secondary school levels also received hampers which contained frequently used stationery items. A total of thirty-two (32) hampers were distributed.

Executive Director of Bay Gardens Resorts, Sanovnik Destang, commended the recipients for their performance and encouraged them to continue working hard. The awardees were elated and pledged their commitment to achieving academic excellence on this new journey. Parents also expressed their gratitude to Bay Gardens Resorts.

## Retie the knot with Us

Celebrate the magic of your love with a Bay Gardens Resorts renewal of vow package. Whether you are marking a milestone or simply looking to re-celebrate with family and friends, we have fantastic offerings and experienced Event Planners who are eager to help.

Our customizable packages and romantic ceremony locations makes rekindling your love so easy. Commemorate your love story with us today!

### Enchanted Journey – US\$650.00

- Services of a personal Events Planner
- A beautifully decorated setting of your choice
- Commemorative certificate
- A clergyman or Magistrate
- A tropical bouquet for the bride
- Boutonniere for the groom
- A 1 tier cake
- 1 bottle of alcoholic or non-alcoholic champagne



## Creole Heritage Sale

Bay Gardens Resorts is keeping tradition alive and offering amazing savings with a fabulous Creole Heritage Sale. October, which has been deemed Creole Heritage month in Saint Lucia, is one of the most highly anticipated periods where we celebrate the island's rich French/African culture, with a selection of kweyol food, music, games, and folklore.



Although the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic has placed a damper on festivities for yet another year, Bay Gardens Resorts is paying homage to this unique celebration with a Creole welcome basket inclusive of local snacks and drinks. This promotion is valid for **NEW ALL-INCLUSIVE BOOKINGS ONLY** made by October 24, 2021, for travel October 01 - 31, 2021 with a minimum stay of 4 nights.

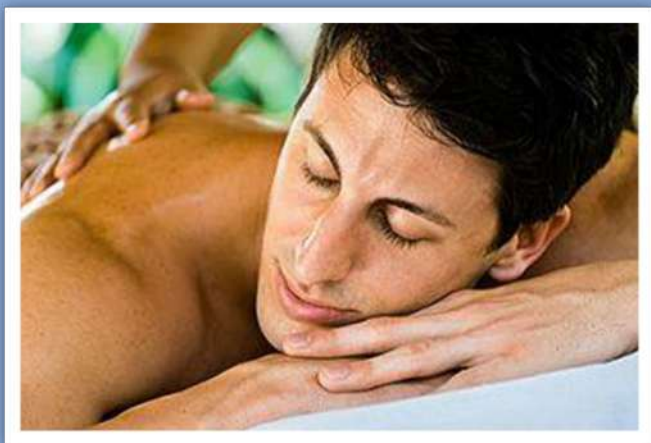
Also included, breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks, unlimited **FREE** non-motorized water sports, **FREE** Wi-Fi and **FREE** water park passes. Offer is **NOT** combinable with any other promotions, subject to availability throughout promotional period and may be changed or withdrawn at any time. All featured prices are in US Dollars.

Reservations are recommended. Blackout dates, and other restrictions may apply.

Opt for a hassle-free holiday in beautiful Saint Lucia when choosing our all-inclusive experience at Bay Gardens Resorts and enjoy the best of St. Lucia at the best value. Guests staying at Bay Gardens Resorts for seven nights or more receive additional benefits including: Access to Dine Around program which offers meals at nine additional restaurants in Rodney Bay Village, Unlimited passes to Splash Island Water Park, Complimentary access to non-motorized water sports and recreation, In-room starter pack featuring refreshments and snacks, Daily **FREE** Spa Treatment (per room each day of your stay).

[Click Here](#) to make bookings.

## Spa Feature – Traveler Unwind



Designed to alleviate muscle tension, this therapeutic massage offers much needed relief and comfort. It is the perfect ritual to diminish the effects of jet lag after your travels.

This treatment begins with a warm classic pedicure and foot massage combo, followed by a firm back, neck and shoulder massage guaranteed to relax tense and knotted tissue as well as improve circulation.

The treatment concludes with a refreshing facial to recondition and moisturize the skin leaving you completely relaxed.

You can enjoy this 2-hour experience for only US\$140.00 per person by calling 758.457.8553 or [click here](#) to book today!

## Featured Employee

Our featured employee for the month of September is Mr. Kendal Jimmy events technician at the Bay Gardens Beach Resort and Spa. Mr. Jimmy has been employed with the company for the past thirteen (13) years and enjoys meeting people from around the globe and putting smiles on their faces.

A proud husband and father of two, he wears many hats and can be referred to as the solution whiz on property, always willing to give a helping hand. His eye for detail in guest service areas is always matched with great reviews from our patrons who enjoy his jovial personality. You can catch him on a Tuesday evening for our famous sunset karaoke or at pebbles bar whipping up some refreshing cocktails.

In his leisure time, he enjoys watching a game of cricket, football or throwing it down on a domino table with friends. Mr. Jimmy embodies the Bay Gardens legacy of providing unmatched customer service, being a self-starter, paying careful attention to detail and addressing guest concerns with his energetic personality and welcoming smile.



## Recipe of the Month - Pemmie (Paime)

**Paime** is a traditional Caribbean confectionery commonly made in the month of October as the island of Saint Lucia celebrates Jounen Kweyol festivities. It is a sweet cornmeal pie, filled with flavorful spices, rolled up in a banana leaf and steamed to perfection.



### Ingredients

3 cups cornmeal, 1 ½ cup grated coconut, 1 ½ cup sugar (substitute with condense milk), ½ cup evaporated milk or water(if you use condense milk), ½ teaspoon powdered cinnamon, 1 cup grated pumpkin (optional), 4 tablespoons shortening, ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg, ¼ teaspoon of vanilla essence, Banana leaves (foil paper), Twine for tying (only if you use banana leaves), ½ cup dried fruit (optional)

### Preparation:

Add the cornmeal, grated coconut, sugar, powdered cinnamon, nutmeg, grated pumpkin and mix thoroughly. Mix into a thick dough, using milk or water. A little more cornmeal may be added if the mixture turns out to be too soft. Wash and dry banana leaves. Cut away main stem and cut into 6-inch squares. Place a spoonful of the mixture on each square and tie into parcels. Cook in boiling water for about 45 minutes. Take out of water and drain. Serve warm or cold.

## Our Guest Experience

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

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

#### **PEACEFUL COVID GETAWAY**

Reviewd by: Mike L

We really enjoyed our stay at the Bay Gardens Beach Resort. It was just the perfect quiet covid getaway we needed! The resort is located right in



front of Reduit beach, with incredibly calm & crystal clear waters. We enjoyed swimming in the ocean every morning and evening.

### **HAD A MARVELOUS TIME**

Reviewed by: [Ninad42](#)

The resort is beautiful. We overlooked the pool and ocean. The resort has done a great job with all of the Covid restrictions. All staff members are very friendly and helpful. They truly know the meaning of good customer service. Our unit was very clean thanks to Marthana. She made sure we had everything we needed each day. The wait staff in the restaurants did a fantastic job. We had special service from Chrystal. We had a wonderful stay.

### **BAY GARDENS HOTEL**

#### **REMARKABLE**

Reviewed by: [KLLG](#)

Helpful, friendly staff who go above and beyond to make sure you have the best time. The food was delicious! The dohwad (in creole means dolphin. Not the flipper kind:) ) was grilled and had a garlic like sauce over it. AMAZING! I will definitely come back and I would highly recommend this hotel.

### **BAY GARDENS INN**

#### **THANK YOU**

Reviewed by: [johnnie v](#)

We had the privilege to stay at BGI on two occasions in June and July. I was part of a crew for work and we were in a bio bubble because of the covid situation. The staff made us feel like it was our own place. When we returned for our second stay it almost felt like coming home. They went out of their way to organise some social events for us and even did trips to the shop for us because we couldn't leave the hotel except to go to work. A special mention must be made for the manager Deborah and also Veronica. Thank you for all your effort. I hope I can stay with you again and will gladly recommend the place.

#### **WHAT A STAY!**

Reviewed by: [Paul B](#)

I was part of the CWI cricket TV crew and stayed here twice. What an experience! Not easy to stay in a bubble-but Deborah and her staff look after us as we were familie members. From the front desk, to waiters, cleaners-everybody, thank you!!!

### **BAY GARDENS MARINA HAVEN**

#### **EXCELLENT WEDDING VENUE & HONEYMOON STAY**

Reviewed by: [Miryam Caine](#)

My husband and I were absolutely elated by how perfectly everything was planned and executed. Ms Aaron and her entire team including Chef Zev who exceeded our expectations with top tier cuisine,



Francois and Candi who provided 5-star service made our stay extra special.

We are forever grateful to Ms Aaron for turning our vision into a reality and for the surprise perks including spa treatment thereafter

We thoroughly enjoyed the warmth and friendliness of everyone, the ambiance and comfort of this intimate hotel. There is also the added benefit of numerous facilities within close proximity.

It was difficult to leave but We will be back!