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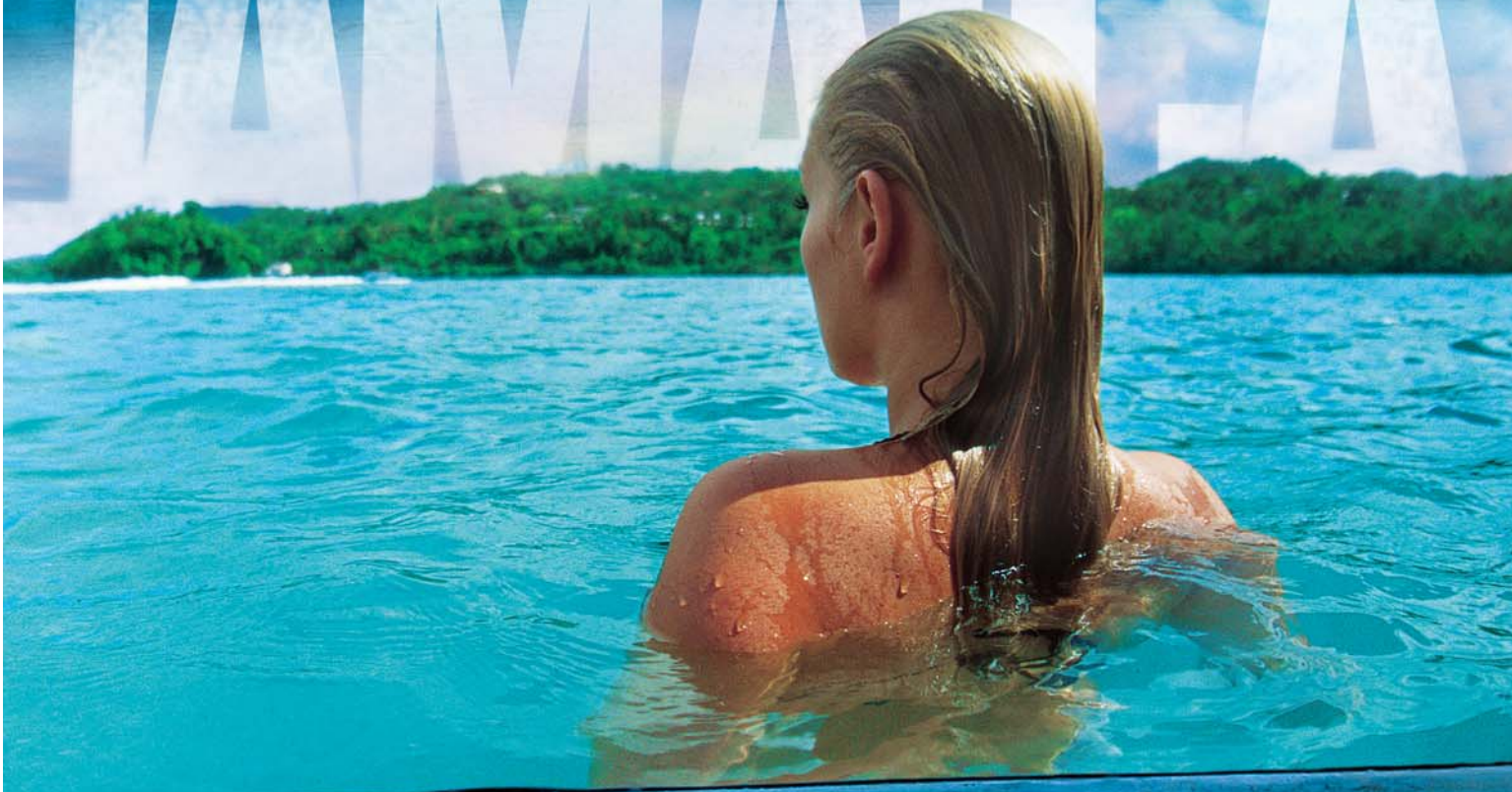
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JAMAICA TOURISM WARMS UP IN 2008

After registering robust tourism growth last year, Jamaica's tourism officials are gearing up for another successful year, helping to position the island as a leader in Caribbean tourism.

Addressing the Caribbean and international media at Caribbean Marketplace, Jamaica's Minister of Tourism Edmund Bartlett reported that Jamaica's tourist arrivals are back on an upward curve.

"We are elated to see that preliminary figures for this month are already looking exceptionally strong," Minister Bartlett reported, indicating an estimated increase in stopover arrivals of seven percent in the first seven days of January compared with the same period last year.

At the end of October 2007, stopover arrivals registered a 0.6 percent increase over 2006, which was itself a record-breaking year. Preliminary figures for November indicate growth of 4.4 percent, with three percent in December. Based on current projections, Jamaica will show an increase in stopover arrivals of at least 1.1 percent in 2007 over the record-breaking arrivals of 2006.

Upcoming events on the Jamaica tourism calendar include the JAPEX trade extravaganza to be held in the cultural capital of Kingston from April 25 through 27; and a new fall consumer promotion called Boonoonoonoos.

Chairman of the Caribbean Tourism Organization, Senator Allen Chastanet of St. Lucia, commended Minister Bartlett for the inspiring vision he is bringing to both Jamaica and the Caribbean region. He stated, "The Caribbean has only scratched the surface of its potential. The vision and cooperation we have seen from Jamaica's new Minister of Tourism encourages us all in the region to continue striving for excellence as we collectively seek to improve our arrivals and visitor expenditures in 2008."

Minister Bartlett concluded his overall impressions by stating, "It has been a great opportunity for Jamaica to be present in the largest marketplace in the last 20 years. The media presence at CHA has been enormous which has allowed the Jamaica brand to be transmitted."

The Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB), 800-JAMAICA (800-526-2422), www.visitjamaica.com

AIR JAMAICA INCREASING FLIGHTS FROM JFK TO JAMAICA AND SEATS TO BARBADOS AND GRENADA

Starting April 1, 2008, Air Jamaica will offer four daily nonstop flights between JFK and Jamaica. These flights will operate with an Airbus-A321 aircraft accommodating 12 Lovebird Executive Class passengers and 176 passengers in Lovebird Economy Class.

Air Jamaica provides the most nonstop flights to Jamaica from the United States and also from the New York gateway. The increase in flights includes two daily nonstops between JFK and Kingston, making Air Jamaica the only airline offering daily non-stop service to Jamaica's capital.

"Our JFK gateway is of great importance to Air Jamaica," says Paul Pennicook, Senior Vice President Sales and Marketing for the airline. "The demand from business and leisure travelers, coupled with the large Jamaican community, make New York one of our

REWARDING TRIP FOR JAMAICA'S TOURISM MINISTER



After a busy two days of meetings with tour operators, airline representatives and hotel investors during ITB, the world's largest travel trade show, Tourism Minister Edmund Bartlett (center) met with Jean-Claude Baumgarten, President of the World Travel & Tourism Council and Ufi Ibrahim, Chief Operations Officer, WTTC, as a follow up to the recent Tourism Outlook Seminar in Kingston to discuss preparatory steps for a system of Tourism Satellite Accounting in Jamaica.

most utilized gateways."

In addition, Air Jamaica is increasing its seat capacity from JFK International Airport to both Barbados and Grenada, effective April 1, 2008.

Mr. Pennicook announced that the Caribbean carrier will continue to serve the New York-Barbados route with daily non-stop flights, upgrading the existing A-320 Airbus aircraft to the larger A-321 which carries an additional 38 seats. "Barbados will continue to have the most convenient schedule to the island from the northeast United States - we'll be first on the beach and last off the beach," said Pennicook, who explained that the fully dedicated Barbados flights from New York and Jamaica will not be shared with any other Eastern Caribbean nation.

Air Jamaica will now serve Grenada with four weekly non-stop A-320 flights from New York, before continuing non-stop to Kingston. The airline will operate a fully dedicated Grenada service from New York on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and return to New York on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. All flights continue from Grenada to Kingston, except on Wednesdays when the service returns non-stop to New York.

Pennicook reassured passengers that while the Jamaican national carrier restructures, it remains committed to serving the Eastern Caribbean. "The new schedule into Barbados and Grenada presents an exciting marketing opportunity for the airline and the destinations to command a greater share of traditional tourist and Diaspora business," he said, underscoring that the carrier also valued the loyalty of Barbadians, Grenadians and other Caribbean nationals who join Air Jamaica flights in the Caribbean.

Air Jamaica, 800-523-5585, www.airjamaica.com

SIX NIGHTS SPECIAL AT ROUND HILL AND JAMAICA INN



JAMAICA INN IN OCHO RIOS

Jamaica's two classic resorts, Round Hill Hotel & Villas in Montego Bay, and Jamaica Inn in Ocho Rios, are offering the ultimate six night vacation package replete with superb service, privacy and style. Three nights at each of these properties, including breakfast daily, private transfers between the resorts and to and from the airport, tax and service, costs \$2,681 per couple from May 1 to October 31, 2008, based on availability.

Round Hill is located on a 110-acre peninsula, eight miles west of Sangster International Airport. The resort features profuse gardens, a secluded beach, a world class Spa, inspired cuisine, plenty of privacy and a friendly, courteous staff.

The Classics of Jamaica package includes three nights accommodation in an oceanfront room. In addition, guests receive full breakfast daily on the seaside terrace or in-room, a complimentary welcome beverage on arrival, daily New York Times fax, afternoon tea, and complimentary use of non-motorized water sports and the fitness center.

Jamaica Inn, owned by the same family for nearly 50 years, assures guests the utmost in unobtrusive service and attention. Located on a private cove, the six-acre property boasts a 700-foot beach. Cuisine is fresh and flavorful with an international twist. Guests can indulge in an innovative menu based on the finest local ingredients in an open air/outdoor dining room or in the privacy of their suite on their own verandah.

The package includes three nights accommodation in a Premier Verandah Suite located either directly on the water or right on the beach. All suites have verandahs, air-conditioning, ceiling fans and Jamaican antiques. Also included in the package is breakfast daily, served in the dining room overlooking the sea, a complimentary Planter's Punch on arrival and one each day on the beach. In addition, there is a fitness center, kayaking, snorkeling and sunfish sailing at the property, and tennis available nearby.

Round Hill Hotel & Villas, 800-972-2159, reservations@roundhilljamaica.com, www.roundhilljamaica.com;
Jamaica Inn, 800-837-4608, reservations@jamaicainn.com, www.jamaicainn.com

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Expect the unexpected with the varied offerings of Holiday Inn San Juan's packages. The Holiday Inn San Juan is a stylish three-star hotel with tasteful accommodations and convenient amenities designed to enhance comfort and convenience, whether your client is traveling for business or pleasure.

The property enjoys a privileged location in Isla Verde, steps away from one of the region's top beaches and surrounded by lively nightlife with clubs, casinos, and restaurants. Following an extensive re-design, the property boasts a contemporary ambiance, fitness room, complimentary Wi-Fi internet access, and expansive pool area, with whirlpool and water spray park, and three restaurants featuring Asian fusion, Caribbean, and contemporary Puerto Rican cuisine.

The room experience at its 222 rooms features air conditioning with individual climate controls, king or queen-sized beds, complimentary wireless Internet access, cable television, in-room iron and ironing board, in-room safe, CD player, bathrobes, and hair dryer. Further, custom perks make every guest feel at home on the road. Their Pillow Menu gives the guests the option to request the pillow of their preference - whether softer, firmer, or with neck support - for a great night's sleep. Meanwhile, Holiday Inn San Juan and Borders offer guests an exclusive 'book concierge' program that lets guests order out for books not in-stock at the Inn Shop to be delivered directly to their room within hours.

The Holiday Inn San Juan, www.hisanjuan.com

LASOURCE OFFERS UNIQUE ALL-INCLUSIVE DIVING PROGRAM

Travelers looking to explore the underwater wonders of Grenada are packing up their wetsuits and fins and heading to LaSource. The resort's all-inclusive program allows certified divers to enjoy a complimentary dive each day of their stay and introduces newcomers to the sport through a one-day "Discover Scuba Diving" experience that culminates with an open water dive to 40 feet.

The LaSource dive crew will help tailor a dive holiday suitable for any level of experience. LaSource's dive boat makes at least two trips each day. After completing several boat dives with resort instructors, guests are eligible to dive directly off of LaSource's beach. For advanced divers, the resort offers deep water dives to depths of up to 130 feet. LaSource also offers a variety of Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) courses that guests can take part in for an additional fee. Through LaSource's PADI FastTrack option, guests can become fully certified by beginning their course work at home via CD ROM. Once arriving at LaSource, they complete material reviews, pool training and open water dives in just three days. LaSource also offers Open Water, Rescue Dive and Dive Master Certifications, in addition to a number of different PADI specialty certificates.

Note that the minimum age for guests at LaSource is 16 years, except from June 20 to September 8, 2008 when the minimum age is 10 years.

LaSource, 888-527-0044, www.theamazingholiday.com

MAXIM BUNGALOWS UNVEILS NEW SERVICES AT THE SPA AT COFRESI BEACH

Maxim Bungalows, the Dominican Republic's newest luxury resort, has announced a host of new services and products at The Spa at the Cofresi Beach location of the Maxim Bungalows. The Spa will offer a Maxim Bungalows Barbershop as well as Kerstin Florian products, one of the most distinguished skin care lines in the spa industry.

Geared to the sophisticated male traveler, the Maxim Bungalows Barbershop will offer a range of services, including haircuts, scalp massage, beard and mustache trim, and hot shaves. All treatments and services will feature Kerstin Florian products and will also exclusively be available in-room for all guests of the Maxim Bungalows. Packages include: The Gentlemen's Favorite: 60 minutes for \$80; Barbershop Best: 45 minutes for \$75; and the After Sun Treatment: 30 minutes for \$45.

While male guests take part in the Maxim Bungalows Barber Shop, women staying at the Maxim Bungalows can also enjoy a variety of services at The Spa such as Caviar Facial: 90 minutes for \$145; Lavender Dreams Ultimate Experience: 90 minutes for \$175; and a Caviar Mani Kur: 45 minutes for \$65.

Maxim Bungalows guests will enjoy preferential access to The Spa, a state of the art 17,000 square-foot spa and fitness center located on the neighboring property of the Bungalows' sister resort, Sun Village Resort & Spa.

Maxim Bungalows, www.maximbungalows.com

BLUEBAY UNVEILS PLANS FOR FOUR NEW RESORTS

Enric Noguer, Director General for BlueBay Hotels & Resorts, an emerging group of five-star, all-inclusive resorts in the Caribbean, Mexico and beyond, has unveiled BlueBay's plan to open four new resorts in Mexico and the Dominican Republic over the next three years.

The highly-coveted locations include the Riviera Maya and Los Cabos in Mexico, Punta Cana and Samana in the Dominican Republic. T

his stylish collection of hotels and resorts raises all-inclusive standards by offering exquisite cuisine, extreme guest services and unmatched accommodations.

Noguer indicated that the new resorts, combined will offer nearly 3,000 new rooms that follow the brand standards, and will feature luxurious suites, direct access to either a swimming pool or a Jacuzzi, a spacious modern spa with fully equipped gymnasium and wonderful seafront locations.

Families will be specially tended for with children well catered with their own 'playstation' room and a mini club with all kinds of fun activities. BlueBay's restaurants are renowned for their excellent and diverse International cuisine. The resorts will also have complimentary WiFi connectivity, business center and meeting rooms.

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STAY 7 NIGHTS, PAY FOR 6 AT CAP JULUCA



Cap Juluca, the award-winning luxury hotel on Anguilla, is offering added value to already lower summer rates with a complimentary seventh night for guests paying for six nights. The offer is valid for new bookings only made now through August 31 for stays from May 1-August 31, 2008.

Savings are \$400 for a Superior room, \$495 for a Luxury Room and \$650 for Junior Suite accommodation, the daily rate at that time of year. Government tax and service charge of 10 percent each are extra. Winter season rates for these accommodations are \$825, \$945 and \$1,310, respectively.

Cap Juluca also offers special programs at low summer rates. The eight-day/seven-night Romantic Rendezvous ranges from \$4,770-\$6,495, depending on type of accommodation, and the five-day/four-night Quick Getaway, ranges from \$3,040-\$3,995. Both plans include various extras such as dinners, a snorkeling excursion, taxi transfers to and from the Anguilla airport or ferry terminal, 10 percent tax, 10 percent service and more.

Complimentary to all Cap Juluca guests is Continental breakfast served on the guests' private terrace or in the restaurant; all water sports; day and night tennis; croquet; aqua golf at the driving range and putting green; use of the fitness/cardio center; bottle of rum and mini-bar set up; afternoon tea and sorbet; and horticultural tours. A wide variety of international spa treatments are available. Cap Juluca, 888-858-5822, info@capjuluca.com, www.capjuluca.com

UNPLUG AND RECHARGE WITH ARAWAK BEACH INN'S ISOLATION VACATION

These days, 83 percent of Americans check e-mail once a day while on vacation. The Arawak Beach Inn on the island of Anguilla invites travelers to relive the days of the so-called "Dark Ages" with its Isolation Vacation. Without Internet access, TV or phones, guests will be forced to enjoy all the island and this rejuvenating escape have to offer. The seven-night getaway, created to help over-worked guests unplug and recharge, is available year-round and priced seasonally starting at \$999 per person (less than \$143 per night), based on double occupancy, June 1 through October 31, 2008.

The seven-night Isolation Vacation includes oceanfront accom-

modations; daily breakfast; four dinners at the Inn's Arawak Café; three-day car rental to take in the sights of Anguilla; private day-trip to an uninhabited island complete with a gourmet picnic lunch; a deep sea fishing excursion; three days of snorkel equipment; and round-trip airport or ferry transfers.

Arawak Beach Inn features a pool, the Arawak Beach Inn Café, a bar, and oceanfront accommodations boasting a balcony or deck, a king- or queen-size bed, a refrigerator, and a private bath. Most Oceanfront Deluxe rooms also include cable TV and four-poster beds. Maria Hawkins, Arawak's exuberant innkeeper makes guests feel at home while in paradise, inviting them into the kitchen to whip up their favorite meal.

The pace at Arawak is entirely up to guests. Lazing around the pool and enjoying the Arawak Beach Inn Café's delicious Caribbean fare and International cuisine is a popular "activity." For more adventurous guests, inn staff members will arrange boat excursions, sailing trips, tennis, and diving.

Arawak Beach Inn, 877-4-ARAWAK, relax@arawakbeach.com, www.arawakbeach.com

SHERIVA VILLA HOTEL EARNS AAA FOUR DIAMOND AWARD

Sheriva Villa Hotel has been awarded the prestigious AAA Four Diamond rating for 2008. The fundamental hallmarks at this level include an extensive array of amenities combined with a high degree of hospitality, service, and attention to detail. Sheriva has been awarded this esteemed accolade in just one year of operation.

Sheriva joins a select group of AAA Four Diamond Award winners. Just 3.6 percent of the more than 32,000 AAA Rated lodgings were awarded the prestigious AAA Four Diamond designation for 2008.

The assignment of the AAA rating of one to five Diamonds marks the completion of a successful annual evaluation. All properties must first meet AAA's rigorous requirements and guidelines during an evaluation by one of AAA's 65 full-time professional inspectors to become AAA Approved.

"AAA Four Diamond Award winners consistently deliver premier experiences, complete with superior personal service, first-class amenities, and impressive surroundings," said Michael Petrone, AAA director of Tourism Information Development. "To achieve and maintain AAA Four Diamond Award level of service is an amazing accomplishment, and AAA is pleased to honor Sheriva."

Sheriva is an exclusive waterfront villa-hotel with 20 rooms and suites. First opened in December 2006, the property re-launched as Anguilla's first boutique villa-hotel in 2007. Accommodations range from one-bedroom private pool suites to lavish seven bedroom villas. The 10-acre enclave offers superlative services such as a personal chef, 24-hour concierge privé, onsite security, in-villa spa treatments, private golf cart for villa guests, a complimentary shuttle service to Maundays Bay beach, and restaurant signing privileges at adjacent world-famous Cap Juluca Hotel. There is also Sheriva's private jet service, available aboard a Cessna Citation II from select U.S. cities and other Caribbean islands.

Sheriva Villa Hotel, info@sheriva.com, www.sheriva.com

DISCOVER LITTLE WHALE CAY, A PRIVATE ISLAND IN THE BAHAMAS

Since Bahamian pioneer Wallace Groves first developed Little Whale Cay in the 1930's, it has remained a guarded secret: a quiet, private island home receiving a few family and friends. Now, the present owners are opening their treasure cay to visitors, one party at a time.

Little Whale Cay is set in the heart of the Berry Islands in the Bahamas. It accommodates up to 12 guests in three individual villas, privately set on 93 acres. Escape to beautiful accommodations, a superb main beach, a marina, spa facilities, gym, sea-view infinity edged pool, tennis court, a flotilla of boats for skiing, sailing and fishing or cruising to small neighboring islands, and a chapel.

The undisturbed natural beauty of the Berry Islands is a sanctuary for wildlife above and below the sea. The island's development is controlled and eco-sensitive. The present owners of Little Whale Cay were drawn to this part of the world because of the untainted environment and have worked diligently to preserve it.

Accommodations, all air-conditioned, with flat screen TVs, DVD players, WiFi and telephones, are divided among three houses. Houses are connected by pathways but sheltered for privacy.

Guests spend most of their day outside under the sun, involved in a water sport, fishing, playing tennis, sailing, visiting a neighboring island for lunch, indulging in a massage or lounging by the pool. Meals will be by the private chef using fresh and organic vegetables and fish and meat.

The price is \$9,500 per day for up to 12 with a minimum of five nights, or \$790 per person per day including accommodations, food, drinks, use of all island facilities, boats, fuel, telephone calls and WiFi Internet connection in each Guest House. (\$10,750 per day, five-night minimum, if the stay includes Christmas, Easter or Thanksgiving Holiday). Transfers to Little Whale Cay, a tennis pro, Bonefish guide, Spa services, wave runners, scuba diving and more can be arranged.

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CAYMAN ISLANDS ANNOUNCE CAYMAN COOKOUT

The first annual Cayman Cookout will take place January 16-19, 2009 and will be presented by the Cayman Islands Department of Tourism, The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman and *Food & Wine* magazine. Hosted by celebrity Chef Eric Ripert, creator of the acclaimed Grand Cayman restaurant Blue by Eric Ripert, this week-end of events, tastings, demonstrations and wine seminars will offer visitors the opportunity to fill four delicious days in one of the most naturally beautiful and serene of locales: outdoors on world famous Seven Mile Beach. Chef Eric and his talented culinary friends, including wine expert Anthony Giglio and *Food & Wine* Deputy Wine Editor Ray Isle, will take visitors on an epicurean journey all of their own.

The Cayman Cookout promises to deliver great days of gourmet indulgence as visitors join some of the world's most talented chefs

and sommeliers for an unparalleled food festival in paradise.

Frequently referred to as "the Culinary Capital of the Caribbean," the three Cayman Islands offer world-class hotels and elegant resorts, luxury condominiums and secluded villas, all with unsurpassed service, and an eclectic array of fine food options. With more than 150 restaurants, unwinding with a good meal in the Cayman Islands can include chic five-star dining as well as a more casual venue under the stars, or even a themed event. From traditional Caymanian seafood to Caribbean and Thai, Italian or New World, discriminating diners are sure to find something to fit their taste. Summer is an excellent time to visit Cayman and experience some of this fine cuisine, and with the value packed Cayman Summer Splash, family deals abound.

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BARBADOS AND TNT VACATIONS CONTINUE "DESTINATION OF THE MONTH" PROGRAM



TNT Vacations' District Sales Manager Lynn Coughlin (left) poses with some attendees of the Shrewsbury event.

As part of the "Destination of The Month" program, TNT Vacations and Barbados recently joined forces to host Travel Agent Educational Events in Nashua, New Hampshire, Bedford, and Shrewsbury, Massachusetts to provide an update on dining, accommodations, weddings and honeymoons, golf, and the many heritage attractions Barbados offers.

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WYNDHAM HOTELS AND RESORTS TO ENTER ST. CROIX

Wyndham Hotels and Resorts have announced it will enter a new Caribbean market with the development of the luxury 400-room Wyndham St. Croix Golf Resort and Casino, which will become the keystone of a \$250 million complex that includes a new 43,000-square foot conference center on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. The conference center will share the resort's amenities and services including entertainment and food and beverage facilities.

The 294-acre property, scheduled to break ground this spring and open in 2010, will be developed by New Jersey-based Golden Resorts LLLP in joint ownership with Jericho All-Weather Opportunity Fund of Boca Raton, Florida, and managed by Wyndham Hotel Management Company.

The resort will feature a 25,000-square-foot casino; 18-hole Jack Nicklaus signature golf course; 17,000-square-foot world-class spa and fitness center; four restaurants; lounges; retail stores; and kid's club. The property will be located on the south shore of St. Croix, near downtown Christiansted.

Peter Strebel, Wyndham Hotels and Resorts President, said the introduction of the Wyndham brand in St. Croix will build upon its 24-resort portfolio in the Caribbean and Mexico, which includes properties in Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, Dominican Republic, Bahamas, Cozumel and the Riviera Maya.

"This world-class resort will enhance the Wyndham brand's strong position in the Caribbean, promote tourism and introduce

thousands of travelers to this wonderful island, with its rich culture, friendly people, pristine beaches and exciting recreational activities," he said.

Paul Golden, Golden Resorts Chief Executive Officer, said construction and operation of the hotel and casino will be an "economic catalyst" for the island and its citizens, "creating more than 1,000 construction jobs and 1,200 permanent jobs."

Golden said the Wyndham team's Caribbean experience, coupled with its sales, marketing, management and reservations system, make it the "ideal partner to manage and operate the Wyndham St. Croix Golf Resort and Casino."

Wyndham Hotels and Resorts, www.wyndhamworldwide.com

'SANDOS4U VIP REWARD CLUB' REWARDS CUSTOMER LOYALTY

Offering added incentives and VIP treatment to loyal guests, Sandos Hotels & Resorts invites travelers to enroll in the "Sandos4u VIP Reward Club." Registration is free-of-charge and participants are automatically entered into a drawing to win a free stay at one of the tropical Sandos properties. The reward club is a service initiative designed to reward customer loyalty. Identifying travelers as preferred guests, the club offers added amenities based on frequency of travel to any of the Riviera Maya properties. To register, visit www.sandoshotels.com/en/club_sandos/apuntate.php.

"With three hotels on Mexico's Riviera Maya, Sandos Hotels & Resorts has been experiencing a great repeat guest ratio," said Jacques DePaep, Director of Sales and Marketing for the company. "There are two primary reasons for this repeat-guest factor, one being the lure of the Riviera Maya and the other being our three great properties, which enable guests to have a new experience each vacation."

Reward club members are grouped into two categories, based on travel frequency. "Occasional" travelers will receive the following benefits: airport transfers free-of-charge for all bookings made via the hotel's website; discounts at the hotel shop and on hotel services; welcome fruit platter and welcome gift.

"Frequent" guests will receive all of the benefits mentioned above in addition to the following: upgrade to a superior room; late check-out; and VIP amenities including bathrobes, slippers, and upgraded bathroom amenities.

"Sandos4u" members are also guaranteed a direct line to the Sandos Hotels & Resorts team of qualified professionals who can assist with requests, answer questions and welcome suggestions.

An all-inclusive Sandos Hotels vacation features all meals and beverages; 24-hour room service (at Sandos Select Club only); activities such as tennis, watersports including use of boogie boards, windsurfing, sailing, kayaking, snorkeling and in-pool scuba diving lessons; fitness center and spa; daily activities program; water and beach activities such as pool games and water aerobics, water polo, beach volleyball and water volleyball; supervised "Kids Club" and a "Teen's Club"; nightly entertainment; and all hotel taxes and service charges.

Sandos Hotels & Resorts, 866-887-5601, clubsandos@sandoshotels.com, www.sandoshotels.com

"THINK JOLLY FAMILY SPECIAL" AND "THINK JOLLY ROMANCE" AT JOLLY BEACH RESORT & SPA

Jolly Beach Resort & Spa, Antigua's leading all-inclusive resort, wants families to Think Jolly. "We know that our Kidz Club is a big draw with our younger guests and we've upgraded our program and facilities to make their vacation experience very special," says P. Hilary Modeste, Director of Marketing Worldwide for the resort. "And for the upcoming summer season, to celebrate our new Jolly Teen Club program, we're extending the child rate to kids up to the age of 16, and one child stays free per family as part of our Think Jolly Family Special."

The Think Jolly Family Special offers a 15 percent discount off regular adult rates for the Queen Superior room category, one child stays free and a second child 3 to 16 years old pays the child rate when sharing with two adults.

Kids under three stay free. Bookings must be made April 1- June 15, 2008 for travel April 15 - December 20, 2008. Specify booking code JOLLYFAM.

This Think Jolly Family Special discount may not be combined with any other promotional offers, it is not valid on child rate or third and fourth person rates and applies to new bookings only. The sale is subject to change without notice.

The resort has added more fun and games to its popular Jolly Kidz Club and has created a new Jolly Teen Club for the 13- to

16-year-old set.

Table tennis, bingo and board games abound to excite and entertain, and there are nature walks and seashell hunts. Evening activities encompass excitements like dress up Pirate Nights, Pizza and Movie Nights, a Hawaiian-style Luau, Disco Nights, Talent Show Nights, Costume Parties and more.

In addition, Jolly Beach is offering the Think Jolly Romance Special just in time for a romantic Mother's Day, Father's Day or any-day beach getaway. This special offer includes a 15 percent discount off the resort's all-inclusive rates, a \$40 coupon towards a Couples Massage at the resort's new Palms Wellness Centre Spa and a choice of a \$25 match play coupon per person, per day or \$10 in slot tokens per person, per day for the nearby Grand Princess Casino.

To take advantage of the Think Jolly Romance Special, book April 1-June 15, 2008 for travel April 15-December 20, 2008 and specify booking code JOLLYROMANCE. This offer applies to standard, superior and junior suite room categories based on double occupancy.

The Think Jolly Romance Special may not be combined with any other promotional offers, is not valid on child rate or third and fourth person rates and applies to new bookings only. The sale is subject to change without notice.

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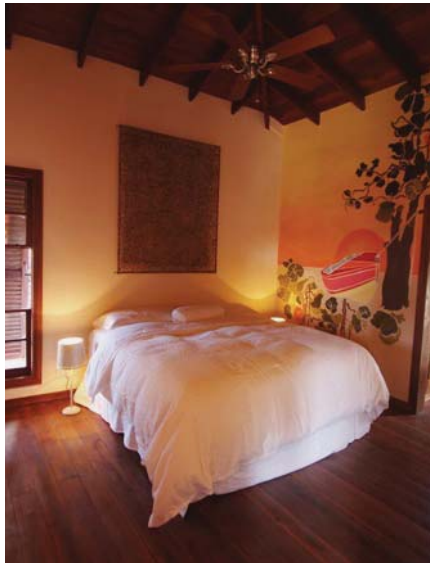
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WHAT'S NEW IN GRENADA FOR 2008



LE PHARE BLEU MARINA & RESORT

Grenada is currently experiencing many exciting developments that are expected to positively affect the country's tourism industry in 2008 and beyond. Visitors are sure to benefit from the following transformations taking place in the areas of accommodations, attractions, transportation, and infrastructure.

PORT LOUIS GRENADA

The Port Louis Marina and Creole Village was officially opened on January 4, 2008, days after the news of a major joint venture arrangement between the de Savary Group and the largest marina developer in the world, Camper & Nicholsons. In the new partnership, Camper & Nicholsons will invest \$24 million to market and develop the Port Louis Marina into one of the best and most exclusive in the world. The Victory Bar & Grill II, which has been the first major development to take place at the Port Louis Marina, has been fully operational since May 2007.

MOUNT CINNAMON PROJECT

Grenada's first boutique villa resort, Mount Cinnamon Grenada, was officially opened on March 1, 2008 with 21 one, two and three bedroom suites and villas. Located on Grand Beach, all accommodations enjoy views over the beach and the Caribbean Sea. The resort also offers a beachside cabana club with water sports, tennis, spa treatments, swimming pool and gymnasium. The popular contemporary

restaurant Savvy's has been open since June 2007.

LE PHARE BLEU MARINA & RESORT

Le Phare Bleu is a new marina and resort situated on the south coast of Grenada, opened in June 2007. It is comprised of 13 units. There is also a luxury two bedroom, two bathroom villa incorporating a unique plunge pool within the interior of the building. Other features include a swimming pool and lounge bar, together with car hire and a mini-market. Service facilities are available to the yachting community on-site and the water sports facilities include sailing, snorkeling and wake boarding.

GRAND HARBOUR WATERFRONT RESIDENCES

Grand Harbour is a collection of luxury waterfront residences located on Egmont Point. The development is designed so that every apartment features views of the bay and the mountains of Grand Etang. It offers 26 fully serviced private slips, a mega yacht berth, swimming pool, day spa and fitness center, restaurant, bar and a water sports club. The project began in May 2007. It is comprised of 54 units of three-bedroom waterfront town houses, three-bedroom waterfront apartments and two-bedroom hillside apartments. Grand Harbour is due for completion by December 2009.

BACOLET BAY RESORT AND SPA

Bacolet Bay Resort and Spa is set in a private area that fronts the Caribbean and offers spectacular views, while being conveniently close to the capital, St. George's. The luxurious resort will spread over 41 acres and contain a mix of apartments, villas and hotel cottages offering state-of-the-art facilities including a spa and fitness center, tennis courts, beachfront bars and restaurants. Bacolet Bay will have 215 units comprised of two-bedroom apartments, two-bedroom villas, one-bedroom villas, one-bedroom cottages and four four-bedroom villas. The completion date for the entire project is targeted for the first half of 2011, but phase one is expected to be completed by the end of 2009.

LEVERA RESORT AND SPA

The express wish of the new owners of this project is not just to provide a long term legacy to the people of Grenada, but to create a world-class luxury eco-resort, meeting or surpassing all industry best practices

for environmentally sound design and construction. Levera will have 60 villas ranging from one-bedroom to three-bedroom. The project will be low-density and, in keeping with its ecological goals, will focus on the preservation of the Levera National Park, Levera Beach and the protection of the turtle breeding habitat. Several hundred trees will be replanted along the beachfront and steps have also been taken to reduce the negative impact of invasive plants which took hold in areas disturbed by the previous developers. Construction of the infrastructure will begin in mid-2008 and this will be followed by the construction of the hotel and villas. The current schedule shows the hotel being completed by late 2009. This will be the first significant hotel in the north of the island, providing many important opportunities for employment and the provision of local goods and services. The project's commitment to the conservation of the local environment is one of its most defining characteristics.

THE POINT

Located on the south coast of Grenada in the quiet residential area of Fort Jeudy, this property has two beaches and edges sheltered waters, offering protected swimming and snorkeling with the safety of an outer reef. This 15-room resort will offer, on completion, a high level of modern architectural designs utilizing the best of the Caribbean, Mexican and regional design influences. Its design has incorporated many ecological ideas to reduce the impact on the eco-system through the use of solar water heating, solar lighting and an efficient water irrigation system. The Point will have a restaurant, bar and lounge, as well as a holistic spa. The completion date for this project is earmarked for the first quarter in 2009.

GRENADA SEAFARIS

A new and unique service to visitors and residents alike, this family-owned and operated business offers a variety of island boat tours that highlight the concept of shoreline sightseeing and showcase the history, ecology and geography of the island through the eyes of a well-trained and experienced tour guide. Grenada Seafaris was launched in November 2007.

Grenada Board of Tourism,
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ALMOND RESORTS' 'SEA AND SUN' PACKAGES SAVE CLIENTS UP TO 35%

Almond Resorts, the Caribbean's premier all-inclusive hotels, are offering value-packed Sea and Sun vacations with savings of up to 35 percent.

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In Barbados, guests have a choice of Almond Beach Club & Spa (welcomes guests 16 years of age and over), Almond Beach Village, or the new Almond

Casuarina Beach (opening 2008), and in St. Lucia, Almond Morgan Bay and Almond Smugglers Cove.

All reservations must have the booking code noted (SEASUN2008) in order to qualify for the sale prices. Discount is available on single, double, triple or quad rates. No discount on children's rates.

This offer does not include airport to hotel transfers or airfare. Sale applies to new bookings only, and it is subject to change without notice.

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT UPDATES FROM ST. KITTS; BILLY OCEAN TO PERFORM AT ST. KITTS MUSIC FESTIVAL

This past October, St. Kitts welcomed the Christophe Harbour development on the island's Southeast Peninsula. Christophe Harbour is set on 2,400 acres and is comprised of developments by Auberge Resorts and Mandarin Oriental among others, in association with local enterprises. Sandy Bank Bay, a 75-suite Auberge Resort, will commence the first phase of its development this year.

The Royal St. Kitts Hotel & Casino, formerly known as Jack Tar Village, reopened on December 1, 2007. Set on 18 acres, the property offers well-appointed guestrooms each with private balcony. The property's amenities include the Royal St. Kitts Casino, the Cane Club, a private lake, swimming pools, tennis courts, nightly entertainment, restaurants, and the Lime Beach Bar & Grill.

The Carambola Beach Club is under construction and scheduled to open in the sec-

ond half of 2008. Set on the beach, the Carambola Restaurant will feature gourmet dining and an extensive wine cellar. Watersports and loungechair waiterservice will be available to guests.

On December 14, the first condominium in the Ocean's Edge resort development in the Frigate Bay area of St. Kitts was topped out, marking a significant milestone in the construction process. Ocean's Edge is a unique resort development overlooking Cable Bay that is comprised of 185 units.

Recently opened on Cockleshell Beach is the Reggae Beach Bar & Grill. This establishment serves eclectic Caribbean fare in a casual restaurant set on the beach. It is complete with known-and-loved icon Wilbur the Pig, a dedicated gift shop, lounge chairs in the sand, a long pier and an open-air style.

The Beach House restaurant is the newest project from luxury hotel developer and operator Auberge Resorts. The restaurant, formerly Turtle Beach Bar & Grill, has undergone a makeover and is scheduled to open in April 2008. It will feature a private rooftop lounge and an eclectic menu of Caribbean cuisine.

Soon to begin construction in the Northern part of St. Kitts is Kittitian Hill, a contemporary Caribbean community founded on the principles of holistic, sustainable development.

It consists of a village with a center for the creative arts, villas, apartments, a cottage hotel, a destination spa, and a championship golf course.

"It is extremely gratifying to see continual progress being made in the development of St. Kitts' tourism product," said Richard "Ricky" Skerritt, Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism, Sports & Culture. New non-stop service to St. Kitts from JFK on American Airlines began November 18, 2007 and Delta Air Lines began non-stop Saturday flights to the island from Atlanta on February 16, 2008. These flights compliment existing non-stop service from Miami on American and from Charlotte on US Airways as well as connecting service via San Juan on American Eagle.

BILLY OCEAN TO PERFORM AT ST. KITTS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Grammy Award Winning artist Billy

Ocean will be among the premier acts performing at the 12th Annual St. Kitts Music Festival, which will take place from June 26-28, 2008.

With a career spanning more than 25 years, Billy Ocean has sold in excess of 30 million singles and albums worldwide and earned a Grammy Award for Best Male R&B Vocal Performance for "Caribbean Queen (no more love on the run)." Some of his other hit songs include, "When the Going Gets Tough, The Tough Get Going," "Suddenly," "Lover Boy," "There'll Be Sad Songs (to make you cry)," "Get Out of My Dreams, Get Into My Car," "Love Zone" and many more. After taking a 15-year hiatus from recording, Billy is releasing a brand new studio album, "Wilburforce," and the album's first single, "Chained," later this month.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Billy Ocean to the St. Kitts Music Festival for the first time," said Minister Skerritt. "The St. Kitts Festival is a well established Caribbean and International platform, and is perfect for Billy Ocean to continue his reemergence this year after such a long absence from the world stage. Our Festival is widely recognized for showcasing a mix of musical styles while reflecting a uniquely Caribbean flavor – an environment into which the golden voice and heart-warming songs of Billy Ocean will be an excellent fit."

Minister Skerritt said additional musical acts will be added and announced in the coming weeks. Now in its 12th year, the St Kitts festival attracts both locals and visitors alike.

It features various musical styles on the popular market, including R&B, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Reggae, Soca, Calypso, Gospel and Contemporary music. Past artists have included such prominent acts as Michael Bolton, Wyclef Jean, Ne-Yo, Air Supply, Dionne Warwick, Kenny Rogers, Boyz II Men, Brian McKnight, Ashanti, Shaggy, Eve, Bobby Caldwell, DMX, Hugh Masekela, Xtatic, the Temptations, Chaka Khan, Maxi Priest, Ronald "Boo" Hinkson and Busta Rhymes.

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CEIBA DEL MAR OFFERING SNORKELING AND ANTI-STRESS PACKAGES

Ceiba del Mar Resort has announced its "4th Night Free" Snorkeling Package for spring, allowing enthusiasts to experience some of the world's best snorkeling, as well as the peace, seclusion and comfort to be found at this upscale hideaway.

Ideally situated on a stretch beach at the edge of a fishing village, this hidden gem features an ambiance of luxury, beautiful Mexican and Mayan architecture and warm hospitality. Ceiba del Mar combines unspoiled beaches, relaxing Caribbean waters, a stunning natural landscape, a unique holistic spa and unparalleled amenities and service.

The resort's "4th Night Free" Snorkeling Package includes five-days/four-nights in selected luxury accommodations, with the fourth night complimentary; private airport round-trip transfers; one snorkeling excursion for two; in-suite luxury organic bath amenities; daily "eye opener" delivered to the room, featuring coffee or tea and an assortment of whole grain sweet rolls; and afternoon tea time.

The rate is \$1,170, plus taxes and additional service charges. Package is based on double occupancy, additional nights are available. This package is available until April 30, 2008.

In addition, Ceiba Del Mar Beach & Spa Resort is rewarding travel planning procrastinators with its special Last Minute Anti-Stress Package.

This package includes everything needed to make a quick getaway and get relaxed and recharged at Ceiba Del Mar. The package includes three-days/two-nights in selected luxury accommodations, single or double occupancy; complimentary one-level room upgrade (guaranteed at reservation time); private airport round-trip transfers; one Anti-Stress Massage at the resort's aromatherapy Spa; in-suite luxury organic bath amenities; complimentary coffee service every morning; and daily yoga and Pilates.

The Anti-Stress Last Minute Package starts at \$369 per night, plus taxes and additional service charges. Additional nights are available, but a minimum two-night stay applies. This offer is valid until May 31, 2008.

Ceiba del Mar Beach & Spa Resort, 877-545-6221, www.ceibadelmar.com

HOTELS EL TUKAN, MOONGATE AND NINA MAKE CHANGES TO FOOD AND BEVERAGE TEAM

Operadora Eurocaribe S.A. de C.V, the operating company that is managing and commercializing the Tukan Hotel and Beach Club and Moongate in Playa del Carmen, as well as the centrally located Hotel Nina, has made a number of changes to its Food and Beverage team within the last 12 months.

These changes include appointing Mr. Alberto Vazquez as Assistant Food and Beverage Manager, Mr. Tulio Rossi as Food and Beverage Manager, and Executive Chef Obed.

The new team comes from some of the best hotels, restaurants,

and schools that Mexico offers.

The International Gourmet Restaurant "Tulipanes" with a direct view to 5th Avenue, the Cantina bar and restaurant "La Cruz de Mi Parroquia," the buffet restaurant

"La Ceiba" and the 5th Avenue Bars "Living" and "Tulipanes Bar" have already undergone a number of changes to the variety, type and orientation of their food and beverage offers.

The new Food and Beverage team has established the Tulipanes as one of the best restaurants in Playa del Carmen, frequented by visitors from all over the world. Many other changes are still to come.

The different hotels offer different meal plans, such as the European Plan or the Bed and Breakfast, as well as the All-Inclusive Plan which, since its implementation, has become the most popular.

This plan is featured at La Ceiba restaurant and bar, as well as La Cruz de Mi Parroquia Cantina.

The new Food and Beverage team invites guests to try their cuisine and bars in the heart of Playa del Carmen.

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HOTEL MARINA EL CID SPA & BEACH RESORT OPENS PHASE TWO; SAVE 20% ON EL COCAY SPA PACKAGE



Hotel Marina El Cid Spa & Beach Resort has announced the completion of a \$50-million expansion, with the opening of 150 new luxury suites, a gourmet restaurant, Maya-inspired spa, beachfront bar and state-of-the-art convention center.

The 342-room Hotel Marina El Cid is located 15 minutes from the Cancun International Airport and the chic shops and restaurants of Playa del Carmen. Spanning 617 acres, the deluxe all-inclusive resort is set along 1,969 feet of beachfront on Mexico's Riviera Maya on the Yucatan Peninsula. Junior, one-, two- and three-bedroom suites are dispersed in 11 low-rise buildings. With four restaurants, Marina Hotel El Cid offers an array of dining options, from casual to gourmet.

The new, oceanfront El Cocay Spa rejuvenates mind, body and spirit with massage techniques based on Maya legends and offers one-of-a-kind treatments. Oversized windows provide calming ocean views for guests indulging in Maya mud wraps, massages, mineral scrubs and facials. And no Maya spa would be complete without the traditional Temazcal Sacred Bath, the ancient steam treatment to purify body and spirit.

Travelers can enjoy a 20 percent savings with the new El Cocay Spa Package at Hotel Marina El Cid Spa & Beach Resort. Now through June 30, 2008, the El Cocay Spa Package includes a manicure, pedicure, back and neck massage, gentle exfoliation treatment, deep moisture therapy facial and hydrotherapy treatment. The cost of the package is \$210 in addition to the El Cid all-inclusive rate. If booked separately, these treatments would cost \$259, for a savings of 20 percent. The El Cocay Spa Package is valid for guests who pre-book a junior, one-, two- or three-bedroom suite. It also applies to Platinum Club guests.

Hotel Marina El Cid Spa & Beach Resort, 800-525-1925, www.elcid.com

PALACE RESORTS EXTENDS TRAVEL AGENT BONUS COMMISSION PROGRAM

Palace Resorts has announced the extension of the Travel Agent Bonus Commission Program now through 2008 with the inclusion of additional bonus incentives.

As an illustration of appreciation to this vital community, Palace Resorts continues to include the 20 percent commission benefit, on top of the Bonus Commission Program, to agents that book a

Superior or Deluxe Wedding package and associated room block at any of the participating Palace wedding resorts.

The traditional Bonus Commission Program allows travel agents to book as many reservations as possible at any of the Palace Resort properties in the Cancun/Riviera Maya/Cozumel/Isla Mujeres/Nuevo Vallarta regions until December 31, 2008, in exchange for bonus commissions. Through this rewarding incentive, travel agents that book individual stays for three nights or longer will receive a \$50 bonus commission per room. Additionally, for every 10th room booked, agents receive an additional bonus of \$250.

Travel agents interested in taking advantage of the Commission Programs can make reservations by calling Palace Resorts or through a wholesaler, GDS (use VE code). This program is restricted to groups of up to 25 rooms. Any additional rooms within the same group booking cannot be claimed. Travel agent, FAM rates, Interline, or discounted rates do not qualify. Other restrictions apply. Once the reservations have been made, qualified travel agents can obtain their bonus commission by requesting a claim form from Palace Resorts. Agents can also download the form from the company's website.

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EXCLUSIVE SUMMER OFFERINGS FROM TIDES HOTELS

This summer, Kor Hotel Group forefronts its brand The Tides with creative vacation packages designed for guests seeking glamorous fun, cultural adventure or time to reconnect. The Tides' coastal-chic style invites guests to escape to coastal paradises in Mexico at The Tides Zihuatanejo and Riviera Maya, or to enjoy a serene summer at The Tides South Beach.

The Tides Zihuatanejo and The Tides Riviera Maya are offering "Escape to Paradise" packages, available at the tranquility of Zihuatanejo's Playa la Ropa on the Pacific Coast or the lively milieu of Playa del Carmen on the Caribbean's Riviera Maya. This summer, both resorts help guests to extend their vacation a little bit longer with a complimentary fifth night through the package. Packages are available for stays from June 1 to October 31, 2008. (Booking dates are April 1 through October 15, 2008.) Five night stay is required.

Newly re-launched with a glamour that reclaims the iconic hotel's legendary status, The Tides South Beach invites guests to bask in its new high-design amenities. Recline along the art deco-inspired pool terrace, share cocktails in the chic new bars of the lobby, enjoy breakfast amid the stunning interiors of La Marea restaurant and relax before ocean views in a spacious Kelly Wearstler-designed Studio Suite.

The "Summer Serenity" package includes one night accommodation in an Oceanfront Studio Suite, rum summer cocktail for two upon arrival, and full American breakfast for two. Total price is \$390. Package is available for stays from June 1 to September 30, 2008. Sunday through Thursday night stays only. Black-out dates are May 22 to 27 and June 23 to 27, 2008. Package is 10 percent commissionable and available for multiple night stays.

The Tides, thetidesresorts.com

CAP MAISON APPOINTS ROSS STEVENSON AS GENERAL MANAGER



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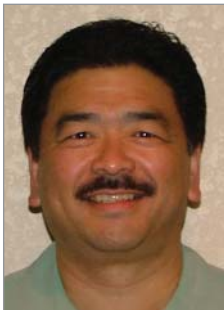
Cap Maison, St. Lucia's first residential-style luxury boutique hotel opening July 2008, has announced the appointment of Ross Stevenson as General Manager. A 30-year veteran of the hospitality industry, Stevenson is one of the industry's legendary General Managers, known for setting exceptionally high service standards at luxury hotels in the Caribbean and the United Kingdom.

Bringing his seasoned expertise and qualified experience to Cap Maison, Stevenson will play an integral role in raising the bar of luxury at the island's newest residence-style boutique hotel. Most recently, Stevenson spent four years as General Manager at Cobbler's Cove on Barbados, a Relais & Châteaux property, and earned several prestigious awards under his watch including coverage in *Condé Nast Traveler's* Gold List and *Condé Nast Traveler's* Top 20 Caribbean Hotels.

Prior to Cobbler's Cove, Stevenson served as General Manager at The Royal St. Lucian Resort & Spa for three years, where he was responsible for winning the AAA Four-Diamond award for the resort. His move back to St. Lucia is somewhat of a homecoming since his tenure there. Born in the United Kingdom, Stevenson spent 20 years in a number of management positions at leading U.K. hotels and resorts, including the renowned Cliveden House and The Royal Crescent Hotel, both west of London.

Cap Maison, www.capmaison.com

DAVID YAMADA NAMED GENERAL MANAGER AT WESTIN ST. JOHN RESORT AND VILLAS



DAVID YAMADA

David Yamada has been appointed General Manager at the Westin St. John Resort and Villas effective February 1. Yamada is 17-year veteran of general management and has 35 years of professional experience in the hospitality industry. Prior to becoming General Manager at the Westin St. John, Yamada served for three years as General Manager at Renaissance Oklahoma City Hotel and Convention Center, where he led a cluster sales team selling Renaissance, Courtyard and Residence Inn brands. Previously, Yamada served as consultant and contractor for the Virgin Islands Hotel and Tourism Association conducting training sessions for high school juniors and seniors to prepare them for a nine week internship program at local hotels and resorts. Yamada served as General Manager at the Renaissance Grand Beach Resort in St. Thomas, USVI. A few of Yamada's professional affiliations include chair and co-founder of St. Thomas/St. John Hospitality Focus Group and vice-chair of United Way Transportation and Hospitality in the Greater Dallas Area.

The Westin St. John Resort & Villas, 888-627-7206, www.westinresortstjohn.com

JOSÉ GONZALEZ ESPINOSA APPOINTED GENERAL MANAGER AT FRENCHMAN'S REEF & MORNING STAR MARRIOTT BEACH RESORT



JOSÉ GONZALEZ
ESPINOSA

José Gonzalez Espinosa has been named General Manager of Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort on St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. In this position, José will be responsible for leading all areas of the operation including guest and employee satisfaction, financial performance, sales and revenue generation and owner relations.

"José's extensive hospitality experience, coupled with his knowledge and success in the operations field, puts him in the ideal position to join Frenchman's Reef and Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort at this exciting time," said Dominic Sherry, Regional Vice President, Marriott International. "With the completion of the \$25 million renovation project this summer, the resort is looking better than ever and José will help ensure we continue to be recognized as a leader in the hotel industry."

Prior to joining the Frenchman's team, José served as General Manager at Marriott and Renaissance properties in Costa do Saúpe, Brazil, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and Puebla, Mexico.

He also held management and director positions at InterContinental properties in San José, Costa Rica; Rio De Janeiro, Brazil; Caracas Venezuela and Berlin, Germany.

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