

*Home, Home on the Sea:*  
**Yachting the Caribbean**



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# Home, Home on the Sea: Yachting the Caribbean

Part-time life on the water in a variety of shapes and sizes.

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Adventure lies ahead as far as the eye can see and the mind can imagine across the Caribbean Sea. At one time these high seas were the domain of corsairs, pirates, and privateers. It was a time when yachting meant business . . . if not a battle.

Today, yachting in the Caribbean is more of a gentle affair, but still has about it the mystery and adventure of old. And it is the adventure that attracts people to yachting in the Caribbean year, after year.

Yachting there comes in all shapes and sizes to fit the purse, personality and age of any vacationer to the West Indies. It hosts a wide variety of adventure on the high seas in a wide variety of locations — from children squealing with delight as they sail on a virtually unsinkable laser sailboat in the protected waters of the North Sound of the British Virgin Islands, to a more sedate napping on a deck lounge on a fully-crewed, luxury yacht to the out-of-the-way nooks and crannies, harbors and lagoons of a sailor's, and landlubber's, dream.

## Land and Sea — Sailing 101

Some people may not like to spend all their time on the sea, yet like a lot of water sports and enjoy the remoteness of a destination that only traveling on a yacht usually brings. One such place is The Bitter End Yacht Club in the British Virgin Islands. It is 12 miles from Tortola, British Virgin Islands, 30 miles from St. Thomas, USVI, and 75 miles from Puerto Rico. It is accessible only by boat. It is on 75 acres of land on the northeast end of Virgin Gorda, with more than a mile of waterfront. It faces North and Statia Sounds and is the last outpost of human habitation before the vast Atlantic Ocean. It gives full meaning to the word remote; also to quiet, unhurried, and uncluttered with views of megalithic hotels. Whew, that is remote.

Originally a family retreat, Bitter End has evolved into a destination resort featuring eighty-five shore-side accommodations, three restaurants, a full-service marina and a world-renown water sports center and sailing school. It offers a complete land and sea vacation for the whole family and for clients with a range of skills in boating — including none.

Bitter End has 100 boats to choose from when guests are on its all-inclusive. These range from a small, fast moving, mono-sail, laser to the 35 foot boats, with a whole bunch of boats in between, like catamarans. This is the place to stay on the land, but be on the sea every day. For those who know nothing of sailing, the resort offers free sailing classes for guests staying at least a week. It is also famed for instructions for the very skilled.

Four accommodations are available for the "sailing season"



Gearing up for sailing at the Bitter End Yacht Club.

from October 1 to December 21: the beachfront villas are \$630, the North Sound suites are \$610, and the estate house is \$1,260. The fourth is one of four live-aboard, 30 foot yachts that usually goes for \$610 a night. But that may change when the resort brings in new boats this season. Live on the water and sail, or not sail, and just live like a sailor.

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## Yachting with a Purpose

Blackbeard's Cruises bills itself as offering "twice the fun at half the cost." Alternatively, it is more likely less than half the cost and more than twice the fun. The company has three different classifications of boats offering prices and accommodations for three kinds of budgets. Two are sail boats and one is a motorized catamaran. All sail weekly from easy-to-access Nassau, The Bahamas. All are intended for SCUBA diving.

While most SCUBA trips involve staying at an on-shore resort and taking several trips a day to diving locations, these are like mobile resorts and your clients wake up and go to sleep at one of more than 200 remote islands of the northern Bahamas. Three, 65-foot sloops make up their Blackbeard's Cruises fleet. These accommodate up to 24 passengers in single and double berths, with four people sharing a cabin. This is at \$899 per person per week. That is it. No messing with changing rates. Rates are the same all year.

It is hard to beat that price for a week anywhere and to include food and all dives, even if a client is staying at home. And this includes night dives in some out-of-the-way location that is near impossible to get to round trip from a shore-side resort. The next category up is their 65-foot, 31 foot beam, catamaran, *Cat Ppalu*. She accommodates 12 guests in a variety of private cabins. The main salon provides a spacious

area for socializing or simply relaxing. The starboard hull is equipped with an underwater window so guests will always have a view of the sea. This is generally chartered. And one reason is its reasonable charge, \$11,000 for the week, which includes all food and use of the on-board kayaks to explore the rivulets on some of the islands. For less than a \$1000 per person, that is pretty good. There is no itinerary for this, and goes where the weather and water conditions are the most favorable. It offers privacy, flexibility and a cruise with no crowds — either on board or at the destinations.

Their luxury cruise on the 102 foot *Aqua Cat* is like a five star bed & breakfast on the sea. Maybe better — much quieter at night. The clouds in a starry night, the gentle Bahamian breeze and the waves gently lapping at the hulls will ease your clients into a first-rate night's sleep.

While motorized dive boats are frequently converted fishing boats, this was designed from the floor boards up to be a cabin dive boat. It is roomy where it has to be, like on the deck where all the dive equipment is kept and maintained and the fitting takes place. No cramped quarters here.

Twenty-two passengers are accommodated in 11 large, private cabins with ensuite baths and two large ocean-view windows. This has an astounding 26 dives in a week, including shark dives, blue holes, wall and drift dives.

Several eco adventures are offered daily aboard its 28 foot launch, *Sea Dog*. Often a dive from a resort is in a 28 foot boat, yet this is like the cat's dinghy. The side trips include feeding iguanas, snorkeling, kayaking, hiking nature trails and enjoying remote beaches. If someone does not dive, it is hard to go wrong with this boat either, simply for the adventure to remote islands.

Eight day/seven night trips, with five dive days, are \$1995 per person. Price includes gourmet meals and fine wines. Salient point? Twenty-two people in 102 feet of yacht.

The most popular time of year is the summer, with bookings made a year and a half in advance. The water is warm, the breezes are steady and the water is crystal clear. Early bookings are a good idea.

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### Luxury Sailing with Atlantic Stars

Atlantic Stars Hotels and Cruises owns hotels on South Beach in Miami Beach, in Newport, RI, (along with harbor cruises), New York City and the 160-foot long, 24 foot foot beam, three-masted sailing vessel, *Arabella*. She plies the waters of New England in the summer, Chesapeake Bay in the spring and fall, and the Caribbean in the winter.

It has 20 cabins and 40 berths and carries a crew of eight. It embarks from a choice of St. Thomas or St. Martin during the winter months for six-night voyages among the jewels of the U.S., Spanish and British Virgin Islands. Itineraries also include St. Kitts, Nevis (the birthplace of Alexander Hamilton),

St. Barth's and the Turks & Caicos.

The passenger capacity in this 160 foot yacht is 42 in staterooms with a viewing port hole in each stateroom. Conveniences include satellite TV, AC, satellite communications, phone in each stateroom, with a bathroom in each. No crowds, no noise of lots of people, no gaming, no glitzy shows, just peace, and quiet and nature all around. Prices range between \$1,295 and \$2,195 per passenger depending on which of the four cabin layouts and sizes one chooses.

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### Sea Cloud Cruises

Sea Cloud Cruises has two river boats that transverse the rivers and canals in Europe and two square-rigged, tall masted ships that sail Europe and the Caribbean. The latter are *Sea Cloud* and *Sea Cloud II*.

Wanna sail like they sailed on private yachts in the 1930s? The *Sea Cloud* is the way to go. Built in 1931 for Marjorie Merriweather Post, the heiress to the breakfast cereal fortune, and at the time, married to Edward Francis Hutton, the founder of E.F. Hutton brokerage firm.

At 360 feet (longer than a football field, yes?) it was the longest private yacht built in the world up to that time. She is still one of the queens of the sea by any standard. It is truly one of those gone-are-the-glory-days of ship building. Her el-

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egant appearance and magnificent interior have inspired awe among her passengers. Cruises range in price from \$4,200 to \$8,600 per person for 8 day and seven night cruises for one of the 32 staterooms. That is a lot of boat for a few staterooms.

The *Sea Cloud II* made her maiden voyage in 2001 and was built to the style of her sister ship, but with modern amenities already designed in to give the same five star luxury and service characterized by the elegant sailing days of the 1930s. When designing the *Sea Cloud II*, the luxurious and timeless ambiance of her legendary sister ship was the standard. The cabins and suites have rich fabrics, woods and accessories. The marble baths are nostalgically trimmed with golden fixtures and inlays. However, the *Sea Cloud II*'s 380 foot grandeur unfolds in the spacious owner's suites on the Lido Deck. For your clients who are used to living at home like this, this is like living at home — but on the high seas. Also, probably more fun and . . . with better food. For the most part, this is only available for charters.

The ships have seven itineraries which include British Virgin Islands (Jost van Dyke, Tortola, Virgin Gorda), British Leeward Islands (Anguilla, Antigua, Dominica, Nevis, St. Kitts), the Netherland Antilles (Saint Martin / Sint Maarten), the French Antilles (Guadeloupe, Iles des Saintes, Marie-Galante, Martinique, St-Barthelémy), the British Windward Islands (Barbados, St. Lucia), St. Vincent and Grenada (Bequia, Grenada, St. Vincent), and Trinidad and Tobago. Both have five-star accommodations and service.

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### Sea Dream Yacht Club

SeaDream Yacht Club operates twin, ultra-luxury mega yachts, *SeaDream I* and *SeaDream II*, offering your clients casual and intimate yachting experience. 110 guests are accommodated in 54 staterooms in 344 foot ships with a crew of 92. There is a complimentary open bar policy in public rooms and in public spaces on deck. From November through April, the *SeaDreams* depart on 7, 9, 11 and 22 day voyages from San Juan, St. Thomas and Antigua visiting St. John, St. Croix, St. Martin, Virgin Gorda, St. Barts, Jost van Dyke, Barbados, the Grenadines, Saba, Nevis and more. Arrivals and departures at its ports are not fixed. The captains have the authority to adjust for local opportunities, thus they can make unscheduled calls at small ports or remain longer in a secluded bay so guests can enjoy a few more hours of water sports.

Sleeping in the great outdoors is also presented as a possibility on each ship. Each has Balinese DreamBeds. These double sun beds are on deck 6 by the top of the Yacht Bar and are raised above the sightline of the yacht's railings to provide unobstructed views. Large umbrellas are available to provide shade. Seven-day itinerary rates range from \$2,999 to \$5,900 p.p.d.o.

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Cabin in the *Sea Cloud*, originally the 360 foot yacht of Marjorie Merriweather Post, decorated in the style of the millioaires of the 1930s.

### Niche Cruise Marketing Alliance.

Niche Cruise Marketing Alliance (NCMA) is a collection of 12 cruise lines that members have banded together to educate travel agents on the value of concentrating on the sale of specialty cruise products. The alliance provides educational programs, seminars and trade show exposure for its members and this industry segment. In addition, its website is designed to allow consumers in the United States and Canada to locate certified Niche Cruise Specialist travel agents by zip code, postal code or city. The website contains direct links to the websites of all member lines.

The lines provide some of the finest travel experiences available. NCMA's purpose is to increase awareness about the concept of niche cruises. They want to get the message out about dynamic alternatives to the standard mass-market, Caribbean cruise.

Among the lines is Star Clippers that operates three grand sailing ships, the *Star Clipper*, *Star Flyer* and their flagship, the *Royal Clipper*. They offer elegant, five star sailing experiences in the Mediterranean, Far East, French Polynesia and the Caribbean.

It is the *Royal Clipper*, the largest, fully-rigged sailing vessel in the world, that plies the Caribbean in the winter season from the end of November through the end of March. This five-masted, beauty of the seas is 439 feet long and accommodates a mere 227 passengers in a very uncrowded, civilized fashion. Its two itineraries originate in Barbados and sail to St. Lucia, Dominica, St. Kitts, Isles des Saintes, the Grenadines, Tobago Cays and others.

Dining is in the main level of a three-story atrium while dining on five-star meals. A convenient marina platform lowers from the stern for water sports and diving. It has a gym, three pools, and a spa with underwater glass portholes.

Prices range from \$1745 to \$4865 per person including all water sports.

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## IBEROSTAR HOTELS & RESORTS OPENS THEIR FIRST JAMAICA PROPERTY

Continuing their expansion into the Caribbean, Iberostar Hotels & Resorts announced the grand opening of Iberostar Rose Hall Beach, the first of three planned Jamaican resorts. Located in Rose Hall Beach, a high-end resort area near Montego Bay and 20 minutes from the international airport, the Iberostar Rose Hall Beach offers an upscale, European elegance that characterizes the Iberostar brand throughout the world, complemented with a Caribbean flair.

"The continued growth of Iberostar Hotels & Resorts worldwide includes a significant expansion throughout the Caribbean," stated John Long, Vice President of Sales and Marketing. "Jamaica is a destination rich in culture, history, beautiful beaches, outstanding scenery and eco-adventure – all factors that are perfectly in line with the Iberostar product. We are thrilled to add a Jamaica property to our portfolio."

Iberostar Rose Hall Beach features an expansive oceanfront layout with exterior and interior design details executed by local Jamaican artisans. The hotel boasts 234 garden and pool view rooms, 100 ocean view rooms and 32 spacious junior suites. Each room has a balcony or terrace, air conditioning and ceiling fan, complimentary mini-bar, color satellite TV, iron with ironing board, coffeemaker, direct-dial telephone and built-in safe. Guests can take advantage of the included room service, available from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Other features include a large swimming pool and infinity pool with a swim-up bar and four restaurants, three of which are reservation-only specialty restaurants – a family-style steakhouse, a Japanese restaurant and a Cajun restaurant. There are also four bars, including a theater bar and cigar bar. Guests can take advantage of the many outdoor activities including aerobics, volleyball, table tennis and dance lessons. For younger guests there is a kid's club, as well as organized games and activities. There is also an on-site CDC PADI Gold Palm Resort

Dive Center, operated by Dressel Divers International, offering a wide range of local boat diving and snorkeling, as well as dive and snorkel excursions, dive courses and several other water sports activities. In the evening, guests can enjoy live nightly entertainment at the resort, including variety shows and performances by a full orchestra.

The hotel's location in the Rose Hall Beach resort area, a destination in and of itself, also offers guests proximity to several world-class golf courses, including the White Witch of Rose Hall Golf Course and the Cinnamon Hill Golf Course. Guests will also find shopping and nightlife.

Guests at all Iberostar Hotels & Resorts enjoy first-class accommodations and the convenience of an all-inclusive vacation. Daily rates include accommodations, all meals and snacks, drinks and cocktails, room service, use of hotel gym, kid's club, activities, nightly entertainment, gratuities and more.

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**JOSEF FORSTMAYR  
HONORED AS 2007  
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THE YEAR**



Josef Forstmayr, Managing Director of the Round Hill Hotels and Villas in Montego Bay, Jamaica, was recognized by his peers with the 2007 Golden Conch Award as Caribbean Hotelier of the Year, during a special Gala Dinner on June 19.

Each year, a winner is chosen who exemplifies the highest standards of leadership and commitment to the continued success of the Caribbean hotel industry. "Josef is a man who knows what it means to lead, to aim for nothing short of excellence in hospitality, and to give back to the community generously, clearly deserving of this award," said Peter Odle, President of The Caribbean Hotel Association (CHA) and a winner of the Caribbean Hotelier of the Year Award in 2000.

The annual tribute is sponsored by Yesawich, Pepperdine, Brown & Russell (YPB&R) and American Express. The Golden Conch honors individuals who have maintained a successful hotel operation and participated in CHA, while showing dedication to both their local hotel and tourism industry. Forstmayr joins the ranks of other outstanding executives whose accomplish-

ments and leadership foster new standards of hospitality in the Caribbean.

An Austrian native, Forstmayr assumed his current position at Round Hill Hotel and Villa in 1989. The 100-acre resort had been built in the early 1950s on a former sugar and coconut plantation and has a reputation for catering to international celebrities such as Clark Gable, Alfred Hitchcock, John and Jacqueline Kennedy, and Ralph Lauren.

Under his direction, the five-star hotel has won many prestigious awards, including "Best Caribbean Hotel of the Year" by Classic Custom Vacations; World Travel Awards' "Best Villas" for six consecutive years; triple A's "Four Diamond Award of Excellence;" the Brass Key Award for "Most Romantic Resort," and Conde Nast Traveler's one of the "Top Ten Resort Spas in the Americas."

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**HOLIDAY INN SUNSPREE  
RESORT MONTEGO BAY  
WINS TRIPADVISOR  
TRAVELERS' CHOICE  
AWARD**

Further validating its ranking among the top Caribbean resorts for family travel, the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort Montego Bay was honored recently with a TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Award under the "Best for Families Latin America/Caribbean" category. The resort was selected for the award based on feedback provided by travelers on TripAdvisor.com.

Raul Villagran, Director of Sales & Marketing for Holiday Inn SunSpree

Resorts Aruba & Jamaica, commented on the award, saying: "TripAdvisor has really grown in recent years into a top resource to help travelers make informed vacation decisions. The site attracts about 25 million monthly visitors and features 10 million hotel reviews, so there's no denying its power."

The family vacation experience at the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort Montego Bay is characterized by exceptional value and fun for kids and adults of all ages. Affordable all-inclusive package options are enhanced by the property's "Kids Stay & Eat Free" incentives (available to kids 12 and under when they share a room with an adult) to stretch family vacation dollars even further. On the fun side, the property's exclusive KidSpree Vacation program offers a full menu of supervised daily activities for kids six months to 17 years old. Children enrolled in the KidSpree Vacation program enjoy age-appropriate activities, including mini golf, tennis, volleyball, beach and pool games, and more. Babysitting services are also available, with all nannies required to carry CPR and first-aid certification.

While the kids enjoy the KidSpree Vacation program, parents are free to pursue more adult fun. The Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort Montego Bay has two pools, including an adults-only pool with a swim-up bar and whirlpool. Four lighted tennis courts, fitness center, disco and nightclub ensure that mom and dad can have as much fun as the kids.

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## HALF MOON OFFERS UNDERWATER ADVENTURES FOR CHILDREN

Just in time for summer, Half Moon, the luxury family resort located in the exclusive Rose Hall enclave in Jamaica, is introducing brand new water sports activities for children.

"We have introduced Supplied Air Snorkeling for Youth or "Sasy" as it's commonly referred to, for children ages 5-10. This gives them a feel for SCUBA diving which most Sasy kids gravitate to," said Half Moon's water sports captain, Bryan Langford. "We are also offering Bubble Maker courses for children up to 12 years old who want to learn the basics of SCUBA diving at \$50 per hour."

With the Sasy program, children are outfitted with SCUBA gear designed for kids and are taken through the paces in the resort's pool. "Children are really introduced to the wonders of SCUBA diving in a safe, controlled environment as they are only taken to a depth of six feet of water while a trainer holds them and teaches them. This will get them well on the way to moving up in certification as they get older," Capt. Langford said.

Similarly, the Bubble Maker course takes older children a bit deeper, going the full depth of the pool to help them practice breathing and maneuvering underwater with SCUBA gear.

Older, more advanced children age 12 to 14 years can take their SCUBA lessons further with Junior Open Water certification, while those 15 years and older are eligible for Open Water certification. By successfully taking the open water certification course, children

will receive the international PADI certification that will allow them to dive anywhere in the world. "Our program is a genuine family affair," Langford continued. "Children as well as parents can truly get involved in all our activities."

Junior and Open Water certification courses are \$450 and includes lessons, training manuals and four dives. The session is covered over three to four days and successful students receive their PADI certification card.

There are many aquatic activities for adults as well. "We just bought a brand new parasail boat that is ideal for persons who want a little more adventure in their vacation. It is one of our more exciting offers and now up to two persons can go up and enjoy the adventure. Tubing is also something new that that we've introduced and now snorkeling, kayaks, pedal boats and beach floats are also complimentary," said Langford.

Water sports enthusiasts can take advantage of Half Moon's Ultimate in Luxury package with rates starting at \$570 per room per night for a superior room, while suite rates start at \$700 per night.

This package includes accommodations, breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, premium drinks at hotel bars, horseback riding, golf green fees, sailing, snorkeling, round trip airport transfers in Montego Bay and more. Children under 12 sharing a room with two adults pay \$80 per child per night. Rates are valid for travel now until December 14 and require a minimum stay of three nights. Half Moon, 800-626-0592, [www.halfmoon.com](http://www.halfmoon.com)

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## OASIS HOTELS & RESORTS ACQUIRE FOUR PROPERTIES IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Oasis Hotels & Resorts has acquired four properties in the Dominican Republic, it was announced by Enrique Klein, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for TravAmerica, which exclusively represents the Oasis and Grand Oasis properties. Three Coral by Hilton properties, along with the Punta Cana Grand in the Dominican Republic, are now all-inclusive resorts managed by Oasis.

The Grand Oasis Marien Beach Resort & Spa features 325 rooms and suites located a short distance from the Victorian city of Puerto Plata. Top dive sites and off-road adventures are nearby. The hotel is less than 20 minutes from the International Airport of Puerto Plata, and less than one hour from the city of Santiago de Los Caballeros, which is well-known for its fine cigars and old rum factories.

Other hotel facilities include four restaurants, four bars, nightly live entertainment, a swimming pool, Kidz Paradise Club with kids swimming pool, InSense Spa, nine-hole mini-golf and shuffle board, water polo and bocce court, basketball and beach volleyball courts, water sports, and scuba diving lessons.

The Grand Oasis Punta Cana offers 460 rooms and suites and is located on the Caribbean east coast of Punta Cana. The property is cushioned by a picturesque coral reef in the destination's best beachfront location. The resort features four restaurants, seven bars, a fully equipped Spa, theater with nightly live entertainment, horseback riding, casino, tennis courts, four swimming pools including a children's pool, fully supervised children's activities, fitness center, water skiing, and scuba diving lessons.

The Oasis Hamaca Beach Resort, Spa & Casino boasts 589 rooms and suites and rests on Boca Chica Bay, one of the Dominican Republic's most famous beaches. Facilities include five restaurants and five bars, live nightly entertainment, a fitness center and sauna, swimming pool, Kidz Paradise Club with kids swimming pool, game room, water sports, scuba div-

ing lessons, and the InSense Spa.

The Oasis Canoa Beach Resort & Spa has 532 rooms and suites and is set on the beach. The resort is located within walking distance of the Eastern National Park, home of the biggest archaeological site, from the island's first inhabitants, the Taino Indians. Top dive sites are nearby or just a short boat ride from Saona Island. The hotel is less than a 30 minute drive from the La Romana International Airport and the famous artisan village of Altos de Chavon. Other facilities include four restaurants, four bars, a swimming pool, two Jacuzzis, a Kidz Paradise Club with kids swimming pool, InSense Spa, nine-hole mini-golf course and shuffleboard, game room, basketball court, water sports, and scuba diving lessons.

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## FAMILY FUN AT LIFESTYLE HACIENDA RESORTS AND OCEAN WORLD



The Lifestyle Tropical Beach Resort & Spa, on the Dominican Republic's north coast and at Lifestyle Hacienda Resort, has teamed up with Ocean World Adventure Park to offer fun-filled family vacations this summer. The property offers 24 hours all-inclusive food and beverage service, including four a la carte restaurants. All rooms have a balcony overlooking Cofresi Beach; others offer mountain, garden or pool views. The resort features seven swimming pools, a supervised mini-club, a full service spa, and a disco. There's an ample variety of sports and activities available at the resort, including day and night programmed activities and entertainment, a gym, tennis courts, a nine-hole golf course, bicycles, aerobics, beach and pool volleyball, and water sports.

The top attraction is Ocean World, the

largest marine adventure park in the Caribbean. The park is set into a natural promontory with a rainforest background and jutting out into the Atlantic.

Lifestyle Hacienda Resorts operates four properties, all within the same resort complex and located near to Ocean World, the international airport of Puerto Plata and Santiago international airport.

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Ocean World, [www.oceanworld.net](http://www.oceanworld.net)

## AN ADVENTURE PACKAGE IN ST. LUCIA AT DISCOVERY AT MARIGOT BAY

Guests can experience scenic St Lucia first hand through an Adventure Package offered by the contemporary resort Discovery at Marigot Bay. Discovery at Marigot Bay has 67 luxury rooms and all accommodations are equipped with wireless high speed internet access, flat screen TV, DVD player, and air conditioning.

The rate until November 2, 2007 is \$2,065 (five nights) or \$2,478 (seven nights) and includes Bay View Room for two people, breakfast daily, all taxes and service charges, and tours.

The Jeep Explorer tour to Banana Plantation Valley visits Mount Gimie, the tallest mountain in St. Lucia, a beautiful waterfall surrounded by lush vegetation, a natural river pool for a refreshing swim, and Anse La Ray Fishing village.

One day of jungle biking is included for all levels. It begins on a mini cruise to jungle reef adventure, located near the village of Soufriere and Pitons. Guests then bike 12 miles of trail in a lush coastal rain forest. Bikers can also relax on the beach, snorkel in the marine park, or stroll along the jungle nature trails and explore the 18th century plantation ruins. Finally, the package includes the Gros Piton Hike. The Pitons are a World Heritage Site and this challenging hike showcases caves, tunnels, rock shelters, and camps. Lunch is served at a local restaurant before returning to the hotel.

GLA Hotels/Discovery at Marigot Bay,  
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## ENRIQUE DE MARCHENA KALUCHE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CHA

Elliott Group has announced that Enrique De Marchena Kaluche, partner and member of the Board of Directors, has recently been elected to the position of President of the Caribbean Hotel Association (CHA).



ENRIQUE DE MARCHENA

De Marchena Kaluche is the second Dominican to hold the prestigious position; the first was Simon Suarez, who served from 2002 until 2004. He is also only the second CHA President from the Spanish Caribbean. According to CHA guidelines, De Marchena Kaluche will face a preparation period of 12 months before assuming the 2008 - 2010 presidency term during the annual Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Conference, held in June 2008. De Marchena Kaluche currently serves as the fifth Vice President of the CHA, following a term as Regional Vice President representing his country on the CHA Executive Committee.

"Enrique is a valued member of our team, and we congratulate him for his election to the CHA Presidency. Not only does Enrique's appointment highlight his achievements as both a Dominican and professional, but his appointment also represents a major advancement in the projection and growth of the tourism industry in the Dominican Republic," said Derek Elliott, President and CEO of Elliott Group.

De Marchena Kaluche is the Founder and Managing Partner of the law firm De Marchena Kaluche & Asociados – Central Law. He is a former President of the National Hotel and Restaurant Association and a former President of the Tourist Promotion Council in the Dominican Republic. For more than a decade, De Marchena Kaluche has also served as an Honorary Consul of Jamaica in the Dominican Republic.

Caribbean Hotel Association,  
[www.caribbeanhotelassociation.com](http://www.caribbeanhotelassociation.com)

## SANDOS HOTELS & RESORTS TO OPEN NEW HOTEL IN 2008

Sandos Hotels & Resorts, based out of Spain with properties on the Mayan Riviera, Mexico, and future openings in Mexico and the Dominican Republic, has announced that it will be opening a new hotel in early 2008.

The new property is under construction next to the current Sandos Playacar Beach Resort and will be named Sandos Playacar Riviera Hotel & Spa. It will comprise a total of 400 junior suites and suites and all the modern facilities expected in a five-star

hotel in the Mexican Caribbean. The rooms will be elegantly modern while practical and comfortable. The addition of a new Spa facility and a large indoor/outdoor theatre, both of which it will share with the existing Sandos Playacar Beach Resort, will bring the two hotels together.





From September 1, 2007 to November 30, 2007, the Sandos Playacar Beach Resort will be closed for a full refurbishing of rooms, bars and restaurants. This hotel will be ready to welcome guests again as of December 1, 2007.



Sandos Hotels and Resort, 866-887-5601,  
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## BUCUTI BEACH RESORT ANNOUNCES NEW POOL RENOVATIONS



With recent pool renovations, Bucuti Beach Resort in Aruba has designed a stylish yet serene setting in which guests can enjoy the relaxed pace of the island.

Offering a more refined, comfortable feel, the pool area has been outfitted with Dedon furnishings, including plush double-bedded lounge beds.

Keeping with the resort's green initiatives, Dedon furnishings are individually hand-woven with Hularo fabric that, unlike other synthetic fibers, contains no PVC and does not give off toxic fumes.

Coral tile has replaced the plain cement around the pool. The perfect complement to the chic new furnishings, the tile work spans the entire area surrounding the pool and offers a seemingly endless path to the edges of the infinity pool. Wooden deck platforms have also been added, with one resting just over the edge of the pool allowing guests to soak up the sun on one of the over-water lounge beds.

Bucuti rooms are also now equipped with all-in-one portable iSoother ZipConnect stereo speaker systems featuring an AM/FM digital radio, a backlit LCD talking alarm clock and a Sound Soother with 20 environmental soundscapes. The ZipConnect element allows guests to connect their iPods to the stereo and enjoy their favorite songs.

Bucuti Beach Resort featuring Tara Beach Suites & Spa is Aruba's premier, intimate, upscale boutique resort. Located on Eagle Beach, Bucuti offers 104 guest rooms. A caring and attentive staff, a commitment to environmental responsibility, and innovative technology, including advance check-in and high speed WiFi access throughout the resort, are just a few of the features that have persuaded nearly half of Bucuti's guests to return year after year.

The 41 suite Tara Beach Wing featuring Tara Beach Suites & Spa opened in March 2004 and renovations to the main guest rooms were completed in August 2006.

Bucuti Beach Resort, [www.bucuti.com](http://www.bucuti.com)

## SUN VILLAGE RESORT & SPA INTRODUCES NEW LUXURY AMENITIES

Sun Village Resort & Spa in Cofresi Beach, one of the Dominican Republic's leading all-inclusive resort destinations, has introduced a new phase in all-inclusive luxury with the announcement of an array of new amenities and services added to the accommodations and all-inclusive packages currently available.

Beginning August 1, 2007, Sun Village will implement an even more luxurious vacation experience for guests.

"We are excited to announce an array of brand new additions and upgrades to Sun Village Resort & Spa and to further enhance the vacation experience of our guests," said Derek Elliott, President and Chief Executive Officer of Elliott, the parent company that manages and operates Sun Village Resorts and the new Maxim Bungalows. "Our goal is to provide our guests with the most luxurious vacation experience, and we're excited about the new additions and changes taking shape."

The all-inclusive packages and in-room amenities will now include: full in-room mini bar service, stocked daily; new 32" flat screen LCD television in Superior and Spa accommodations; new luxurious pillow top mattresses, bedding linens and towels in Superior and Spa accommodations; custom-designed Mark David furniture in Superior and Spa accommodations; iHome docking station with alarm clock in Superior and Spa accommodations; complimentary in-room safe for storage of personal items; three select restaurants, featuring a variety of cuisine; Kerstin Florian spa products at The Spa; premium drinks and cocktails at all resort bars and lounges; new mountain bikes for guest use throughout the resort; wind surfing activities available to guests; and tickets to the Bravissimo Show at Ocean World Adventure Park, Casino and Marina.

In addition to these new amenities, Sun Village Resort & Spa features four restaurants, seven swimming pools, eight bars and nightly entertainment.

Guests are also welcome to enjoy the newly-opened, world class spa, the resort's private 54 foot yacht, daily scheduled activities including tennis, basketball and horseback riding, as well as the exciting shows and tours available at Ocean World Adventure Park, Casino and Marina located next-door to the resort.

Ocean World offers a wide variety of activities, such as dolphin swims, shark encounters, sea lion encounters and shows, a snorkel reef, bird sanctuary, rain forest, a 120-slip Marina and the brand new Casino featuring the nightly Las Vegas style dance show 'Bravissimo.'

Room rates start from \$169.95 and are available at a variety of levels.

Now until December 21, 2007, families can also enjoy a special price with adults rates (13 or older) starting from \$139.95 per night, children (seven through 12) at \$55 per night, and children six and under are free.

Sun Village Resort & Spa, 800-941-6750

[www.sunvillageresorts.com](http://www.sunvillageresorts.com)

## ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA HOTEL PACKAGES FOR FALL 2007



Travelers can book their fall trips to the ever-temperate islands of Antigua and Barbuda and take advantage of special hotel discounts and packages this fall. Following is a list of hotel packages for the 2007 fall season:

Coconut Beach Club is offering a 30 percent fall savings. Savings apply to regular rates with a five night minimum stay and the discount is offered on all-inclusive and room only packages. All-inclusive bookings include taxi from airport to hotel and bottle of sparkling wine in-room upon arrival. Package is available through December 21, 2007 and must be booked directly with the hotel or via its website (mention or select the "30% Off Sale").

**Coconut Beach Club, 800-361-4621, [www.coconutbeachclub.com](http://www.coconutbeachclub.com)**

Hermitage Bay is offering a Fall Romance Package. Upgrade to a king size Hillside Cottage Suite, with private plunge pool facing the ocean and enjoy breakfast, lunch, dinner and regular beverages; blended cocktails and house wines; one romantic candlelit dinner on the beach (per couple); one 30-minute massage on first day of stay; and one evening of romance (upon request) which includes romantic turn down with petals and house champagne. Cost is \$2,560 per couple for four night stay based on double occupancy, plus tax and service charge. Package is available for stays from September 1-October 19, 2007. Add \$100 supplement per night for stays October 20-November 30, 2007.

**Hermitage Bay, [info@HermitageBay.com](mailto:info@HermitageBay.com), [www.HermitageBay.com](http://www.HermitageBay.com)**

Jolly Beach Resort is offering their Family Value Deal which includes standard accommodations facing the ocean; all meals, snacks and afternoon tea; house brand beverages; and non-motorized water sports for a cost of \$168 per person per night based on double occupancy, inclusive of tax and service charge. Children three-11 years old stay for \$52 per night and kids under three stay free. Package is available through December 20, 2007. No supplement for a single parent sharing with up to two kids in a standard room; the parent pays the per person double occupancy rate of \$168.

**Jolly Beach Resort, 866-905-6559, [info@JollyBeachResort.com](mailto:info@JollyBeachResort.com), [www.JollyBeachResort.com](http://www.JollyBeachResort.com)**

Jumby Bay, A Rosewood Resort is offering a Two If By Sea Package. It includes accommodations for seven nights; breakfast, lunch, dinner and afternoon tea; beverages and cocktails by the glass; house wine by the glass; airport taxi and boat transfer; culinary welcome amenity; afternoon picnic for two; non-motorized water sports; choice of two 50-minute massages or tennis lessons; use of tennis courts, pool, fitness center and croquet field; Managing Directors cocktail party; sunset cocktail cruise (Friday evenings); and one "Evening of Romance" turndown (fresh petals, candles, champagne and fruit).

Rates are \$9,050 for an Oceanview Garden Suite, \$9,525 for a one-bedroom Suite, and \$10,800 for a Jumby Bay Suite. Rates are subject to an 8.5 percent government tax and a 10 percent service charge. Children (2 – 12 years sharing) are \$75 per night and those under two years (sharing) are free of charge. Valid November 11-December 15, 2007.

**Jumby Bay, 888-ROSEWOOD, [www.rosewoodhotels.com](http://www.rosewoodhotels.com)**

The Suites at Jolly Beach Vacations is offering Free Nights – 7 for 5. This is valid for all accommodations, subject to availability and based on double occupancy for a one-bedroom suite and four-person occupancy for two-bedroom and deluxe sweets. Extra person rate applies. Offer valid through November 16, 2007.

**The Suites at Jolly Beach Vacations, 877-3-ANTIGUA, [reservations@jollybeachvacations.com](mailto:reservations@jollybeachvacations.com), [www.jollybeachvacations.com](http://www.jollybeachvacations.com)**

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## HOLIDAY INN SAN JUAN PRESENTS CARIBBEAN SUMMER SPLASH

The Holiday Inn San Juan, located in Isla Verde, Puerto Rico, is offering their Caribbean Summer Splash package. The Caribbean Summer Splash package includes \$20 food and beverage credit per adult per night at the Fantasia Restaurant; complimentary welcome cocktail (one per adult); up to two children under 12 years old stay for free sharing same room with parents; one Haagen Dazs ice cream scoop certificate (one per adult) redeemable at David's Cookies; one giant cookie per adult (redeemable at David's Cookies); one Cookie Dough Set (coupon redeemable at David's Cookies) one per room; and a \$10 casino match coupon to be used at neighboring hotel.

Starting rates are \$85 per adult per night based on double occupancy. A third adult charge of \$35 will apply. Rates are subject to availability. An ID is required upon check-in to validate rate. Rate is not applicable for groups of 10 rooms or more. Package may not be combined with any

other offer or promotional memberships. Nine percent government tax and resort fee are not included in rate. A minimum stay of three nights is required. A three nights or more may apply on holidays. Restrictions may apply. Package is valid until December 26, 2007. Package is valid only for Puerto Rico and Caribbean residents. Rate for U.S. residents is \$95 per adult per night based on double occupancy.

The Holiday Inn San Juan also features three international restaurants: J.H. Yee's Asian Bistro, Vinsanto for Mediterranean cuisine and excellent wines, and Fantasia for Puerto Rican & Caribbean cuisine.

**The Holiday Inn San Juan,**  
787-253-9000,  
reservations@hisanjuan.com

## AIR JAMAICA'S NEW LOYALTY REWARDS PROGRAM ENJOYS SUCCESS

Since the inception of Air Jamaica's new 7th Heaven Rewards mileage program, over 40,000 new members have enrolled, bringing the total of registered members to over 170,000. The airline's loyalty rewards program was changed to a miles based system in May 2006 with over 3,500 awards or nearly 70,000,000 miles being redeemed by members since the switch over.

As a result of Air Jamaica's recently announced codeshare partnership with Virgin Atlantic, the airline is expected to further strengthen the seven year frequent flyer partnership with the British airline by allowing frequent flyer members of JM coded flights to fly on Virgin Atlantic planes to points beyond Air Jamaica's existing gateways.

"We are pleased to be offering our loyal customers a reward program that makes it easier to earn miles and experience the airline's unparalleled Lovebird Hospitality. Our frequent passengers are also pleased that we've improved our rewards program and they benefit by having more ways to earn points towards free travel and upgrades," said Paul Pennicook, Air Jamaica's Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing.

The new program allows members to

earn additional miles in a number of ways, including: 5,000 rewards miles on the first use of their Heaven Rewards Mastercard; 500 rewards miles by enrolling online at [www.airjamaica.com](http://www.airjamaica.com); 250 rewards miles for each ticket purchased at [www.airjamaica.com](http://www.airjamaica.com); and twice the number of rewards miles for each Executive Business Class ticket purchased.

**Air Jamaica, [www.airjamaica.com](http://www.airjamaica.com)**

## GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY HELD FOR ALTAMER MARINA

Altamer Resort, renowned as one of the world's most luxurious villa resorts, held a ground breaking ceremony to announce a joint venture partnership with Island Global Yachting (IGY). The five star megayacht marina and real estate development will comprise of a luxury resort hotel, retail, and residential components and will be the first marina facility on the island. The megayacht marina is scheduled to open the fourth quarter of 2009.

The partnership with Island Global Yachting (IGY) will develop the island's first luxury megayacht marina facility capable of accommodating boats and yachts up to 300 feet and will be an official port of entry to the island. The development will feature a 101-slip marina of which a significant portion of the berths will accommodate megayachts, as well as 740,000 square feet of upland space which is currently slated for a 164-unit luxury resort.

The ceremony was attended by Anguilla dignitaries and featured addresses by the island's Chief Minister Osborne B. Fleming, Minister of Finance the Hon. Victor Banks, Andrew Farkas, CEO of IGY, and the resort's President Rebecca Eggleton.

Altamer Resort is a private five star villa resort located on Anguilla and is situated on Shoal Bay West. Altamer is fully equipped with every amenity and luxury including for each villa a staff of 10, butler and concierge service, two housekeepers and staff, grounds person and the option of a private professional chef.

**Altamer Resort, [www.altamer.com](http://www.altamer.com);**  
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## MANGO BAY BARBADOS DEBUTS ELEMENTS SPA



Embracing the trend of "pampering in paradise," Mango Bay Barbados has announced the debut of the brand new Elements Spa, which features a menu of skin, body, and facial treatments for travelers to indulge while on vacation. Billed as a place where guests can "renew their inner glow," the Elements Spa is a cozy facility with one treatment room in a delightful tropical atmosphere.

"Today's travelers have come to expect a larger range of amenities and facilities while on vacation with a spa almost always topping the list," said Peter Odle, owner of Mango Bay. "Adding Elements Spa was the next natural step in the resorts revitalization process, which began last year, and we're extremely confident guests will enjoy indulging in a facial, manicure, massage or other spa treatments while staying with us," he stated.

Elements Spa offers a diverse range of beauty treatments inspired by techniques from around the world. The Phytomer line of products, derived from beneficial properties from the sea, are used during treatments. All spa services are administered by a staff of trained professionals.

Services available at Mango's Elements Spa include skin and facial treatments; a variety of massage treatments including

Hot Stone, Aromatherapy, Swedish and Deep Tissue; Body Treatments, including body polish skin refining treatments, body wraps, and massage treatments; and nail and waxing services.

Elements Spa is open five days a week (Tuesday through Saturday). Spa services are not included in the regular price of an all-inclusive stay at Mango Bay Barbados. Now through December 14, 2007 rates start at \$385 in standard room and are based on double occupancy.

Mango Bay Barbados,  
reservations@mangobaybarbados.com,  
www.mangobaybarbados.com

## ALMOND RESORTS' BEST OF BARBADOS FALL PACKAGES 2007

The 2007 Best of Barbados promotion is underway, and Almond Resorts have value-packed Best of Barbados packages for the Fall, where guests can save up to 35 percent on their vacation whether they choose Almond Beach Village, Almond Beach Club & Spa, or the soon to open Almond Casuarina Beach Resort.

Seven-night all-inclusive package prices start at \$1,165 per person (standard room, based on double occupancy). Price includes the cost of six nights' hotel accommodations with the seventh night free, and a credit of up to \$200 per person towards airfare (maximum two persons per room), a bonus to beat the higher airfares and fuel surcharges.

Almond's Best of Barbados Fall packages are open for booking July 20-August 31, 2007, with travel allowed from September 1 through November 15, 2007. Minimum seven-night stay is required.

Rate discounts are available on single, double, triple and quad bookings. Almond Resorts also offer substantial savings on shorter stay vacations. To be applicable, reservations must be secured with the notation: Best of Barbados – Fall. Bookings have to be reported by August 31, 2007. Air credits are managed by the Barbados Tourism Authority. The Best of Barbados discount offer is not combinable with other discounts, special rates or promotions. The resorts' room categories included in this promotion range from standard to deluxe

ocean view and beachfront suites.

Almond's pioneering "For You. About You" vacation concept incorporates the ease of a pre-paid all-inclusive vacation with plenty of amenities for guests to enjoy at their own pace. The "For You. About You" Team Members at all resorts are on hand to assist with special requests. Guests at all three resorts are invited to sample the amenities of the sister properties.

Almond Beach Club & Spa welcomes guests 16 years of age and over. Almond Beach Village and the new Almond Casuarina Beach, which opens later this year, welcome families, singles, corporate groups and more. Almond Resorts' choice of gourmet restaurants, well-appointed rooms, activities, free golf, Kids Clubs, Conference Center, European Spa, entertainment, swimming pools, beaches, eco-responsibly maintained tropical gardens, all cared for by the most attentive resort staff in Barbados combine to make memorable vacations with no rules.

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## BAY GARDENS BEACH RESORT OPENS IN ST. LUCIA



BERTHIA PARLE

Chairman of the Caribbean Hotel Association and former "Caribbean Hotelier of the Year," Mrs. Berthia Parle has announced the opening of the Bay Gardens Beach Resort, a four-star

beach-front property, currently offering summer specials for travelers to the "Simply Beautiful" destination of St. Lucia.

"We are open for business and are offering both vacationers and business travelers the quintessential Caribbean experience at a modern boutique property on Reduit Beach, the best on the island," said Parle, the General Manager. "We are offering an enchanting mix of natural charm and contemporary comfort," she added.

The first phase of the resort, which opened in April in time for the ICC Cricket World Cup semifinal in St. Lucia, offers luxurious accommodations, warm and friendly service and exciting activities. It features 72 rooms, including deluxe rooms and one- and two-bedroom suites with cable television, spacious bathrooms with tubs and modern fixtures and amenities, CD and DVD players, wireless high speed internet access, and full kitchens. All-inclusive packages are optional.

Its architecture recalls the island's history with a mix of French Caribbean and Georgian Plantation styles, incorporating traditional elements of timbered balconies and verandas for that true Caribbean ambience. The grand opening will be in

December, when the children's, fitness, water sports and dive facilities will be ready.

Room rates begin at \$140 (plus taxes and gratuities) and vacation specials from June through November include free daily breakfast (based on double occupancy) and five nights for the price of four. Children 18 and younger stay free when sharing with an adult. Bay Gardens Beach Resort also is offering a fifth free room with bookings of four when all guests travel at the same time.

Bay Gardens Beach Resort joins the Rodney Bay family of properties, including Bay Gardens Hotel (87 rooms) and Bay Gardens Inn (32 rooms). Guests can stay at one property and enjoy all three.

**Bay Gardens Beach Resort, 877-620-3200, [res@baygardensbeachresort.com](mailto:res@baygardensbeachresort.com), [www.baygardensbeachresort.com](http://www.baygardensbeachresort.com)**

### CAP MAISON TO OPEN IN ST. LUCIA MARCH 2008

Cap Maison will open in March 2008. It will be the first luxury residence-style boutique hotel on St. Lucia and is estimated to have some of the largest luxury suites in the Eastern Caribbean. Construction is currently underway on the grounds of the former Cap Estate, a 1,500 acre sugar plantation. Cap Maison will be an elegant 50 room hotel arranged across 22 privately owned residences, as well as villa suites, studio suites, and rooms, all complete with butler service.

The villa suites can be easily combined with studio suites and rooms to make up two- and three-bedroom suites, perfect for families and groups. Initially offered as an investment opportunity, all of the 22 residences have been sold to individual owners.

Guests will be pampered by resort butlers, while other services and amenities will include a cliff top restaurant, spa, gym, beach, and water sports facilities. In addition to its own resort amenities, Cap Maison will offer guests privileged access to the sports and leisure facilities of nearby resorts, including golf at the nearby St. Lucia Golf and Country Club, with its challenging 18-hole course. A new Jack Nicklaus designed course is also being con-

structed minutes away from the resort and is scheduled to open in 2009.

Guests can venture nearby to the lively seaside fishing village of Gros Islet or to the attractions of Rodney Bay, which offers a diverse range of Caribbean and international dining, as well as a thriving nightlife and shopping district. Rodney Bay is also one of the Caribbean's leading yacht destinations.

The Marina is the departure point for yacht charters and sightseeing day trips, including excursions to nearby Pigeon Island, a natural park that reflects a thousand years of history. Cap Maison will also have its own luxury boat exclusive for guests, which will be available for day trips and sunset cruises.

The hotel is being constructed by a team of local and international craftsman, using coral stonework, hand painted tiles, exotic woods and natural finishes. Large bathrooms will be featured in all suites and rooms, and fully appointed cooks kitchens will be di rigueur across all villa suites.

The property's Ocean View Grand Villa Suites measure up to 3,000 square feet and are estimated as the largest in the Eastern Caribbean. They will come with a large ensuite bedroom with private balcony, kitchen, and separate living/dining with veranda and a private roof terrace with its own swimming pool or Jacuzzi and bar. Ocean Villa Suites are located on the ground floor but otherwise share the same facilities, while all Studio Suites include scenic views of the Caribbean. Select Deluxe Rooms will have views of the landscaped gardens.

All rooms and suites will be equipped with the latest technology, including DVD players, stereos, plasma screen televisions and wireless internet access.

A cliff-top restaurant with panoramic views and French Caribbean cuisine is likely to become one of the most coveted tables on the island. Hotel guests of the villa suites will also have the option of having their evening meal prepared in their suite by a private chef and served on their roof terrace. A walk-in wine cellar will house impressive collections not found elsewhere on the island.

**Cap Maison, [www.capmaison.com](http://www.capmaison.com)**

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## "SUMMER SPECTACULAR!" OFFER AT ST. BARTH'S HOTEL CARL GUSTAF

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the "Summer of Love," and the resort's recent multi-million dollar refurbishment, Hotel Carl Gustaf in St. Barths has announced its "Summer Spectacular!" package, replete with a four-night stay in luxury suite accommodations (including private plunge swimming pools), continental breakfast served daily in the privacy of guests' one- or two-bedroom suite or in the resort's

Sunset Restaurant, three-day car rental on the first day following arrival, welcome cocktail and gift upon arrival, complimentary use of the resort's Fitness Center and sauna, and a bottle of chilled Champagne served ensuite.

Just steps from the sea on the Hill of Gustavia and amid the epicenter of St. Barth's uber upscale social scene, Hotel Carl Gustaf offers the utmost in privacy hailed for its discreet staff, idyllic locale, breathtaking vistas and gourmet dining. Each of the resort's 14 harbor-facing suites

are elegantly furnished and offer private terraces and plunge pools, marble flooring, tiled bathrooms, and convenient kitchenettes. St. Barth's famous Shell Beach is a two-minute stroll or complimentary shuttle ride away.

Valid for travel between June 10 and August 31, 2007 and October 13 to October 31, 2007, Hotel Carl Gustaf's "Summer Spectacular!" has been priced so that guests' enjoy their fourth night gratis. **Hotel Carl Gustaf,**  
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