

An aerial photograph of a golf course situated on a rugged, rocky coastline. The course features a large, vibrant green fairway with three distinct sand traps. The ocean is a deep blue, with white waves crashing against the dark, jagged rocks. In the distance, a long, flat island or headland stretches across the horizon under a clear sky with a few wispy clouds. The overall scene is one of natural beauty and a challenging golf environment.

CAP CANA:
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In 2008 Cap Cana will begin operations of two of its most exclusive hotels: the Sanctuary Cap Cana Golf & Spa and the Golden Bear Lodge.

The five-star Sanctuary Cap Cana Golf & Spa will have 176 suites. Golden Bear Lodge will operate as a hotel-boutique and Jack Nicklaus, together with Cap Cana is developing this original product. Also under construction is Altabella Fishing Lodge.

This will be a five-star hotel featuring 130 suites, supported by a complex of 290 luxury apartments.

Cap Cana has signed agreements with companies for the development of projects that include the construction of luxury hotels. These include The Trump Organization, which includes a golf course, condo-hotel, beach club, golf villas and lots, residences, and apartments, which will be called "Trump at Cap Cana."

A partnership was also formed with the NH Group from Spain, to develop the luxury hotel project called Sotogrande at Cap Cana. This project will be composed of a boutique-type beach hotel. It will also have a real estate development of 428 luxury apartments.

The most recent addition has been The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, who are developing "The Ritz-Carlton, Cap Cana" and a residential beach and golf project known as "Residences at The Ritz-Carlton, Cap Cana."

The project will have 220 bedrooms and a variety of luxury amenities.

By winter it is projected that the first phase of the Aquamarina Condominiums will be delivered. Likewise, there are other various real estate projects under development: Green Village and the first stage of Punta Palmera; and The Yararí, Las Lagunas, Majagua, and Las Palmas homesites, together with the Cayuco Villas.

This year work began in the 68 Farallón lots, whose sales launching was held last May. These 68 homesites make up the first product of Trump at Cap Cana.

Ribera Marina Town Homes is one of the



most exclusive and innovative real estate products launched on the market by Cap Cana this season, made up of three-level residences with four bedrooms each.

Also joining the offering of real estate options is the private residential complex of "Villas Las Iguanas," located inside the Jack Nicklaus signature and designed Las Iguanas golf course.

Cap Cana, www.capcana.com

JETBLUE ANNOUNCES SERVICE TO ST. MAARTEN AND PUERTO PLATA

JetBlue Airways has announced it will add new service this winter to two more island destinations: St. Maarten in the Netherlands Antilles and Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic. The airline will offer one daily nonstop flight between Puerto Plata and New York/JFK effective January 10, 2008, and one daily nonstop flight between St. Maarten and New York/JFK effective January 17, 2008.

With its new nonstop flights to St. Maarten and Puerto Plata, JetBlue now offers service to 11 Caribbean/Atlantic destinations including Aruba, Bermuda, Cancun, Nassau, Aguadilla, Ponce and San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Santiago and Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. JetBlue will serve 55 destinations in seven countries this winter.

"Customers have been asking for more JetBlue flights to the Caribbean and today we're pleased to add service to St. Maarten and Puerto Plata, two of the most beautiful spots in the region," said Marty St. George, JetBlue's Vice President of Network Planning.

Customers flying JetBlue to/from St. Maarten and Puerto Plata will travel in style aboard the airline's modern Airbus A320 fleet, which features all-leather seating and the most legroom in coach, as well as complimentary first-run movies and bonus features from FOX InFlight on JetBlue's signature seatback televisions. Through its largest focus city at New York's JFK Airport, JetBlue also offers Caribbean travelers convenient connecting service to destinations across the airline's coast-to-coast route network.

JetBlue's new service between New York (JFK) and Puerto Plata's Gregorio Luperon International Airport (POP), with fares starting at \$109 each way is as follows: depart JFK 10:30 a.m., arrive POP 3:20 p.m.; and depart POP 4:15 p.m., arrive JFK 7:05 p.m.

Customers enrolled in JetBlue's customer loyalty program, TrueBlue, will earn six TrueBlue points each way for flights between New York and St. Maarten or Puerto Plata.

JetBlue Airways, 800-JETBLUE (800-538-2583), www.jetblue.com

NAME CHANGES AT AMHSA MARINA HOTELS & RESORTS; SPECIAL AGENT RATES AVAILABLE

Amhsa Marina Hotels & Resorts has announced that due to continuous improvements, which they have been undergoing for some time now, their hotel Paradise Beach Resort & Casino will be closing for renovations on April 30, 2008 and is expected to re-open on November 1, 2008. The name will be changed to the Grand Paradise Playa Dorada Beach Resort & Casino, effective November 1, 2008. In addition, their hotel Casa Marina Bay located in Las Galeras, Samana will change its name to Grand Paradise Samana.

From December 1 to June 30, 2008, they will be offering a special travel agent rate of \$45 at the Paradise Beach Club & Casino Playa Dorada, Puerto Plata (double-superior garden room), the Casa Marina Beach Reef, Sousa, Puerto Plata (double garden view room), and the Grand Paradise Samana, Las Galeras, Samana (double garden view room).

Rates are per person per night. This offer is not combinable with any incentives or other special offers and is applicable to specified categories only. Agents should use the code "TWN" for all reservations and vouchers and make reservations by emailing the hotels directly: Paradise Beach Club & Casino: infoparadisebeach@amhsamarina.com; Casa Marina Beach Reef: infocmbeach@amhsamarina.com; and Grand Paradise Samana: infocmbay@amhsamarina.com

Amhsa Marina Hotels & Resorts, www.amhsamarina.com

TURINTER'S NEW BUS FLEET READY FOR 2008

Turinter is proud to offer an unbeatable selection of new buses to meet your transportation needs in the Dominican Republic. They have acquired a new bus fleet for the 2008 season. This fleet consists of 12 new vans, Hyundai Hi 2008 with capacity for eight passengers; eight new minibuses, Mercedes Benz Splinter 2007 with capacity for 16 passengers; and six new Nissan Urban 2007 with capacity for 12 passengers.

These new vehicles complete the company's present fleet to be distributed between the main tourist zones of the Dominican Republic.

This acquisition complements the new strategy of the company to emphasize its image and substantially improve the overall quality of service to their loyal clients.

Other measures contributing to this new strategy are the acquisition of a new office in the area of Punta Cana; a new communications network that connects all its offices distributed throughout the main tourist areas in the country (Puerto Plata, Santiago, Santo Domingo, La Romana and Punta Cana); and the incorporation of new professional staff to assist clients in the hotels with transfers and excursions, as well as to fulfill the needs of tour operators in a faster and more efficient manner.

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IFA VILLAS BAVARO RESORT & SPA MAKES EXTENSIVE RENOVATIONS



The IFA Villas Bavaro Resort & Spa is located 20 minutes from Punta Cana international airport at the original Bávaro Beach. The hotel has made \$20 million dollars worth of renovations to its features and facilities, including rooms, pools, restaurants, bars and public areas. They have also constructed a new shopping center.

This property features 652 renovated rooms, modernly decorated and completely equipped with new furniture, plasma TV, use of electronic keys, Internet Wireless service, coffee maker, mini fridge, air conditioning, ceiling fans, balcony or terrace.

The IFA Villas Bavaro Resort & Spa is a perfect destination for families, couples and singles searching for an idyllic beach setting, good value and a variety of activities. There are a variety of dining options available, including two buffets restaurants Colibrí and La Casona; the Pizzeria Snack bar Pikalo; and one Grill restaurant Rancho Grill. In addition, there are three extraordinary a la carte restaurants: Caribe (gourmet), Bambú (Japanese) and Jalisco (Mexican). Other amenities at IFA Villas Bavaro Resort & SPA include seven bars strategically located around the property. There is also a kids club, a modern equipped Spa, gym and non motorized water sports. They offer wedding and honeymoon packages and can host private events for leisure groups.

IFA Villas Bavaro Resort & Spa, 877-200-6102,
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Visit the Dominican Republic and spend some time at one of Tropical Clubs resorts: Casa Laguna Beach Club in Cabarete or the Tropical Bavaro Alisios Hotel in Bavaro.

Currently working on an extensive renovation of their property in Cabarete, Casa Laguna Beach Club is situated in the middle of Cabarete Beach. The colonial style architecture and gardens give the Club an exotic feeling. The Beach Club features a total of 46 rooms, 28 rooms with ocean view and 18 rooms with garden view.

Located directly across from the Beach Club, Casa Laguna is nestled into tropical gardens and features 108 rooms with garden view, an Italian and Mexican Restaurant, a Pool Bar, two Swimming Pools, and a Jacuzzi.

The warm climate and diverse geography of the Dominican Republic provide an ideal environment for a variety of outdoor activities. A nine-hole golf course is minutes away from Cabarete. Just about thirty minutes away is one of the most beautiful golf

courses in the Caribbean, the Playa Grande Golf, designed by Robert Trent Jones. Guests can also enjoy windsurfing, surfing, kitesurfing, waterskiing, wakeboarding, Scuba diving, snorkeling, mountain biking, horseback riding, and other various fun excursions.

For those who enjoy the nightlife, the bar scene in Cabarete has something for everyone, from romantic bars to discotheques on the beach. Situated in the Cortecito area of Bavaro, the intimate and cozy Tropical Bavaro Alisios Hotel is comprised of 81 rooms (73 standard rooms and eight junior suites). All rooms have telephone, television, refrigerator, balcony, air conditioning, fan, hair dryer and safety deposit box. The staff here will entertain guests with exercise classes on the beach, a beach volley ball court and mini-football. They offer full water sports services, including kayaking, windsurfing, catamarans, snorkeling, parasailing, a diving school and much more. For travel agents, Tropical Clubs can apply a 20 percent discount on the rack rate.

Tropical Clubs, 888-790-5264, info@tropicalclubs.com,
www.tropicalclubs.com

BAGUA SPA OPENS AT VICTORIA GOLF & BEACH RESORT

Victoria Golf & Beach Resort continues to add to its guest offerings and services by opening a spa – Bagua Spa at Victoria Golf & Beach Resort. The spa's new location will offer a sampling of the same luxurious treatments offered at Bagua Spa at Casa Colonial with the convenience of being located directly on property.

The original Bagua Spa is a state-of-the-art 12,400 square foot spa located at Victoria Golf & Beach Resort's sister property, Casa Colonial. The new Spa Suite will incorporate a similar look and feel of the original Bagua Spa, featuring world-class therapists and treatments. The treatments offered include the Bagua Classic Massage and Deep Massage. Couples can enjoy treatments side by side in the Spa Suite. For a wider range of spa services, guests can make appointments at the nearby Bagua Spa at Casa Colonial where they can enjoy use of the spa facilities.

"The success of Bagua Spa at Casa Colonial Beach & Spa has enabled us to expand our spa offerings and open this new Spa Suite at Victoria Golf & Beach Resort," said Roberto Casoni, Executive Vice President, VH Hotels & Resorts.

Winter 2007/2008 rates begin at \$250 from December 24, 2007-January 4, 2008, \$160 from January 5- January 31, 2008 and \$180 from February 1-April 8, 2008 for the resort's "Bed & Breakfast" option. For an additional \$20 per person per night, guests can upgrade to the "All Inclusive" option. All rates are per person, per night and based on double occupancy.

Victoria Golf & Beach Resort offers guests the option of four restaurants, including upscale, gourmet dining in the "Jardin Victoria Restaurant. The resort also has four beach and pool bars, tennis courts and two pools with Jacuzzis. The property provides direct access to the renowned Robert Trent Jr. Golf Course, named one of the best golf courses outside of the United States by *Golf Digest*.

Victoria Golf & Beach Resort, 809-320-1200, www.vhhr.com

BLUEBAY HOTELS & RESORTS LAUNCHES IN MEXICO AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

BlueBay Hotels & Resorts, a new collection of four and five-star affordable luxury all-inclusive beach resorts with properties in Mexico and the Caribbean, recently launched the new brand with the inauguration of its flagship property, the five-star BlueBay Grand Esmeralda on Mexico's Mayan Riviera and the upscale beach and golf property BlueBay Villas Doradas in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.

BlueBay Hotels & Resorts is a distinct brand and has no association with other Blue Bay branded properties in the Cancun area.

"The launch of this new BlueBay Resorts brand represents one of the most important investments in the Caribbean hospitality industry made by a Spanish company," said Antonio Gelabert, Commercial Director, BlueBay Hotels & Resorts. "We strive to offer a superior product, meeting the needs of discerning vacationers and meetings and conventions groups. Our objective is to offer one of the best four and five-star all-inclusive hospitality products in Mexico and the Caribbean."

BlueBay Hotels & Resorts has ambitious growth plans in some of the most popular beach destinations. In addition to plans for opening new properties, the recently opened BlueBay Grand Esmeralda is undergoing an aggressive expansion slated for completion in January 2008, giving the hotel a total of 984 rooms.

Also, the property has just inaugurated a fully equipped spa, a 6,000 square foot meeting and convention facility with capacity for up to 450 people, and an auditorium with entertainment activities for guests with capacity for up to 600 people.

BlueBay Hotels & Resorts provide the ideal environment to indulge in the simple yet refined pleasures of life. This stylish collection of resorts with properties in some of the world's most coveted beaches is a haven for those looking to experience a world of sensations in a serene environment.

BlueBay Hotels & Resorts redefine the all-inclusive concept with inviting surroundings, tastes of contemporary international cuisine, a wide selection of sports activities, and unparalleled service.

Martina Heusinger-Cabré Named New Sales Director for Hotetur and Blue Bay

Mrs. Martina Heusinger-Cabré has been named the new Sales Director for Hotetur and Blue Bay Resorts in the Dominican Republic.

Martina has been with Hotetur as a successful Sales Manager for the E-commerce segment and recently as Sales Manager for Latin America.

Her offices are at the Hotetur Dominican Bay in Santo Domingo. Hotetur Hotels & Resorts, www.hotetur.com; BlueBay Hotels & Resorts, 888-342-9555, www.bluebayresorts.com

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Without doubt, the most important travel dreams that you help realize are your clients' honeymoon plans. A honeymoon is more than a just a trip; in the minds of the bride and groom, it's a magical time in an enchanted place where they are the prince and princess of love and bliss. Reality check: High expectations can lead to disappointment and that is not what you need to build your business. You need to ensure that the resort you pick will meet these high expectations.

In case you are not specifically marketing to honeymooners, by the way, you are ignoring a \$12 billion a year business.

Couples spend an average of \$3,700 on their honeymoons (that's three times the average vacation expenditure). An ever-growing 16% of all weddings are now destination weddings, and Americans spend an average of \$27,000 for their weddings. Add to these figures the incalculable number of anniversary trips or romantic getaways where couples hope to capture some of that honeymoon magic, and it's obvious that love and sex sell travel better than just about anything else.

As an advisor to many young and old couples planning their honeymoons, we have gleaned the following criteria; they want:

1. A hassle-free time so they can concentrate on each other.
2. A place to relax after all that wedding stress.
3. To feel special, like a VIP, maybe even like royalty.
4. A room and bed to meet their romantic fantasies
5. Someplace unique, something to remember for a lifetime.

Although 63% of all honeymoons are to foreign destinations, according to wedding-honeymoon author Susan Breslow Sardone, you can imagine that many of these couples have not been world travelers before this trip. Many honeymoon couples seem to want an out-of-the-ordinary foreign destination served on a silver no-hassles platter.

Excellence Resorts

Excellence Riviera Cancun (formerly Secrets, established 2004) and Excellence Playa Mujeres (opened November 2007) are two all-adult, all-inclusive resorts operated by the Excellence Group, a Spanish and American partnership. The



Excellence Riviera Cancun's six pools are linked by a "pool river" that winds through the resort's buildings.

primary focus of this group has been to bring real luxury to the all-inclusive market and to help you satisfy all of those romantic fantasies for your clients.

Both resorts are well within a 30-minute drive of the Cancun International Airport. The Riviera Cancun is south of Cancun, close to Playa del Carmen. The new Playa Mujeres is situated on the mainland across from Isla Mujeres. This peninsula, north of Cancun, has not been developed and the newly-opened resort is bordered by unspoiled white beaches stretching in both directions.

Excellence Riviera Cancun

The resort has been designed so that its six pools are linked by a "pool river" that winds through the resort's buildings. All of this water provides the chance for 107 Swim-Up Suite rooms, 20 with ocean view. Each of these suites has a hammock and private whirlpool spa on its patio as well as the opportunity to step outside your door and jump into the pool.

All suites at the Excellence provide two whirlpools, one inside between the bathroom and the suite and one outside on each balcony. All include free Internet access and fully-stocked mini bar. Over 100 suites have an ocean view. There are four honeymoon suites and two Imperial one-bedroom suites. Guests can choose to be part of the Excellence Club, which guarantees an ocean view and adds a luxurious club house, private pool, plus special concierge services.

The resort is the perfect place for a "date" every night of the week. Live music drifts through the air every evening; an early movie plays on a screen near one of the outdoor bars.

Ten bars, including a martini bar, feature entertainment including piano music, sports and comedy. There is dancing under the stars and, of course, a walk on the beach. Probably the best part of each evening will be provided by the eight restaurants.

"We didn't want our guest to have to make reservations," stated Miguel Yapur, Sales Manager, "we wanted them to be able to choose among any of our gourmet restaurants each evening, to be able to be spontaneous. They could choose to have lobster, for instance, every night!"

The idea behind this concept is that people generally must make reservations for top-rated restaurants in their own home towns and certainly at most resorts. Excellence wanted to give its guests the quality of a 5-star restaurant without the hassle. Excellence Riviera Cancun offers French, Italian, Mediterranean, Asian and Mexican cuisine, as well as a steakhouse, beachside lobster and a pizzeria.

Another dining experience unique to the Excellence Group is a romantic meal served on the beach. This wonderful treat is \$200 extra to the all-inclusive rate, but is included in some of the wedding or romantic packages. No mere picnic, this romantic interlude comes with a beautiful table with white linens, silver and crystal, set up right beside the water. Romantic lights in the palm trees, waiters serving a six-course meal, wine, candles, while a harpist plays music that blends with the gentle sound of the surf. Waiting back in their room

is a freshly drawn bubble bath. Did your clients say they wanted to feel special?

Wedding and Honeymoon Packages

The basic wedding or honeymoon/anniversary package offered by Excellence is included with a seven-night or more stay in one of their Excellence Club Ocean View suites. These are \$850 or \$600 packages, respectively, so this is a generous offer.

More elaborate packages are available; all include everything from judge or minister to champagne and cake.

"We can accommodate any bride and groom with personalized planning," noted Ariadna del Moral, the wedding coordinator for both Excellence Riviera Cancun and Playa Mujeres. "Most of our destination weddings have about ten guests, if the couple are from abroad, but we have hosted much larger weddings than that," she added.

Spa Experience

Excellence offers spa treatments to not only couples on a romantic getaway, but to any weary guest who needs renewal. The spa is a commanding building with billowing 2-story drapes at the entrance. In addition to a wide choice of massage and wrap treatments, the spa offers a "Marine Wellness Circuit" in which a coach takes the guest or couple through a

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The "Marine Wellness Circuit" at Excellence Resorts.

circuit that includes a sauna, ice, enervating blasts of water, steam and warm whirlpools. It leaves guests relaxed and ready for their next treatment. Each spa session ends with a beverage served on lounge chairs beside a fountain on the roof. Your clients did want to feel special, right?

Excellence Playa Mujeres

When we toured this new resort in September, more than a thousand workers were working toward the opening in early November. We wondered if they would be ready, and General Manager Ernesto Osuna assured us that they were ahead of schedule.

All of our description of the Riviera Cancun applies to Playa Mujeres. The new resort will incorporate the meandering pools, the no-reservation gourmet restaurants, the entertainment offerings and crystal white beach.

Excellence has made a few changes, however, for the new resort. They have relocated the elevator from the center of the resort lobby, so anyone entering the resort lobby will look over the pools to the beach. Added to the restaurants will be a wine-tasting cavern combined with a sampling bar where guests will be able to sample tastes of dishes served at the resort's various restaurants. Wines will be recommended for each sample. What kind of a great idea is that for those who can't decide where to eat?

The biggest changes for the new resort are in its suites. Larger whirlpool spas (rather than two separate whirlpool baths) occupy a spot where bathers can access the room or the patio or balcony. Each king-sized bed is situated to look out of the window at the view. All of these suites boast a sitting area with 42" flat-screen TV and some have a walk-in closet.

The most extraordinary new offering at this resort are the two-story suites each with a roof-top terrace and private spa-pool that will accommodate 10 people or more. These terraces conjure up the possibilities of a romantic tête-à-tête or an breathtaking party. Since the roof-top terraces are staff accessible, room service can be provided on the terrace overlooking the sea. Does this sound like any all-inclusive you have sold in the past?

Another attraction for this resort is its proximity to a Greg Norman signature golf course plus the charming town on Isla Mujeres just across the bay. Excellence Playa Mujeres offers special introductory rates now, so this is a property to put on your A-list immediately.

Both of these properties will satisfy the most discerning of your clients who want a romantic get-away. Riviera Cancun is closer to the strip in Cancun or the shopping in Playa del Carmen. Playa Mujeres' more remote location means it is further from the action, but closer to a deserted beach to explore. Whichever you choose, you can rest assured that these Excellence resorts will do their best to satisfy your client's most romantic expectations.

Excellence Group Resorts,
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CAPELLA HOTELS AND RESORTS OFFERS THE ONLY PRIVATE COURSE ON THE YUCATAN PENINSULA

The new golf course taking shape at Capella Bahia Maroma, along one of the world's most spectacular coastlines in Mexico's Riviera Maya, is the collaboration of Capella Hotels and Resorts and acclaimed golf course architect Rees Jones.

Scheduled to open in winter 2008/2009 with the launch of Capella Bahia Maroma's resort and residential properties, the Rees Jones designed course will be the only private course on the Yucatan Peninsula. The project also represents the final golf course in the Riviera Maya with permission to build along the Caribbean coast.

The 18-hole, par 72 course weaves through the natural vegetation within Capella Bahia Maroma's 254 acre setting opposite the world's second largest coral reef, the Great Maya Reef. At approximately 7,000 yards, the course offers varied terrain and hole elevations that take their cues from the natural terrain. Many holes feature striking views of the Caribbean Sea, with the 9th and 17th holes finishing directly at water's edge. In the classic tradition of great seaside courses, the 18th fairway runs parallel to the water for a finish on the Caribbean.

Sculpted bunkers and strategically placed hazards, rippled fairways of varied widths and a mix of green contours – combined with varying breezes off of the Caribbean – result in a challenging but fair course that will delight residential members and resort guests through repeated rounds.

A Golf Clubhouse will include a fitness center, restaurant, bar and pro shop, plus personalized services for golfers. A wedding and special events pavilion will be located adjacent to the clubhouse. Golf membership will be limited to residents and hotel guests and is set at a maximum of 300.

The Golf Course at Capella Bahia Maroma is destined to take its place alongside acclaimed Rees Jones seaside designs such as Ocean Forest Golf Club, Haig Point Club, and Monterey Peninsula Country Club, among others.

Capella Bahia Maroma, 866-248-8466,
www.capellalivingmaroma.com, www.capellahotels.com

NEWLY RENOVATED BEACH PALACE HAS GRAND OPENING

The casual family-oriented Beach Palace, centrally located in the heart of Cancun's hotel zone and 15-minutes from downtown's main shopping and entertainment center, is celebrating the grand reopening of the resort following damages sustained during the passage of Hurricane Wilma in October 2005. Specializing in providing all-inclusive vacations that are fun for the whole family, this ideal beachfront resort features a variety of amenities that are perfect for even the youngest guests.

Families can choose from a variety of activities while vacationing at the Beach Palace. Guests looking for a little more action are welcome to visit the renovated fitness center, participate in the daily activities and theme parties, or partake in numerous excursions. The Beach Palace's "Kids Club" includes special, kids-only activities such as sports, board games, contests, crafts, movies, and video games. The resort features 287 rooms that come with two double beds or a king, flat screen LCD satellite TV, a double Jacuzzi and balconies.

Guests can choose from one of the resort's four international restaurants featuring Mexican, Italian/Mediterranean, Oriental, grilled fine cuts, and International cuisine. After dinner, unwind at any of the resort's four lively night spots. A Beach Palace vacation package ranges from \$180 - \$261 ppdo, per room, per night, depending on time of year.

Beach Palace, 800-635-1836, www.palaceresorts.com

THE PERFECT BEACH WEDDING AT REEF PLAYACAR RESORT & SPA

The Reef Playacar Resort & Spa, situated 10 minutes walking distance of trendy down town Playa del Carmen, is a tropical paradise with many options for a beautiful wedding. The hotel is an all inclusive resort, located directly on the beach. The brand new spa, have a romantic dinner on the beach.

The wedding packages include covered chairs with bows; the aisle runner with decoration; the flower arrangement for the Judge table; a legal ceremony by a local judge or a religious ceremony with an interdenominational Priest; the wedding cake with special decoration; domestic champagne; the bridal bouquet and a matching boutonniere for the groom; DJ music during the ceremony; a reservation in one of the a la Carte restaurants with a special Wedding Menu; honeymoon amenities in the room on the wedding day; and personalized service provided by an on site Wedding Coordinator. A wide range of optional services can be arranged, including Mariachis playing during the ceremony, a beach reception, or a photographer. The on-site Wedding Coordinator will arrange all the special details for the day, such as the music choice for the ceremony, the wedding cake, the wedding decoration color, wedding menus and the type of flowers.

Honeymoon packages are also very popular. These packages include beautiful room decoration including sparkling wine, a romantic dinner, special room amenities and more.

The Reef Playacar Resort & Spa, www.thereefplayacar.com



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TWO PARADISUS RESORTS NAMED READERS' CHOICE AWARD WINNERS



Paradisus Riviera Cancun Resort and Paradisus Playa Conchal Resort have been recognized as two of the world's top resorts in the 20th annual Conde Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards.

The awards, which appear in the November issue, ranked Paradisus Riviera Cancun Resort 14th among Mexico Resorts and Paradisus Playa Conchal Resort, located in Guanacaste, Costa Rica, 10th among resorts in Central and South America.

"Paradisus Resorts continues to lead the way in redefining the luxury all-inclusive concept to its most discerning guests, from its "real life" fantasy experience, to its signature adults-only Royal Service, Family Concierge program, Gabi Beach Club and other distinctive culinary offerings," stated Susanna Mander, Director of Brand Management for Paradisus Resorts. Located in some of the world's most sought-after beach destinations, three of the properties, Paradisus Playa Conchal Resort, Paradisus Riviera Cancun Resort and Paradisus Palma Real Resort are members of the world's most prestigious collection of luxury hotels, "The Leading Hotels of the World."

Paradisus Riviera Cancun Resort features everything for the perfect family vacation. Offerings include scuba diving, snorkeling, kayaking, windsurfing, horseback riding, four swimming pools, two tennis courts and a fitness center. There is a full-service spa and a romantic French gourmet restaurant "L'Hermitage."

The all-suite Paradisus Playa Conchal Resort is where championship golf meets thrilling eco-adventure. The resort features 420 oversized suites with 130 Royal Service suites and two Royal Service Presidential Beach Front Suites, encompassed in 39 bungalows. The resort features eight restaurants offering Asian fusion, Northern Italian and American cuisine, a Steakhouse and an international buffet.

Paradisus Resorts, 800-33-MELIA, www.paradisusresorts.travel

LUXURY FIVE-STAR HOTEL TO BE BUILT IN BERMUDA

Bermuda Premier Dr. the Honorable Ewart F. Brown, JP, MP, has joined with Scout Real Estate Capital to launch the development of Bermuda's first new luxury hotel in decades. Premier Brown participated in a ceremony initiating the demolition of the existing Wyndham Beach Resort in Southampton.

A new five-star hotel is planned for the 32-acre oceanfront site and is expected to open in 2010.

"We are honored to have Premier Brown take the first steps in the redevelopment of this exciting project," said Alan Worden, CEO of Scout Real Estate Capital. "It is a sign of his commitment to help Bermuda realize its potential as a top tourist destination. The new Southampton Beach Resort will capture the essence of Bermuda, and allow visitors to fully experience this magnificent island."

The new Southampton Beach Resort will be the first hotel of its size and kind built in Bermuda in decades. The new property will feature a 150-room hotel, a luxury spa and fitness center, several pools and restaurants. The property will also include a variety of retail and shopping venues.

The new resort will be one of the most environmentally advanced hotels of its kind. Scout will be employing state-of-the-art sustainability best practices and materials in the construction and operation of the property. As a result, the hotel is expected to consume less energy and water per square foot than any other hotel on the island.

Bermuda Department of Tourism, www.bermudatourism.com

ESCAPE TO HALF MOON BLUE IN TOBAGO

Half Moon Blue at the Donkey Cart House, Bacolet Bay, Tobago provides a fabulous getaway. Crafting the art of freedom with the spirit of relaxation, Half Moon Blue opens the doors of its French colonial styled compact resort and infuses into a holiday the essence of old-fashioned romance. Opening out to verandahs, the suites of this resort invite guests to soak up the sun. Half Moon Blue also has a Penthouse Loft that overlooks the half-moon shaped Bacolet Bay and the ever-extending horizon.

Although in the center of town, Half Moon Blue is well enough away for a remote, private feeling. With the cozy atmosphere and the fantastic food from the world famous restaurant, enjoy Tobago in a new light.

The nightclubs, discos, casinos, bars, restaurants, sports cafes and pubs offer an up tempo itinerary that will get guests' adrenaline going. Enjoy the dance floor at the Half Moon Blue after the day spent in the parade and celebrations of the Independence of this unique island.

Stimulating the appetite, the La Belle Creole Restaurant and the Bar showcase the excellent soul food of Tobago. Taking the taste buds on a journey through Creole cuisine, the Bar also offers its one-of-its-kind XXX Rum Punch. The resort uses garden fresh produce and the daily catch from the Caribbean Sea cooked up in a romantic and intimate candle-lit atmosphere. Guests can also cook their own catch with expert culinary advice from the chefs at the open kitchen.

Take a walk on the beach or explore the exotic rain forest and the beautiful coral reefs around the island. On a clear day, you can see the sister island of Trinidad.

Half Moon Blue, 868-639-3551, info@halfmoonblue.com, holidays@halfmoonblue.com, www.stayintobago.com, www.resortstobago.com

CERULEAN VILLA OFFERS WINTER ESCAPE TO ANGUILLA

Cerulean Villa, Anguilla's premier private villa, invites travelers to escape the cold and dreary months of January and February and head to the tropical British West Indies, where guests will find beautiful weather and a spectacular setting year-round. Throughout the months of December, January and February, Cerulean Villa will offer a rate of \$50,000 per week for a maximum of 14 guests.

The offer includes exclusive use of the seven bedroom villa along with a staff of 14, customized gourmet cuisine, upscale amenities and a host of activities.

The Cerulean Villa Winter 2008 offer features exclusive use of villa and facilities complete with staff of 14; private gourmet chef and culinary staff; and daily house-keeping and security. Availability is January 20- 27, 2008; January 27-February 2, 2008; and February 9-16, 2008. The lavish two-story white Mediterranean-style home is uniquely positioned on the beach of Barnes Bay on Anguilla. Cerulean offers all of the services and amenities of a boutique five-star resort and is ideal for families, couples, or friends seeking a private and upscale Caribbean escape.

The seven spacious bedrooms each feature luxurious baths and private terraces that overlook the ocean. The home also includes tropical gardens throughout the property.

The villa offers a host of recreational activities including children's programs such as a Kid's Club featuring swimming with dolphins excursions, pony rides, glass bottom boat trips, treasure hunts and arts and crafts programs. For adults, Cerulean offers customized spa treatments and therapies administered in the outdoor meditation garden. For golfers, tee times can be arranged at the newly completed Greg Norman golf course.

During their stay, guests also experience exceptional culinary offerings prepared exclusively by executive chef, Anderson Gumbs, who delights with a fusion of tropical, French, and Asian cuisine prepared using only the freshest ingredients. Cerulean Villa, www.ceruleanvilla.com

STAR ISLAND, THE BAHAMAS: A NEW LEADER IN THE GREEN REVOLUTION

A new leader in the green revolution is Star Island, a private-island destination currently under development in the Out Islands of the Bahamas. When it opens in late '09, its mix of high-luxury and high-sustainability will be the talk of the travel industry and the inspiration for "green" resorts worldwide.

"This is a very exciting time in the field of green-technology and sustainable tourism," says David Sklar, the architect, CEO and visionary behind Star Island.

The project site is a 35-acre island in a protected sound 10 minutes by boat from Harbour Island. Star Island will offer five-star luxury through a mix of private homes, residences, and bungalows, complete with upscale facilities (spa, restaurants, bars, pools, tennis courts and a "no-fuel" marina).

Star Island's real difference is its commitment to preserving its immediate surroundings and mitigating the impact of tourism

on the Earth as a whole. Every part of its development and operation will be fully sustainable from the materials used in its construction to its groundbreaking alternative-energy sources, from the shade-grown organic coffee served in the restaurants to the renewable-bamboo sheets on the beds, from its recycling systems to its off-site community programs. Behind the scenes, state-of-the-art management systems will convert most of the island's non-recyclable waste to energy, fuel and fertilizer. The landscaping will root out invasive species and favor indigenous plants. Star Island's water needs will be answered by a rain-harvesting system and underground storage tanks. Drinking water will be purified through reverse osmosis systems.

"We're not just looking at existing technologies and best practices," says David Sklar. "Star Island is an environment for testing and demonstrating emerging techniques. We want to be a magnet for ideas. We want to show what's possible."

Star Island, www.starislandbahamas.com

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HALF MOON APPOINTS ANDREA CLARKE RESIDENT VILLA MANAGER; WINS AT WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS



ANDREA CLARKE

Aram Zerunian, General Manager of the Half Moon resort has announced the appointment of Andrea Clarke to the post of Resident Villa Manager.

With over 20 years of management experience, Ms. Clarke, a former Manager on Duty at the resort from 2003, has also worked at the Grand View Beach Hotel in St. Vincent as the Food & Beverage as well as Front Office Manager.

"My experience as a MOD (Manager on Duty) has really prepared me for this position as I have an intimate knowledge of what the needs of the guests are and in my new role at the Royal Villas, I am in a position to address those needs so that our guests keep returning to the resort."

"I am proud of Andrea's appointment and Half Moon's policy of promoting from within. She has proven herself to be an excellent team member and I am proud to announce her promotion," Mr. Zerunian said.

At the recent World Travel Awards in London, thousands of discerning travelers voted Half Moon Jamaica's Leading Resort as well as the Caribbean's Leading Conference Hotel. This is the fourth year that Half Moon is a multiple World Travel Award winner.

The resort has copped awards as Jamaica's and the Caribbean's Leading Golf Resort as well as the Caribbean's Leading Hotel in previous years.

"We are proud to receive these accolades from the travel industry's leading professionals," said Richard Whitfield, Half Moon's Managing Director. "Over the past year, we have been continuing in our strategic master plan of enhancing the experience of our guests."

The latest addition is our newly opened 68,000 square feet indoor/outdoor spa sanctuary, Fern Tree, the Spa at Half Moon that is unrivalled in the Caribbean. It is a good feeling to know that our efforts have not gone unnoticed by our peers in the industry."

Half Moon, 800-626-0592, www.halfmoon.com

TOURISM PROFESSIONALS RECOGNIZED AT ANGUILLA'S TOURISM GALA AND AWARDS

Stephane Zaharia, General Manager of CuisinArt Resort and Spa was named Hotelier of the Year at the 2007 Anguilla Tourism Gala and Awards held at Zurra's Restaurant.

Organized by Anguilla's Ministry of Tourism, the Anguilla Tourist Board and the Anguilla Hotel and Tourism Association, the gala is the culminating event of Tourism Week, which takes place every year during the last week of November.

This year, the event played host to more than 180 of the island's tourism professionals.

The Honorable Donna Banks, Special Advisor Tourism, delivered the introductory speech. Amelia Vanterpool-Kubisch, Director of Tourism, Anguilla Tourist Board and Trudy Nixon, Executive Director, Anguilla Hotel and Tourism emceed the ceremony, which honored tourism professionals across a number of categories.

The 2007 Anguilla Tourism Awards included: Hotelier of the Year: Stephane Zaharia, CuisinArt Resort and Spa; Pioneer Awards: Sue and Robin Ricketts, George Hodge; Ports Employees of the Year: Marie Harrigan, Seaport Employee of the Year, Glen Boothe, Airport Employee of the Year; Allied Member of the Year: Anne and Peter Parles, Straw Hat Restaurant; Employee of the Year: Altagracia Ramirez, Cap Juluca; Supervisor of the Year: Norwell Proctor, Cap Juluca; Special Commendation for Services to Tourism: Sylvene Petty.

Anguilla Tourist Board, www.anguilla-vacation.com

HOLIDAY INN SUNSPREE RESORT ARUBA WINS "SHOW WE CARE" AWARD

The 600-room Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort Aruba was honored recently with the "Show We Care" award, presented in recognition of the property's strong commitment to its surrounding community. The award was presented at the 2007 InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) Americas Investors & Leadership Conference held October 22-24 in Dallas, Texas. Tom Murray, IHG Chief Operating Officer, The Americas, and Alvaro Diago, IHG Area President, Latin America, presented the award to Guillermo Valencia, General Manager of the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort Aruba and Regional Director of Operations, Caribbean InterContinental Hotels Group.

Valencia commented on the award, saying: "We firmly believe that any hotel is only as strong as its local community. In Aruba, we back this up by supporting wonderful charities like SAMBA (Stichting Alcohol Misbruik Bestrijding Aruba) that has been helping people in need for more than 50 years. We are truly proud of this honor."

Over the past two years, the resort has collected voluntary contributions from staff, and now resort guests have a chance to help out as well. As of November 30, 2007, guests may choose to pay an optional \$1.00 fee per room night with all proceeds accruing to the resort's charity fund.

SAMBA brochures will also be included with resort materials provided to guests at check-in, increasing awareness of the program and inviting guests to join with Holiday Inn to make it a success.

"A large percentage of our guests are repeat visitors who have been coming to Aruba with their families for decades," said Valencia. "For them, Aruba is a second home, and they care as much for the island's community and people as they do for their own neighbors. We're happy to provide all of our guests with an easy way to give back to the island we all love so much."

Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort Aruba, 800-HOLIDAY,
www.aruba.sunspreeresorts.com

BUCUTI BEACH RESORT NAMED TO ISLANDS MAGAZINE'S 'BLUE LIST'



ISLANDS magazine recently recognized Bucuti Beach Resort's owner and CEO Ewald Biemans for his environmental stewardship on the magazine's first annual "Blue List," a compilation of the top 100 leaders and innovators in responsible tourism. The list acknowledges those who have embraced, nurtured and protected the amazingly diverse natural and cultural heritage of their islands.

"Since day one, my wife Susan and I have been committed to preserving Aruba's rich culture and environment and educating our guests on what makes the island unique," said Biemans. "Promoting conservationism among our staff and guests is a major part of the Bucuti experience. Whether it's participating in one of our resort-sponsored beach clean-ups, interacting with volunteers from Turtugaruba, the island's sea turtle protection program, or enjoying native cuisine, folklore and music at our restaurant, the Pirates' Nest, our guests can count on a truly hands-on, authentic Aruban experience."

In addition to his dedication to maintaining the island's cultural identity, Biemans is also a leader in instituting environmentally sound operating practices. Bucuti was the first Caribbean resort to become ISO 14001 certified and is now celebrating its fourth consecutive year of certification and its sixth consecutive year of Green Globe 21 certification.

The resort's guest rooms and suites are

designed to preserve energy and water. All sink and bath water is collected in a grey water recycling system where ultraviolet light destroys bacteria so the water can safely be re-used to irrigate the grounds. Wastewater from the toilets flows to a government treatment plant for re-use by businesses and the two golf courses on the island.

Throughout the resort, energy and resources are conserved through the use of light and air conditioning sensors, environmentally friendly products and bulk dispensers for products like soap, shampoo and lotion.

Solar heated water is used in designated areas of the resort and ozone machines, rather than chemical aerosols, keep guest rooms smelling fresh. A resort-wide recycling program helps drastically eliminate the amount of waste from glass, aluminum, paper and other materials.

Bucuti Beach Resort, www.bucuti.com

MANDARIN ORIENTAL ANNOUNCES NEW RESORT ON ST. KITTS

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group has announced that it will manage a new 125-room resort with 20 Residences at Mandarin Oriental on the island of St. Kitts, which will open in 2010.

Mandarin Oriental, St. Kitts will be situated on a 50-acre site at Majors Bay, a private cove on the island's secluded southeast peninsula. The resort will appeal to sophisticated leisure travelers and naturalists alike. The resort will be an integral part of Christophe Harbour, a 2,400 acre project being developed along the coastline of both the Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean.

The accommodation will be among the largest in the region, each incorporating superior technology and entertainment systems. Among the hotel's specialty accommodations are "Lagoon Suites," designed as luxurious over-water bungalows. The resort's beachfront Presidential Suite will offer among the finest interiors to be found on the island.

Included in the development will be 20 private Residences at Mandarin Oriental, providing an opportunity for ownership. As with all Residences at Mandarin Oriental,

owners will be treated as permanent guests of the hotel and will enjoy privileged access to the services and amenities provided on property.

There will be five restaurants and bars, a ballroom, and three additional meeting rooms will also be incorporated into the design. The spa will feature 11 state-of-the-art treatment rooms. A fitness center as well as outdoor swimming pools will also be available. Guests will enjoy recreational water sports activities including snorkeling and sailing. Guided hiking tours through the island's rainforests will also be offered.

Edouard Ettegui, Group Chief Executive of Mandarin Oriental said, "We look forward to bringing Mandarin Oriental's renowned levels of luxury hospitality to this beautiful Caribbean destination. Mandarin Oriental, St. Kitts, along with the extensive facilities of the overall peninsula development, will further enhance the appeal of St. Kitts as an international destination of choice for leisure travelers from around the world."

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group,
www.mandarinoriental.com

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WINTER SAVINGS AND PACKAGES IN ANTIGUA



SANDALS GRANDE ANTIGUA RESORT & SPA

A number of great luxury packages and discounted rates are being offered at a variety of properties in Antigua and Barbuda this winter season. Accommodations on the islands range from trendy boutique hotels that feature intimate guesthouses and cottages to all-inclusive resort facilities. With 60 hotels and more than 3,000 rooms on-island, there is a property to suit every taste and budget. Packages and discounts for the winter season include:

BLUE WATERS: SEVEN NIGHTS WITH ONE NIGHT FREE

In celebration of the hotel's recent introduction of The Cove Suites, guests will receive one night free for every seven-night reservation in the hotel's Cove Suites or Cove Penthouses. Accommodations in each Cove Suite include spacious living areas, expansive terraces, and the latest amenities and modern comforts including plasma TVs, - iPod Docs, and access to four infinity pools and four attended bars. Cove Penthouse accommodations include three-bedrooms, Jacuzzi, private kitchen and dining area, and optional personal chef. The complimentary night offer is valid for every seven-night reservation booked between December 1, 2008 and March 1, 2008 and applies to guest stays through to the end of 2008.

Blue Waters, www.bluewaters.net

COCOBAY RESORT: 10% SAVINGS FOR HONEYMOONERS

Honeymooners who book directly online will receive a 10 percent discount with a five-night or more reservation. Upon arrival, honeymooners will be greeted with a bottle of sparkling wine and flowers.

Cocobay Resort, 866-692-6094, www.cocobayresort.com

HERMITAGE BAY: SPECIAL PACKAGES

The packages listed below are a combination of guests' most popular requested extras, a perfect addition to any stay at the Hermitage Bay. Both packages must be pre-booked and may only be purchased in addition to accommodations (Winter savings of 20 percent for both). The Romantic Escape Package includes: welcome bottle of champagne, boat trip to a deserted private beach where guests will enjoy a lobster lunch accompanied with a bottle of Macon Lugny, private candlelit dinner on the beach, and one hour couples massage. Package is available January 6, 2008 - March 31, 2008 and cost is \$700 per couple. The Luxury Retreat Package includes: welcome bottle of champagne, gourmet dinner prepared by Executive Chef, two day rental of a luxury 4x4 vehicle for island

exploring, six hour luxury yacht cruise with lunch, and one hour spa treatment. Package is available January 6, 2008 - March 31, 2008. Cost is \$1,400 per couple.

Hermitage Bay, www.HermitageBay.com

SANDALS GRANDE ANTIGUA RESORT & SPA: WINTER SAVINGS

This winter save up to 45 percent off the regular rack rates, which also includes the resort's new, all-suite Mediterranean Village. A \$70 million expansion to the resort's existing 193-room Caribbean Village, the Mediterranean Village features 180 spacious suites in six room categories, additional gourmet dining options, an expanded Red Lane Spa, and a sixth pool - the largest in the Eastern Caribbean. Every Sandals Resorts romantic Luxury Included getaway includes luxurious accommodations and the latest in-room amenities such as plasma TVs, marble baths, optional butler service, gourmet a la carte dining, unlimited premium wine and spirits, Red Lane Spa and Fitness centers, and gratuities and round-trip airport transfers. Winter savings are available November 2007 - January 2008.

Sandals Resorts, www.sandals.com

THE SUITES AT JOLLY BEACH: FREE NIGHT OFFER

Save 14 percent at the Suites at Jolly Beach with a seven-night reservation from January 5 to March 20, 2008. Suite amenities include one-bedroom, two-bedroom or deluxe suites, kitchen and separate eating areas, scenic ocean or garden views, spacious living areas, and oversized tubs. The Winter Free Night Offer is only available for seven-night reservations from January 5, 2008 - March 20, 2008.

Suites at Jolly Beach, www.jollybeachvacations.com;
Antigua and Barbuda, www.antigua-barbuda.org

HILTON TO BUILD NEW HILTON BONAIRE RESORT & SPA

Hilton Hotels Corporation has announced that it has entered into a franchise license agreement to build the Hilton Bonaire Resort and Spa, a planned upscale, full-service resort on the Dutch Caribbean island of Bonaire.

Part of the Kingdom of Holland, Bonaire is the most eastern of the Leeward Islands, located 50 miles north of Venezuela and is known for its longstanding commitment to preserving and protecting the environment both above and below the water, as it was the first Netherlands Antilles Island to establish a national park.

The Hilton Bonaire Resort and Spa will be built on a canal system in southern Kralendijk, Bonaire's quaint capital city located just north of the Flamingo International Airport. The navigable canals offer a peaceful and romantic environment, creating the perfect setting for the property. Construction on the 144-room resort will begin this summer and is expected to open in July of 2010.

The resort will offer 132 elegant rooms and 12 lavishly appointed suites and will feature luxury amenities including the rooftop Azul Fitness Center & Spa, a world-class dive facility, two restaurants and a variety of shops. The project is owned and being developed by Azul Management Bonaire, Inc.

Hilton Bonaire Resort and Spa, www.hilton.com;
Tourism Corporation Bonaire, 800-BONAIRE

POINT GRACE VOTED CARIBBEAN'S LEADING BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Point Grace, a luxury resort in Providenciales, Turks & Caicos, has been recognized as the Caribbean's Leading Boutique Hotel by the 14th Annual World Travel Awards. This is the third consecutive year Point Grace has been presented with this honor.

"It is such an honor to be recognized for the third consecutive year with this award," said Valerie Hudson, Managing Director of Point Grace. "The staff at Point Grace strives to maintain the highest standards to ensure our guests have an unforgettable experience here, and this is a wonderful recognition of their hard work."

Located on a serene stretch of beach, Point Grace offers a selection of ocean-front suites that directly overlook the beach or cottage suites with relaxing pool and garden views. All suites are exquisitely furnished and decorated.

With magnificent views of the ocean and the peaceful sounds of the Caribbean in the background, Point Grace offers an unsurpassed elegant setting matched with the most exceptional service and stunning, high-quality suites. Grace Bay, the beach on which Point Grace sits, was also recognized this year by the World Travel Awards as the Caribbean's Best Beach.

The World Travel Awards were established in 1993 to acknowledge, reward and celebrate the enormous achievements in all sectors of the global travel industry. This is the world's most comprehensive travel awards ceremony, with trophies awarded in all areas of the industry. Voting is cast by travel agents in over 190 countries around the world.

Providenciales is one of the 49 islands that comprise the British Crown Colony of Turks and Caicos. This caring islands community of 25,000 friendly locals and internationals is located halfway between Florida and Puerto Rico and is a 90-minute non-stop jet flight from Miami.

Point Grace, 866-924-7223, www.pointgrace.com

DIVI RESORTS OFFERS KIDS STAY & EAT FREE PACKAGE

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Book between now and December 23, 2008 for travel between July 1, 2008 and December 23, 2008, and kids 12 and younger stay and eat free from the children's menu when accompanied by at least one paying adult. Limit two children per room; valid for breakfast, lunch and dinner; and limit one child per each paying adult while dining.

Divi Resorts is the only hotel chain made up entirely of Caribbean resorts.

Divi Resorts, 800-367-3484, www.diviresorts.com

NEW "SUN, SAND & STORK" PACKAGE FROM SUPERCLUBS

First there were "weddingmoons" and "babymoos," as couples discovered the advantages of destination weddings and a second honeymoon before childbirth. Now SuperClubs is propagating the next big trend – the "conceptionmoon" with their new "Sun, Sand & Stork" package.

Carefully customized for prospective parents seeking a romantic jumpstart to getting in a family way, the AAA Four Diamond Grand Lido Resorts & Spas and the recently renovated Breezes Runaway Bay Resort & Golf Club deliver luxurious accommodations and aphrodisiac aids to ease this thrilling, though sometimes stressful, experience.

Launching January 1, 2008, the four-night/five-day "Sun, Sand & Stork" package starts at \$1,792 per couple for a suite at Grand Lido Negril Resort & Spa, a royal beachfront room at Grand Lido Braco Resort & Spa, or a verandah suite with a private plunge pool at Breezes Runaway Bay Resort & Golf Club.

Couples are greeted with a welcome basket and fertility-enhancing teas are stocked in rooms daily, while a book on conception techniques counsels couples with encouraging tips. This procreation package also includes a 30-minute couple's massage, followed by a Reflexology session for hopeful moms.

"Many couples looking to start families can find it dispiriting and wonder why it's so difficult," said Zein Nakash, SuperClubs' Vice President of Marketing and mother of two.

Couples can enjoy all the benefits of a Super-Inclusive luxury vacation, including accommodations; fine dining; 24-hour room service; land and water sports; entertainment; hotel taxes; airport transfers; and tips. Couples who book the "Sun, Sand & Stork" package will receive a 10 percent discount at four family-friendly properties when they return with their bundles of joy. Welcoming new families into the fold are Breezes Curaçao, Starfish Trelawny in Jamaica, Starfish Ilha de Santa Luzia in Brazil, and Breezes Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic. This family offer is valid through December 20, 2011.

SuperClubs, 800-GO-SUPER (800-467-8737), www.superclubs.com

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