

VIKTORIA KUGLICS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF SALES & MARKETING AT FRENCHMAN'S REEF & MORNING STAR MARRIOTT BEACH RESORT



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Viktoria Kuglics has been named Director of Sales & Marketing for Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort on St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. In this position, Kuglics will oversee the marketing relations and sales goals for the resort.

"We are thrilled to have Viktoria Kuglics as our new Director of Sales & Marketing for Frenchman's Reef &

Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort," said General Manager, Jose Gonzalez Espinosa. "We are certain that under her guidance, the resort will continue to be a successful leader in the Caribbean travel market."

Prior to joining the Frenchman's team, Kuglics served as the Director of Sales at the Courtyard by Marriott Munich City Center in Munich, Germany where she was responsible for the pre-opening, set up of sales and marketing, event and revenue management and reservations.

She also held management positions for Marriott International in Orlando, Florida and Copenhagen, Denmark.

Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort,
www.frenchmansreefmarriott.com,
www.marriott.com

JUMEIRAH TO MANAGE LUXURY RESORT IN THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Jumeirah, the Dubai-based luxury international hospitality management group and a member of Dubai Holding, has been appointed to manage a luxury multi-use resort occupying the entire western tip of St. Thomas.

This was announced at a signing ceremony in St. Thomas attended by Gerald Lawless, Executive Chairman of the Jumeirah Group and David Burden, Founder and CEO of Timbers Resorts.

The Jumeirah Botany Bay Resort, formerly known as The Preserve at Botany Bay, will be located 15 minutes away from the Cyril E. King International Airport in St. Thomas, with regular flights connecting the island to the United States.

Guests of the world-class luxury resort will enjoy several beaches, secluded coves, a coral reef and a nature conservancy, fine restaurants and a beach club, as well as a Talise Wellness spa.

Jumeirah will manage the five-star boutique hotel of 84 rooms, spread over nine buildings. Scheduled to open in 2011, the 400-acre resort will also include 30 fractional residences, 30 whole

ownership villas and up to 20 grand estates.

These serviced residences will be managed by Jumeirah Living, combining the luxury of a prestige hotel with all the privacy and comforts of home.

This management agreement with Timbers Resorts is a key addition to Jumeirah's rapidly growing portfolio of luxury properties, with Jumeirah hotels and resorts currently under development in Phuket, Shanghai, Argentina, Mallorca, London, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Doha and Jordan, among others.

"We selected Jumeirah as the ideal hotel company to partner with at this unprecedented resort on the secluded western tip of St. Thomas," remarked David Burden. "Based on their internationally renowned hotel experience in luxury service, they will be a perfect match for our discerning owners and resort guests."

"We are impressed by Timbers Resorts' commitment to responsible development and the care with which they intend to develop this protected enclave," said Gerald Lawless, Executive Chairman of the Jumeirah Group.

"With its secluded location in a tropical environment, the Jumeirah Botany Bay Resort will be true to our STAY DIFFERENT promise."

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GRENADA BOARD OF TOURISM AWARDS TRAVEL PARTNERS IN NYC



All the award winners and the Grenada delegation.

To help spread the word about the "Spice of the Caribbean" and all of the island's new developments in tourism, the Grenada Board of Tourism hosted a 2008 Northeast Road Show September 16 – 19. Travel agents and tour operators across the Northeast United States were invited to attend and learn all about the destination, as well as exciting plans for Grenada.

In total, the seminars attracted more than 550 travel agents. Each presentation featured free seminars that included an informative presentation detailing the island's attractions, activities and accommodations. A complimentary dinner, trip giveaways and a Q&A session also took place.

Participating in each seminar was Jocelyn Sylvester-Gairy, Director of Tourism with the Grenada Board of Tourism, Nicole Moultrie, Head of Marketing, and Christine Noel-Horsford, U.S. Sales Director, as well as more than 10 Grenadian hoteliers.

On September 15, the Grenada Board of Tourism hosted a Grenada Appreciation Cocktail Reception and Awards Ceremony at the North Cabana at the Maritime Hotel in New York City. At that event, major tour operators, dive operators, airlines, top travel agents and other special awardees were recognized for their contributions toward the growth of Grenada's tourism industry. More than 130 of the USA's top travel industry representatives attended. The Minister of Social Services, Ecclesiastical Affairs and Labour, the Honorable Glynis Roberts, as well as Arlene Buckmire Outram, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, were honored speakers and guests that evening.

The 15 awardees included Major Tour Operators: Air Jamaica Vacations, Travel Impressions, Go Go Worldwide Vacations, American Airlines Vacations; Online: Expedia; Dive Operators: Peggy Szoke- Director of Group Sales, Top Dive Seller, H2O Tours, Caradonna Dive Adventures, Inc; Top Travel Agent: Regina Cadigan, Travel Consultant– Protravel Inc.; Ethnic Agency: Earley Travel & Tours; Airlines: Air Jamaica Ltd and American Eagle.

Special Awards went to Mr. Michael A. W. Callender- President and CEO, SMAC Productions; Mr. Neil Cummings – Founder- GrenadianConnection.com; Mr. Herman Hall – Founder and

Publisher- Everybody's Magazine; and Mr. Campbell Rudder- Regional Director of Sales, Northeast, Air Jamaica Ltd. Grenada, www.grenadagrenadines.com

PINK BEACH CLUB OFFERS SPECIAL OFF-SEASON RATES

For added vacation value, the award-winning Pink Beach Club is offering off-season rates of \$430 per night, based on single or double occupancy, for travelers who visit the island November 1, 2008 - December 13, 2008.

"During Bermuda's off-season, the island plays host to a variety of phenomenal events including world-class golf tournaments, culinary and music festivals, tennis competitions, sightseeing tours and much more," said Michael Williams, Managing Director, Pink Beach Club. Rates start at \$430 per night in garden suite accommodations, based on single or double occupancy, for travel November 1, 2008 - December 13, 2008. Rates include a daily Modified American Plan (MAP) with full English breakfast, traditional afternoon tea and five-course dinner daily.

Pink Beach Club, 800-355-6161, reservations@pinkbeach.com, www.pinkbeach.com

HALF MOON RECEIVES GREEN GLOBE CERTIFICATION

Half Moon, the 400 acre luxury resort located in the elite enclave of Rose Hall, Jamaica, is Green Globe certified.

Long a pioneer in green initiatives in Jamaica, the resort was commended for its detailed, concise and sound environmental practices and social responsibility that are at the heart of the 400 acre resort's operation.

Half Moon has over the years integrated various green practices and initiatives in its operations. Guests of the resort are able to contribute to programs through various conservation signs such as water, electricity and chemical usage.

A staunch conservationist, the 54 year old resort reported a five percent decrease in its energy bill thanks to several conservation initiatives effected resort-wide that included replacing high wattage light bulbs with low-energy bulbs. Additionally, the resort's waste water treatment plant generates over 130,000 gallons of water per day that is used to irrigate the 400-acre property.

The resort's eco-friendly operations practices are underscored by its community outreach program that is supported equally by management and staff.

Half Moon's eco-initiatives also extend to guest staying at the 398-room resort. With the "Just the Two of Us Green Wedding" package couples can plant a seedling tree on the 400 acre estate and donate their floral arrangements to local hospitals. For group guests, Half Moon facilitates volunteerism programs allowing group participants to contribute to local charitable organizations either by donations or through hands-on work.

Half Moon, www.halfmoon.com

'ENDLESS SUMMER' FALL DEAL AT HOLIDAY INN SAN JUAN



Whether a mini-break is in order to re-charge batteries after the summer vacation, or for those who prefer this time of the year for a more tranquil getaway, Holiday Inn San Juan's 'Endless Summer' Fall Deal is packaged to sell. It includes accommodations in a Superior Room; 15 percent discount off food and beverage at the hotel's three signature restaurants; \$10 casino match-play coupon for nearby casino per adult; and a complimentary welcome cocktail per adult. In addition, up to two children 12 years or younger stay at no additional cost when sharing room with parents. The package is \$69 ppdo, plus government tax and resort fee, and is valid through December 20, 2008.

Unexpectedly stylish with four-star amenities, the Holiday Inn San Juan is situated in the trendy Isla Verde area, steps from Alambique Beach, a popular local spot for a day of fun under the sun. Afterwards, back at the hotel enjoy a refreshing dip in the pool, a soothing hydro massage in the Jacuzzi, or a fun shower in the water spray park. To explore the cultural riches of the capital city of San Juan, and beyond, there is both a rental car branch and a tour desk on the property, and the bus stop is right around the corner.

The Holiday Inn San Juan takes pride in providing guests with choices, products and facilities to enhance their stay, whether for business or leisure. The 222 rooms feature a pillow menu, air conditioning, King or Queen sized beds, cable television, in-room iron and ironing board, complimentary internet access, in-room safe, dorm-size refrigerator, and hair dryer.

The Holiday Inn San Juan, www.hisanjuan.com

VILLA BEACH COTTAGES ANNOUNCES HIGH SEASON SPECIAL OFFER

Villa Beach Cottages on St. Lucia has announced a high season special for seven-night bookings now through March 1, 2009. Villa Beach Cottages has recently undergone extensive renovations and improvements and provides guests with comfortable, casual luxury in an idyllic location.

The Villa Beach Cottages high season special offer is valid for bookings of a minimum of seven nights and includes accommodations in one of the property's brand new deluxe one- or two-bedroom villa suites; complimentary meet and greet airport transfers; flowers and welcome drinks upon arrival; a sunset cruise for two; free use of the resort's ocean kayaks; and a complimentary day's rental of a car or jeep for exploring the island.

Prices for the high season special are \$2,295 (for two persons in a deluxe one-bedroom villa) and \$2,595 (for four persons in a deluxe two-bedroom villa.) The offer is valid for bookings of at least seven nights from now through March 1, 2009.

The villa suites feature four-poster beds, living and dining rooms, fully-equipped kitchens, and large balconies overlooking the Caribbean Sea. All of the villas feature state-of-the-art room amenities such as LCD flat-screen TVs, DVD and CD players, and high-speed Internet access.

In addition to the extensive renovations and additions made to the villas, many enhancements and additions were made to the on-site facilities. A new restaurant, Coconuts, offers Creole and International cuisine, while the new mini-mart, Koko's, offers convenient on-site shopping. An additional swimming pool has also been added. A new Guest Services Cottage provides an Internet café, coin-operated laundry and free book and DVD library.

Aside from the improvements to the property, Villa Beach Cottages is also offering guests new service options including meet and greet service with airport transfers, water sports (kayaking), pre-arrival stocking of units with grocery starter packs, a tour desk for organizing and booking personal and group tours and activities, daily maid service, babysitting services, and in-room or beachside massage services.

Villa Beach Cottages, www.villabeachcottages.com

THREE BEDROOM VILLA IN GRENADA AT VILLA CARIBELLA

Villa Caribella is a luxury holiday Grenada villa, perfect for a vacation getaway or honeymoon, in the exotic spice island paradise of Grenada. Built in a classical airy Caribbean style by master craftsmen, the villa has a large saltwater pool and patio, with three large bedrooms and spacious living area, all built to face and enjoy the captivating view.

This Grenada villa is situated on a lush tropical hillside on the southeast coast of Grenada, in an upscale residential area, commanding unforgettable views of the Caribbean sea over three bays from the large saltwater pool in quiet luxurious surroundings.

Weekly rates from May 1 to December 19, 2008 are \$3,800 (one bedroom), \$4,050 (two bedroom), or \$4,300 (entire villa). From December 20, 2008 to January 7, 2009 price is \$6,500 per week for the entire villa. From January 8 - April 31, 2009 price is \$4,500 (one bedroom), \$5,000 (two bedrooms), or \$5,500 (entire villa). A vehicle is included in the rental of the villa, as well as the services of a cook/housekeeper/laundress.

Villa Caribella, www.grenadavilla-caribella.com

SUPERCLUBS' WORLDWIDE REPRESENTATIVES HIRES PAUL PENNICOOK AS PRESIDENT



PAUL PENNICOOK

International Lifestyles, Inc. (ILI), the worldwide representatives of SuperClubs Resorts, has announced that Paul Pennicook will join as President, International Lifestyles. A well respected and seasoned pro in hotel and airline management, Pennicook was most recently Senior Vice President Sales and Marketing at Air Jamaica, where he also oversaw the worldwide sales and marketing for Air Jamaica Vacations, the tour

arm of the company.

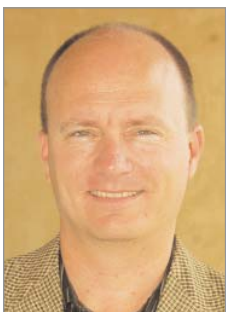
"On behalf of the SuperClubs Resorts, I am very pleased that Paul has joined International Lifestyles as they complete their restructuring efforts," said John Issa, Executive Chairman of SuperClubs Resorts. "He is highly respected, intimately understands the Caribbean and Jamaican tourism industry and the competitive marketplace."

In 2003 Pennicook was appointed Director of Tourism for Jamaica. He had previously served as 1st Vice President of the Jamaica Hotel and Tourist Association (JHTA), where he was chairman of the organization's marketing committee. In 2001, the Jamaica Hotel and Tourist Association named him Hotelier of the Year. He was Senior Vice President Sales and Marketing for SuperClubs until 1995, and has also worked with other major hotel groups.

A graduate of the School of Hotel Administration at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, the native Jamaican also serves on the Jamaica Tourist Board and the board of the Victoria Mutual Building Society.

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

ST. KITTS MARRIOTT WELCOMES FLOR VAN DER VAART AS NEW GENERAL MANAGER



FLOR VAN DER VAART

St. Kitts Marriott Resort & The Royal Beach has announced the addition of its new General Manager, Flor van der Vaart. Van der Vaart, a native of Aruba, has over 20 years in hospitality experience, five of which have been with the Marriott Corporation.

Van der Vaart spent four years at the Aruba Marriott Resort, as Resident Manager and, most recently, General Manager of the resort's two vacation

clubs, Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club and Marriott's Aruba Surf Club. As General Manager for these properties, he oversaw the successful openings of the last two phases of the Aruba Surf Club,

which doubled the room count between the two resorts. As Resident Manager for the Aruba Marriott Resort, Flor acted as the strategic business leader of the hotel's Rooms Operations.

"I was born and raised in Aruba and have worked in other parts of the Caribbean, so the idea of being able to experience another destination, yet stay in the region that is close to my heart is exciting," said Flor van der Vaart. "I was very pleased to be offered the opportunity to work as the GM of the leading hotel in St. Kitts, the St. Kitts Marriott, and to learn more about this up-and-coming destination."

Prior to joining the Aruba Marriott Resort, Flor was the Operations Manager at the Hyatt Dorado Beach Resort & Country Club in Puerto Rico. Van der Vaart's experience with Hyatt also includes resorts in Cambridge, Massachusetts and Aruba.

Van der Vaart received his Master's Degree in Business Administration from The University of Phoenix. He received his Bachelor's Degree from The University of The Hague – Haagshe Hogeschool in Holland. Van der Vaart speaks four languages, including English, Spanish, Dutch and Papiamentu, the native language of the Dutch Caribbean.

The St. Kitts Marriott Resort, www.stkittsmarriott.com

SANDY LANE BARBADOS APPOINTS ROBERT LOGAN AS GENERAL MANAGER



ROBERT LOGAN

J.P. McManus, D. Desmond and Partners have announced the appointment of Robert Logan as General Manager at Sandy Lane Barbados.

Dermot Desmond, Chairman of the Sandy Lane Board states, "We are very pleased to welcome Robert to Sandy Lane. As the resort reopens after an invigorating renovation this fall, he will join our team at the beginning of a pivotal phase in our resort's history. Robert will be instrumental

in leading Sandy Lane to new levels of success."

Logan joins Sandy Lane with more than 20 years of international management experience within some of the world's leading luxury hotels and resorts. Most recently, he served for four years as General Manager of Raffles Hotel, Singapore, where he oversaw a staff of 600 and managed the historic, 10-acre property which won numerous accolades under his guidance.

Logan's previous experience includes management positions at luxury properties throughout the world, with particular focus in Asia and the Americas where he worked for The Peninsula Group and Four Seasons Resorts.

"Sandy Lane is the premier luxury resort in the Caribbean and I am very pleased to join this stellar team during such an exciting time. We are just completing a substantial refurbishment of the property and this provides the perfect platform to take Sandy Lane to a new level of excellence," says Logan.

Sandy Lane, 866-444-4080, www.sandylane.com

NANNY CAY RESORT AND MARINA'S VILLAGE TOWNHOUSES READY FOR OCCUPANCY



Nanny Cay Resort and Marina, has completed phase one of the Nanny Cay Village, its new waterside community. The eight waterfront townhouses are accommodated in two blocks: Pelican and Elizabeth. Each block comprises four, privately owned, two- and three-bedroom, multi-level homes.

These townhouses are now available for rental and rates range between \$2,500 and \$3,500 for five nights depending on the season with a maximum of six people. 'Stay and Sail' and 'Stay and Dive' packages are also being offered. Each townhouse has central air-conditioning, private deck and a walled courtyard.

Residents and guests of the units have full access to the hotel's facilities including the freshwater oceanfront swimming pool and air-conditioned gym.

When completed Nanny Cay Village will comprise eight blocks with a total of 32 units on a canal with direct access to the Sir Francis Drake Channel. Phase two of the four-phase development is underway with the construction of Golden Hind and Defiance with a scheduled completion date of December 2009.

The townhouses are being sold as freehold properties with the option of joining Nanny

Cay's condo-hotel rental pool.

"We're very excited about Nanny Cay Village. It's the only waterfront community being built on Tortola and a great addition to the options that we have to offer overnight visitors," said Miles Sutherland-Pilch, Manager for Nanny Cay Resort and Marina. "The townhouses have been designed for convenient and comfortable living. Not only have we carefully planned the layout and composition of the units to ensure the optimum use of space but we have also selected quality fixtures, furnishings, and fittings to reflect the standard of the upscale development."

Nanny Cay Resort and Marina is Tortola's flagship marina. The hotel has 42 air-conditioned rooms plus the additional townhouse units in Nanny Cay Village. The 180-slip marina and boat yard offers comprehensive service and facilities for long and short-term visitors.

Nanny Cay Resort and Marina/
Nanny Cay Village, 866-284 4683,
hotel@nannycay.com, www.nannycay.com

MONTSERRAT ANNOUNCES THE RETURN OF DAILY WINAIR FLIGHT SERVICE

The island of Montserrat has announced the return of daily flight service on Winward Island Airways (Winair), beginning October 1, 2008.

The air carrier will offer much needed airlift service to Montserrat from regional gateways Antigua and St. Maarten. The accessibility provided by the regional airline will not only fill the void left by LIAT and Carib Aviation's departure but also offer travelers a chance to enjoy the destination's pristine tropical surroundings and distinct culture this winter travel season.

"The new airlift service provided by Winair will restore a vital air link from Antigua for Montserratians and visitors to the destination," said Ernestine Cassell, Director of Tourism. "We are delighted to know that vacationers will continue to have the opportunity to come and experience our unique culture during our annual Festival celebrations held throughout the month of

December."

Starting October 1, Winair's service will offer passengers eight daily flights from Thursday through Monday with a BNI seven-seater aircraft, known as the Islander. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays the carrier will operate three daily flights with a 19-seater DHC-6 Propjet Twin Otter aircraft.

A schedule change will take effect on October 20 with eight daily flights on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays using the Islander and three daily flights on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays with the Twin Otter. This flight schedule will be available through November 30, 2008. The schedule beyond this date will be accessible to travel agents and passengers shortly.

Those who have secured flight arrangements on LIAT or Carib Aviation from October 1 are advised to seek refunds.

Winair, 866-446-0410,
www.fly-winair.com; Montserrat,
www.visitmontserrat.com



BUCUTI BEACH RESORT HELPS ENVIRONMENT BY REDUCING IMPORTED WATER BOTTLES



For the Caribbean island of Aruba, which annually hosts thousands of American tourists, discarded water bottles have a direct negative impact on the island's beaches and native wildlife. Bucuti Beach Resort in Aruba is a favorite green destination for many American travelers and is spearheading a project to reduce imported bottled water at the resort. The bottle project will ultimately reduce unnecessary dumping of imported bottles and help keep Aruba's beaches and roads clean.

"We are confident that Bucuti guests will embrace this new policy while supporting Aruba's local water purification plant," said Bucuti Beach owner and CEO, Ewald Biemans. "The majority of our guests are not only savvy supporters of green travel, but committed to protecting our island and our planet."

Bucuti, which has been at the forefront of green tourism for the past 20 years, sees the importance of adding this new proactive step to its long list of other green practices. The resort regularly invites guests and employees to participate in monthly beach clean ups and other environmentally-friendly initiatives. Bucuti's Green

Team has not only taken the initiative with bottled water, they now offer only two types of beer at Sand Bar, part of the Pirate Nest Restaurant. The green resort serves locally brewed Balashi Beer and Heineken, which are both served in returnable, recyclable and locally refillable glass bottles.

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 and an abundance of contemporary European charm in addition to a caring and attentive staff, innovative technology including advance check-in, high-speed Wi-Fi access throughout the resort and loaner laptops, and a commitment to sustainable tourism. Bucuti Beach Resort is Green Globe 21 and ISO 14001 certified and has been recognized by notable organizations such as the Caribbean Hotel Association, American Express and the International Hotel and Restaurant Association for its environmentally responsible hotel operations. Bucuti Beach Resort, www.bucuti.com

SEVEN NIGHTS FOR THE PRICE OF FOUR AT SUGAR BAY CLUB IN ST. KITTS

Sugar Bay Club Suites & Hotel in St. Kitts is celebrating their grand re-opening after a renovation and re-branding by offering guests up to three free nights.

The offer is simple: stay three nights, pay for just two; stay five nights and pay for just three; or stay seven nights and only pay for four. Plus, enjoy complimentary breakfast for two on all paid nights. This limited time offer provides guests a savings greater than 40 percent off.

"This promotion is a way for us to thank repeat guests for returning after our brief hiatus during our renovation and re-branding and to also welcome new guests," commented Kishu Chandiramani, Proprietor of the Sugar Bay Club. "The resort renovations have introduced new bedding, kitchenettes with updated appliances, air conditioning, two resurfaced pools, and cosmetic touches such as painting and landscaping, and we are looking forward to this next chapter at Sugar Bay Club." The next chapter being the addition of a small duty free shopping store located within the hotel.

This introductory offer is valid on reservations made between now and December 19, 2008 on all room categories, which are subject to availability.

Sugar Bay Club Suites & Hotel is celebrating its re-opening as an independently branded property after previously operating as an all-inclusive resort under Elite Resorts. The hotel underwent comprehensive renovation and updates prior to this re-opening.

Located in the lively Frigate Bay area of St. Kitts, Sugar Bay Club Suites & Hotel consists of 94 rooms, cottages and suites whose views overlook lush tropical gardens, a swimming pool with waterfall and the Atlantic Ocean. A relaxing and sociable low-rise resort, Sugar Bay Club is ideal for a romantic getaway or for families seeking an affordable Caribbean vacation.

Sugar Bay Club Suites & Hotel, 888-390-0055, www.sugarbayclub.com