

CEIBA DEL MAR OFFERS "REST AND RELAX – 4TH NIGHT FREE" PACKAGE



Ceiba del Mar is offering a special "Rest and Relax – 4th Night Free" package. Ideally situated on a stretch of secluded beach at the edge of a fishing village, Ceiba Del Mar offers an ambiance of luxury and comfort, beautiful Mexican and Mayan architecture and warm hospitality – the perfect setting for a relaxing getaway.

The resort's Rest and Relax – 4th Night Free Package includes five days/four nights in selected luxury ocean view accommodations, with the fourth night complimentary; daily breakfast a la carte for two; one romantic dinner for two accompanied by a bottle of wine in the beach front 'Arrecifes' Restaurant, the Pier or in the privacy of the room; two 60-minute massages per stay to choose from the Spa Menu; a 20 percent discount on additional spa treatments; access to spa facilities including sauna, steam room, Swiss shower and gym for the entire stay; private transportation to and from the airport; free wireless Internet access in-room; in-suite organic bath amenities; complimentary "eye-opener" delivered to the room each morning; and afternoon tea-time.

The "Rest and Relax – 4th Night Free" Package starts at \$1,279 per couple, plus taxes (12 percent) and additional service charges (five percent), based on double occupancy. Additional nights are available, but a minimum four-night stay applies. This package is valid thru March 1, 2009.

For additional pampering and relaxation, Ceiba del Mar offers a unique Temazcal Ceremony, an ancestral indigenous ritual performed in a terracotta hut at sunset on the beach, using volcanic stones and aromatic herbs to create a naturally rejuvenating steam bath perfect for purifying mind, body, and spirit.

Ceiba Del Mar Beach Spa Resort, www.ceibadelmar.com

JAZZ FESTIVAL RETURNS TO THE RIVIERA MAYA

The Riviera Maya will host its sixth annual jazz festival November 27 – 29. The festival is emerging as one of the premiere jazz music events in the Americas, and will showcase an array of international stars.

On the opening night, Thursday, November 27, the best of Mexican jazz will be showcased and represented by Beaujean sisters from Mexico City, and followed by Jose "Pepe" Moran, the son of the great trumpeter Chilo Moran.

Continuing into the evening will be the local host band, Aguamala

group, led by Fernando Toussaint, the creator and Director of the Riviera Maya's Jazz Festival. The closing of this first night will be completed with the music of Hector Infazon, one of the best Mexican pianists.

On Friday, November 28, the Festival will start with the performance of Iraida Noriega, presenting her new solo album. Iraida's opening performance will be followed by the Grammy award winning Earl Klugh, a pioneer of contemporary jazz. The evening will come to a close with a performance by David Sanborn, one of the most influential saxophonists of all times.

On the last night of the festival, Gianluca Littera will open the concert accompanied by Sacbe band and the Toussaint brothers. Mr. Littera is known for being the only musician performing classical music with a harmonica.

Their performance will be followed by Billy Cobham, a Panamanian American jazz drummer, composer and bandleader, who is regarded as one of the best drummers of all time.

The closing act of this phenomenal event will be a performance by Fourplay group, which includes pianist Bob James, bassist Nathan East, guitarist Larry Carlton and drummer Harvey Mason, all of them known individually as some of the best musicians of their particular instrument.

Riviera Maya Jazz Festival, www.rivieramayajazzfestival.com;
Riviera Maya, www.rivieramaya.com

SPECIAL OFFERS AT THE REEF PLAYACAR BEACH RESORT & SPA

Book now and take advantage of the special offers at The Reef Playacar all-inclusive Beach Resort & Spa in Playa del Carmen Mexico. The resort is located in the beautiful surroundings of Playacar and is within 10 minutes walking distance from the trendy Playa del Carmen downtown. The hotel is perfect for travelers looking for an all-inclusive vacation without losing the feeling of warm, personalized attention. This almost boutique resort is unique with tropical gardens, natural cenotes and walkways. The all-inclusive package includes accommodations, all meals, drinks and snacks, entertainment, non motorized water sports, and on site sport facilities.

The hotel has great deals out for the fall season. Kids are free during the fall season. Guests looking for pampering and relaxation can book the free spa treatment package, including a free spa certificate. For the adventurous, snorkel tours can be included in their stay, and honeymooners wanting to mark the beginning of their new lives will enjoy the free honeymoon package. The packages are available with a minimum of a four night stay.

The Reef Playacar is also the perfect option for a stress free beach wedding in a tropical paradise. The hotel offers a wide variety of wedding packages, including civil wedding packages, religious wedding packages and even a Mayan Wedding. An on-site personal Wedding Coordinator efficiently prepares the entire wedding.

The Reef Playacar Hotel, 800-384-3656,
www.thereefplayacar.com

TWO NEW SECRETS RESORTS & SPAS OPEN IN MEXICO'S RIVIERA MAYA REGION



Secrets Silversands Riviera Cancun's first guests.

Secrets Resorts & Spas recently celebrated the opening of its second and third property in Mexico's Riviera Maya region: Secrets Silversands Riviera Cancun and Secrets Maroma Beach Riviera Cancun.

"This is an exceptional time for all of us at Secrets Resorts & Spas; it's a thrill to celebrate the brand's expansion and the strong industry and guest support for our Unlimited-Luxury concept," said Alex Zozaya, President of AMResorts. "With these two new Secrets Resorts & Spas, we can offer guests more choices of exquisite properties to match their personal style."

Secrets Maroma Beach Riviera Cancun is set between one of

Mexico's most pristine beaches and 500 acres of rainforest. The resort features 412 beautifully appointed suites. Guests can enjoy the resort's infinity pool or one of the 12 smaller pools, as well as the ocean views. Secrets Maroma Beach also features a selection of six à la carte restaurants and six bars. The Secrets Spa by Pevonia offers indoor and outdoor facilities and a state-of-the-art fitness center. The 433-suite Secrets Silversands Riviera Cancun is the most contemporary of the Secrets Resorts & Spas properties. With floating illuminated beds, oversized showers, Jacuzzi's for two, private balconies and Secrets' signature discrete room service, guests are insured a serene and romantic retreat. The Secrets Spa by Pevonia combines the latest hydrotherapy offerings, unique indigenous-inspired treatments and state-of-the-art equipment.

By December 2008, Secrets Capri Riviera Cancun will re-launch as a complete Preferred Club Resort, offering enhanced personalized services to every guest. A new, \$2 million spa also will be unveiled at the property. Additional Secrets Resorts & Spas are slated to open in Mexico and the Caribbean by the end of 2009, including: Secrets La Romana and Secrets Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic; Secrets St James and Secrets Wild Orchid in Jamaica; and Secrets Punta de Mita and Secrets Huatulco in Mexico. The brand is also confirmed to enter the Aruba market by 2010.

Secrets Resorts & Spas, 866-GO-SECRETS, www.secretresorts.com

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HOLIDAY INN CANCUN ARENAS RECEIVES CRISTAL CERTIFICATE



Holiday Inn Cancun Arenas, a hotel owned and operated by Grupo Cancun and franchised under Intercontinental brand (IHG), has announced that it has achieved the recognition of Cristal Certificate.

This new recognition to the hotel ensures the highest standards of hygiene safety in food and beverage production, consumer centers, swimming pools, and F&B personnel, among other areas.

The Hotel's Management is committed to the satisfaction of their guests, as well as ensuring continuous improvement in all areas. Holiday Inn Cancun Arenas CEO Katia Vara commented: "The commitment is not just now for having achieved this recognition, but the steadiness in maintaining a certification that involves the welfare of our customers and the different areas that are verified." **The Holiday Inn Cancun Arenas Hotel,** reservations@cancunarenas.com.mx, www.holidayinn.com/cancun-arenas

DELTA ANNOUNCES NEW NONSTOP SERVICE BETWEEN NASHVILLE AND CANCUN

Delta Air Lines has announced it will expand service to Cancun, Mexico, with new nonstop flights from Nashville International Airport beginning on December 20, 2008. The Nashville flight brings to 10 the number of U.S. cities from which Delta serves the popular destination in Mexico's Riviera Maya.

Delta currently serves Cancun from Atlanta; Boston; Cincinnati; Hartford, Connecticut; Los Angeles; Orlando, Florida; Raleigh/Durham, N.C.; Salt Lake City, and Washington, DC.

For a limited time, Delta is offering a special introductory fare of \$159 one-way for travel from Nashville to Cancun between January 10 and March 28, 2009. A round-trip ticket purchase is required to take advantage of the introductory fare, and additional taxes, fees, restrictions, and baggage charges may apply.

"Cancun is a favorite travel destination for U.S. travelers, and we are making it easy to reach from different points in the United States," said Pam Elledge, Senior Vice President-Global Sales and Distribution. "Delta's introductory fare allows travelers from Nashville to get acquainted with the convenience of the new flight and accessibility of the destination."

The new flight between Nashville and Cancun is part of Delta's ongoing international expansion, of which Latin America is a key component.

Delta also will start flights between New York-JFK and Buenos Aires, Argentina (December 18); New York-JFK and Bonaire (December 20); New York-JFK and Bogota, Colombia (December 18); and Atlanta and Santiago, Dominican Republic (December 20).

With the additional service to Cancun, in December Delta will offer more than 500 weekly nonstop flights to more than 50 destinations across Latin America and the Caribbean.

Delta Air Lines, www.delta.com

BEL AIR COLLECTION HOTEL & SPA OFFERS FREE AIRFARE

In celebration of its opening, The Bel Air Collection Hotel & Spa, a new-concept boutique resort in Cancun, is offering guests free airfare on Mexicana with the introduction of the airline's new direct U.S.-Cancun service.

With its minimalist design, Bel Air Collection Cancun is the antidote to the over-commercialized property. Here, mind, body and soul unite as guests (over 12 years of age) unwind in a laid-back, yet sophisticated setting. With 155 stylish guestrooms, this boutique resort boasts a breathtaking beach, stunning infinity pool and sun-bed lounging area, tranquil full-service spa, and an array of chic dining and cocktail venues. Supremely romantic, couples can indulge in amorous activities such as beachside torchlight private dinners, moonlight massages on the beach, and treatments in the spa's couple's suite.

Rates for this offer begin at \$1,544 for a minimum three-night stay with the hotel's Romance Collection Plan, a package that includes an array of complimentary amenities and activities, including private, luxury airport transfers; "Kool Lanais" Suite with ocean-view double Jacuzzi; private en-suite check-in with light massage, reflexology and aromatherapy; bottle of Champagne and cheese plate; daily ensuite breakfast; complimentary mini-bar; romantic treatments in the spa's couples' suites for two; "Moon Bath" beach massage; and a romantic, torchlight gourmet dinner for two served alfresco.

To take advantage of this offer, reservations must be made at Bel Air Collection Hotel & Spa Cancun before November 30, 2008 for hotel stays between September 1, 2008 and December 18, 2008 to receive free round trip plane tickets for two people on Mexicana only from the following U.S. gateways: Los Angeles, Chicago, New York and Miami. Taxes and fuel charges are paid by the passengers. There is a minimum stay requirement of four nights with the Gourmet Collection Plan (\$1,440) and three nights with the Romance Collection Plan (\$1,544). Stays must be completed between September 15, 2008 and December 18, 2008. Offer subject to availability.

Bel Air Collection Hotel & Spa, 866-799- 9097, reservaciones@thebelair.com.mx, www.BelAirCollection.com

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ST. KITTS TOURISM AUTHORITY WELCOMES ROSECITA JEFFERS AS NEW CEO



ROSECITA JEFFERS

The St. Kitts Tourism Authority has announced that Mrs. Rosecita Jeffers has been appointed its new CEO effective as of Friday, August 1, 2008.

A Kittitian native, Mrs. Jeffers has successfully operated her own tourism and special events management business on St. Kitts for the past four years. During that time, she also undertook various key special projects for tourism, including serving as the local consultant liaison to

the Boston-based OTF Group, who conducted research in 2006 for the development of St. Kitts' long term tourism sector strategy. Prior to her private enterprise experience, Mrs. Jeffers worked for several years as a member of the management team at the St. Kitts & Nevis Ministry of Tourism.

She is a graduate of the University of the West Indies (UWI), where she was trained in tourism and hospitality. Her appointment to CEO of the St. Kitts Tourism Authority is for a term of three years in the first instance.

"Mrs. Jeffers is well suited to lead our Tourism Authority as we strive to develop a more proactive organization that is focused on the competitive needs of the marketplace as well as the needs of our tourism stakeholders and local people," said Senator Ricky Skerritt, Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism, Sports & Culture. "Her entrepreneurial spirit combined with her extensive knowledge and understanding of our island's tourism product are qualities that will be invaluable in her position. Her appointment is further evidence of our government's commitment to empowering local people and cultivating local leadership in the tourism sector."

St. Kitts Tourism Authority, 800-582-6208, info@stkittstourism.kn, www.stkittstourism.kn

AQUAMARE: REDEFINING THE VILLA EXPERIENCE

Aquamare, the first villa enclave to combine the services and amenities of a five-star hotel with the exclusivity of a private home stay, had its grand debut in March. Now, with the spring unveiling of its third villa, Aquamare continues to distinguish itself with rapidly accruing accolades, praise from the media and a prime spot in *Condé Nast Traveler's* "Hot List" issue. Set along half a mile of beach frontage at Mahoe Bay, Aquamare has welcomed families, intimate wedding parties and celebrities seeking a private refuge. They have all discovered the exceptional attributes of Aquamare that set it apart from other villas currently available in the Caribbean.

Standout features include spacious living spaces, shared and private; in-villa spa services and bathrooms with outside showers; pri-

vate chef service, and professional-grade kitchens which feature stainless steel appliances, with double refrigerators, a 36-bottle wine refrigerator, All-Clad cookware, Rosenthal china and granite counters; private beach and Aquamare's signature "Dream Bed," a king-size daybed suspended over the sand; use of a high powered Italian-crafted, 62-foot Azimut 62S power yacht; an on-site concierge and daily housekeeping.

Aquamare consists of three 8,000 square-foot private villas. Designed and constructed specifically as elite villa vacation homes, with multiple ensuite master bedrooms, spacious living areas and professional-grade kitchens, Aquamare is the new benchmark for luxury villa rentals on one of the B.V.I.'s quietest and most exclusive islands. 2009 Villa rates range from \$13,750 to \$25,000.

Aquamare, www.villaaquamare.com

DIVI RESORTS ANNOUNCES ARUBA PHOENIX BEACH OPENING

Divi Resorts has announced a December 23, 2008 opening for the new towers currently under construction at Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach in the Palm Beach area of Aruba. The expansion project includes four eight-story buildings that more the double the size of the resort. The curtain also goes up on a new complex of restaurants, pools and grounds.

The construction is part of the makeover of the Divi resort collection that began in 2006 and extends across the entire Caribbean, from Bonaire to St. Croix, St. Maarten, Aruba and Barbados. With completely renovated suites, new restaurants, golf villas, spas, condos and more, Divi undertook the investment (\$115 million spent thus far), upgrading facilities and amenities to provide a higher quality vacation experience. According to E.J. Schanfarber, President and CEO of Divi Hotels Marketing, Inc., "The changes are positioning the brand as the true aficionado of Caribbean vacations."

Also set for a December 23 opening is the final 52 of 240 golf villas at the nearby Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort. A few months later, in March, the Residences at the Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort will be ready for occupancy. The Residences represent the company's first full-ownership product and is an upscale community of 45 luxury studios, one- and two-bedroom condominiums.

While work is progressing in Aruba, construction has been completed in St. Croix on an open air gourmet pizza restaurant called East End Pizza, which opened July 15 at the Divi Carina Bay. The resort recently welcomed a new head chef, Christopher Loftus. In other personnel news, on July 21, Kyle Dudley started as General Manager of the Divi Little Bay Beach Resort in St. Maarten.

Elsewhere, the Bonaire property, Divi Flamingo Beach Resort, will have all studio suites freshly renovated by the time high season begins in December with new furniture, drapery, bedding, kitchen cabinetry, bathroom fixtures and flooring.

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

BUCUTI BEACH RESORT HONORED FOR BEING "GREEN"



Bucuti Beach Resort in Aruba is being awarded the Green Award by the International Hotel and Restaurant Awards. The award will be presented at a formal gala in Beverly Hills, Calif. on November 16, 2008. Bucuti Beach was selected because it is at the forefront of the green movement and has been an active green role model for the Caribbean for more than 20 years.

The desire to give back to the island community and preserve the environment stems from the owner's passion to conserve and sustain the beauty of the tropical destination.

"Since day one, I have been committed to preserving Aruba's rich culture and environment while gently educating our guests on what makes the island unique," said Bucuti Beach Owner and CEO, Ewald Biemans.

Bucuti creates a healthy and environmentally friendly environment, important for Bucuti guests, staff and the whole island community. Bucuti's IHR Green Award was judged on the resort's dedication to current environmental standards and how the resort proactively considers the future of the planet.

The Bucuti staff has been focused on the planet's future for two decades and their eco-conscious Green Team has worked hard to conserve the environment. As a leader in Caribbean sustainable tourism, Bucuti Beach Resort featuring Tara Beach Suites & Spa is continuing to introduce innovative environmental initiatives while actively engaging guests and staff in the conservation process.

"Promoting conservation among our staff and guests is a major part of the Bucuti experience," Biemans said. "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, our guests can count on a truly hands-on, authentic Aruban experience."

The award is not the first green award for the eco-chic Bucuti Beach Resort. In 2007, the resort was applauded by Islands Magazine with a BLUE Award for its dedication to sustainable tourism.

Bucuti Beach Resort, www.bucuti.com



MEXICO - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - SPAIN

- BLUEBAY GRAND ESMERALDA *****
RIVIERA MAYA - MEXICO
- PUNTA SERENA VILLAS & SPA BY BLUEBAY *****
TENACATITA - MEXICO
- BLUEBAY LOS ANGELES LOCOS ****
TENACATITA - MEXICO
- BLUEBAY VILLAS DORADAS ****
PUERTO PLATA - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
- BLUEBAY BEACH CLUB ****
GRAN CANARIA - SPAIN
- BLUEBAY PALACE ****
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Next openings

- BLUEBAY GRAND RIVIERA MAYA *****
RIVIERA MAYA - MEXICO
- BLUEBAY GRAND LOS CABOS *****
LOS CABOS - MEXICO
- BLUEBAY GRAND PUERTO VALLARTA *****
PUERTO VALLARTA - MEXICO
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THE REEFS CELEBRATES THREE GENERATIONS OF DODWELLS



The Reefs has announced that David Dodwell Jr. has joined the management team as Director of Rooms. His father, David Dodwell, is President and has been with The Reefs for 35 years.

The Reefs prides itself for its strong sense of family, with more than half its guests returning each year and multiple generations of families on staff. It is this close community that provides the hospitality for which the resort is famous and which makes guests "feel perfectly at ease."

"I am absolutely thrilled that David has decided to return to Bermuda to work with us at The Reefs. The Reefs family continues to grow, and David will fit in perfectly with the rest of the caring staff," says David Dodwell, the elder. Managing Director Ben Tutt agrees, "David already has garnered a solid background in hotel management, and since returning to The Reefs has jumped right in, working in every department to get to know the staff and the existing processes."

David recently completed his master's degree in hospitality management from the Cornell University School of Hotel Administration. In recent years, he has worked at hotels in Boston, California and Oregon. He also spent two years at 9 Beaches in Bermuda.

David Jr. and his family have relocated to Bermuda. "What better place to raise our son than with The Reefs family," he asserts.

The Reefs, 800-742-2008, www.thereefs.com

JAMAICA ENJOYS INCREASED AIRLIFT FROM DELTA AIR LINES

Jamaica will enjoy increased airlift from Delta Air Lines on its Atlanta/Montego Bay route beginning this winter. Starting

December 20, 2008, travelers will have three daily flights to select from when flying to Montego Bay's Sangster International Airport (MBJ) from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL).

The Atlanta gateway allows for connection from all primary U.S. gateways to Montego Bay.

"Delta Air Lines is one of Jamaica's strong air partners in the Southeast, continuing to meet growing consumer demand for flights to the island," said Basil Smith, Jamaica's Director of Tourism. "The increase in flights to Jamaica, during a time when many airlines are decreasing existing routes, shows the continuing popularity of the destination."

In addition to increased airlift, Jamaica is also experiencing growth of its on-island tourism product.

New hotel rooms are coming on board with the construction of new hotels, including Palmyra Resort & Spa and the Fiesta Group's Grand Palladium Hotel, and new attractions, such as the recently opened Mystic Mountain in Ocho Rios, will appeal to travelers of all ages.

Delta Air Lines, www.delta.com;

Jamaica Tourist Board, 800-JAMAICA (526-2422)

JAMAICA ANNOUNCES THE WORLD'S FIRST DESTINATION LOYALTY CARD

The Jamaica Tourist Board recently announced that Jamaica will offer the world's first destination loyalty card, the One Love card. The announcement came fresh on the heels of excitement surrounding Jamaican sensation Usain Bolt's world-record breaking and gold-medal winning 100-meter sprint at the Beijing 2008 Olympics. The program will launch in early 2009.

"In today's competitive landscape, destinations must seek to differentiate themselves and get closer to the final decision maker," said Jamaica's Deputy Director of Tourism, Zachary Harding. "The launch of this world-first destination loyalty card is Jamaica's first step towards embracing customer-relationship marketing in tourism. OneLove is in keeping with Jamaica's lifestyle and message of peace, love and unity."

The OneLove membership card provides travelers with VIP service and the ability to redeem points for hotels, attractions, ground transportation and special events.

The card will allow the destination to track and better match specific needs of the consumer with the actual destination products they want.

The first OneLove commemorative card, featuring Beijing 2008 Olympic Champion Usain Bolt and the current Miss World, Zi Lin Zhang, was presented by Jamaica to Miss Zi Lin Zhang who graciously accepted an invitation to visit Jamaica next year for the inaugural staging of the 100m World Beach Sprint.

For more information on the OneLove card, visit www.joinonelove.com.

Jamaica Tourist Board, 800-JAMAICA (526-2422)

MOON PALACE CASINO, GOLF & SPA RESORT SLATED TO OPEN EARLY 2009



Palace Resorts is introducing Moon Palace Casino, Golf & Spa Resort, the latest addition to the Palace Resorts' line of all-inclusive luxury properties. This oceanfront resort, which is slated to open in early 2009, rests on Macao Beach on the easternmost tip of the Dominican Republic. This resort offers top-of-the-line, yet affordable, accommodations complemented by the Dominican Republic's vibrant culture and breathtaking beaches.

"The addition of Moon Palace Casino, Golf & Spa Resort marks another exciting chapter in the development of Palace Resorts," said Roberto Chapur, President of Palace Resorts. "This stunning property will offer guests a luxurious all-inclusive alternative while vacationing in the Dominican Republic."

When complete, Moon Palace Casino, Golf & Spa Resort will be not only be the largest resort in Punta Cana, but home to 1,791 well-appointed accommodations complete with double-Jacuzzis, romantic balconies, premium bath amenities, an LCD satellite TV, wireless internet access and the exclusive Palace Bed, to name just a few.

The property will also feature 13 pools that offer scenic views and swim-up bars, 11 distinctive restaurants, seven bars, a theater, a spa, a Dolphinarium that features choreographed dolphin performances, a lazy river, and a nightclub. The new Moon Palace Casino, Golf & Spa Resort also boasts a 45,000 square foot Las Vegas style casino.

While at the resort, golf-lovers are urged to experience the 18-hole championship course that was designed by world renowned golfer Jack Nicklaus. Then, after a challenging day on the nines, golfers and guests alike are invited to retire to the state-of-the-art spa facilities.

"The opening of Moon Palace Casino, Golf & Spa Resort marks Palace Resorts' most recent venture into the Caribbean," said Maira Briceno, Director of Marketing for Palace Resorts. "Now, visitors to the Dominican Republic can enjoy all of the wonderful amenities a Palace Resorts vacation has to offer."

Moon Palace Casino, Golf & Spa Resort, 800-635-1836, www.palaceresorts.com

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**ELEGANT HOTELS GROUP
APPOINTS HOWARD B. FRIEDMAN
AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



**HOWARD B.
FRIEDMAN**

Elegant Hotels Group, Barbados, a portfolio company of Vision Capital, London, has announced the appointment of Howard B. Friedman as Chief Executive Officer (designate).

A seasoned executive with more than 20 years of hospitality industry experience, Friedman joins Elegant Hotels Group from Hilton International where, in his role as President-UK and Ireland, he was responsible for the performance of a 73-hotel portfolio.

Prior to that, he was based in Miami as President-The Americas, where he managed the operations and development of the Hilton brand in the Caribbean, South America, Central America and Canada.

Friedman also spent eight years with Hilton Group PLC, where he was in charge of all aspects of a three million square foot commercial real estate portfolio.

"I am delighted to welcome Friedman, who joins at a very exciting time when plans for a

substantial investment in the properties are underway," noted Patrick Copeland, Chairman of the Elegant Hotels Group. "He is well suited to become the driving force behind the Group's continuing development as a leading hotel operator on Barbados, thereby providing the best possible experience for its guests."

Friedman was born and educated in South Africa and moved to the U.S. in 1981. A Certified Public Accountant, he holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Cape Town in South Africa.

Elegant Hotels Group, www.eleganthotels.com

**GREAT SUMMER VALUE THROUGH
DECEMBER AT JOLLY BEACH
RESORT & SPA**

Vacationers booking the 'Think Jolly Beach' Getaway Package will save 25 percent on an all-inclusive beach getaway for travel September 1 through December 20 at Jolly Beach Resort & Spa, Antigua, with rates starting at \$129 pppo and a \$20 spa credit for a massage at the resort's new Palm Wellness Centre Spa.

The Think Jolly Beach Getaway package is valid for bookings of four-nights or more made between September 1 and November 15. Kids under three always stay free, and kids three to 11 years old stay for \$54 per night when sharing a room with two adults. Specify booking code FALL SALE 2 -2008.

"With rates this affordable an all-inclusive Caribbean beach getaway it doesn't pay to stay home," says P. Hilary Modeste, Director of Marketing Worldwide for Jolly Beach Resort & Spa. "And with

new non-stop service from New York and Miami we're closer than ever."

New twice-weekly, non-stop service (Saturday and Sunday) from Miami on American Airlines began on September 6 and will increase to daily non-stop flights effective November. Delta also offers twice-weekly non-stop service from New York's JFK International Airport operating Thursdays and Sundays. Antigua is also served by Air Canada, Continental Airlines, and US Airways from other major gateways.

The resort is located on a mile-long beach and sports five bars and restaurants; four night-lit tennis courts; two swimming pools; two full-court basketball courts; Jolly Kidz and Teenz Clubs; and the Palms Wellness Centre, Spa, Gym and Salon.

All-inclusive rates are based on double occupancy and include accommodations, all meals, snacks and afternoon tea, house brand beverages, non-motorized watersports, Jolly Kidz and Teenz Clubs and all taxes and service charges.

The Think Jolly Beach Getaway package may not be combined with any other promotional offers; it is not valid October 28-30, or on child or third and fourth person rates and applies to new bookings only. The sale is subject to change without notice.

Jolly Beach Resort & Spa, 866-905-6559,
www.jollybeachresort.com

**'SUITE ESCAPE' PACKAGE AT
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The "Suite Escape" Package also includes a number decadent couples' activities for an unforgettable getaway. These include: couples' spa special by Spa Tropicque with treatments for two (70-minute Swedish massage, full scalp massage and mini reflexology); couples' sunset beach cruise; one-hour honeymoon photography session by Tropical Imaging; invitation to manager's cocktail party; and complimentary use of bicycles, snorkeling, kayaking, windsurfing and sailing equipment.

The "Suite Escape" Package is available to couples for \$1,125 – accommodations, tax and service not included.

The Sands at Grace Bay, 877-777-2637, www.thesandstc.com

ONE&ONLY OCEAN CLUB ANNOUNCES ADRIAAN RADDER AS GENERAL MANAGER



ADRIAAN RADDER

One&Only Resorts has announced the appointment of Adriaan Radder as General Manager of One&Only Ocean Club in the Bahamas. Radder will be working closely with Senior Vice President, Latin America and the Caribbean for One&Only Resorts, Edward T. Steiner to oversee operations of the luxury resort.

“Adriaan brings a wealth of experience to his new role. I know he will be a valuable asset to Kerzner International and One&Only Ocean Club,” says Steiner. “I am confident that he will build upon the foundations that have made the resort a leader in the Caribbean.”

Most recently, Radder was Vice President and Area General Manager for The Ritz-Carlton Hotels of Washington D.C. In this role, he achieved significant improvements in profitability as well as guest and employee satisfaction ratings for the four properties he oversaw. Prior to this, Radder served as the General Manager of The Ritz Carlton, Pentagon City. Under his leadership, the hotel became one of the top performing hotels for the brand. Radder also worked for Marriott International where he held the position of General Manager at a number of properties including the Jeddah

Marriott Hotel in Saudi Arabia and the Amsterdam Marriott Hotel in the Netherlands. During Radder’s tenure in the Netherlands, he received the Owner Relations Award and was also distinguished as “General Manager of the Year” for Marriot’s International Hotels in 2000.

Raddner studied at the School for Hotel Management in the Netherlands before relocating to the United States where he earned both his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Hospitality Management from Florida International University.

One&Only Ocean Club, oneandonlyresorts.com

ST. BARTH’S HOTEL CARL GUSTAF SET TO RE-OPEN IN DECEMBER

Long hailed for its dazzling views, luxe accommodation, superb cuisine, and high level of personalized guest service, the 14-room Hotel Carl Gustaf is nearing completion of a major multi-million dollar refit, which has transformed the legendary landmark into a true 21st Century glamorous retreat, one that is poised to redefine the global standard for the chic island experience when it re-opens its doors on December 15, 2008.

Changes at Hotel Carl Gustaf are extensive: a newly-designed kitchen, signature restaurant and cocktail lounge; a new reception area; a new four-bedroom penthouse suite replete with amazing vistas of the Caribbean Sea; a sparkling new Spa; and many other unique surprises.

Carl Gustaf’s new design features a new restaurant called Victoria’s, where acclaimed Executive Chef Emmanuel Motte will serve his award-winning cuisine, featuring the freshest ingredients possible prepared in cosmopolitan dishes inspired by his French roots and, influenced not only by France and the bountiful Caribbean region, but beyond to Asia as well.

Completely revamped, the Carl Gustaf Lounge, consistently ranked among the best locales in the world for sunset cocktails, will now offer a stylish yet relaxing setting at any time of day or night.

A new Boutique Spa by Carita will provide a one-of-a-kind sanctuary where guests will be able to select from an extensive list of exclusive services and treatments.

For many, the piece de resistance of the re-fit may be Carl Gustaf’s indulgent and new “over-the-top” four-bedroom 2,600 sq-ft Royale Suite, with private entrance, an over-sized living room; four separate ensuite bedrooms; a large fully-equipped kitchen; separate lounge area; and several terraces to maximize the island vistas.

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 is elegantly furnished. All offer private terraces and plunge pools, marble flooring, tiled bathrooms, and convenient kitchenettes. Comfy chairs await the resort’s clientele on St. Barth’s famous Shell Beach, just a stroll away.

Hotel Carl Gustaf, www.hotelcarlgustaf.com

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM REPORTS VISITOR INCREASE IN FIRST HALF OF 2008



According to a report issued by the Dominican Republic (DR) Ministry of Tourism, overall visitors to the DR in the first half of 2008 increased by 6.55 percent compared to the same period in 2007. Approximately 2.2 million guests selected the DR as their vacation spot of choice in the first half of 2008. According to Central Bank of Dominican Republic, as of July 31, 2008, there were 2,602,675 visitors to the DR, a 3.81 percent increase compared to the same period in 2007.

The U.S. continues as the largest visitors market with 32.2 percent followed by Canada at 22.6 percent, France with nine percent, Spain with 5.7 percent, Germany with 5.6 percent and UK with five percent.

The most popular destination remains Punta Cana. The region's international airport received approximately 53.5 percent of 2008 first half arrivals followed by Las Americas in Santo Domingo. Puerto Plata International Airport received approximately 16.6 percent of the arrivals, followed by La Romana with 6.06 percent.

Affirming the DR's popularity as a growing tourism destination, JetBlue will launch its first intra-Caribbean service with daily non-stop service between San Juan, Puerto Rico and the DR beginning December 18, 2008.

JetBlue will also offer nonstop service between Boston and Santo Domingo, with a once-daily "holiday shuttle" in December and January. The airline will bolster its frequency between John F. Kennedy International Airport and the DR by adding a fourth daily flight to Santiago, a third to Santo Domingo, and a second to Puerto Plata over the holiday season.

Delta Airlines will also add flights to the DR this winter with daily service from Atlanta to Puerto Plata beginning December 20 and continue indefinitely. A second daily flight from Atlanta to Punta Cana will begin December 20 - January 4 and February 14 - April 19, 2009. Finally, Delta will add a second Saturday flight from

Atlanta to Punta Cana International Airport beginning January 5 - February 12, and April 20 - June 30, 2009.

Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism, 888-374-6361, www.GoDominicanRepublic.com

SUMMER SIZZLER PACKAGE AT BAY GARDENS HOTEL

Bay Gardens Hotel in St. Lucia is offering the fifth night free. Pay for four nights (based on double occupancy) and receive the fifth night free with a free daily breakfast and free upgrade to next category. This offer may be booked until October 30, 2008 and the travel window is until December 15, 2008 (with travel completed by December 15). Offer applies to all room categories and is for new bookings only. It is not combinable with other discounts. Note voucher verbiage BGH DS5 when booking.

Bay Gardens Hotel, baygardens@cantwv.lc, www.baygardenshotel.com

LASOURCE WELCOMES NEW SPA TEAM

LaSource, located on "The Spice Isle" of Grenada, is spicing up its spa team with the addition of a new Spa Manager and Assistant Manager. Rose Dawson, promoted from assistant manager/trainer and Lorraine Castellano, new to the resort, bring diverse backgrounds and a wealth of worldly experience to LaSource's Oasis Spa.

Rose Dawson leads the staff with more than 20 years experience in holistic health and therapeutic massage. Rose originally came to Grenada to assist her sister in re-establishing the spa after Hurricane Ivan in 2004 and is looking forward to sharing her expertise with her team of enthusiastic professional therapists. Originally from Aberdeen, Scotland, Rose has traveled extensively, balancing a successful business career with a desire to help the local community.

Rose found her spiritual home in West Africa, where she lived for 10 years. While running a successful spa at a five-star resort, she still found time to teach health and hygiene, English as a second language, and set up workshops teaching arts and crafts, inspiring poverty stricken local villagers. Rose later moved to the Algarve in Portugal, where she set up a holistic healing center and established workshops teaching Reiki, reflexology and holistic treatments. After a successful two years, she returned to England to teach holistic therapy, English as a second language and counsel refugees and asylum-seekers. As a qualified holistic and beauty therapist, Lorraine Castellano has worked with many different cosmetic houses and practices techniques and methods from around the world. Lorraine's career in the health and wellness industry has led her to many locales throughout the UK, from health clubs to five-star resorts to running her own business.

Five years ago, Lorraine began following her dream of living and working in the Caribbean, holding positions at spa resorts in St. Lucia and Tobago.

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

ORIENT-EXPRESS HOTELS ANNOUNCES FURTHER DETAILS ON PORTO CUPECOY

Orient-Express Hotels Trains & Cruises has announced further details regarding Porto Cupecoy, its luxury marina community on Sint Maarten in the Caribbean's Netherlands Antilles. This Orient-Express real estate initiative is comprised of 180 one- to four-bedroom residences, set in a harborside village with a European-Mediterranean feel. Anchored by a marina, the luxurious Porto Cupecoy community will afford owners a range of amenities, including tennis courts, swimming pools, several dining options, concierge services and even a sailing school.

Setting the standard for real estate developments on the island, Porto Cupecoy residences are now available for sale, with prices ranging from \$650,000 to \$2.5 million.

Cupecoy Yacht Club, which is owned and operated by Orient-Express Hotels, is the village association of Porto Cupecoy and will manage its property rental program as well as the commercial and marina components of the project. All properties are full title ownership and the security, cleaning and maintenance services provided by Cupecoy Yacht Club management make being a long-distance owner easy.

Owners have the option to dock or moor their yachts in the private marina, with Simpson Bay Lagoon providing a protective haven for all manner of water sports. The marina can accommodate approximately 50 vessels. Further amenities that will be provided for the Porto Cupecoy community include a fitness center, a gourmet market, boutiques, grocery delivery, bank and ATM, medical clinic, pharmacy, housekeeping service, water limousine, boat porter, 24-hour security and covered parking. Residence amenities include cable television, high-speed internet, stainless steel appliances, rich wood cabinetry with granite countertops, platform soaking tubs and/or tiled showers, washer and dryer, master suites with imported ceramic tile floors, wood finished walk-in closets, and a private covered terrace, some with individual pools or gardens.

Porto Cupecoy, www.portocupecoy.com;
Orient-Express Hotels, www.orient-express.com

CALABASH COVE RESORT ANNOUNCES DECEMBER 2008 DEBUT

This year will mark the debut of Calabash Cove, St. Lucia's newest boutique hotel resort, and one of just a select few five-star resorts on the island. This remarkable property, designed with care to exist in harmony with its natural surroundings, is scheduled to debut in December 2008 just in time for the holidays, and is currently accepting reservations.

Calabash Cove's distinctive and elegant accommodations include Balinese-style Waters Edge Cottages, all with private pools, as well as a number of magnificent Manor House Suites—all with dramatic ocean and sunset views and some with private, poolside patios.

Perhaps most unique among the Calabash Cove's accommoda-

tions are its "Swim Up" suites. Offering contemporary luxury and comfort, including private Jacuzzis, these suites are located just steps from Sweetwaters, the resort's designer pool. The swim-up suites afford unrestricted and private access directly from the patio of your room. Guests can simply swim across to the bar and watch the sunset with one of the resort's signature cocktails, or take a romantic midnight swim.

The nine handcrafted teak and mahogany Waters Edge Cottages feature secluded plunge pools, outdoor rain showers and hammocks. The cottages will also feature super-size honeymoon Jacuzzis, as Calabash Cove will offer all-inclusive and customized weddings as well as one-of-a-kind honeymoon experiences.

Calabash Cove also features seven luxury Sunset Suites with Jacuzzis, which overlook the resort's Mosaic Beach and the waters of the Caribbean. In addition, six luxury Ocean View Junior Suites with Jacuzzis are situated next to the Manor House between Sweetwaters and the beach.

Calabash Cove will be home to a Far Eastern-influenced Spa and Fitness Temple and full-service beauty salon with private treatment rooms manned by knowledgeable and experienced associates, as well as the much anticipated Windsong Restaurant.

Rates at Calabash Cove range from \$295-\$895 per night and include the resort's island breakfast buffet. All-inclusive rates are also available and include all meals and beverages.

Calabash Cove, www.calabashcove.com

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A TASTE OF MEXICO KICKS OFF IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



From left to right, Eduardo Chailló, Director of the Strategic Business Unit, US & Canada for the Mexico Tourism Board; Beatriz Peralta, Yucatecan cuisine chef; Juan José Martín Pacheco, Secretary of Tourism, State of Yucatan at Zengo, during the launch of 'A Taste of Mexico in D.C.'

Guests enjoyed exquisite samplings from local restaurants who participated in 'A Taste of Mexico in D.C.' Steve Olson wowed guests with Tequila and Mezcal tastings accompanied by a fun and informative lecture. Mexican Chocolate was also a hit with eager guests lining up to enjoy Alfonso Arau's "Like Water for Chocolate" while sampling some of Oaxaca's delicious chocolate.

The week-long journey through Mexico's culture, flavors and music continued with the following events: Yucatan Day at Zengo bringing Yucatan's very own Chef Beatriz Peralta to join Chef Graham Bartlett with a special menu made according to the traditions of Yucatecan cuisine; Puebla Day at Oyamel including a special antojitos menu with typical Pueblan cuisine made in collaboration with the well known Mexican Chef Susanna Palazuelos and local Chef Joe Raffa; and Oaxaca Day at Casa Oaxaca to present a special menu prepared by Master Chef Alfio and the special participation of Mexican Chef Carmelita Rosete from the State of Oaxaca. For the first time in Washington, D.C. the Authentic Flavors of Mexico Foundation presented special recognition to 10 Mexican Restaurants of the D.C. area.

Guests also joined Mexican cooking instructor Patricia Jinich for a delightful Mexican night as she explored the gastronomy of the state of Michoacán through a live cooking demonstration at the Mexican Cultural Institute, and Puerto Vallarta Day.

The Mexico Tourism Board (MTB), www.visitmexico.com

LUXURY RETREATS AT CAP CANA ANNOUNCES NEW SALES AND MARKETING APPOINTMENTS

Luxury Retreats at Cap Cana has announced two appointments to their expanding team. Frank Maduro will serve as Vice President of Sales and Marketing. Marilyn Cairo has been appointed Director of Marketing.

Luxury Retreats at Cap Cana is the new hospitality arm of Cap Cana. Located on the eastern tip of the Dominican Republic 10 minutes from Punta Cana International Airport, Luxury Retreats at Cap Cana offers visitors the ultimate in luxury accommodation.

Luxury Retreats consists of the Caletón Club and Villas, The Golden Bear Lodge and Spa, Aquamarina Luxury Residences, The Founders Condominiums and Punta Palmera. Guests receive personalized first-class attention and the opportunity to experience all the Cap Cana has to offer.

Frank brings a wealth of experience to the Luxury Retreats team. He served in numerous capacities at Sandals and Beaches Resorts including Account Director and Marketing Manager.

After a short stint as Marketing Manager at Cunard Cruise Lines, Frank was recruited back to Sandals as their National Director of Sales, where he played a critical role in the rapid expansion of the Sandals brand.

Marilyn Cairo joins Luxury Retreats from Ask Me About Destination Weddings / Honeymoons, a sales and marketing company for resorts in the Caribbean, Mexico and Central America. Prior experience also includes 11 years at Sandals and Beaches Resorts, where Marilyn served as Sales Event Coordinator, Sales Manager, and Marketing Programs Manager.

"We are thrilled to have both Frank and Marilyn join the Luxury Retreats team," said Benny Guevara, CEO of Luxury Retreats at Cap Cana "I am confident that their extensive experience and understanding of the hospitality industry will ensure the success of the growing Luxury Retreats brand."

Cap Cana, www.capcana.com

CARIBE HILTON ANNOUNCES RESORT CREDIT FOR FALL TRAVELERS

This fall, travelers looking for an affordable island escape will enjoy a resort credit of \$50 or more at San Juan's Caribe Hilton.

Available now through December 22, 2008, the beachfront Caribe Hilton is offering a special resort credit for guests staying at least two nights.

Guests who stay two or three nights will enjoy a \$50 resort credit, while guests staying four nights or more will receive a \$75 resort credit.

Guests can apply the credit toward a memorable meal at any of the resort's nine food and beverage outlets, a treatment at Olas Spa, or a tropical cocktail at the infinity pool, including the resort's original signature drink – the Piña Colada. Rates start at \$139 per night based on single occupancy and \$159 per night based on double occupancy.

Request booking code P1 for the \$50 two or three night resort credit special and P2 for the \$75 four or more night resort credit special.

Caribe Hilton, 877-GO-HILTON,
www.hiltoncaribbean.com/sanjuan

GUESTS VOTE GRAND TURK & BOHIO DIVE RESORT "BEST DIVE VACATION IN THE CARIBBEAN"



Bohio Dive Resort guests consistently report that their dive vacation exceeded their expectations on all levels. Newly qualified and experienced divers alike rave about the outstanding beauty of the Grand Turk Wall, the variety of fish-life and the quality of the coral reef - the third largest barrier reef in the world. Sting Rays, turtles and sharks are spotted on most dives, as well as a vast array of reef fish and critters. Guests report that they enjoy being able to reach dive sites in less than 10 minutes and make surface intervals back at the resort - perfect for divers who don't enjoy long bumpy boat rides. They love exploring the outer cays such as Gibbs Cay, an uninhabited island where you can snorkel with sting rays.

Bohio is located on award winning Pillory Beach. All 16 rooms have ocean views with west facing private terraces to enjoy the sunsets. The resort has its own dive center with experienced PADI instructors catering for all levels of diving. Bohio's Guanahani restaurant and bar is open daily offering a mix of local and international cuisine, house specialty cocktails, a selection of Cuban cigars and Italian coffees.

'Bohio' is the ancient term used by Taino Indians - the first known inhabitants of these islands - for 'home' and guests especially love the small intimate feel of the resort and becoming part of the Bohio family.

Contact Bohio for availability and their latest specials, as well as for quotes on hotel only, snorkel or dive packages. Bohio can also assist with the local flights from the neighboring island of Providenciales to Grand Turk.

Bohio Dive Resort, info@bohioresort.com, www.bohioresort.com

PRTC UNVEILS NEW COFFEE ZONE

The Executive Director of the Puerto Rico Tourism Company (PRTC), Terestella González Denton, on behalf of Governor Aníbal Acevedo Vilá, announced that 10 historic coffee plantations, known as haciendas, will form part of the Island's newly designated Coffee Zone following certification by the Department of Agriculture and the PRTC. The plantations are in the towns of Jayuya, San Sebastian, Ponce, Adjuntas, Las Marías and Lares. González Denton also introduced a new seal of quality for the island's coffee.

The designation of the new Coffee Zone is intended to stimulate agrotourism and draw attention to a local industry that generates 60 million dollars a year for the island's gross domestic product.

Further, the new Coffee Zone offers tourists an alternative attraction to visit in the Island where they can commune with nature and explore a lush, mountainous region.

The Department of Agriculture has enlisted the support of certified coffee experts to classify the island's coffee based on a 2006 ruling that set the standard for all coffee evaluation.

The Hacienda San Pedro, in the town of Jayuya, was founded in the 19th Century and boasts its own line of coffee that is 100 percent Arabica, 100 percent ripe, and planted, harvested and processed by Puerto Rican workers. Under the Hacienda San Pedro brand, the plantation's coffee is now exported to Italy and Japan and there are plans to broaden international awareness of Puerto Rico's historic, and once again burgeoning coffee industry.

The Puerto Rico Tourism Company (PRTC),
www.GoToPuertoRico.com

ANNUAL TRANQUILITY JAZZ FESTIVAL SET FOR NOVEMBER 6-9, 2008

The Anguilla Tourist Board and BET Event Productions have announced the performers for the Sixth Annual Tranquility Jazz Festival set to take place in Anguilla on November 6-9, 2008. The "Straight. No Chaser. Tranquility Jazz Festival" has earned a reputation as one of the Caribbean's only true all jazz events and this year's lineup is guaranteed to keep the tradition going.

The lineup will feature Patti Austin, the legendary and beloved performer, songwriter and vocalist; Trumpeter Christian Scott, one of the brightest new jazz stars; Tony winner and two time Grammy-winning jazz vocalist Dee Dee Brightwaters; saxophonist Dean Fraser, one of Jamaica's finest brass players; Michel Camilo, Grammy and two-time Latin Grammy Award winning pianist from the Dominican Republic; and Arturo Sandoval, one of the world's most acknowledged guardians of jazz trumpet and flugel horn, winner of four Grammy Awards, six Billboard Awards and an Emmy Award. They will be joined by a host of young, talented Anguillian musicians, ready to make their mark in the jazz world.

Special packages are available island wide at a selection of luxury and affordable accommodations with options for land only and air/land offerings. All packages include festival tickets and are available at www.anguillajazz.org. A sampling of land only packages include: Three Nights: Anguilla Great House - \$590; Sirena Resort & Villas - \$590; Paradise Cove Resort - \$600; Carimar Beach Club - \$499; CuisinArt Resort & Spa - \$1,179 and Cap Juluca - \$1,185. Four Nights: Anguilla Great House - \$715; Sirena Resort & Villas - \$715; Paradise Cove Resort - \$720; Carimar Beach Club - \$609; CuisinArt Beach Resort & Spa - \$1,350 and Cap Juluca - \$1,400.

Event sponsors include the National Bank of Anguilla, Anguilla Social Security Board, St. Regis Temenos, Tropical Shipping, Avis Apex, Digicel, American Express, CuisinArt Resort & Spa, Paradise Cove Resort and American Airlines' American Eagle.

Anguilla Tourist Board, 877-4 ANGUILLA,
www.anguilla-vacation.com, www.anguillajazz.org