



# BAY GARDENS RESORTS NEWSLETTER

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## *The Key to your Ultimate Caribbean Vacation getaway*

Ideally nestled in the midst of the Rodney Bay Village, home to Saint Lucia's pulsating night life, hip bars, a casino, shopping malls and gourmet restaurants, **Bay Gardens Resorts** has a beautiful collection of three unique properties. These award winning resorts are renowned for fantastic service, friendly staff and quality accommodations.

Featuring a total of 196 rooms, five conference centers, three restaurants, and five bars, our resorts are the perfect choice for a Saint Lucian getaway for families, couples, honeymooners, wedding parties, business travelers, groups, and more. Guests can stay at the property that suits them best and can still enjoy luxurious amenities from each. [Click here](#) to read more about our beautiful properties.



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## Bringing Christmas Cheer To The Kalinago Children of Dominica



After four years of being launched, the Tourism Enhancement Fund (TEF) continues to allow SLHTA to play an integral part in the island's development efforts. Guests staying at local resorts and all visitors to the island are asked to proudly participate in this initiative, thus donating US\$2 for each night's stay which goes entirely towards the Tourism Enhancement Fund. Through the collection of this small voluntary fee, the SLHTA has been able to finance various projects on island and in the region.

In the aftermath of the recent disasters, the Tourism Enhancement Fund has approved a donation of Christmas gifts to be given to six hundred and fifty Kalinago children of Dominica. Christmas is an exciting time for all children, however it can be difficult for those in islands ravaged by natural disasters. The gifts will be purchased in Miami and airlifted to Dominica to be distributed by the Dominican Hotel and Tourism Association.

As a locally owned award-winning chain, the Bay Gardens Resorts continues to support this initiative and the projects undertaken by the SLHTA, thereby donating to the hurricane relief efforts to assist our brothers and sisters in the region. Through these collective efforts, it is the hope to give the Kalinago children a Christmas to remember through distributing a toy to every child.

## Upcoming Christmas Activities

“We are having a holly jolly Christmas” at all our Bay Gardens Resorts properties and this year’s festivities kick off on December 24, 2017 with a special Christmas Eve A La Carte Dinner from 6:30 pm at the Spices Restaurant with live entertainment. On Christmas Day experience a traditional gala Christmas buffet dinner with a glass of wine for only EC\$115.00, inclusive of taxes.



Join us at the Beach Resort and Spa for a Christmas Eve Buffet featuring scrumptious Caribbean cuisine. Relish in a delectable Christmas Day Brunch from 11 am for only EC\$148.50 per person. From 6:30pm delight in the Christmas Day A La Carte Dinner which features an array of festive dishes. Both events will be held at the Hi-Tide Restaurant.

There will be activities at the Bay Gardens Hotel and the Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa throughout this holiday season.

For the full Christmas Program [click here](#).

## Family Package

Save up to 45% off accommodations, and enjoy exclusive access to the special amenities that make Bay Gardens one of the best family resorts in Saint Lucia. For a minimum of 5 nights, there’s something for everyone in our family package.

This includes welcome cocktail on arrival, bottled water in room

on arrival, complimentary shuttle between the our properties, complimentary non-motorized water sports activities, six (6) one hour passes per room category per stay to Splash Island Water Park, free Wi-Fi, breakfast for two daily (2 kids eat free), a couples massage at La Mer Spa, complimentary kids club access, family friendly excursion and complimentary babysitting services\*



### BAY GARDENS BEACH RESORT

Starting at US\$192.00 per night for two  
[Check Availability](#)

### BAY GARDENS HOTEL

Starting at US\$138.00 per night for two  
[Check Availability](#)

### BAY GARDENS INN

Starting at US\$128.00 per night for two  
[Check Availability](#)



## Paradise Package

This limited time offer allows you to save up to 50% off with our Paradise Package plus Paradise Extras for a minimum of 3 nights.

The package includes welcome cocktail on arrival, bottled water in room on arrival, complimentary shuttle between the our properties, complimentary non-motorized water sports activities,

six (6) one hour passes per room category per stay to Splash Island Water Park and free Wi-Fi.



### BAY GARDENS BEACH RESORT

Starting at US\$145.00 per night for two  
[Check Availability](#)

### BAY GARDENS HOTEL

Starting at US\$90.00 per night for two  
[Check Availability](#)

### BAY GARDENS INN

Starting at US\$85.00 per night for two  
[Check Availability](#)

## New Year's Eve Galas



all-inclusive drinks, and a Caribbean Flavored buffet dinner.

Both events will feature live entertainment, party favors and a Champagne toast at midnight. Special rates apply for guests reserved on our All-inclusive or MAP packages.

To celebrate the New Year with us, please [click here](#).

The Bay Gardens Resorts is inviting you to celebrate 2018 in grand style with two amazing galas. The fun starts at 7:30 pm with the glamorous "Creole Cabaret" party at the Bay Gardens Hotel for only EC\$260 / US\$96.00 per person with cocktails, delicious cuisine and lots more.

As we welcome the New Year, get ready to be transported back in time with "The Roaring Twenties", at the Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa. For only EC\$325 / US\$120.00 per person, this includes a welcome champagne reception,

## La Mer Spa Feature - Couples Island Paradise

Enjoy an unforgettable therapeutic experience at La Mer Spa with a relaxing deluxe couples' treatment. This ultimate rejuvenating 'Couples Island Paradise' begins with an ultra-relaxing luxurious couple's tranquility massage, followed by a rehydrating facial aimed at moisturizing and soothing the skin.

Enter into our divine candlelit room where you will indulge in a warm Jacuzzi bath with a complimentary bottle of champagne or wine.

Join us on this 2 hour experience where our professional therapists delightfully accommodate your needs for only US\$250 per couple. Call 758.457.8553 or [click here](#) to book today!



## Coming Soon... Bay Gardens Resorts New Kids Club



The Bay Gardens Resorts is delighted to announce the return and new home of its Coral Kids Club. This enhancement of the resorts' children's facility provides recreation for the kids and endless relaxation for the parents whilst on vacation. Located at the Beach Resort and Spa and opposite the Hi Tide Restaurant, the Coral Kids Club will be opened on Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 4pm and on Sundays from 10 am to 12 pm, catering exclusively to the

younger guests, ages 4 to 12.

The club features a vibrantly coloured mural designed by a talented St. Lucian artist. It provides a wide variety of activities designed to train, stimulate and entertain children of various ages. These include craft, painting, t-shirt tie dye, kids braiding and pedicure, table tennis movies, beach and nature walks, beach games and hikes, all in a comfortable and safe environment. These sessions will be hosted by our highly trained Kids Club Coordinator who is passionate about finding innovative and exciting activities for the kids to get the most out of their time whilst on resort.

## Discover The Perfect Christmas Gift Ideas From The Bay Gardens Resorts

Christmas is just around the corner and the Bay Gardens Resorts is offering many ideas to gift your loved ones this Christmas. These amazing gift ideas include:

**1.) Wine and Dine Dinner for Two:** Value of US\$130.00/EC\$350.00 for two inclusive of taxes.

**2.) Day Passes for Two:** Bay Gardens Beach Resort and Spa: US\$170.00/EC\$459.00 and Bay Gardens Hotel/Inn: US\$140.00 EC\$378.00 for two, inclusive of taxes.

**3.) Lunch for Two:** Bay Gardens Hotel/Bay Gardens Beach Resort and Spa: US\$75.00/EC\$200.00

**4.) Spa Combo:** US\$110.00/EC\$300.00 (30 minute back massage & scrub combo, facial, manicure & pedicure)

Gifts such as the Spa Combo can be customized to suit your loved ones and you have the option of purchasing gift certificates of various values. To gift your loved ones the Bay Gardens Experience call 758 457 8535 or 758 457 8045.



## Bay Gardens Resorts Announces New Affiliation With The Guestbook



In its 22 years of offering legendary service, the Bay Gardens Resorts continues its commitment to offering additional benefits to its many clients through its newest affiliation with The Guestbook. The locally owned award-winning chain acknowledges and appreciates the loyalty of its customers to the Bay Gardens brand and this partnership aims to provide a high level customer experience for

valued guests.

As the first instant gratification booking and rewards program, the Guestbook rewards travellers for booking direct, enabling the resort chain to better connect with its guests. With a network of over 600,000 members worldwide, it offers users an alternative to online travel websites and enhances the guest experience whilst driving loyalty. This direct booking rewards platform offers the best available rates and provides an opportunity to instantly earn 10% cash rewards upon enrolment. Guests also benefit from choosing the rewards that speak to them directly, such as 5% cash back via PayPal or gift cards, 5% charitable donation to their favourite cause or 10% loyalty incentives towards a free stay. In

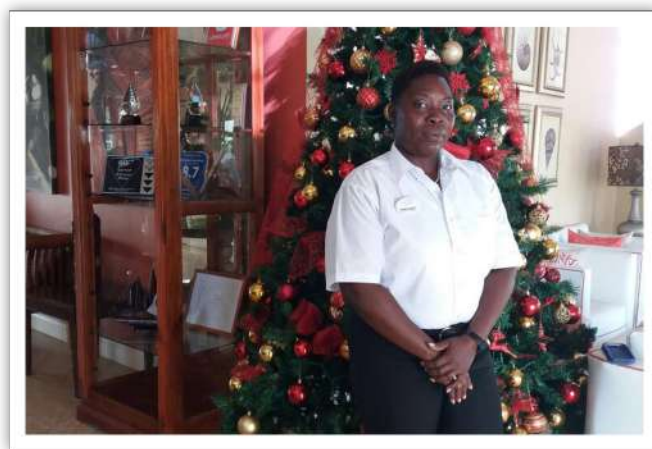
addition, guests booking directly through the website also benefit from the in-stay experiences such as free breakfast for two, suite upgrades, free island wide Wi-Fi and return vouchers.

When booking via the Bay Gardens Resorts website, guests are prompted to tick the check box for enrolment with the Guestbook, making the process extremely easy and convenient. The Bay Gardens Resorts continues to deliver on its promise of providing each and every guest with a memorable experience and this new affiliation with the Guestbook is the company's way of showing gratitude to its many dedicated guests for their patronage throughout the years.

## Featured Employee - Margaret Hippolyte

### **Beyond Borders: Margaret Hippolyte, Security Officer**

Over the past five years, Margaret Hippolyte, has been employed as a Security Officer at the Bay Gardens Beach Resort and Spa. For Margaret, meeting new people from all aspects of life adds value to her role in the Security Department. She finds pleasure in socializing with guests of different nationalities, allowing her to foster lasting friendships and amazing memories.



Margaret is not your everyday security officer, she takes great joy in her role, sharing her infectious smile and friendly demeanor to everyone who comes into contact with her. But that's just the tip of the iceberg, Margaret values family time and her best off days are spent relaxing and catching up with her family members who reside in the south of the island.

Being awarded the most outstanding security officer at Bay Gardens Resorts a few years ago, was one of her memorable moments. As she reminisced on that joyous occasion, she felt appreciated and delighted. As the Bay Gardens Resorts continue to grow, Margaret hopes that the recognition of staff grows simultaneously, enabling staff to share in the same joy that she felt when she was recognized.

So the next time you're arriving or departing the resort, you'll be sure to see Margaret's infectious smile greeting you.



## Tour Feature - Pirate Sunset Cruise

Embark on a journey of a lifetime aboard a spacious 18th Century Replica of a Spanish Galleon to unlock the treasures of the seas and experience the thrill of fascinating St. Lucian sunset. This tranquil and absolutely fun excursion allows you to capture the spectrum of colours before you as you sail lazily towards the horizon. Enjoy a selection of local hors d'oeuvres, refreshing St. Lucian rum punch, fruit punch, sodas, champagne and/or rum mixes and dance to the pulsating rhythms of live steel pan music whilst surrounded by the pristine, blue waters of the Caribbean Sea.



This tour is available every Tuesday and Friday at 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

Visit us at [www.coxcoltd.com](http://www.coxcoltd.com) or [Click here](#) to secure your reservation today!

## Top 3 Unique Features of A St. Lucian Christmas

Christmas is the season for spending quality time with our loved ones and a Caribbean Christmas is no different. Unlike other countries where Christmas is celebrated with family and friends in front of the fire place, in the Caribbean, many families take to the beach to enjoy this festive season with the traditions varying across the islands.



In St. Lucia, the local families eagerly await this wonderful time of year. Over the years, the island has gained popularity with visitors looking to escape the snow with the hope of enjoying a sunny Christmas vacation. If you're one of those we have a few delightful features which will entice you to visit;

### 1. Christmas Dinners

St. Lucian families anticipate the special Christmas dinners which takes place on Christmas Day. The meal forms part of the family Christmas celebrations or "House to House" where family members from the districts go to various homes to enjoy these festive dishes. The "St. Lucian Christmas Table" may include local and regional dishes as well as seasonal foods such as local pork, ham or turkey accompanied by ground provisions such as yams, dasheens and sweet potatoes as well as plantains which are mostly fried. Drinks served at these dinners includes ginger beer and the seasonal drink sorrel which is a brightly red infused with nutmegs, ginger and cinnamon.



## 2. Lucian Black Cake

Christmas fruit cake, black cake and great cake, are all terms used to describe this festive cake and a St. Lucian Christmas would not be complete without it. This cake consists of dried currants, raisins and fruits soaked in wine/rum which has been left for several months before being incorporated into a cake batter. This tasty dessert is a must when visiting for Christmas but beware of the alcohol content because the longer it's left soaking the greater the chances of getting intoxicated.

## 3. Bamboo Bursting

The exceptional sounds of bamboo bursting on a late November evening signals/heralds that the Christmas season is approaching. This Christmas tradition is a custom which involves the stuffing of the hollow end of the bamboo shoot with kerosene with an individual blowing through the hole creating a loud cannon sound which can be heard throughout the community and beyond. The men and boys of the various communities look forward to this time of year where they compete to create the loudest sound but it requires a great deal of skill and technique. This tradition of bursting bamboos is the local version of firecrackers which has been handed down from generations before.

So if you're spending Christmas with us at the Bay Gardens Resorts these are exciting St. Lucian traditions to partake in. Be sure to join us on Christmas Eve and Christmas day as our chefs and their teams will provide delicious Christmas dinners at both properties.

Feel free to browse our Christmas menus, [click here](#).

## Our Guests Experience

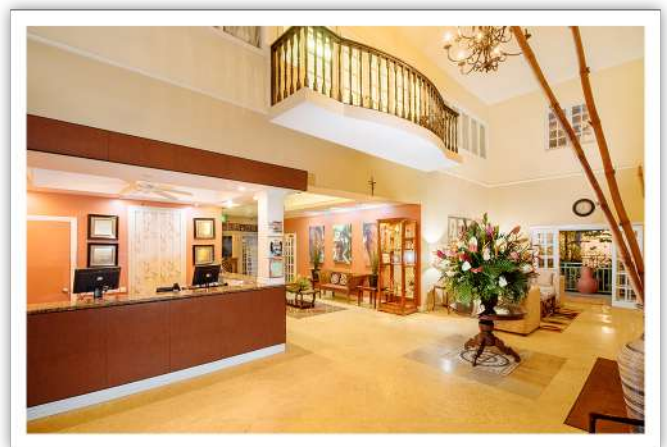
Have you seen what our guests are saying about us on TripAdvisor?

### Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa

**"Wonderful Resort!!"**

Reviewed by Leanne L

We visited St Lucia on a cruise ship and wanted a nice beach resort we could spend the day at relaxing. I was in contact with the resort prior to our arrival and they helpfully made all the arrangements for our shore passes and transfer to and from the resort, (thank you Nicol). Arriving at the resort, first impressions were as expected! The place was beautiful, well maintained and we were greeted by all staff that passed us. The reception team already knew who we were when heading inside and helped us 'check in'. The great first impression continued when exploring around the resort, it was peaceful but not awkwardly silent, clean and tidy, very colorful



and again the staff continued to greet us warmly. We thoroughly enjoyed the pool and Jacuzzi facilities, the 20 minute massage which was included in our pass, and the 'great big mable' water sport ride was fab (even in the torrential rain). Our 2 course lunch was very yummy and served to the best quality. I recommend the coconut breaded shrimp! The beach was beautifully clean and there was an abundance of sunbeds and umbrellas available for all. This resort is not to be missed.

### **Bay Gardens Hotel**

#### **"A gem of a hotel"**

Reviewed by sjwtm

We are only half way through our 11 night holiday, but for anyone considering booking to stay in the Gros Islet area, this is a little gem and I didn't want to wait to share our experience. Firstly we needed to change the dates booked with booking.com. The hotel were excellent accommodating us despite the term of the booking. Thank you to Carlyn, Dinesh and Cheyenne. This is our second trip to the hotel and in terms of value for money it really is excellent. It's a short walk to restaurants and despite moderate mobility issues the walk is more than manageable. The staff are friendly, casual and extremely pleasant. I'll save my final mentions for when we leave the hotel but restaurant and bar staff are fun, without being too familiar, they just have it right. Don't get me wrong, it isn't 5 star but in terms of value for money, it's faultless. Perfect for couples but I would also feel happy staying here on my own. The food is varied and the cocktail menu is extensive. The weather perfect, looking forward to our last week.

### **Bay Gardens Inn**

#### **"Holiday stay - Dec'17"**

Reviewed by Harold F

Excellent Hotel with very comfortable rooms. The rooms are very clean with good decor. The house staff are very pleasant and courteous at all times, including the dining hall and front desk staff. The restaurant serves very devious food, especially their breakfast buffet!! The grounds are clean and tidy, and the hotel is close to all amenities.

## Recipe of the Month - Lucian Black Cake



### Ingredients:

1lb / 2 cups currants  
 1lb / 3 cups raisins  
 8oz / 1cup prunes  
 2/3 cup mixed peel  
 14 oz / 2 ¼ cups brown sugar  
 5ml / 1tsp mixed spice/ ½ tsp cinnamon  
 ½ pint / 1 ¼ cups Sherry wine/ Cake wine  
 90ml / 6tbsp Rum, plus more if needed  
 2 cups softened butter

6 eggs beaten | 1 lb / 4 cups self-rising flour | 5 ml /1 tsp vanilla essence | 2 tsp baking powder

**These steps can be done 2 weeks to 3 months prior – the longer it's left the better the flavour.**

- 1.) Place currants, raisins, prunes and mixed peel in a food processor until finely chopped.
- 2.) Transfer to a large, tightly sealed jar or bowl, add sugar, mixed spice, rum and sherry wine and set aside.
- 3.) Stir the fruit mixture occasionally and keep covered, adding more alcohol if you like.

### Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 160°C/325°F/gas mark and grease cake pan with butter and coat it with flour or line with a double layer of grease proof paper.
2. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
3. Sift together flour, baking powder and cinnamon into a large bowl and set aside.
4. In a separate bowl whisk eggs until frothy. Add extract or essence and continue to whisk until incorporated.
5. Combine whisked eggs with the creamed butter and sugar mixture and stir until the mixture looks curdled.
6. Add the rum-soaked fruits to the egg-butter-sugar mixture and stir until fully integrated.
7. Add the flour-baking powder-cinnamon mixture gradually to the wet ingredients and mix gently until incorporated.
8. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake for 90 minutes or until an inserted skewer comes out clean.
10. Remove pan from oven and leave until completely cool. Slice and serve at room temperature.

### Sharing the Christmas Cheer:

#### Photo Challenge

Have you tried this Recipe before? Share your version with a photo by using [@baygardensresorts](#) to our Instagram and Facebook pages to be featured and for a chance to **WIN 2 FREE NIGHTS** at the Bay Gardens Hotel.



# Christmas At The Bay Gardens Resorts

**C**elebrate Christmas with us and experience delectable Caribbean Culinary dining at our

**H**i Tide Restaurant, located at the Beach Resort and Spa. Whilst here, why not

**R**efresh, Revive and Rejuvenate at our La Mer Spa for an out of body experience.

**I**f you're travelling with children, our Coral Kids Club is entertaining for the kids, leaving you with countless rest and relaxation.

**S**unny skies are perfect for a day at our aquatic playground, the Splash Island Water Park which comes highly recommended.

**T**welve days of Christmas kicks off the joyous season and was intricately designed to ensure your vacation with us creates

**M**emories to last a lifetime. Our Meal plans are tailored to suit your needs and our

**A**ll-Inclusive experiences provide you with the best of St. Lucia at the best value, catering to your every vacation desire. Christmas would not be complete without

**S**anta, who has travelled near and far to grace us with his presence on Christmas day. Christmas at the Bay Gardens Resorts promises to be a festive and wonderful time of year!

Merry Christmas and See you here!