



**Photos:** (left) Former NBA star Jerome Kersey (left) and a Bay Gardens Resorts' Assistant Managing Director/ Director of Finance, Sanovnik Destang at the Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa; (right) West Indies Cricket team player Dwayne Bravo receives a warm welcome at the Bay Gardens Resorts; (bottom) UK Olympic decathlon record holder Daley Thompson and Bay Gardens Hotel and Bay Gardens Inn General Manager, Waltrude Patrick.

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**SAINT LUCIA'S BAY GARDENS RESORTS IDEAL FOR GROUP TRAVEL, SPORTS TEAMS AND CHARITY EVENTS**

*Hotel Group is the Caribbean Choice for International Sports Stars*

**CASTRIES, SAINT LUCIA – October 15, 2009** - Bay Gardens Resorts in stunning Saint Lucia have been the perfect getaway for many successful international sports stars, and hosted several events including children's sports camps and youth charity events. Former NBA superstar and Coach Jerome Kersey recently visited Saint Lucia to both host a youth basketball camp and vacation at the Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa.

"The hospitality of the people that work at Bay Gardens is top notch," noted Jerome Kersey. "Any property can look this nice but it's the people that make the difference. I would definitely recommend Bay Gardens to my friends."

"Bay Gardens not only offers the ultimate vacation experience, but is also a leader in hosting groups and conventions in the Caribbean," noted Joyce Destang, Bay Gardens Resorts' Managing Director. "Our facilities are ideal to host a variety of sports teams and groups. At Bay Gardens Resorts, all of our properties are within walking distance to each other, and give groups the flexibility of various pricing options, unique meeting spaces and amenities."

Bay Gardens Resorts consist of three separate properties; the luxurious four-star Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa located directly on Reduit Beach, the comfortable Bay Gardens Hotel and the cozy Bay Gardens Inn. All three properties are located within Saint Lucia's highly desirable Rodney Bay Village and offer groups access to all three properties with the *stay at one, play at three* option.

Bay Gardens Beach Resort recently had the honor of hosting the entire West Indies Cricket Team. Omar Khan, the West Indies Cricket Team Manager said that the resort "exceeded expectations." Mr. Kahn also mentioned that the team will always stay at Bay Gardens Resorts when they visit St. Lucia, and that "it's one of the best hotels they've stayed at," noting that the staff is very cooperative and always helps with the team's requests and requirements.

Lance Gibbs, former cricketer of the West Indies team described the Bay Gardens Beach Resort as, "home away from home." Mr. Gibbs has been a repeat guest to the Bay Gardens Resorts for more than 14 years.

Currently, the Bay Gardens Hotel is hosting a charity sports camp for the *Sacred Cows Organization*. Various guest speakers and coaches are attending the event, including world-renowned Daley Thompson, UK decathlon legend and Olympic record holder.

Groups of eight or more are offered complimentary transfers from Hewanorra International Airport (UVF) to the Bay Gardens Resorts' properties. JetBlue Airlines new nonstop service from New York (JFK) to Saint Lucia (UVF) is scheduled to begin October 26, 2009.

For more information or to book your group trip to paradise, visit

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

***About Bay Gardens Resorts***

Bay Gardens Resorts was founded in 1995 and consists of the award-winning Bay Gardens Hotel, Bay Gardens Inn and the collection's newest addition, the spectacular four-star Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa. The resort group offers several amenities including five restaurants, spas, gyms, watersports, a dive shop, Saint Lucia's only anti-aging clinic and the *stay at one, play at three* option.

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