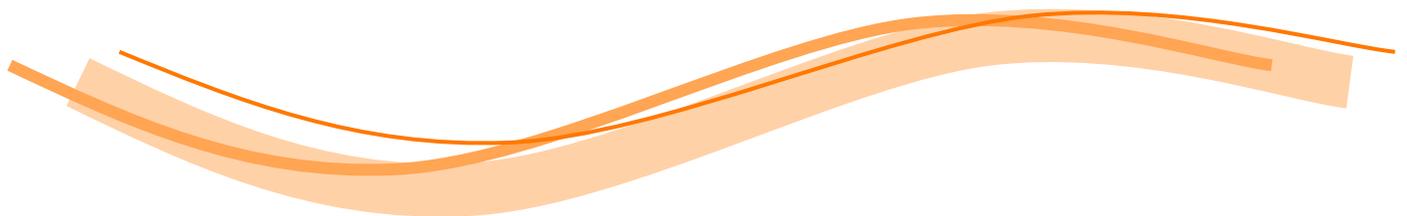




ST. LUCIA, TRANSAT & COCONUT BAY RESORT





DESTINATION INFO	ST. LUCIA The “Helen of the West Indies,” St. Lucia is known for its natural beauty and diverse attractions, including the signature Piton Mountains, a tropical rainforest and one of the world’s few drive-in volcanoes.
Location	One of the Windward Islands of the West Indies’ Lesser Antilles is nestled halfway down the eastern Caribbean archipelago between Martinique and St Vincent
Geography	The island is mango-shaped 14 x 27 miles = 238 sq miles; the Atlantic Ocean is to the east, the Caribbean to the west. It is more mountainous than many other Caribbean islands, with the highest point being Mount Gimie, at 950 metres above sea level. Two other mountains, the Pitons, form the island's most famous landmark. They are located between Soufrière and Choiseul on the western side of the island. Saint Lucia is also one of the few islands in the world that boasts a drive-in volcano.
Name	It is not known why it is named after Santa Lucia, virgin-martyr of Syracuse, but St Lucians celebrate St Lucy’s Day on Dec 13 as their national day anyway!
Population	Approx 160,000
Language	English is the official tongue, but islanders often speak a French-Creole patois similar to that heard on Martinique.
Currency	One Canadian Dollar currently equals 2.80 Eastern Caribbean Dollars (as at 10 Nov 2007)
Tippling	Most hotels and restaurants add a 10% service charge (ask if it's been included in the initial hotel rate you're quoted). If you're pleased with the service in a restaurant, by all means, supplement with an extra 5%. Taxi drivers expect 10% of the fare.
Government	As a Commonwealth Realm, Saint Lucia recognizes Queen Elizabeth II as the Head of State of Saint Lucia, represented on the island by a Governor-General. Executive power, however, is in the hands of the prime minister and his cabinet. The prime minister is normally the head of the party winning the elections for the House of Assembly, which has 17 seats. The other chamber of Parliament, the Senate, has 11 appointed members.
Documentation	Passport for Canadians, plus return ticket; \$22US Dept Tax
Time zone	One hour ahead of EST
Health	St. Lucia has a modern water systems; there are five hospitals
Safety tips	Security is not generally a problem on the island, but normal safety precautions are advised.

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CLIMATE	
General climate	This little island, lying in the path of the trade winds, has year-round temperatures of 21 °C-32 °C.
Today's weather	31 degrees Centigrade, sunny with a few clouds (10 Nov 2007)
Best time to visit	Winter is the obvious time to escape the cold in Canada, but this is truly a year round destination with a very equitable climate

GETTING THERE	
Flying time	5 hours from Toronto There is a Departure Tax of EC \$68 (US \$26) for all international passengers over 12 years old which must be paid when leaving the Island.
Cities	Castries: capital, pop: 65,000; cathedral, shops, market: 100 years old outdoor under parasols – local crafts, spices, woven baskets, batiks, fresh fruit Soufriere: old French capital with characteristic architecture
Airports	The island maintains two separate airports, whose different locations cause endless confusion to many newcomers. Most international long-distance flights land at Hewanorra International Airport (tel. 758/454-6355) in the south, 72km from Castries. If you arrive here and you're booked into a hotel in the north, you'll spend about an hour and a half traveling along the potholed East Coast Highway. Many hotels arrange transfers to and from the airport, but if not, taxis are available; the average fare is US\$65 for up to four passengers. Many visitors now prefer to take helicopter flights from Hewanorra International Airport to their resorts rather than endure the long, stomach-churning car ride. St. Lucia Helicopters (tel. 758/453-6950; www.stluciahelicopters.com) offers flights between Castries and Hewanorra Airport or Soufrière, costing US\$100 per person one-way. The Coconut Bay Beach Resort avoids the long transfer by being close to the airport
Ferries	You can catch a ferry to Martinique (1.5hrs), Dominica, and Guadeloupe
Taxis	Since driving St. Lucia's unmarked, bad roads is rather difficult, a taxi is recommended for all but the most adventurous. Taxis are ubiquitous and most drivers are eager to please. The drivers have special training that allows them to serve as guides. Their cabs are unmetered, but the government fixes tariffs for all standard trips. From Castries, the fare to Marigot Bay should be \$25 to \$30; to Rodney Bay, the fare is \$18 to \$20. Always ask if the driver is quoting a rate in U.S. dollars or Eastern Caribbean dollars (EC\$).
Car Rental	Drive on the left, and try to avoid some of the island's more obvious potholes. Drive carefully and honk your horn while going around the blind hairpin turns.

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	You'll need a St. Lucia driver's license (US\$20), which you can purchase at either airport when you pick up your rental car.
Buses	Bus fares: Castries - North end of the island EC \$2.00, Castries - South end of the island (Vieux Fort) EC \$8.00.

ACCOMMODATION TYPES	St. Lucia's wide range of accommodations includes world-class, five-star resorts; all-inclusive resorts; intimate inns and value-oriented properties.
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TARGET GROUPS	
Kids	Family plantation visit – Mourné Coubaril – walking, riding, activities
Teens	Lots of soft adventure options including a new zip line adventure!
Romance	St Lucia is regularly recognized as one of the most romantic spots on the planet!
Honeymoons & Weddings	<p>Honeymoons: "Secluded and sexy" is how Modern Bride described St. Lucia when it named the island the fifth Best Honeymoon Destination in the World in the June 2004 issue. 30% of St. Lucia's visitors came to celebrate their wedding in 2003. St. Lucia was also voted the World's Best Honeymoon Destination in 2002 and 2003 at the World Travel Awards. Quiet beaches, secluded resorts, botanical gardens, friendly people, soft-adventure activities and colorful reefs are just some of the reasons couples are attracted to this lush Caribbean oasis.</p> <p>Getting married: Many hotels on the island offer wedding gazebos with breathtaking views of the Caribbean Sea. There is also a choice of churches as well as one-of-a-kind venues such as cascading waterfalls, nature heritage sites, beaches or colorful botanical gardens. Couples can coordinate plans with their hotel's wedding coordinator or a company such as Awesome Caribbean Weddings (www.awesomecaribbeanweddings.com) or Dreamy Weddings & Tours (www.dreamyweddings.com) for assistance with wedding arrangements including documentation, locating an official, caterer, band, florists, etc. A couple seeking marriage may apply for a special license on the same day the marriage, providing all required documentation is available. The license will be approved the same day and the couple can be married on the same day.</p> <p>Marriage License Requirements: It's easy to get married in St Lucia. Couples should arrive two days prior to the wedding in order to complete the paperwork required. They should bring the following original documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport • Birth Certificate • Decree Absolute (if one of the parties is divorced)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the case of a widow/widower a Death Certificate of first spouse is required • If a name has been changed, a Deed Poll is required • If one of the parties is under the age of 18, evidence of a consent of parents is required in the form of a sworn affidavit stamped by an official Notary Public <p>Application to be married in St. Lucia must be made by a local solicitor to the Attorney General or notary who prepares and signs the license after a two-day residency period in St. Lucia. Weddings are not generally conducted during weekends or holidays.</p> <p>Fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notary Fee & Marriage License \$150 • Registrar Fees \$37 • Marriage Certificate \$3
Seniors	<p>Near Soufriere are the Diamond Mineral Baths (tel. 758/452-4759) in the Diamond Botanical Gardens. Deep in the lush tropical gardens is the Diamond Waterfall, one of the geological attractions of the island. Created from water bubbling up from sulfur springs, the waterfall changes colors (from yellow to black to green to gray) several times a day. The baths were constructed in 1784 on the orders of Louis XVI, whose doctors told him these waters were similar in mineral content to the waters at Aix-les-Bains; they were intended to provide recuperative effects for French soldiers fighting in the West Indies. The baths have an average temperature of 41 °C. For EC\$15 (\$5.55), you can bathe and try out the recuperative effects for yourself.</p>

UNIQUES	
Surprising	<p>Near Soufrière lies the famous "drive-in" volcano, Mount Soufrière, a rocky lunar landscape of bubbling mud and craters seething with sulfur. You literally drive your car into a millions-of-years-old crater and walk between the sulfur springs and pools of hissing steam. Entrance costs EC\$7 (\$2.60) per person and includes the services of your guide, who will point out the blackened waters, among the few of their kind in the Caribbean</p>
History	<p>From 200AD the Arawak Indians were on the island; 800AD: Carib Indians; 1499/1502/1504: Columbus and Juan de la Cossa; 1550 Jambe de Bois (Wooden Leg) buccaneer based at Pigeon Island; 1600 Dutch: Vieux Fort; 1605: English en route to Guyana 67 colonists lasted one month, 19 fled by canoe; 1650 French; "Hold St Lucia and the rest may perish!"; changed hands 14 times; "Fair Helen of the West Indies"; 1778 Battle of Cul-de-Sac;</p>

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	1814 British finally under the Treaty of Paris; 1979 independence
Books	Frommer's Caribbean
1000 Places to see before you die	Anse Chastanet – near Soufriere, for its view of the Pitons
Must Sees	The Pitons and the jungle Morne Fortune also offers what many consider the most scenic lookout perch in the Caribbean. The view of the harbor of Castries is panoramic: you can see north to Pigeon Island or south to the Pitons; on a clear day, you may even spot Martinique.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES	Windsurfing: pick your coastline for adv, intermediate, beginners; Scuba, snorkeling: PADI instruction; Sailing – bareboat or skippered; Waterskiing: parasailing over Rodney Bay (\$30) Also: tennis, squash Cricket: season is March to August
Golf	St. Lucia has an 18-hole golf course (6,815 yards, par 71) at the St. Lucia's Golf and Country Club, at the northern end of the island (tel. 758/450-9905). Greens fees are US\$95 for 18 holes, US\$70 for 9 holes; there are no caddies. Carts are included, and clubs can be rented for US\$20.
Fishing	Deep sea fishing: legendary white marlin, kingfish, sailfish, barracuda, mackerel; St Lucia Bill Fishing Tournament in Fall The waters around St. Lucia are known for their game fish, including blue marlin, sailfish, mako sharks, and barracuda, with tuna and kingfish among the edible catches. Most hotels can arrange fishing expeditions. Call Mako Watersports (tel. 758/452-0412), which offers half-day fishing trips for \$360 (for four people) or full-day trips for \$720. Captain Mike's (tel. 758/452-7044) also conducts fishing trips, renting boats by the half-day for \$450 to \$550, or a whole day in the \$750 to \$900 price range.
Horse riding	Horseback riding: International Riding Stables – beach picnic; Trims National Riding – Atlantic and Caribbean beaches
Hiking	A tropical rainforest covers a large area in the southern half of St. Lucia, and the St. Lucia Forest and Lands Department manages it wisely. This forest reserve divides the western and eastern halves of the island. There are several trails, the most popular of which is the Barre de l'Isle Trail, located almost in the center of St. Lucia, southeast of Marigot Bay; it's a fairly easy trail that even children can handle. There are four panoramic lookout points with dramatic views of the sea where the Atlantic and the Caribbean meet. It takes about an hour to walk this 2km-long trail, which lies about a 30-minute ride from Castries. Guided hikes can usually be arranged through the major hotels or through the Forest and Lands Department

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Cycling	Mountain bike on the ocean side trail beside the Pitons
Diving	Stingrays, nurse sharks, turtles, seahorses and golden spotted eels abound; beware “the Thing” - St Lucia’s Loch Ness Monster on vacation; Supermans Flight: Superman II drift dive site; Fairy Land: coral and sponges plateau near Anse Chastanet

CULTURE	
Plantation Tours	<p>- Fond d’Or Nature Historic Park: Enjoy the tropical island's natural beauty on a tour that combines historical St Lucia with the tranquility of a nature sitem the Find d’Or Nature Historic Park includes symbols of the Amerindian settlement and historical buildings of the sugar age. Follow a hiking trail through an estuarine tropical forest to a wide white sand beach that is frequented by nesting Leatherback Turtles, then visit and relax at the Interpretation Centre. From there, drive to the Latille Waterfall where a twenty-foot waterfall surrounded by lush vegetation and additional pools await you. To book contact Heritage Tours.</p> <p>- Fond Doux Estate: Follow the scenic country road to a tropical Caribbean-style working plantation called where you will heighten your senses by smelling, touching and tasting a variety of tropical fruits and plants. Once you have explored the plantation you can relax in the plantation house sipping local rum punch, local fruit juices and coconut water before being treated to an authentic Creole Lunch.</p> <p>- Morne Coubaril & Marquis Estates: There's the 400-Acre La Sikwi Sugar Mill plantation with a museum, theatre and a 40ft waterwheel. The Morne Coubaril Estate with its worker's village, sugar mill, manioc and cocoa houses is a meticulously preserved museum, restaurant and botanical garden. The Marquis Estate is another nearby plantation where you can tour and see the production of St Lucia's main export crops, bananas and copra.</p>
Music	A popular folk dance is the Quadrille. As well as other Caribbean music genres such as soca, zouk and reggae, Saint Lucia has a strong indigenous folk music tradition. Each May since 1992, Saint Lucia has hosted an internationally renowned Jazz Festival
Films	Movie crews, including those for Sophia Loren's Fire Power and Rex Harrison’s Dr Doolittle, have used this bay, one of the most beautiful in the Caribbean, for background shots. Thirteen kilometers south of Castries, it's narrow yet navigable by yachts of any size. Here Admiral Rodney camouflaged his ships with palm leaves while lying in wait for French frigates. The shore, lined with palm trees, remains relatively unspoiled, although some building sites have been sold. It's a delightful spot for a picnic. A 24-hour ferry connects the bay's two sides
Museums	Pigeon Island offers an Interpretation Centre, equipped with artifacts and a multimedia display on local history, ranging from the Amerindian

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	<p>occupation of A.D. 1000 to the Battle of the Saints, when Admiral Rodney's fleet set out from Pigeon Island and defeated Admiral De Grasse in 1782. The Captain's Cellar Olde English Pub lies under the center and is evocative of an 18th-century English bar</p>
<p>Festivals</p>	<p>Jump-up: every Friday, Caribbean street-style party (soca, reggae) in Gros Islet village</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jazz Festival: "The best party in the Caribbean" May • Carnival: 2 weeks in July – Calypso, costume making and revelry • Xmas Folk Festival: at Pigeon Island NP • Festival of Lights and Renewal: Dec • New Years Day : celebrations at Cul-de Sac – food drinks and more • Independence Day: Feb 22 (1979), ceremonies and sporting events <p>ARC: Launched in 1986, the Atlantic Rally for Cruisers (ARC) has become a regular event on the international sailing calendar. This annual transatlantic rally starts each November in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and crosses to Rodney Bay on the Caribbean island of St Lucia. As the largest trans-ocean sailing event in the world, ARC brings together over 170 competitors from around the globe. The 2700-nautical mile passage on the tradewind route takes on average of between 12 and 24 days. Position reports are displayed for the fleet on the World Cruising Club website, allowing family and friends to follow the progress of the yachts. During the build-up to the start there are a variety of lectures, safety demonstrations, rally briefings and parties. In St Lucia, events and parties take place almost daily from the arrival of the first boat through to the final prize-giving four weeks after the start.</p>

<p>ATTRACTIONS</p>	<p>Attractions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitons – twin granite peaks rising ½ mile up from sea, volcanic eruption 30-40 my • Diamond Falls – 6 stages through sulphur springs, water yellow, green, purple, steaming mineral baths • Drive-in volcano: road into crater remnant, mud pots, sulphur pots, geysers 50 ft high • Pigeon Island National Park: Fort Rodney, fort hill, 2 beaches, British naval garrison • Mt Gimie: highest peak, 3145 ft, guided tours • Rain forest: 19,000 acres of mtns, valleys, lush foliage, giant ferns, wild orchids, nature walks, guided hikes • Marigot Bay: pirate ship hang-out, Dr Doolittle film set • Coral reefs: Anse Cochon, Anse Chastanet one of worlds most popular underwater havens • Plantation tours: Marquis Estate – largest, nr Castries, bananas, copra, coffee, cocoa, sugar mill; La Sikwe Historical Sugar Mill and Plantation: 18th century, 400 acre estate in botanical garden 40 ft water
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	<p>wheel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helicopter transfer: \$180 Cdn – awesome!
Beaches	<p>Since most of the island hotels are built right on the beach, you won't have to go far to swim. All beaches are open to the public, even those along hotel properties. However, if you use any of the hotel's beach equipment, you must pay for it. You may prefer the beaches along the western coast, as the rough surf on the windward (east) side makes swimming potentially dangerous. The best hotels are all on the western coast for a reason.</p> <p>One of the best beaches is Pigeon Point Beach off the north shore, part of the Pigeon Island National Historic Park. The small beach here has white sand and is an ideal place for a picnic. Pigeon Island is joined to the mainland of St. Lucia by a causeway, so it's easy to reach.</p> <p>The most frequented beach is Reduit Beach at Rodney Bay, 2km of soft beige sand fronting very clear waters. Many watersports kiosks can be found along the strip bordering Royal St. Lucian Hotel. With all its restaurants and bars, you'll find plenty of refueling stops.</p> <p>Choc Bay is a long stretch of sand and palm trees on the northwestern coast, convenient to Castries and the big resorts. Its tranquil waters lure swimmers and especially families (including locals) with small children.</p>
Wildlife	<p>Jaquot parrot in rainforest; bird watching in swamps and mangroves – St Lucia finch and oriole; turtles lay eggs on beaches Mar-Aug; whale watching (20 species, humpback, pilot, sperm); bird watching Bois D'Orange Swamp for St Lucia parrot; St Lucian Forrestry Dept tours \$40</p> <p>The northeast coast is the least visited and least accessible part of St. Lucia, but it contains dramatic rockbound shores interspersed with secret sandy coves. The government has set Grand Anse aside as a nature reserve so that it will never be developed. The terrain is arid and can be unwelcoming, but it is fascinating nonetheless. Grande Anse is home to some rare bird species, notably the white-breasted thrasher, as well as the fer-de-lance, the only poisonous snake on the island (but visitors report rarely seeing them). Its beaches - Grande Anse, Petite Anse, and Anse Louvet - are nesting grounds for endangered sea turtles, including the hawksbill, the green turtle, the leatherback, and the loggerhead. Nesting season lasts from February to October.</p>
Parks	<p>Nature Reserves: Maria Islands (Kouwes snake - harmless grass snake, Zandoli Terre lizard), Fregate Islands</p> <p>Maria Islands are arid and are almost constantly exposed to salt-laden winds blowing up from the equator. Set to the east of St. Lucia's southernmost tip, off the town of Vieux Fort, their biodiversity is strictly protected. The approximately 12 hectares of cactus-dotted land that make up the two largest islands (Maria Major and Maria Minor) are home to more than 120 species of plants, lizards, butterflies, and</p>

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	<p>snakes that are believed to be extinct in other parts of the world. These include the large ground lizard (Zandolite) and the nocturnal, nonvenomous kouwes snake (Dromicus ornatus).</p> <p>The Marias are also a bird refuge, populated by such species as the sooty tern, the bridled tern, the Caribbean martin, the red-billed tropicbird, and the brown noddy, which usually nests under the protective thorns of prickly pear cactus.</p>
Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diamond Botanical Gardens: The Diamond Botanical Gardens in Soufriere features mineral baths and a picturesque waterfall. - Mamiku Gardens: On the Vieux Fort Highway, Mamiku Gardens which encircle the ruins of an 18th Century Micoud Estate. - Bonne Terre Tropical Gardens: Less than 15 minutes from Castries and 5 minutes from Rodney Bay, there are 4 acres of lush gardens and a beautiful plantation house included in the tour.
Castles/Forts	<p>Pigeon Island National Landmark: Pigeon Island contains more history than any other part of St Lucia. Once the home of the Amerindians it has been a pirate hideout and military base. Visit Fort Charlotte, now a college but once the site of some of the firecast fighting between the French and the British</p>

OTHER ACTIVITIES	
Shopping	<p>Most of the shopping is in Castries, where the principal streets are William Peter Boulevard and Bridge Street. Many stores will sell you goods at duty-free prices (providing you don't take the merchandise with you but have it delivered to the airport or cruise dock). There are some good buys in bone china, jewelry, perfume, watches, liquor, and crystal. Built for the cruise-ship passenger, Pointe Seraphine, in Castries, has the best collection of shops on the island, along with offices for car rentals, organized taxi service (for sightseeing), a bureau de change, a philatelic bureau, an information center, and international phones</p>
Markets	<p>Castries public market is one of the most fascinating in the West Indies, and our favorite people-watching site on the island. It goes full blast every day of the week except Sunday, and is most active on Friday and Saturday mornings. The market stalls are a block from Columbus Square along Peynier Street, running down toward the water. The local women dress traditionally, with cotton headdresses; the number of knotted points on top reveals their marital status (ask one of the locals to explain it to you). The luscious fruits and vegetables of St. Lucia may be new to you; the array of color alone is astonishing. Sample one of the numerous varieties of bananas: On St. Lucia, they're allowed to ripen on the tree, and taste completely different from those picked green and sold at supermarkets in the United States. You can also pick up St. Lucian handicrafts such as baskets and unglazed pottery here.</p>

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Nightlife	Nightlife mainly centres on the hotels. If you'd like to go barhopping, begin at Shamrocks Pub, Rodney Bay (tel. 758/452-8725). This Irish-style pub is especially popular among boaters and gets really lively on weekends. Among the dance clubs, islanders and visitors favor Late Lime, Reduit Beach (tel. 758/452-0761). A DJ plays dance music on Saturday.
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CUISINE	
Food	St Lucian fruit cake; callaloo soup (spinach); float – deep-fried dough cake; fruit: bananas 6 types, mango, papaya, pineapple, soursop, passionfruit, guava; lambi (conch)
Drink	Rum is the drink of choice and you can tour the local distillery
Restaurants	Restaurants: Chack Chack Café (funky WI food); Bon Appetit (perched on top of Morne above Castries – steak, seafood); Captains Cellar (18th century British colonial tavern); Doolittles (Marigot Bay, ferry ride, waterfront), Green Parrot (overlooking Casties: “stuffed pussy”, French and creole); Great House (old plantation house in Cap Estate)

MORE INFO	
Brochures	Information is provided at the tourist board at 8 King St. East, Suite 700, Toronto, ON M5V 1B5 (tel. 416/362-4242).
Website	www.stlucia.org

HOTEL PRIZE PARTNER	Coconut Bay Resort and Spa – see below
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AIRLINE PRIZE PARTNER	Transat
Flight details	Sundays, 23 Dec to 15 April

CURRENT DEALS	Save up to \$300 per couple per week if you book and pay 35 days before departure
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<p>Mission</p>	<p>Transat Holidays offers quality vacation packages to a wide variety of destinations. Each season, the company presents a wide selection of quality products, in order to meet the diversified needs of Canadian travellers.</p> <p>In keeping with their mission, their employees aim to exceed vacationers' expectations in order to maintain their position as a market leader.</p> <p>They see their role, ultimately, to turn holiday dreams into reality: making the vacation experience one of the most memorable ever.</p>
<p>Products</p>	<p>Packages, Cruises, Hotels, Flights, Tours, Car Rentals & Train Travel. With a choice of over 300 hotels located in more than 50 destinations and a complete line of itineraries offered in partnership with the most prestigious cruise lines, all products offered by Transat Holidays are subject to a rigorous standard review.</p>
<p>Awards</p>	<p>2005 Agent's Choice Awards: Transat Holidays ranked number one for a third year in a row by Canada's travel agents according to the results of the Agents' Choice Awards 2005, a survey carried out in February 2005 by Canadian Travel Press and Travel Courier. Transat Holidays is without a doubt the country's leader in the tour operator category, maintaining a sizeable lead over its closest competitor. In fact, since the survey began, it is the only tour operator to consistently finish first in its category for three consecutive years.</p>
<p>Current Brochure</p>	<p>Transat Holidays to St Lucia: Sun 2007-2008 Brochure Nine resorts across the island from 3 star to 5 star Flights: all on Air Transat . Time: 5hrs 40mins</p>
<p>Air Transat Kids Club</p>	<p>To ensure that your family vacations are fun and unforgettable from beginning to end, Air Transat has created Kids Club so that young passengers can really enjoy themselves while onboard an Air Transat flight. It is designed to make air travel a fun experience for young travellers (and for their parents!). Even before the doors of the plane are</p>

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closed following boarding, every child receives a small bag containing all sorts of surprises and games. The more fun they have, the easier the flight. Furthermore, children who are members of Air Transat Kids Club enjoy certain exclusive privileges.

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<p>COCONUT BAY BEACH RESORT AND SPA</p>	<p>Two seemingly different worlds in one idyllic setting. An adult oasis is tucked onto one side of the palm-fringed resort while the other side boasts one of the liveliest family playgrounds in the Caribbean. 254-rooms, four dining options, five bars, three swimming pools, a full-service spa, CocoLand Kidz Klub and the island's largest water park. The resort caters to families, couples and honeymooners alike with the perfect location and endless activities.</p>
<p>Location</p>	<p>Paradise waits on St. Lucia's exotic south coast, just a short drive from the Hewanorra International Airport and close to all of the island's most enticing attractions.</p>
<p>Resort Facilities</p>	<p>254 rooms – Two separate wings. Families stay closer to CocoLand, while the wing for adults is situated near the tranquil adult-only area.</p> <p>All rooms have views of the Atlantic Ocean, king or queen beds, ceiling fans, air conditioning, patios or balconies, iron and board, safe, satellite TV, radio alarm and coffee and tea service. Premium rooms include mini-fridges and unobstructed ocean views. Connecting suites are available for families.</p> <p>Dining options – Coconut Walk buffet restaurant; Bellagio for fine Italian dining; Silk for gourmet Asian fusion; Bites Beach Grill for snacks and light meals; Caribbean Nights themed dinners two nights each week.</p> <p>Bars and Lounges – Lobby Bar; Peter John's serving the lounge and disco; Catz Meow in the center of the resort; Swim-up pool bar. All bars serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.</p> <p>Fitness Center – Spacious air conditioned fitness center features weight and cardio equipment, men's and women's changing rooms and satellite TV. Personal trainers are available on request.</p> <p>Athletic Pursuits – Tennis, basketball or just taking a walk, the resort offers equipment and facilities. Tennis courts are open to everyone. Instruction is available on request. Basketball courts are available and the activities team presents occasional tournaments.</p> <p>Kai Mer Spa – Full service spa. Private outdoor showers, oceanfront pedicure and massage patios, 12-head Swiss hydro showers, steam rooms, saunas, hair salon, aloe garden and relaxation lounge.</p> <p>Adult Oasis – A tranquil ocean front adults-only area includes a palm shaded pool, chaises, hammocks, intimate cabana beds and the Kai</p>

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	<p>Mer Spa. Ideal for soaking up the sun or dozing off under the swaying palms.</p> <p>Beach – The largest resort beach in St. Lucia, stretching along the Atlantic Ocean. The white sand beach is raked daily and offers cabanas, chaises, volleyball and views of the Maria Islands.</p> <p>Swimming – There are three pools to choose from, including an adults-only, large activities pool and a free-form pool that features a beach-entry and swim-up bar.</p> <p>CocoLand Water Park – St. Lucia’s largest water park. Grab a beverage and a tube and soak up the sun with a relaxing trip around the lazy river. Climb to the top of the hill and choose from two exhilarating slides, the wide open twister or the thrilling Coconut Cannon with its fully enclosed series of fast turns.</p> <p>CocoLand Kidz Klub – Easy to find by the gleeful sounds of youngsters, Cocoland offers nature hikes, lessons about the Caribbean’s geography and St. Lucia’s ecology plus arts and crafts. The fully supervised area includes a colorful water feature, expansive fenced outdoor play area and air-conditioned play room.</p> <p>Adventure St. Lucia Desk – Take advantage of our unbeatable location close to the island’s best attractions and activities. Excursions to go zip-lining through the treetops on a canopy tour, riding ATVs, mountain biking in the rainforest and hiking the Piton Mountains. For those who want to take to the water it’s also possible to arrange for off-site snorkeling, scuba diving, windsurfing and kite boarding.</p>
<p>Awards</p>	<p>Best of the Caribbean 2007: Named one of the best large hotels by Caribbean Travel & Life, as part of the magazine’s annual Readers’ Choice Awards.</p> <p>Trip Advisor Traveler Recommended: Voted as the #1 hotel in St. Lucia for Families.</p>
<p>Room Categories</p>	<p>Garden View – Ground level with views of lush tropical landscaping and glimpses of ocean. Rooms have two queen beds, ceiling fans, air conditioning, patios, iron and board, safe, satellite TV, radio alarm and coffee and tea service.</p> <p>Ocean View – Second and third floor with views of the Atlantic Ocean. Rooms have one king or two queen beds, ceiling fans, air conditioning, balconies, iron and board, safe, satellite TV, radio alarm and coffee and tea service.</p>

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	<p>Premium Ocean View – Fourth floor with vast views of the Atlantic Ocean. Premium rooms include a mini-fridge stocked with water and soft drinks, one king or two queen beds, ceiling fans, air conditioning, balconies, iron and board, safe, satellite TV, radio alarm and coffee and tea service.</p> <p>Two Bedroom Family Connecting – Adjoining rooms with an internal connecting door, views of lush tropical landscaping and glimpses of ocean. Rooms have one king or two queen beds, ceiling fans, air conditioning, patios or balconies, iron and board, safe, satellite TV, radio alarm and coffee and tea service.</p>
<p>All Inclusive Activities</p>	<p>Tennis, basketball, water aerobics, volleyball or just taking a walk, the resort offers equipment and facilities. Tennis courts are lit for night play and instruction is available on request (fee applies). Basketball courts are available and the activities team presents occasional tournaments. Everyday there are activities in the main pool from water aerobis and volleyball to entertaining relay races.</p> <p>Those seeking workouts in a gym environment will appreciate the spacious air conditioned fitness center. The facility features weight and cardio equipment, men’s and women’s changing rooms and satellite television. Personal trainers are available on request.</p>
<p>Children</p>	<p>Not all kids clubs are created equal and on the island of St. Lucia, CocoLand is by far the best vacation your kids will have. What is CocoLand? It is more than cartoons and crayons and it has Splash! CocoLand is educational, interactive and fun – offering a range of completely supervised activities for children ages 3-14. The child-friendly sanctuary has a complete curriculum conceptualized by education professionals in the US, giving children not only an active vacation but a memorable learning experience as well. It starts with the gift of a CocoPack to each child. As children participate in the various CocoLand Kidz Klub activities, they will receive a different gift to complete their CocoPack: a T-shirt, bag, hat, mini scrapbook and water bottle. Keeping in mind that children of varied ages have different abilities and interests, CocoLand offers two schedules. CocoKidz for children ages 3-9 and CocoAdventure for ages 10-14. While at the Kidz Klub youngsters will enjoy a supervised water playground, arts and crafts, games, nature trails, outdoor expeditions, a club house, air-conditioned napping quarters, and much more.</p>
<p>Dining</p>	<p>It’s all here... The Resort offers a variety of dining options including a la carte dining in two specialty- themed restaurants**. Dine at Silk for a taste of Asian cuisine, Bellagio will delight you with Italian entrees, and Coconut Walk offers buffet style dining for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Snack and grilled favorites are always available at Bites, the beachside grill and, what’s more, guests can quench their thirst with their favorite</p>

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	<p>beverages, cocktails, tropical drinks and fruit juices at three bars, plus a swimup pool bar. Evenings come alive with entertainment, theme nights and discotheque. No visit to St. Lucia is complete without sampling some of the many varieties of rum St. Lucia is renowned for, from white to dark, French to spiced, or straight up and down Bounty. And a Piton, the local beer, is just as much a peak experience as its namesake.</p>
Bars and Entertainment	<p>Bars and Lounges Lobby Bar; Peter John's serving the upstairs lounge and disco; Catz Meow provides entertainment in the center of the resort; Swim-up bar in the main pool; refreshment cart in Adult Oasis. All bars serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.</p> <p>Entertainment Coconut Bay offers a variety of entertainment, with daily activities ranging from poolside games to nightly shows featuring some of the area's finest entertainers.</p>
Beach and Waterpark	<p>Beaches: Coconut Bay has the largest resort beach in St. Lucia, stretching along the Atlantic Ocean. The beach is raked daily and offers cabanas, chaises, volleyball and views of the Maria Islands.</p> <p>Waterpark: St. Lucia's largest water park is a fun diversion for kids and adults alike. Grab a beverage and a tube and soak up the sun with a relaxing trip around the lazy river. Climb to the top of the hill and choose from two exhilarating slides, the wide open Twister ends in a small pool and is followed by a second smaller slide. Coconut Cannon sends guests through a fully enclosed series of thrilling turns</p>
Spa	<p>Kai Mer: For the ultimate unwind, guests are encouraged to visit our full service Kai Mer, French Creole for "House by the Sea". Featuring treatment rooms with ocean views and private outdoor showers, a Swiss hydro shower, steam rooms, saunas and massage and mani/pedi patios. The spa offers an extensive selection of treatments including some for couples only. The spa also offers a full service beauty salon providing a variety of hair and nail treatments. Body Peelings; Facials and Skin Care; Wraps; Massages; Combinations</p>
Weddings	<p>Coconut Bay creates magical weddings on the beach, ocean front in the gazebo or in the gardens. Whether you envision a small intimate gathering or a large traditional wedding, your personal wedding coordinator will customize all of the details to suit your needs. Coconut Bay's wedding team will provide you with a choice of decorations, entertainment, photography, and beauty treatments to make the day uniquely yours.</p> <p>Wedding Package: US\$650 Includes: Services of a wedding coordinator, Bridal Bouquet, Groom's Boutinere, Witnesses (if required), Two Tier Wedding Cake, Champagne, Marriage Officer, and Legal Fees</p>
How to Book	<p>Coconut Bay is a featured resort in Transat Holiday's Sun Brochure –</p>

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