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## Coconut Bay Beach Resort & Spa, St Lucia

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## Coconut Bay Beach Resort in a Nutshell:

Location. Location. Location. This all-inclusive resort on St. Lucia's southern coast has a milelong sandy beach and views of the special place where the Atlantic meets the Caribbean. If you don't have a zillion dollars to spend on your destination wedding/honeymoon, this just may be the place for you—lots of value in the pocketbook-friendly price of admission. The resort is divided into two sections: Harmony for adults, and Splash for families. A grand pavilion links the two and serves as the resort's main hub, featuring, among other things, a pina colada machine that churns out frozen fun all day long.

## **Guest Rooms at Coconut Bay Beach Resort:**

There are 254 ocean-view rooms in the two sections. The fourth-floor superior rooms of the Harmony wing were recently upgraded, featuring sitting areas, balconies overlooking the water, satellite TV and small refrigerators. Bathrooms have showers and hairdryers. There is one elevator for the wing and all entrances to the rooms are from covered outdoor walkways. There is also one large suite—for honeymooners and other VIPs. The décor is basic tropical-chic and the views of the amazing blue water and sandy beach are worth the trip alone. Spectacular sunsets are provided at no extra charge.

## **Dining at Coconut Bay Beach Resort:**

Food at the resort ranges from basic and sustaining meals at the large casual buffet-style main dining room, Coconut Walk (menus repeat every 14 days) to more high-end fare at two restaurants-- Silk (Asian fusion) and Bellagio (Italian). For the latter two, reservations must be made in advance. There is also Beach Grill, for quick snacks, salads and sandwiches. All meals are included, as are drinks at several bars that dot the property, including a swim-up in the main pool. There is also a separate bar near the pool in the Harmony wing. A \$2-\$4 surcharge is added for certain top-shelf brands.

#### **Destination Weddings at Coconut Bay Beach Resort:**

Multiple packages are offered to make your wedding as stress-free as possible. You can walk down the aisle, or down the beach. A variety of venues are available for ceremonies and celebrations including a new exclusive stunner: Cap Moule a Chique Lighthouse—the second highest lighthouse in the world--overlooking where the blue waters of the Caribbean unite with the deeper blue waters of the Atlantic. St. Lucian marriage requirements are fairly quick: two days residency and two days to wait for the license. The romance experts at the resort know all the ins-and-outs.

## Honeymoons/Romance Packages at Coconut Bay Beach Resort:

The CocoMoon Package features champagne in bed, an intimate beach picnic for the couple, a day at the resort's spa, a half-day private guided island tour, a sunset cruise, a commemorative framed photo and a free night's stay on the couple's first anniversary trip back to the resort. Romantic moonlit strolls along the beach, idyllic reveries by the pool in a private cabana, breakfast in bed for honeymooners who are married onsite and the gorgeous backdrop of St. Lucia are all included at no extra charge. Paradise!

## **Activities at Coconut Bay Beach Resort:**

Cruise down Lazy River, and relax while lolling away on an inner tube. Or hit the Activity Pool where you can play volleyball and rev up your heart with aerobics. At the spa, couples

massages are a serene and sensual way to relax. And if you don't want to relax, visit the 2Elements Windsurf and Kitesurf Centre where things really begin to pick up. Many choose a middle course: a round of golf on the north side of the island or a tennis match on one of four lighted courts. Then, head for the bar at the adults only pool for a rum punch to fortify yourselves for a night of karaoke, where superstars are born every week.

## **Nearby Coconut Bay Beach Resort:**

St. Lucia's signature landmarks, the towering twin-peak Pitons (designated World Heritage Sites) are a pleasant boat/car ride from the resort, where snorkeling and picnicking are the order of the day. The concierge will also help you with side trips to the world's only drive-thru volcano, Diamond Botanical Gardens or a rollicking zip line adventure that will zoom you through a lush tropical rainforest. The more sedate might enjoy an ATV tour along the coast or shopping for local arts and crafts at nearby galleries and studios. Sampling the local world-class rums is also a popular pastime.

## **Drawbacks at Coconut Bay Beach:**

One area that's marked for improvement is the Beach Grill, where guests tend to crowd during the day. More staff, a revamped menu and new furniture are on the way, according to the resort's general manager.

## Coconut Bay Beach and Spa Vibe:

Something fun for everyone seems to be the rule of thumb here--whether it be romance, relaxation or activities galore--guests of all ages are welcome. Arrival through lush tropical landscaping by the ocean sets the tone, and when you first enter the main pavilion, you will see guests of all ages on their way to enjoying themselves, even if that merely means strolling out to the ocean, sliding into a hammock and reading the latest beach bestseller. The dual-wing approach seems to work—separating the boisterous from the romantically inclined, and at attractive prices.

## Coconut Bay Beach and Spa Info and Reservations:

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