

BUCCAMENT BAY

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St Vincent is one of the 32 St Vincent & The Grenadines islands, known as Jewels of the Caribbean. Regarded as a sailors' paradise, the turquoise waters that surround these volcanic isles are considered some of the best cruising grounds in the world and are home to a wonderful array of marine life making it perfect for snorkelling and diving.

Still largely untouched by tourism and with its secluded coves and spectacular backdrops of high mountains cloaked in lush tropical forest and cascading waterfalls St Vincent is an authentic and unspoilt tropical haven.



KEY FACTS ABOUT ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

Population 110,000.

Capital Kingstown.

Area 344 sq km/133 sq miles; 29 km/18 miles long 18 km/11 miles wide.

Geography St Vincent is a volcanic island. The northern third of the island is mountainous (parts of this area are accessible only by boat because roads cannot be built on the terrain). The highest point is La Soufriere volcano - 1,234 metres. Most of the island's population lives near the southern coast. The island has a total of 84 km of coastline.

The island has 5 administrative parishes – Charlotte, St Andrew, St David, St George, St Patrick

Time difference GMT -4.

Language Official language is English.

Monetary unit Eastern Caribbean dollar - EC\$ (fixed to the US dollar); US dollars are widely accepted.

Airport Local airport, E T Joshua Airport, in Kingstown in the south of the island; an international airport is planned for 2011 +.

Flight times 5 major gateways – Barbados (30 mins) Grenada (30 mins) Martinique (45 mins). St Lucia (20 mins) Puerto Rico (21/4 hrs); 5 x flights daily from Barbados (LIAT).

Climate Tropical climate with little seasonal temperature variation averaging 27°C; average daily sunshine is 8 – 9 hours; seasonal rainfall between May and November.

Location St Vincent is the largest and most populated island of the 32 St Vincent & the Grenadines islands and cays. It is part of the Windward Islands chain in the Southern Caribbean region and lies 100 miles west of Barbados.

Government St Vincent is an ex-British colony and has been an independent state in the Commonwealth since October 1979; Governor General - Sir Frederick Ballantyne; Prime Minister - Ralph Gonsalves.

Economy St Vincent is emerging as a well-governed and regulated financial jurisdiction, the main activities being banking, trusts, insurance and mutual funds. The registration of International Business Companies has also become a strong growth area.

Tourism St Vincent is a new, unspoilt tourist destination. It is currently visited by ocean cruisers from the UK & US for day trips. High season is January to May. There are @400 rooms on the island, and no hotel is above a 3 Star.

- Visit the Botanic Garden founded in 1765, the oldest in the Western Hemisphere. The garden contains one of the original breadfruit trees brought from Tahiti in 1793 by Captain Bligh after the famous Bounty mutiny.
- Climb to the top of La Soufriere, an active volcano that last erupted in 1979.
- Explore the Vermont Nature Trails which wind through lush rain forest and look for the rare and colourful St Vincent parrot.
- Visit Wallilabou Bay, situated just a few minutes away from Buccament Bay, which was used as the fictional location for Port Royal in the blockbuster Disney film “The Pirates of the Caribbean – Curse of the Black Pearl” and its sequel “Dead Man's Chest”.
- See the canons at Fort Charlotte which sits at 183m (600ft) above St Vincent's capital, Kingstown
- Swim at Owia Salt Pond, a bathing pool enclosed by lava peaks and ridges.
- Sail down to Tobago Cays, a group of five small uninhabited islands surrounded by a spectacular Horseshoe Reef that is a playground for turtles and is designated a National Marine Park.
- Take a trip to the Old Hegg Turtle Sanctuary on Bequia to view the endangered hawksbill turtle hatchlings.



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Built to the highest specification and offering state-of-the-art facilities it will be the first luxurious 5 Star family-oriented resort on St Vincent. The target audience is wealthy tourists who may currently stay at 4 & 5 Star hotels on other Caribbean islands.

Buccament Bay Beach Resort will be managed and maintained to the highest standard by world-class hotel company OASIS HOTELS & RESORTS. They are confident in providing the highest standards of quality, style and comfort for guests. The resort will also benefit from the efficiency of their global booking system and established online presence which will ensure maximum occupancy throughout the year.

Recognised around the world as the expert in water gardens, award-winning designer Peter May is designing, constructing and planting the ponds which are a key feature of the gardens at the Buccament Bay Beach Resort.

One of the world's leading architects and designers of hotels, Lorenzo Bellini from Rome, Italy, is blending Italian style with contemporary Caribbean influences to create a stunning 5 Star resort that is modern yet reflects the warmth and charm of this wonderful Caribbean island.

The building of the resort is well underway, employing 460 local people, and is due for completion in 2010.



The Resort

- The Buccament Bay Reception provides a concierge service for guests to arrange restaurant and spa bookings, taxis and sightseeing tours.
- The Harlequin Sports Academy offers expert cricket, football and tennis coaching for both children and adults.
- The Harlequin Fitness Centre comprises a full range of cardiovascular and physical training equipment.
- The Island Sanctuary Spa has indoor and outdoor treatment suites providing a range of massages, beauty treatments and holistic therapies.
- The Buccament Bay Marina and Helipad will be an official port of entry with immigration and customs for guests arriving by boat, helicopter and seaplane.
- Buccament Bay has several bars and restaurants offering guests a choice of cuisine and ranging from fine dining to casual eating. These include the Beach Club and The Pearl, a Galleon ship with restaurant and bar.
- The Casino offers a world-class gaming experience including Blackjack, Mini-Baccarat, Baccarat, Craps, Roulette and Caribbean Stud Poker.
- Several freshwater swimming pools, including a children's pool, are situated within the gardens, all with a concierge service for drinks and snacks.
- The Diving & Watersports Centre offers PADI tuition, snorkelling, catamaran sailing, kayaking, windsurfing and waterskiing. Deep sea fishing and whale-watching trips can also be arranged.
- At the Marina our experienced, highly-professional and friendly staff are available 24 hours a day.
- The nearby world-class signature golf course with 18 unique holes has been designed to challenge even the most experienced golfer.
- Weddings and Honeymoons can be arranged at The Buccament Bay Beach Resort, providing the perfect romantic setting to remember.
- The Conference Centre provides state-of-the-art facilities for both large and small conferences and meetings.
- The Piazza houses a café bar and restaurants as well as a collection of designer boutiques offering fashion, gifts and jewellery at tax-free prices.
- The outdoor amphitheatre hosts nightly music and entertainment.

For Children

- The Kid's Club provides day care for young children with closely supervised, fun-filled activities, age appropriate toys, puzzles and games.
- A baby-sitting service is available from 7pm until midnight.
- The Teen Club allows young adults aged 13+ to enjoy their own lounge with an adjoining games room providing pool, table tennis, tabletop football and a jukebox.

Located within the extensive tropical gardens of Buccament Bay, the villas and apartments are constructed to the highest specifications, using the best quality local materials – tiles, stone and timber from sustainable sources – with oriental-style architecture to provide contemporary and spacious living accommodation.

All the villas and apartments are fully furnished with stylish, modern simplicity, featuring stone tile floors and hand crafted Caribbean mahogany furniture.

Attention to detail

- All rooms are air conditioned.
- Each bedroom has its own shower room.
- All villas and apartments have an interactive entertainment system with flat screen TV, internet access, stereo, personal inroom safe and telephone.
- All villas have a private jacuzzi.

Environmentally friendly

- Underwater springs supply abundant fresh water.
- Eco-friendly sources of power and waste disposal.



- St Vincent is a new tourist destination, mostly visited by day trippers from ocean cruisers. It is beautifully unspoilt and underdeveloped and has huge potential for growth, which has been acknowledged and is supported by the government.
- Currently there are only @400 rooms available in hotels on the island, and no hotel above a 3 Star, so there is excellent rental potential for the Buccament Bay Beach Resort.
- Sunny weather all year round makes it an ideal holiday destination at any time.
- Property prices are currently a quarter of those in Barbados so now is the perfect time for an early investment in this market as prices will rise when the resort opens as the island becomes more popular due to the increase in visitors. The proposed International airport, which will be completed in 2011, will also encourage more visitors to the island.
- St Vincent operates a favourable taxation regime for international entities which are not subject to tax under the country's laws. There is no capital gains tax, no inheritance tax and no tax on dividends. Capital and profits may be freely repatriated up to a limit of US\$100,000.

