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DESCRIPTION	Opened January 2008, the Hyatt Regency Trinidad is the Caribbean's premier meeting, convention, business, event and leisure travel property. The 428-room hotel is situated in the Port of Spain International Waterfront Development. The Hyatt's versatile event space showcases a 16,000 square-foot Grand Ballroom and a 10,000 square-foot Ballroom with translation facilities. Other guest facilities include one full-service restaurant, a lobby bar and lounge, a fitness center and the 9,000 square-foot Spa Esencia. Hyatt Regency Trinidad provides a relaxing escape for business travelers with an infinity pool and terrace overlooking the Gulf of Paria.



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LOCATION

Trinidad is home to Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago's capital city. The country's economy is strongly based on petroleum production and exports while Port of Spain serves as an established base for companies doing international business in Latin America and the Caribbean. Currently the capital city is undergoing major retail, hospitality and industrial development.

In 2007, Trinidad and Tobago was ranked second among the ten richest countries in the Caribbean. Additionally, Port of Spain and Piarco International Airport serve as gateways to Tobago's leisure tourism market along with destinations throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

However, Trinidad is not "all work and no play." The festive spirit of the annual pre-Lenten Carnival pervades the style and ambiance of the island all year round. Trinidad is a spirited destination with an exciting mix of cultural activities, a multi-ethnic population, eco adventure and culinary delights.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hyatt Regency Trinidad provides 428 luxuriously appointed guestrooms, ranging from Deluxe Rooms to the spacious Presidential and Diplomat Suites located on the 22nd floor. Features include mountain and Gulf of Paria views, bamboo floors, European-style frosted-glass showers and water closets, LG flat screen 32" televisions, I-home decks with accommodations for both wireless and wired Internet. Some rooms include scenic balconies.

GUEST SERVICES

Serving as the ultimate destination for business travelers in the Caribbean, Hyatt Regency Trinidad is pleased to offer pre-arranged airport transfers. Rental and guest cars may be conveniently self-parked in the 1,200 space car port. Spa services may also be scheduled in advance. Room Service is offered 24-hours a day.



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The meetings and conventions team at Hyatt is prepared to coordinate and execute all corporate, entertainment or personal event needs. With the latest in technology and spaces that accommodate a range from small groups to 1,500 people seated, Hyatt Regency Trinidad is committed to making every meeting a success.

Hyatt Regency Trinidad's Regency Club is located at the lobby level of the hotel, providing a convenient location to meet business and travel companions. The private Regency Club offers concierge service, continental breakfast and evening hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. The top three floors of the Hyatt Regency Trinidad have been reserved for Regency Club guest accommodations.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

A number of fine dining selections are offered to guests looking for everything from a formal multi-course meal to a breakfast pastry and coffee on-the-go. With a view overlooking the Gulf of Paria, Waterfront serves as Hyatt's fine dining experience. Cinnamon is the deli and patisserie stop for a quick snack. For casual, al fresco cuisine, the Pool Grille is located poolside on the fourth floor. Sushi-lovers can also dine at the hotel's sushi bar in the lobby lounge.

Lounges include the Lobby Bar, an elegant space featuring calming waterworks and local blue stone, located near check-in at the entrance of the Hyatt.

FUNCTION SPACE

Hyatt Regency Trinidad offers more than 43,000 square-feet of versatile meeting space. The Regency Ballroom spans 16,000 square-feet. Its unique design has no columns and offers unimpaired lines of sight from any position. Showcasing the latest in technology, there is a 10,000 square-foot ballroom equipped with translation facilities for international meetings, along with twelve banquet size conference rooms.



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LEISURE SPACE

Spa Esencia is a 9,000 square-foot world-class centre for relaxation and rejuvenation. Offering personalized care for the business and leisure traveler as well as romantic treatments in the “couples” room, all services will make even the most road weary traveler relax after a busy day.

Adjacent to the spa is a fitness center with the latest weight and cardio machines. The enchanting and serene infinity pool and terrace overlooking the Gulf of Paria on the Hyatt Regency’s fourth floor roof offer a total escape.



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SEVEN WONDERS OF TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad – Trinidad & Tobago has long been revered as one of the Caribbean's best kept secrets. With exotic tropical landscape and its multi-dimensional cultural element, the dual island nation provides travelers with something more than just sun, sand and sea. The destination offers visitors a myriad of off-the-beaten path activities and extraordinary sights that are unique to the island. Among the most interesting are the following seven wonders:

The Pitch Lake – This natural phenomenon, situated in the village of La Brea in southwest Trinidad, has fascinated explorers, scientists and locals since its discovery by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1595. About 250 feet deep at its centre, it is estimated to have reserves in excess of 6 million tons, from which approximately 180 tons of pitch are mined daily. On a good day, the output can reach 240 tons. Far from being water, the "lake" is 40 percent pitch, 30 percent water and 30 percent colloidal clay. The only liquid source is the self-replenishing centre, known as "The Mother of the Lake." A gift of nature and a national treasure, The Pitch Lake provides the entire country, and many of the neighboring islands with pitch for building roads. The Pitch Lake is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For tours and information, call (868) 648-7697 or (868) 784-3817.

Hanuman Murti – Standing a towering 85-feet tall, the red and pink-colored statue of the Hindu deity, epitome of wisdom, righteousness and strength, is said to be the largest such statue outside of India. Located in Carapichaima, in central Trinidad, the Hanuman Murti is a "must-see" religious site. The Hanuman Murti stands on the grounds of the Dattatreya Yoga Center and Mandir and attracts devotees offering gifts and performing the ritual of *pradakshina*, or walking clockwise in a holy temple while uttering the sacred Hanuman mantra. The Hanuman Murti took two years to construct and was consecrated in 2003.



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The Magnificent Seven – These extravagant structures were originally built as family homes by wealthy Trinidadian men to symbolize their success and elevation in society. All but one of these lavish creations was built in 1904. The buildings are situated on lots located directly across from the Queens Park Savannah. One of the most impressive is *Queens College*. Designed by Daniel Hahn, former alum of the institution, the structure is described as being of German Renaissance style. Next door to the Queen's College is the far more modest *Hayes Court*. Serving as the residence for the Anglican Archbishop, the building also has the distinction of being the only structure built in 1910. Adjacent to Hayes Court is the French Renaissance-inspired *Mille Fleur*. The building was abandoned for several years and has since been acquired by the government with plans to restore it to its former splendor. *White Hall* is viewed as an impressive three-story structure that shimmers and glows in the sunlight. The building is currently being used as the Prime Minister's office. One of the most popular of all these fabulous creations is the *Stollmeyer's Castle*. Enjoyed by many for its fairytale style design, the building is described as completely bizarre based on its mix of French, German and Scottish influences. Originally known as the *Ambard's House*, *Rumoor's* whimsical domed roofs, arched windows and iron-gate posts are reminiscent of an elaborate gingerbread house. The final member of this remarkable collection is the residence of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Port of Spain.

Main Ridge Rainforest Reserve – Located in Tobago, the reserve is the oldest in the Western Hemisphere. It was established in 1765 as a means to preserve the watershed of the island. The forest offers great biodiversity including many species of birds, mammals, frogs and non-poisonous snakes. Local tour operators offer rainforest excursions into the reserve primarily along the Gilpin Trace trail. Nature enthusiasts and birdwatchers walk into relatively undisturbed forest and feast on the flora and fauna. The reserve has consecutively won the award for World's Leading Ecotourism Destination by the World Travel Awards from 2003 to 2007.

Buccoo Reef/Nylon Pool – Buccoo Reef is the largest coral reef in Tobago and was designated as a marine park in 1973. The popular dive site contains a reef system of five flats separated by deep channels. A spectrum of color is offered by the coral gardens and the marine life supported by the reef. A major feature is the **Nylon Pool**, a veritable tranquil paradise in the ocean. It was given the



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name by Princess Margaret after her visit there in 1962, who thought the water was as clear as her nylon stockings. This unique feature of the reef complex allows swimmers to enjoy their own private swimming pool. Depths are no greater than 7-10 feet at high tides. Local folklore promises that a swim in the waters of the Nylon Pool will make you look five years younger.

The Caroni Swamp – Considered to be Trinidad’s largest mangrove wetland, the Caroni Swamp is situated just south of the capital Port of Spain on the island’s western shore. Spanning approximately 20 square miles, it is home to over 200 avian species, the most famous resident being the Scarlet Ibis, Trinidad’s national bird. During the day the birds are said to feed 11 miles away in Venezuela and then return to the island at dusk to roost. In so doing converting the mangroves from a sea of green to scarlet red – a spectacle that has become a “must-see” for tourists visiting the island. The swamp is a maze of channels and although the Scarlet Ibis is the feature attraction, there is a vast number of wildlife that inhabit the mangroves including fiddler crabs, oysters, four-eyed fish, tree boa and spectacled caiman.

Queen’s Park Savannah – This extensive open area located just north of Trinidad’s city centre, is “the world’s largest roundabout”. Occupying approximately 260 acres of land, the Savannah is over 180 years old, making it the oldest recreation ground in the West Indies. It was originally part of the Paradise Estate owned by the Peschier family. In 1817, then Governor Sir Ralph Woodford acquired the property and converted it into a city park keeping a portion of land in the centre as a burial ground for the members of the Peschier family. The Savannah, considered the heartbeat of Port of Spain, plays host to larger musical events and is the epicentre for the annual Carnival festivities. As the city’s largest green space, locals can be seen jogging, cycling and walking their dogs at any hour of day or night. On the weekends and after 4 p.m. during the work week, the Savannah comes alive with football and cricket games, jogging, and couples and families talking strolls or having picnics. It is home to coconut vendors whose trucks that line the street on the western side. Other vendors sell roasted corn, oysters, pholourie and snow cones.



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Trinidad & Tobago is located in the southeastern region of the Caribbean. With their careful approach to tourism, the dual island nation offers one of the last absolutely unspoiled Caribbean destinations. Trinidad, the 'cultural capital of the Caribbean,' is home to the world famous Carnival, the birth of the steel pan drum and Emmy Award Winning designer, for his work on the Opening Ceremony of the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics, Peter Minshall. Tobago, sister island to Trinidad, is the quintessential Caribbean island with secluded beaches, quaint villages, award winning eco-attractions and private villas. For more information on Trinidad & Tobago visit www.goTrinidadandTobago.com or www.visittobago.gov.tt.

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NEW YEAR, NEW OFFERINGS AT HYATT REGENCY TRINIDAD

Premier Caribbean meetings and conference hotel raises the bar for 2010

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad – January 28, 2010 – Hot off the heels of hosting the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting at the end of 2009, Hyatt Regency Trinidad is starting the new year with some new offerings. As the hotel gears up for the busy Carnival season and beyond, guests will find enticing additions to the culinary and spa scene.

Sushi bar – The recently added sushi bar has proven a huge success, with the menu including authentic sushi offerings of Sashimi, Makimono, Nigiri, Temaki, Sushi Rolls and more, Sake and specialty cocktails such as Sake Sunsets. Sushi Chef Joel Del Castillo is trained in Japanese cuisine and sharpened his skills while working in Japan. Chef Joel and his two apprentices, together with Executive Chef Franco, serve up a variety of sushi on the menu, including a wide selection both for the novice and the experienced sushi diner. The sushi bar is located next to the lobby of the Hyatt Regency Trinidad and is open Tuesday to Saturday from 5:30 to 9:30 pm.

New makeup line from Spa Esencia – Spa Esencia recently introduced a new line of mineral makeup by Jane Iredale. Formulated with pure micronized minerals and pigments, the all natural mineral line can cover almost any skin problem and contains no oil to clog or enlarge pores and no talc, which can dry the skin. The products are free of perfume, alcohol, chemical additives and artificial dyes, yet they all offer coverage that traditional makeup cannot. Other benefits include broad-spectrum UVB and UVA protection - SPF 20 and anti-inflammatory elements that help calm and soothe irritated skin. One of the biggest hits with guests has been the 24-karat gold dust eye makeup, made with real gold and available in a variety of colors including gold, silver, bronze, pink, lilac, champagne and green.

The Hyatt Regency Trinidad and surrounding island are gearing up for Carnival, the annual celebration of self-identity and multicultural history, next month and in honor of Carnival, the hotel is offering room rates from \$279 per night plus daily breakfast, with a minimum four-night stay required. To book, visit www.trinidad.hyatt.com or call 1-800-233-1234.

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**HYATT REGENCY TRINIDAD SEAMLESSLY HOSTS THE
COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING**

*Second major event in 2009 for the Caribbean's premier meetings and
conference hotel*

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad – November 30, 2009 – Hyatt Regency Trinidad, for the second time this year, hosted a major international conference and was honored to welcome Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the Commonwealth Heads of Government during their biennial meeting held from November 27-29. The hotel also welcomed many Commonwealth leaders as well as specially invited guest Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations. Other key attendees included Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Gordon Brown, Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada and Prime Minister of New Zealand John Key. French President Nicolas Sarkozy, although not part of the Commonwealth, was also in attendance to help promote the climate change policy he recently adopted.

"After the successful Summit of the Americas earlier this year, the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) marks the second high profile event we have hosted in 2009," said General Manager Russell George. "Whether large or small, our venue is designed for gatherings of all kinds and we have proven that Hyatt Regency Trinidad is the place where the world meets."

The Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting convened on Friday with representatives from almost all 53 countries present. The hotel welcomed Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II later that evening for a special dinner she hosted for the Heads of State and their spouses.

The CHOGM is the supreme body of the Commonwealth. It is convened every two years to review global, political and economic developments and to conduct a strategic overview of the Commonwealth's work in support of the interests of member countries. The objective of this summit is to engage leaders of the Commonwealth in discussing global and Commonwealth issues and to agree upon collective policies and initiatives. All nations, regardless of size, have

an equal say and vote at this meeting and all CHOGM decisions and initiatives are reached only by consensus.

For more information about meetings and conventions or reservations at the Hyatt Regency Trinidad in the heart of downtown Port of Spain, visit trinidad.hyatt.com or call 1-800-233-1234.

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CREATING THE ULTIMATE PLACE FOR BUSINESS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Hyatt Regency Trinidad strives to become the Caribbean's premier meetings hotel

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad – Caribbean meetings, conferences and business gatherings have a new home at Hyatt Regency Trinidad. Opened at the beginning of 2008, the hotel is not just the region's newest locale for group functions and events, it is also the Caribbean's most superb. With the latest innovations in meetings technology, audio/visual services and translation facilities, the Hyatt Regency Trinidad effectively combines contemporary luxury with advanced business amenities.

More than 43,000 square feet of versatile function space is available at the hotel. From small breakout conference rooms to the 16,000 square feet Regency Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Trinidad can accommodate any size of group. The Regency Ballroom's thoughtful design has no columns and offers unimpaired lines of sight from any position. Unique sites such as patios overlooking the Gulf of Paria provide stunning spaces and blend the atmosphere of the Caribbean with a sophisticated business setting.

"While it's certainly remarkable that we host one of the largest meetings spaces in the Caribbean, it was critical for us to be considered the best," noted General Manager Russell George. "We feel we've accomplished that goal with our focus on providing the highest level of service, cuisine, amenities and technology offerings at Hyatt Regency Trinidad."

One of the Caribbean's most popular destinations for weddings celebrations, corporate events and holiday functions, Hyatt Regency Trinidad also offers relaxing settings amongst its property that create the perfect sites for pre and post-event socializing. An infinity pool overlooking the Gulf of Paria and an outdoor lounge space with chic settees offer tranquil scenery. The stunning Spa Esencia – the first Hyatt Pure Spa to debut in the Caribbean – infuses native Trinidad culture and elements with luxurious treatments.

Providing upscale accommodations, sophisticated business event spaces and serene settings elevates Hyatt Regency Trinidad's ability to deliver the most superior meetings and conference hotel in the Caribbean. For more information please call 1-800-233-1234 or visit trinidad.hyatt.com.



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FARM-TO-TABLE CUISINE AT HYATT REGENCY TRINIDAD

The hotel's Spa Esencia and dining outlets feature local produce grown exclusively for Hyatt

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad – Hyatt Regency Trinidad developed a table-to-farm program in cooperation with local Trinidad farmers organized by Lupinot Farms. The farmers are working with the Hyatt's F&B Director and Spa Director. Together, they have developed innovative farming methods and produce that has previously not been grown in Trinidad and Tobago, such as strawberries and arugula. This, along with other traditional crops such as cocoa, are harvested exclusively for use in Hyatt Regency Trinidad's full-service, fine dining restaurant "Waterfront" and in spa treatments at the hotel's Spa Esencia.

The lobby lounge and cocktail services at the hotel are also part of the program. The farms are growing hybrid forms of mint for the Hyatt Regency Trinidad's mojitos and other beverages – offering a menu of mint, citrus mint or chocolate mint.

"The program ensures that Hyatt Regency Trinidad is providing the freshest ingredients possible to our dining and spa guests," said the F&B Director. "Further benefits include our ability, through the association with the farmers, to promote an authentic Trinidad experience."

Chef Fernando Franco develops Chef's Table menus showcasing the produce, while the Spa Director incorporates ingredients directly into the scents and materials utilized in Spa Esencia.

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**FIND TRANQUILITY AND ISLAND ESSENCE AT
HYATT REGENCY TRINIDAD'S SPA ESENCIA**

Carnival, Caribe influence, wellness and renewal combine to create an extraordinary spa experience

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad – The first Hyatt Pure spa in the Caribbean, Spa Esencia offers guests a relaxing retreat at the Hyatt Regency Trinidad. One of the Caribbean's newest business and leisure hotel offers a uniquely designed spa experience that maintains the festive environment of Trinidad. "Celebrations such as Carnival are such a bold and important part of our cultural experience," explained Spa Director Serena Rogers. "Spa Esencia infuses the theme of celebration with pampering treatments to prepare, indulge, detox and retreat the body, mind and spirit. There is a Trinidad & Tobago influence in every aspect of the spa."

Inspired by the beauty of the dual island nation's colorful environment, Spa Esencia is a natural reflection of the diverse heritage and celebratory culture that gives Trinidad & Tobago its unique character. Indigenous treatment styles, materials and scents such as eucalyptus, jasmine, lemongrass and Neroli create the ultimate immersion of Trinidad's natural elements. Spa Esencia's unique approach focuses on a "daily celebration of the self." Menu selections are inspired by signature cultural events and rituals such as Carnival fetes, Dimanche Gras and liming.

To ensure an authentic approach to incorporating the lush environment of Trinidad, Rogers and a team from the spa extensively toured the island with translators and local guides to learn about indigenous tribes, extinct cultures, natural available materials and medicinal influences from South American, Native Caribbean and African cultures that are now a part of the Trinidad & Tobago population. When designing the treatments, Spa Esencia's creators also researched and considered different skin tones and textures to effectively cater to the many races and cultures represented in the local people on-island.

The environment of Spa Esencia is as stunning and refreshing as the treatments. Each suite is equipped with a private shower and vanity allowing guests to remain in one individual space for multiple treatments, rather than sharing a locker room and changing suites for each service. A Couple's suite is also



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available where dual treatments can be performed simultaneously; all suites have beautiful views of the Gulf of Paria. A specialized Spa Concierge is on-site to assist with all consultations, selections and reservations. For more information please call 1-800-233-1234 to contact the spa directly or visit trinidad.hyatt.com.

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HYATT REGENCY TRINIDAD AS A DINING DESTINATION

The hotel provides culinary options that serve to impress and delight the most sophisticated tastes

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad – The Hyatt Regency Trinidad continues to make a name for itself with food aficionados in Port of Spain, the capital of Trinidad & Tobago. “We’re very proud of our dining outlets,” said General Manager Russell George. “Hyatt emphasizes the highest standards in cuisine and service and it is important for us to shine in both of those areas.”

“Waterfront” is Hyatt Regency Trinidad’s contemporary restaurant with stunning Gulf of Paria harbor views, serving Caribbean food along with great steaks and seafood. “Authentic local flavors and outstanding presentations highlight the creativity, innovation and high quality service unique to Hyatt Regency Trinidad,” explained Chef Fernando Franco. For an up-close experience with the kitchen, Waterfront offers a special Chef’s Table that allows diners a front row view of the action in the open kitchen. The restaurant also presents a daily breakfast buffet along with a la carte breakfast and lunch menus. Hours of meal service: Breakfast from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Dinner from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

For Hyatt guests on-the-go, “Cinnamon,” adjacent to the hotel’s lobby is a deli-patisserie providing freshly brewed gourmet coffees, teas and pastries. Visitors and guests alike can stop by for a quick caffeine fix and order take away service for breakfast and lunch. Service hours are 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For a lunch that offers an escape, guests can visit the “Pool Grille” and enjoy salads and sandwiches in the stunning setting of the Hyatt Regency Trinidad’s rooftop infinity pool. For healthy offerings, tropical beverages and gulf views that are second to none, the Pool Grille is the ultimate casual and relaxing environment. Food and beverage service hours are weekly from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Weekend hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Finally, the “Lobby Bar” in the lobby level is a flirty cocktail bar with contemporary elegance. It offers indoor and outdoor seating with chic, comfortable couches and settees. A tapas-style menu provides a diverse and delectable choice of small plates and light bites. Selections emphasize



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Caribbean flavors, with stylish flare and presentation. The Lobby Bar is Port of Spain's most sophisticated locale for Happy Hour, pre or post-dinner cocktails and gorgeous sunset views. Service is daily from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tapas are available from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The hotel also recently opened a sushi bar, offering a range of selections for both the novice and the experienced sushi diner. The sushi bar is located to the right in the lobby of the Hyatt Regency Trinidad and is opened Tuesday to Saturday from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.

Hyatt Regency Trinidad also offers 24-hour room service and specializes in catering for corporate and social events of all sizes. From the smallest cocktail reception to the most extravagant gala dinner, Hyatt Regency Trinidad can make any event exceptional in the banquet facility.

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