

Barbados Welcomes its Newest Luxury Resort O2 Beach Club & Spa Opens on the South Coast of Barbados



Saint Lawrence Gap, Barbados – November 1, 2021 – Ocean Hotels Group, the family-owned collection of Barbados hotels and resorts, celebrates the opening of <u>O2 Beach Club & Spa</u>, a new five-star all-inclusive luxury boutique resort located in St Lawrence Gap on the South Coast of Barbados.

After months of transforming the previous Ocean Two Resort & Residences and expanding the property with 42 new oceanview and oceanfront suites, the new resort has been aptly named "O2" as a nod to the symbol of oxygen, the element as natural and life essential as the act of breathing. The O2 Beach Club & Spa has 130 luxurious rooms and suites in three distinct "<u>Collections</u>": Club, Luxury and Concierge. Guests can enjoy the resort's variety of amenities with three scenic pools, including one of the only rooftop pools on the island; six dining experiences; seven bars with the new Brisa rooftop lounge; and the full-service Acqua spa, with inspiration from oSea Malibu and featuring the only Hamman treatments in Barbados.

The Club Collection rooms feature king or twin beds with en-suite bathrooms and invigorating rainfall showers, while the Luxury Collection is comprised of adult-only suites that offer chic contemporary design and private balconies with views of the Caribbean Sea. Options in the Luxury Collection include oceanview or oceanfront suites, as well as swim-up rooms with direct access to the adult-only river pool, where guests can also easily access H2O, the new swim-up bar. The Concierge Collection provides more spacious luxury with one or two-bedroom suites



and fully equipped designer kitchens. These unique residence-style suites truly lend themselves to the resort's "your stay, your way" personalization concept, and guests of the Concierge Collection are entitled to a 'Learn To' Lesson where they receive a free masterclass from an expert ranging in topics from windsurfing, golfing, discovering the art of mindfulness, and more.

The resort tapped local Caribbean designer Michelle Leotaud to bring the vision of authentic Caribbean laid-back luxury to life and give a true sense of place. The Trinidad-based interior designer and director of <u>Apple and Iron Concepts</u> made it a priority to make sure guests feel like they are in the Caribbean, and more specifically, in Barbados. There are natural elements throughout the hotel including wood, marble and leaf motifs found on king room headboards, lobbies and public areas. Michelle tried to purchase as much as possible from local vendors and commissioned Bajan artists to create original pieces and prints for the guest rooms and suites.

"There is something new and exciting for the luxury market in Barbados...and it happens to be on the South Coast," said Patricia Affonso-Dass, Group General Manager, Ocean Hotels Group Barbados. "We are confident that O2 Beach Club & Spa will take center stage in Barbados' luxury resort offerings, combining authentic personalized service with upscale accommodations and world-class dining to create unforgettable experiences."



The resort's stunning new **Acqua** spa features the only Hammam treatment room on the island of Barbados and breathtaking ocean views from its eighth-floor location. Acqua's signature treatments are inspired by healing through water. Guests can experience personalized wellness journeys, and all treatments offered in Acqua will utilize seaweed-infused <u>oSea</u> products. Acqua spa's services are not included in the all-inclusive offering.

The culinary heart of O2 is **Elements**, where breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in an openair space with a stunning crescent-shaped bar overlooking the beach, and a fabulous sun terrace



with cabanas and jacuzzi tubs to laze away the days. **Bluefin Beachside Grill** offers swimsuitfriendly, toes-in-the-sand daytime dining, while **Brisa** is a rooftop tapas lounge with endless ocean views, shady pergolas, and comfortable poolside seating, perfect for sunset cocktails and star-gazing nights. The ninth floor is where you will find **Oro**, a fine dining experience offering modern fusion European cuisine with a Caribbean twist and 360-degree views of the south coast. Evenings at Oro will include a nightly sunset celebration featuring Champagne and canapes on the sky terrace. For an even greater dining selection, O2 guests will also have access to all five restaurants at Sea Breeze Beach House, O2's sister hotel located just a two-minute transfer away.

The all-inclusive experience includes limitless access to the resort's six dining experiences and seven bars, complimentary non-motorized watersports, and a full activities program. Additionally, the resort enlists the help of a Local Experience Ambassador who oversees setting up special "how-to" experiences for guests. These daily signature "how-to" classes feature engaging topics such as how to prepare local recipes, how to play the steel pan drum, and how to play dominoes like a local, for guests to return from their travels with new skills and an authentic taste of island culture.

Barbados Covid travel protocols are seamless and effective. As of October 24, 2021, fully vaccinated travelers are asked to present proof of a COVID-19 standard PCR test taken three days prior to arrival. The return test required to enter the U.S. can be arranged at the hotel. Visit <u>VisitBarbados.org</u> for the most up to date travel protocols and additional details.

The all-inclusive rates from November 1 to Festive start at \$608 USD for the Club Collection, \$926 USD for Luxury Collection and \$1,021 USD for Concierge Collection, based on double occupancy. During Festive season, the Club Collection starts at \$839 USD while the Luxury Collection starts at \$1,471 USD, and the Concierge Collection starts at \$1,851 USD. For more information and to book O2 Beach Club & Spa, contact your travel advisor, visit www.o2beachclubbarbados.com or call 1-888-964-0030.

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About O2 Beach Club & Spa

The O2 Beach Club and Spa is Barbados' newest luxury all-inclusive retreat and the latest addition to the Ocean Hotels Group. The resort offers unparalleled comfort and personalized service, and guests can unwind in luxuriously appointed guest rooms and suites featuring contemporary design and upgraded amenities. With a host of dining, wellness, and relaxation options, this island haven provides the perfect setting for an indulgent Barbados holiday. From the moment guests arrive, they will feel like the newest VIP members of the coolest new Beach Club in Barbados.

About Ocean Hotels Group:

Ocean Hotels Group is a Barbadian family-owned company with properties located on the island's South Coast. Service and quality are at the heart of Ocean Hotels Group, where true



Bajan hospitality shines through in all aspects of guests' holidays. Ocean Hotels Group first entered the hotel business in 1992 and through the years, has focused on continuously renovating, upgrading and expanding their properties, improving their management team and marketing capabilities, investing in the development and training of team members and continuously looking for ways to grow and adapt in an ever-changing and competitive market.

The collection is comprised of:

- O2 Beach Club & Spa: a five-star chic boutique all-inclusive where luxury is re-defined opened November 1, 2021
- Sea Breeze Beach House: a luxury boutique all-inclusive resort with true Bajan charm.
- South Beach Hotel: a retro-inspired all-suite property just steps away from Rockley Beach.

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