



BAHIA BEACH

RESORT & GOLF CLUB

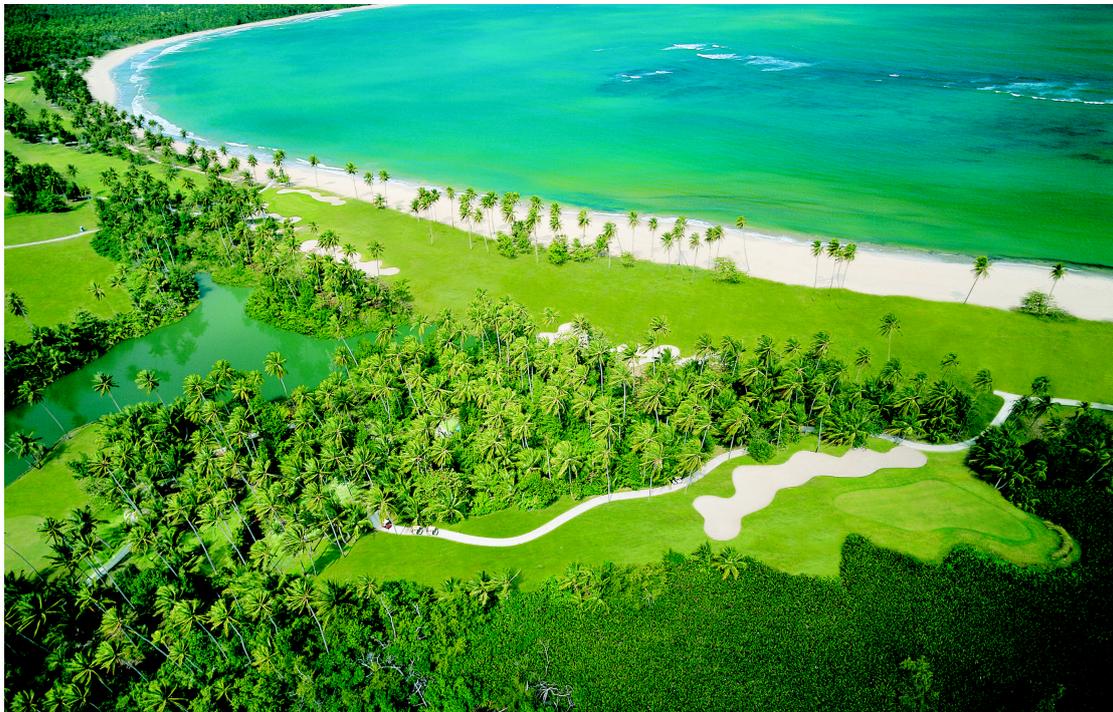
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BAHÍA BEACH RESORT & GOLF CLUB DESIGNATED **PUERTO RICO'S FIRST CERTIFIED GOLD AUDUBON** **INTERNATIONAL SIGNATURE SANCTUARY**

BAHÍA BEACH, PUERTO RICO (March, 2009) – Bahía Beach Resort & Golf Club, Puerto Rico's first five-star-quality resort community, has been designated a Certified Gold Audubon International Signature Sanctuary.



Signature certification is awarded only to new developments which are designed, constructed and maintained according to Audubon International's precise planning standards and strict environmental criteria.

Bahía Beach Resort & Golf Club is the first resort community in Puerto Rico to receive the honor. To date, only 79 developments have achieved the coveted Signature Certification worldwide.

““We are committed to the principles of sustainable development and preserving the natural wonders of Bahía Beach,” said Federico J. Sánchez-Ortiz, president of Interlink Group, LLC, the development managers of Bahía Beach. “Not because it keeps the community beautiful – because it’s the right thing to do.”

Audubon International Signature Programs were created for resort community projects in the planning and development stages. “Through these programs we work with landowners from the design stages through construction and then assist in establishing a maintenance program that focuses on sustainability,” said Nancy E. Richardson, director of Audubon International Signature Programs.

To become certified, each Signature Member must design and implement a Natural Resource Management Plan to include wildlife conservation and habitat enhancement, water quality monitoring and management, integrated pest management, water conservation, energy efficiency, and waste management.

Listed below are just a few of the many steps taken by Bahía Beach Resort & Golf Club in its Natural Resource Management Plan:

- ✓ Removal of exotic invasive plant species
- ✓ Transplanting of more than 2,000 native trees
- ✓ Creation of island preserves
- ✓ Installation of special sumps to prevent drainage into the natural lagoons and Atlantic Ocean
- ✓ Capture of stormwater runoff, which is then used for irrigation
- ✓ Addition of vegetative buffers for natural water filtration
- ✓ Creation of littoral shelves to provide habitat for aquatic species
- ✓ On-staff naturalist to monitor all aspects of the Plan
- ✓ Extremely limited use of pesticides and fertilizers

Bahía Beach Resort & Golf Club is taking shape along two miles of scenic beach surrounded by patches of coastal forests, within view of El Yunque National Rainforest, the only tropical rainforest in the U.S. Forest system. The community is home to a variety of animal inhabitants including fish such as snook and tarpon, frigate birds, pelicans, stately palm trees, delicate golden leather ferns, West Indian whistling ducks, iguanas, amphibians and many species of songbirds. The Espiritu Santo River, which borders the property to the east, originates in the majestic El Yunque Rainforest and ends at Bahía Beach. The slow-moving river, much of which is a nature reserve, offers wonderful opportunities for kayaking and canoeing excursions. El Yunque provides the perfect location for hikes and glimpses of the endangered Puerto Rican parrot.

Bahía Beach Resort & Golf Club is located 25 minutes from San Juan's Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport, the largest hub in the Caribbean. World-renowned St. Regis Hotels & Resorts will operate the intimate St. Regis Resort & Residences, Bahía Beach that will include 139 junior suites and one-bedroom units with spectacular ocean views, as well as the services of the signature St. Regis Butler®, a world-class Remèdesm Spa, oceanfront swimming pools, 120 seat Jean-Georges Signature Restaurant and Bahía Village, the community's charming seaside enclave of shops and restaurants slated to open in 2010.

The community also boasts an award-winning 18-hole golf course designed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr. and managed by Troon Golf, a beachfront clubhouse and a variety of homes including luxurious St. Regis Residences, Las Estancias estate homes and Las Verandas villas. Additional golf and ocean view villas and beachfront townhomes are under development.

About BBP Partners, LLC

Bahía Beach is being developed by BBP Partners, LLC, composed of Interlink Group, LLC and Muñoz Holdings, Inc. Together, they offer over 45 years of experience in the development of real estate, administration and construction of projects and real estate brokerage of the highest caliber. For more

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information on Bahía Beach Resort & Golf Club, please contact Sales Director Heidi Souffront at (787) 957-5800 or (787) 533-9191 or email info@bahiabeachpuertorico.com or visit www.bahiabeachpuertorico.com.

About Audubon International

Audubon International is an environmental organization whose mission is to educate, assist and inspire millions of people from all walks of life to protect and sustain the land, water, wildlife and natural resources around them. The focus of the Signature Programs is to foster more sustainable human and natural communities through research, education and conservation assistance. For more information, please visit www.auduboninternational.org.

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