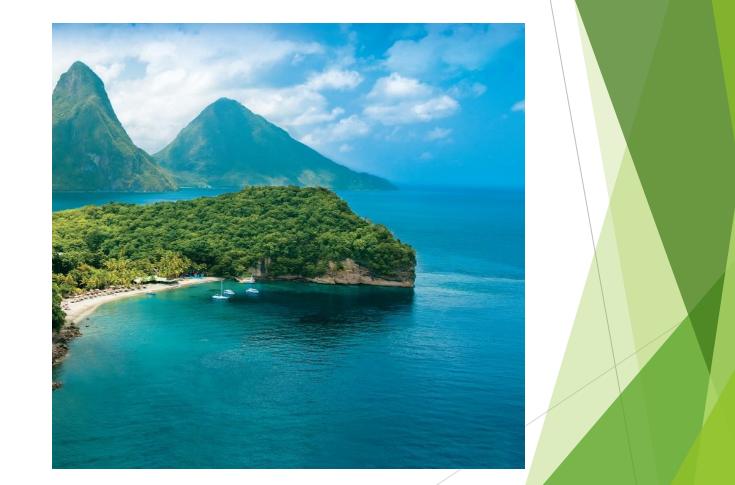
Diamond Botanical Garden

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The Caribbean islands are rich in fauna and flora.

The Caribbean islands are home to a wide variety of ecosystems, from wet forests to arid areas. Wetlands are present where the Caribbean trade winds meet the highest Caribbean mountains, resulting in a variety of tropical rainforests, including marsh forests, seasonal forests, of the mountain forests. In the wettest areas, around lagoons and estuaries, brackish and freshwater marshes give way to vast mangrove forests.

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During their one-week trip to Saint Lucia, the European class of Joseph High School had the opportunity to visit The Diamond Botanical Garden. The botanical garden is located in the town of Soufrière, in the southwest region of the island. St. Lucia Botanical Gardens, also known as the **Diamond** Botanical Gardens, is home of the Diamond Waterfall and the oldest botanical gardens on the island.



On the way to the Botanical Garden, we met on our way a fantastic man, with an incredible voice similar to Bob Marley's voice. We had the chance to watch him perform a song by Bob Marley "redemption song" accompanied by his guitar.

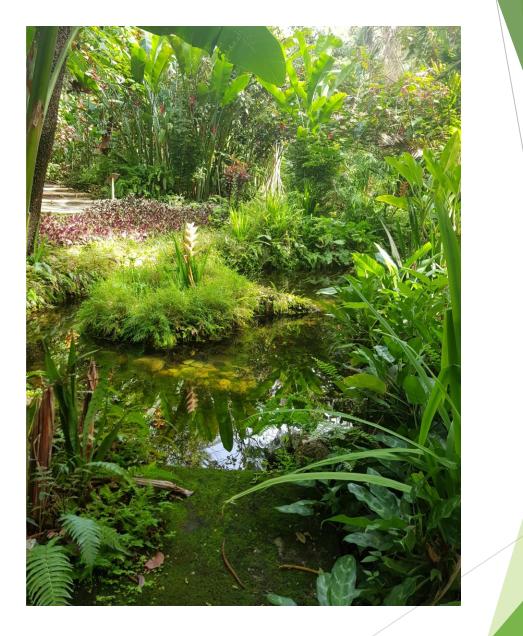


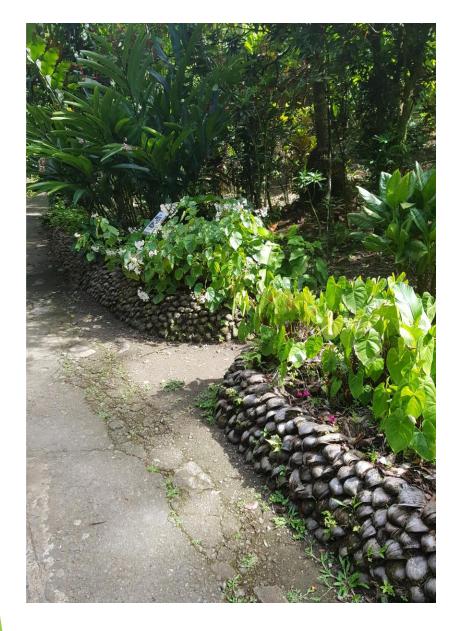


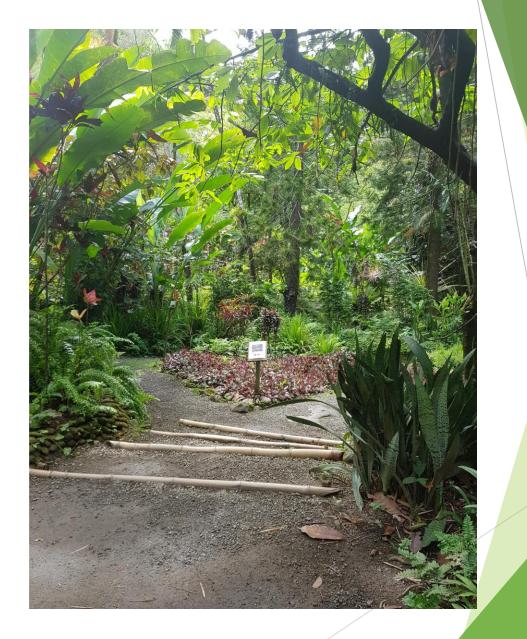
Upon entering the garden, I noticed that it was peaceful, only the sound of the water flowing from the waterfalls and some birds flying over the site were audible. It was appalling to visit him after a very active day. I found that the garden was carefully maintained, many decorations were stored all over the site, which were sometimes confused with objects put up for our comfort such as chairs (on which we were not supposed to sit).

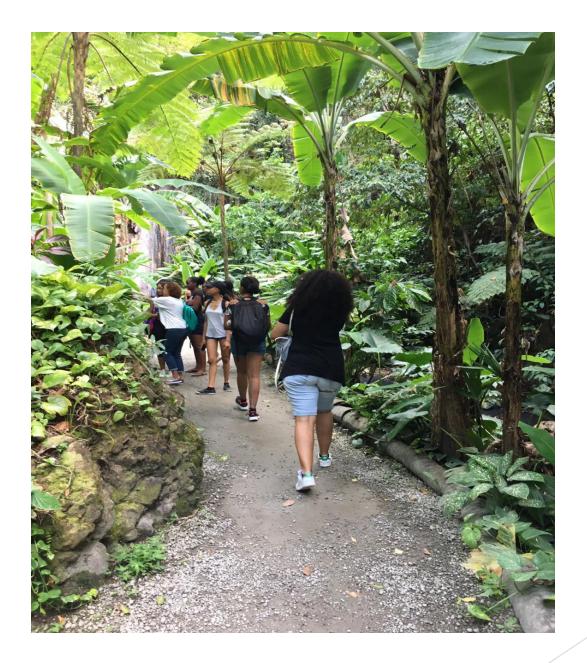


This place is an attractive and peaceful site cut off from the world, often described as one of the natural wonders of the islands of Saint Lucia. The calm of the area offers the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the botanical garden and its unique character while walking through lush and fertile vegetation. We were amazed by the diversity of tropical flowers and plant life.









The waterfall is named the Diamond Warterfall. The colour of the water flowing from the fall is due to its source, the volcano of La soufrière which produced sulfur. Soufrière is a term used to describe any volcanic area therefore it is shared with other volcanic regions such as Saint-Vincent, Dominica, Guadeloupe and Montserrat.

