

Martial Thevenaz
General Manager, Kiana Resort, Dominical

Martial Thevenaz, General Manager of Kiana Resort in Dominical, Costa Rica, is accustomed to treating hotel guests like royalty. After all, during his time in the late '90s as Food and Beverage Manager at the Cape Panwa Hotel in Phuket, Thailand, the Thai Royal Family were often guests at the 200-room resort.

At Kiana, Thevenaz will devote the same care and attention to travellers who visit this beachfront resort uniquely situated at the crossroads of Costa Rica's mountainous jungle and the southern Pacific coast. His years of managing some of the world's most luxurious tropical resorts make him the perfect ambassador to welcome guests at Kiana.

As a veteran of the hospitality industry, Thevenaz brings to the table a wealth of knowledge and experience. Prior to joining Kiana, he spent the last 2 ½ years as General Manager of Hotel Bora Bora, an Amanresorts property. The 2006 Zagat Survey of Top International Hotels, Resorts and Spas has named Amanresorts the world's leading international hotel group. At Hotel Bora Bora, Thevenaz often welcomed some of Hollywood's most famous celebrities. There he was promoted to General Manager of the hotel after spending two years restructuring most of the property's departments.

Born in Lausanne, Switzerland in 1968, Thevenaz grew up on Lake Geneva's shores. As a teenager, Thevenaz expressed interest about all aspects of the restaurant and hotel industry and attended the Business High School of Lausanne. Therefore, it was no surprise when he began work in the hospitality field. Thevenaz gained experience at properties in his native country as well as in the United States including The Crans Ambassador Hotel in Montana, the Novotel Accor in Lausanne, the Hotel Euler in Basel, Mövenpick Radisson Hotel, and the ANA Hotel San Francisco. In 1993, he graduated from the Hotel Management School of Lausanne.

In February 1994, he became the Restaurants & Bars Manager at Le Meridien Phuket in Thailand, where he oversaw 13 restaurants and five bars. A little more than two years later he moved to the Cape Panwa Hotel, also in Phuket, where he served as Food and Beverage Manager, managing a staff of 165 employees and overseeing 10 food and beverage outlets.

After 6 years spent in the “Country of the Smile,” as Thailand is often called, Thevenaz moved to the tropical islands of the Seychelles. Here he shared his now extensive experience in the hotel and restaurant industry at the 200-room Plantation Club & Casino, where he was Food and Beverage Manager and then Executive Assistant Manager.

Thevenaz left the Plantation Club & Casino in 2001 to return to Switzerland, where he attended the Project Management Institute in Lausanne to further refine his skills. Shortly after, in 2002, he returned to hospitality management at Hotel Bora Bora and ultimately, in the fall of 2006, to lead the team at Kiana. Thevenaz is married and has three children ages 12 and 6 and an infant.

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