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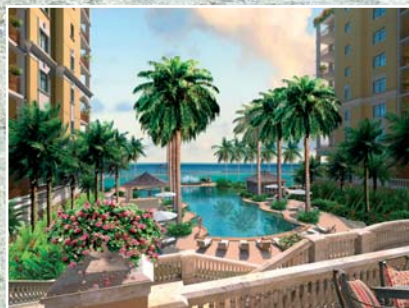
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THE SUN SHINETH, THE LAND IS GREEN AND THE PEOPLE ARE STRONG AND CREATIVE



On August 6, Jamaicans all over the world celebrated the island's 45th year of independence. Since the day of the island nation's birth, Jamaicans have been hoisting their flags as a symbol of its rich culture and history.

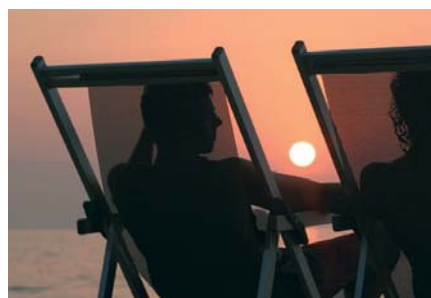
An icon of national pride, the green, yellow and black flag has connotations embedded in history and heritage. Designed by a bi-partisan committee of the Jamaican House of Representatives, a golden Saint Andrew's Cross is at the core of the flag, dividing it into two black and two green triangles, but at the same time connecting all the components.

The official description of the Jamaican flag is; "The sun shineth, the land is green and the people are strong and creative".

While black symbolizes the strength and creativity of the Jamaican people, a widely held belief is that it also reflects the historic hardships of its black population. The golden color represents the country's sunlight and natural wealth, while the green represents agricultural richness and hope for the future.

Ask a Jamaican about the significance of the flag's colors, and most islanders will give you their own, personal interpretation of the official version. An object of immense national pride that evokes strong emotions of identity, the banner has become a popular symbol and in the typical, creative way of the Jamaican, the flag is used to make strong fashion statements on clothing, shoes, bags and other accessories. Sport the island's most important national symbol and wear it with pride!

Learn more about the beautiful island and its people in this issue of the JAMAICA TOURIST, highlighting the latest and greatest of Jamaican attractions, dining, nightlife, shopping spots, golf, real estate and lots more.



MEET THE PEOPLE - CREATE LIFELONG FRIENDS

Friends can be made anywhere, but genuine lifelong friends are hard to find. For some visitors, it is important to explore what is beyond the resort's walls to gain an insight in the Jamaican lifestyle, tradition and customs. Don't miss out on the very unique program the Jamaica Tourist Board makes available to visitors, helping to bring nations closer together while adding a unique touch to the Jamaican vacation experience.

Free to visitors, the Meet the People program matches visitors with locals that share the same interests or professions. Spending time together can be as simple as accompanying the person on their day to day chores, driving into the countryside or going for dinner: the Jamaican way! Says Norma Taylor, Sr. PR Officer at the Jamaica Tourist Board: "Meet the People is well supported by visitors from all over the globe, but mainly from the US and Europe".

Started in 1968 by Inga Rice and her husband, who were familiar with the warmth and hospitality of the Jamaican people, the popular program lives on exclusively through the time and efforts donated by volunteer ambassadors from the island.

Sign up to meet like-minded locals by visiting the JTB website: visitjamaica.com, where you will find an entire section on the program. Alternatively, you can contact one of the local JTB offices on the island. Kingston tel. 929-9200. Montego Bay tel. 952-4425. Port Antonio tel. 993-3051.



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TUFF GONG STUDIO

A lifetime of reminiscences lives on at the Tuff Gong Studio. As you drive by 220 Marcus Garvey Drive in Kingston, you cannot even begin to imagine the history that lies behind the fence. Acquired by Rita Marley to honour her late husband, the Tuff Gong Studio was formerly owned by Ken Khouri and known as Federal Recordings. As a young man, Bob Marley adored the studio owner and tried to convince him of his talents.



Today the state of the art Tuff Gong Studio is the premier live recording studio in the Caribbean. From digital to analog production, digital re-mastering, CD and record distribution, or pressing vinyl, Tuff Gong does it all.



Mixing Studio (Photo: Heidi Zech)

The studio has seen many tracks laid down by both local and international superstars. The Marley family has personally used the studio to record hits like Damian Marley's "Educated Fools", Rita Marley's "One Draw" and Ziggy Marley & the Melody Makers' "Joy & Blues". Others hits produced at Tuff Gong are Maxi Priest's "Message in a Bottle", Richie Spice's "In Your Eyes", Jah Cure's "Situation" and most recently "Heathen" by Shaggy.

With both digital and an analog master studios on site, Spiderman from the analog department explains how you get from performance to vinyl: "The music is recorded on tape, put on acetate, transferred to a stamper, and then pressed into one of two sizes of vinyl records, LP's and 45's."

The vinyl press looks like it belongs in the museum, not in everyday use. "It only takes 21 seconds to make a vinyl record," says Delroy from production, as he takes a copy of Beenie Man's yet to be released "Show Me", hot off the press!

Tuff Gong houses a record shop where CDs and vinyl are available for sale among memorabilia of the many artists who have passed through their doors. Numerous awards are displayed in the studio. The Diamond Award, given to Bob Marley, is only one of two ever given to a Jamaican artist.

Says Mitzy Evans, General Manager at Tuff Gong; "To commemorate Bob Marley's Birthday, inner city students are given free studio tours under the theme "Making the Music". Apart of from the Bob Marley Foundation, Tuff Gong makes significant contributions to the Bob Marley Trust, whose aim is to award scholarships to outstanding students.

The CEO and the 49 staff continue to preserve the musical culture and legacy of Bob Marley. For more information, call 923-9380 or visit www.tuffgong.com.

Delroy shows off freshly pressed vinyls. (Photo: Heidi Zech)



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS WINTER/SPRING 2007/2008

JAMAICANS KNOW HOW TO HAVE A GOOD TIME. EVEN DURING A SHORT VISIT TO THE ISLAND YOU CAN HAVE THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE. CHECK OUT SOME OF THE EVENTS HAPPENING DURING YOUR STAY.

NOVEMBER 2-6	JAMAICA INVITATIONAL PRO-AM TOURNAMENT - MONTEGO BAY
NOVEMBER 3	PINEAPPLE BALL - MONTEGO BAY
NOVEMBER 4	JGA/UWI GOLF CLASSIC - KINGSTON
NOVEMBER (TBA)	SORREL FESTIVAL - KINGSTON
NOVEMBER 7	FESTIVAL OF THE WRITTEN WORD - KINGSTON
NOVEMBER 10	OUR HERITAGE IN ARCHITECTURE - KINGSTON
NOVEMBER 10-17	KINGSTON RESTAURANT WEEK - KINGSTON
NOVEMBER (TBA)	JAMAICA OPEN & PRO AM - KINGSTON
NOVEMBER (TBA)	ST. ELIZABETH HOMECOMING - ST. ELIZABETH
NOVEMBER 27	JNBS OPEN LEAGUE OPENING CEREMONY & JO WIGGMAN RALLY - KINGSTON
DECEMBER 1	BOOYAKA - KINGSTON
DECEMBER 1	REGGAE MARATHON - NEGRIL
DECEMBER 6	FLASH POINT FILM FESTIVAL - NEGRIL
DECEMBER 8	JMMC ALL STAGES RALLY JAMAICA - KINGSTON
DECEMBER 23	KUMBA MI YABBA CRAFT FAIR - KINGSTON
DECEMBER 29	RED LABEL WINE EAST FEST - KINGSTON
DECEMBER 27	LTM NATIONAL PANTOMIME STARTS - KINGSTON
DECEMBER 31	HARBOUR FEST & FIREWORKS ON THE WATERFRONT - KINGSTON
JANUARY 6	ACCOMPONG MAROON FESTIVAL - SOUTH COAST
JANUARY 12	REBEL SALUTE - SOUTH COAST
JANUARY 22-26	JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL - MONTEGO BAY
JANUARY 27	HIGH MOUNTAIN 10K/5K ROAD RACES - SOUTH COAST
FEBRUARY 2	FLUTES & FLAMES - KINGSTON
FEBRUARY 6	JAMAICA FAT TYRE FESTIVAL - OCHO RIOS
FEBRUARY 17	FI WI SINTING - PORT ANTONIO
FEBRUARY 18	GLOBAL REGGAE CONFERENCE - KINGSTON
MAY 19	CLIPPER ROUND THE WORLD YACHT RACE - PORT ANTONIO
AUGUST 3-13	IMFSA 57TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY - KINGSTON

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PLAYING A ROUND IN PARADISE

Alluring to golfers of all levels, Rose Hall's three awe-inspiring courses; the White Witch, Cinnamon Hill and Half Moon, continue to attract players from around the world. Dramatically different in terrain and degree of difficulty, visiting golfers rave about the diversity in experience the three courses provide. And the best news is they're all less than four hours away from most major U.S. cities.

Rose Hall has summer like weather year round. The topography is first-rate for golf, with land stretching from the windswept seaside to the densely wooded country hills. As a result, the three courses in Rose Hall present a wide variety of challenges and scenery that can be enjoyed time and again. The experience at each of the three courses is exactly what you would expect from one of the world's top tourist destinations.



WHITE WITCH

White Witch Golf Course • Par 71, 6,719 yards
USGA rating 74.0/Slope 139
Tel: 876-518-0174

The 6,719-yard course plays to a par of 71 and boasts views of the Caribbean Sea on 16 holes. The design of Robert Von Hagge and Rick Baril

takes advantage of the shifting winds, which provide an ever changing challenge and make the 600-acre course both mysterious and exciting every time you tee it up. The facility's "Caddie Concierge" program includes trained forecaddies with extensive knowledge of the course, one of the many golfer friendly services offered by the White Witch staff. And you'll want to listen to your caddies, especially on some of the tricky blind shots. Many holes are designed with elevated tee boxes, giving you the chance to watch your shots sail out over your beautiful surroundings against the backdrop of the Caribbean Sea. The White Witch is also no stranger to top players, as it has hosted a match between PGA Tour stars Hal Sutton and Notah Begay for Shell's Wonderful World of Golf, as well as the 2000 World Junior Golf Championships.



HALF MOON

Half Moon Golf Club • Par 72, 7,119 yards
USGA rating 73.7/Slope 127
Tel: 876-953-2211

Half Moon Golf Club was designed by the legendary Robert Trent Jones Sr. The layout became a renowned resort course and the host of

several professional tour events, including the Dunhill Cup and the European PGA Seniors Tour. Thanks to a \$2 million renovation project, the par-72, 7,119-yard course has reclaimed its place as one of the world's most beautiful and challenging courses, and has been named Best Caribbean Golf Resort by Caribbean World Magazine. The recent two-year renovation project has brought new life to Half Moon Golf Club, modernizing the course while respecting the natural flow of the land. The results are spectacular and easily seen throughout the course. The signature fourth hole provides a beautiful example. Architect Roger Rulewich reshaped the hole to highlight the dramatic view of the Caribbean Sea in the background. Throughout the course, newly aligned tee boxes and repositioned bunkers have increased the challenge for better players while enhancing the experience for more casual golfers.




CINNAMON HILL

Cinnamon Hill Ocean Course
Par 71, 6,637 yards
USGA rating 72.4/Slope 133
Tel: 876-953-2650

The spectacular Cinnamon Hill Course has amazing views, starting along the beach and

moving up into the green mountains and valleys, is the sister course to the White Witch. The lush layout runs through the ruins of the 18th-century sugar plantation that used to stand on the property, including aqueducts, tombstones and above-ground tombs. The par 71, 6,637-yard layout is a solid test of golf and a picturesque site for enjoying the natural beauty of Jamaica – and is familiar to James Bond fans as the site of the movie "Live and Let Die." The front nine is open and wind swept along the water, tempting players to hit driver and play aggressively. The back nine presents a completely different challenge, as the Cinnamon Hill Ocean Course turns inland toward the Blue Mountains – and turns tighter through the dense foliage of the Jamaican hills. The experienced caddies are on hand to guide you around the stellar layout, and you'll want to listen closely on the greens, which are fast and feature plenty of breaks. Barron's has named Cinnamon Hill one of the top three courses in the Caribbean, and Golf Digest has ranked it as one of Jamaica's top courses.

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO JAMAICA LENDS SUPPORT TO HRH PRINCE CHARLES' ROSE TOWN PROJECT

During a visit to Jamaica in 2000, HRH The Prince of Wales's resolved that his Foundation for the Built Environment would revitalize one of the poorest districts in Kingston by creating a neighborhood that was very affordable while reflecting the local environment and culture. At a recent Princes Foundation event in London, HRH Prince Charles was joined by U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica, Brenda LaGrange Johnson, who is lending her support to the project.



Mrs. Michele Rollins and U.S. Ambassador LaGrange Johnson meet HRH The Duchess of Cornwall during a special event at St. James's Palace in London. (Photo: Contributed by the Office of the US Ambassador, Kingston)

The Rose Town project looks at revitalizing one of the poorest districts in West Kingston, by offering a range of high quality affordable housing options, in addition to nurturing a strong sense of community. Says Hank Dittmar, Chief Executive of The Prince's Foundation: "We believe that successful towns – old and new – share certain design characteristics which result in enduring, thriving neighborhoods that don't damage the environment."

Dittmar explains that by building towns that include a network of inter-connected streets that encourage people to walk; a mix of homes, shops and workplaces that allow people to source their daily needs within a short walk; the community benefits from livelier and safer streets, increased public health and a more affordable lifestyle for families and individuals. Explains Dittmar: "We believe that neighborhoods which exhibit these sustainable characteristics will increase, rather than decrease, in value over time."

Howard Johnson, Mrs. Michele Rollins and U.S. Ambassador LaGrange Johnson meet HRH Prince Charles at St. James's Palace, London. (Photo: Contributed by the Office of the US Ambassador, Kingston)



U.S. Ambassador LaGrange Johnson with her husband Howard Johnson at St. James's Palace, London. (Photo: Contributed by the Office of the US Ambassador, Kingston)

The foundation's Projects & Practice Team collaborated with architects and urban planner DPZ and the Kingston Restoration Company last year for the proposed regeneration project, aiming to create affordable housing options that keep the distinctiveness of character derived through the use of local craft and building traditions and a range of different house types and prices.

Says Dittmar: "Plans for the regeneration of Rose Town, one of Jamaica's most deprived, inner-city neighborhoods, focus on a range of affordable housing types that reflect local tradition, a mix of land uses, and on giving people the opportunity to own their own home."

Continues Dittmar: "Our job is to fulfill the Prince of Wales's aspiration for Rose Town's residents to live in decent, affordable accommodations within an enduring, thriving neighborhood. The answer lies in the dual notions of a mixed use, walkable community and a commitment to local building traditions which naturally respond to local culture, identity and to climate. We aim to create simple, clear contracts that will give people what they really want – a place of their own. In this case, a place that can evolve and grow organically to suit individual means and needs."

In connection with the Rose Town project, U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica, Brenda LaGrange Johnson and her husband Howard Johnson were invited to join HRH Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall at a special event in London in June 2007. The couple was joined by Mrs. Michele Rollins from Rose Hall, Jamaica.

Says U.S. Ambassador LaGrange Johnson, who has taken a personal interest in the project: "I am devoted to the Rose Town project because it is a project involving the public and private sectors, including the Jamaican government and the opposition party all working together with HRH Prince's Trust to bring a suitable environment to the tenement area of Rose Town."

Finishes the U.S. Ambassador: "Both HRH Prince Charles and the Queen have visited Rose Town and vowed to help."

For more information about the Rose Town Project, visit www.princes-foundation.org

HRH PRINCE'S FOUNDATION SPECIAL LONDON EVENTS

HRH Prince Charles and HRH The Duchess of Cornwall will be hosting all contributors to the Rose Town Project at the following three London events:

Briefing and Tea at HRH's Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment
MONDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2007 AT 2:00 PM

Black Tie Dinner at Clarence House, St James's Palace State Apartments
MONDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2007 AT 7:00 PM

Dinner at Kensington Palace
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2007 AT 7PM

Tax deductible contributions of \$25,000 per person payable over 2 years entitles contributors to attend all three London events and includes invitations for special 2008 events in Jamaica. For more information, please call Mrs. Michele Rollins on tel. +1 302 426 2900.

OFF THE BEATEN TRACK: EXPLORE A DIFFERENT SIDE OF JAMAICA

Jamaica offers something for everyone, and plenty of unique tours are available to people who like to get off the beaten track. Pick coffee beans in the mountains, visit reggae icon Bob Marley's birthplace, explore the historic Cockpit Country or experience the thrill of fishing! Jamaica Tours offers numerous excursions for every age and interest. Contact your Jamaica Tours Hotel Desk to indulge in any of the following tours and many more...



Dunn's River Falls (Photo: Heidi Zech)

No trip to Jamaica is complete without visiting Jamaica's main attraction, Dunn's River Falls. Enjoy a leisurely ride along Jamaica's scenic north coast to Ocho Rios, the shopper's paradise and home to the world stunning waterfalls made famous by the Tom Cruise movie 'Cocktail'. Spend the morning browsing through the town's many craft markets, before you climb the cascading waterfall, then splash around in the crystal clear pools at the base of the falls and to come away feeling refreshed and relaxed.



Bob Marley (Photo: Bob Marley Foundation)

The Legend of Bob Marley comes alive as you walk through the village of Nine Miles, his birth and final resting place. Feel the spirit of "The King of Reggae Music" as you are expertly guided through the very house where Marley lived as a young boy. Get first hand knowledge of the life and times of this great musician, from the people who lived there with him. Learn about his culture, his passion, and the unique religion of Rastafarianism which made him the man he was. And of course, no Reggae Tour is complete without indulging in a lavish Jamaican Jerk lunch to punctuate your day.

NEGRIL DAY & SUNSET TOUR

Available from: Montego Bay and Ocho Rios

Duration: 9:00 am - after the sunset

Days: Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday from Montego Bay.

Wednesday and Saturday from Ocho Rios



Sunset at the Cliffs in Negril (Photo: Andre Dhanpaul)

Experience the beauty and tranquility that is Negril Beach, where time stands still and a laid back attitude is a way of life. Explore seven miles of uninterrupted white sandy beach as you savour the sun and cast away all your inhibitions. At the end of the day, watch the sunset and spy on local cliff divers at the famous Rick's Café.

OCHO RIOS & DUNN'S RIVER FALLS

Available from: Montego Bay, Negril and Ocho Rios

Duration: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Days: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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SPIRIT OF REGGAE: THE BOB MARLEY EXPERIENCE

Available from: Montego Bay, Negril & Ocho Rios

Duration: 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Days: Tuesdays & Fridays - Montego Bay

Wednesdays & Fridays - Ocho Rios, Fridays only - Negril

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Hiking in the Cockpit Country (Photo: Heidi Zech)

Less than an hour from the glistening blue water and sparkling white sand beaches of Jamaica's North Coast lies the area known as Cockpit Country. A nature lover's paradise and photographer's dream, the region is rich in history and culture and riddled with towering cliffs, limestone caves, underground rivers and flowing waterfalls. The dense, wet limestone forest, crisscrossed with hiking trails, is home to exotic plants, birds and reptiles, many of which are found nowhere else in the world. Enjoy a leisurely walk or a more adventurous hike through the beautiful hills of Cockpit Country. Emerge wet and dirty, ready to relax and swim in the cool pools of the Mouth River cascades. An experience for all energy levels!



Try your hand at coffee picking (Photo: JTL)

Jamaican High Mountain coffee is rated as one of the best in the world and The Ultimate Coffee Tour of the Baron Hall Estate will give you a hands-on experience to last a lifetime. Located 2,000 ft above sea level, this enchanting tour of the largest coffee plantation in Jamaica will reveal the production secrets behind this world famous coffee. The tour of the property includes an exciting jitney ride where you will pick your own coffee beans and sample the full bodied taste of the Estate's famous Jamaican Coffee.

MOBAY SHOPPING TOUR

Available from: Montego Bay

Duration: 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Days: Mondays - Saturdays

For the ultimate in shopping and to experience the friendly city of Montego Bay, take the Montego Bay Shopping Tour. Start by visiting Montego Bay's newest luxury shopping and entertainment addition, The Shoppes at Rose Hall, located by the Caribbean Sea on the famous Rose Hall Estate for brand name Duty Free shopping, amazing discounts and first class service. You will enjoy the stress and hassle free, simply breathtaking atmosphere. For your best buys take a ride across town and visit a wholesale outlet store for a wide range of souvenir items or a T-Shirt. Continue your shopping mania at the world famous "Tortuga" Rum Cake factory and tantalize your taste buds with assorted samples. Watch the chefs' performance and get first-hand experience of the manufacturing of this renowned commodity. Souvenir items and liquors are on sale at incredibly low prices.

COCKPIT COUNTRY HIKING & CAVING TOUR

Available from: Montego Bay & Ocho Rios

Days: Please contact your Hotel Tour Desk or Jamaica Tours for days and times. **Take nothing but pictures, Leave nothing but footprints, Kill nothing but time.**

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THE ULTIMATE COFFEE TOUR

Available from: Montego Bay & Ocho Rios

Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays, Montego Bay: 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

Mondays & Wednesdays, Ocho Rios: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Shrimp Lady (Photo: JTB)

SWIM WITH THE CROCS

BLACK RIVER SAFARI AND YS FALLS

Available from: Montego Bay, Negril and Ocho Rios

Duration: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Days: Thursdays & Fridays - Montego Bay, Tuesdays - Ocho Rios, Thursdays & Sundays - Negril

As you board the bus, you can sense the excitement of going on a great adventure. You are about to explore some of Jamaica's natural beauty on the Black River Safari and the YS Fall tour, and your guide welcomes you to an experience that will be both entertaining and educational.

Traveling through Montego Bay destined for St. Elizabeth, you learn the essentials of Jamaican history, good sightseeing spots and other must do tours. An extensive patois lesson is an added bonus that will leave you feeling very Jamaican.

After winding through the lush country side, you enter the small town of Black River, once a thriving sugar port. From there you board your boat and begin the one hour drift down Jamaica's longest river, the Black River, which originates in the mountains of Manchester and meanders its way down to St Elizabeth.

The Black River Lower Morass is a complex of shallow, brackish lagoons, limestone islands, tidal marshes, mudflats, extensive freshwater marshes, with peat formations and mangroves near the coast. The 14,085 acre swamp environment exhibits the greatest biodiversity in the entire Caribbean. The YS, Broad, Grass and Horse Savannah rivers are tributaries to the 53.4 km Black River, which is navigable for about 40 km. Over the years, thick layers of decomposing vegetation has lined the river bed, causing the dark, almost black hue to give the river the spooky, mysterious look that explains the name Black River.



Visitors petting Charlie the croc (Photo: Heidi Zech)

The main reason most people take this Safari, is to look for crocodiles. Salt water crocs have patrolled these waters forever, but unlike their cousins to the north, these crocs only get angry when troubled. Normally, they are very calm and when spotted, brave visitors get a chance to pet and even swim with the aquatic reptiles.

Back in the harbour, you pass various displays of wood carved crocodiles and birds on your way to a scrumptious Jamaican lunch at Café Ole.

Now rested, everyone is looking forward to the next part of the trip, the cool waters of the YS Falls, and a stop at the largest Orchid supplier in Jamaica to see thousands of beautiful orchids in various colors and species.

The YS Falls opened its doors as a nature-based attraction in 1990. Flora and fauna can be enjoyed while climbing the stairs to the top of the seven waterfalls, which cascade 120 feet down into natural turquoise pools, suitable for children who want to wade in the cool waters.

A short jitney ride later, guests are invited to chill out, swim, swing from a rope like Tarzan, watch the Hummingbirds at the feeding stations or take a ride down the Chukka Blue Adventure Tours zip line.

Changing rooms, restaurant and a playground are available at this family friendly attraction. For a wide variety of Jamaican books and unique craft items, be sure to have a look in the gift shop at both jitney stops

YS Falls (Photo: Heidi Zech)

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THROUGH GREENERY AND HISTORY

Donald on his way to the top
(Photo: Heidi Zech)

Dating back to 1721, the 1,000 acre Prospect Plantation is full of surprises and suitable for young and old. Our tour guide Sheldon spared no details about one of Jamaica's oldest plantations, mixing his presentation with a healthy dose of humor during the 1½ hour trip through the greenery and history.

Today, this former sugar estate grows bananas, cassava, coffee, allspice, coconut and many other crops but no longer for commercial use. After we made friends with a couple of parrots and a brown owl, we climbed into the jitney, which quickly dipped us onto a lush jungle lined path. Over the years, people from all walks of life have planted trees at Prospect Plantation, including former Jamaican Prime Minister P.J. Patterson and even Sir Winston Churchill who planted a Mahogany tree in 1953 in front of the great house. Commemorative plaques documenting all plantings are displayed behind the front desk and mark the trees all over the property.

We drove past sugar cane plants and a 17th century sugar cane mill, before stopping at the White River Gorge where we had a magnificent view of two parishes, St. Ann and St. Mary and also got a look at Jamaica's first hydroelectric power plant.

Then, the yet-to-be-discovered fastest coconut tree climber, Donald, was waiting to give us ample demonstration of his skills, topped by a lesson on Jamaican fruits and vegetables which included a piece of coconut with brown sugar, a delicious treat. His lecture was filled with lots of straight faced humor which lead us to believe that this man has a variety of other yet-to-be-discovered talents. Right next door is the ostrich farm where these giant birds greedily snatch greens right out of one's hand.

Mahogany tree planted by Winston Churchill (Photo: Heidi Zech)



The magnificent view from the Great House (Photo: Heidi Zech)



The Great House (Photo: Heidi Zech)

Sir Harold's View poses another great lookout over the plantation and is said to have been his favorite spot on the farm. Prospect Plantation has had three owners prior to Sir Harold Mitchell, who purchased the farm in 1936. Since his passing in 1983, the plantation is owned by his son-in-law and grandchildren.

The great house, which was built in the early 1800's, boasts lots of antiques, paintings and artifacts from days gone by and is surrounded by beautiful gardens, in which visitors may lose themselves and feast their eyes on the stunning view.

And then, tucked away in the woods, you might think your eyes are fooling you. Yes, camels! These guys and girls can be considered 'yardies' since they were working hard on Jamaica's sugar cane plantations during the 1800's. Nowadays though, we have the choice between taking a ride or just a photo with 'Cindy' and the crew.


A variety of tour options are available, such as the Camel Safari & Plantation Tour, Plantation Tour on Horseback, Horseback River Ride plus Picnic Lunch or Camel Safari, Hike & Cycle. The Jamaica Tourist Team participated in the complete Plantation Tour by Open Aired Jitney and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

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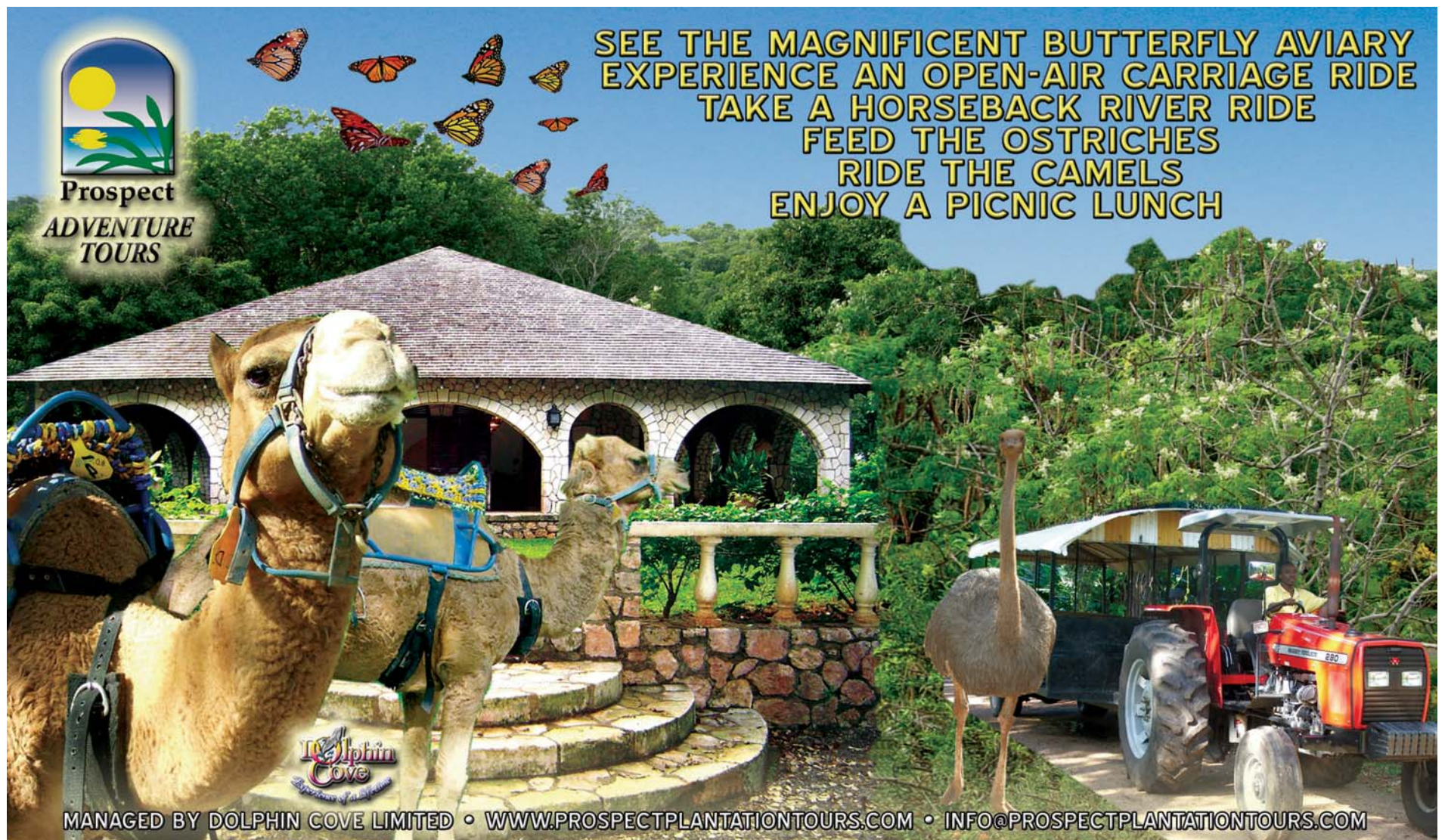


Cindy cooling out (Photo: Heidi Zech)



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FROM GERMANY TO 'GERMAN TOWN'



Seaford Town Residents Miss Vera and Mas Willie (Photo: Heidi Zech)

The Jamaican motto 'Out of many one people' emphasizes the fact that Jamaicans are a mixture of different nations, races and colours. Seaford Town in Westmoreland, also known as 'German Town' embodies that motto.

A walking tour through the village, backed by displays at the museum and a lot of passion by our guide Delroy Hacker, a 4th generation German, explained how Germany made its first contribution to the Jamaican 'out of many' fusion.

With the emancipation of slaves in the 1830's, Jamaican plantation owners were faced with a shortage of labor. In search of cheap and reliable labor, they encouraged European, Indian, Chinese and African American workers to immigrate to the island. Some of the European immigrants originated from Germany.

The immigration drive that was to establish Seaford Town was led by Wilhelm Lemonius, a Prussian serving in the British Army, who recruited German workers from Westphalia and Waldeck. After a 2 month journey, the immigrants disembarked in the ports of Rio Bueno, Montego Bay and Reading, and a group of the 'new Jamaicans' founded Seaford Town on land given to them by Lord Seaford.

After being registered by the authorities, each immigrant was required to complete a 5 year industrial residency and work 9 hours every day, except Sundays and religious holidays. The strict rules marked the beginning of a harsh existence for the German immigrants and survival in the new country turned out to be a challenging task. Unfamiliar with the language and the climate, life was made even harder by the fact that the immigrants had no experience growing food in tropical soil. With isolation of the small district being the worst hardship of all, the German immigrants acquired the necessary survival skills through sheer determination, learning how to survive the hurricane seasons and treat tropical maladies from the local population and other immigrants.

Today, strong traces of German ancestry continue to play a prominent role in the life of the residents of Seaford Town. Legends and folklore, architectural style as well



Young Seaford Town Descendants Micah and Alyssa. (Photo: Heidi Zech)

as customs and beliefs are obvious examples of the heritage, and the elders still use words like 'hundert' in stead of hundred and 'golash' in stead of work shoes. The number of people with fair complexion and blue eyes is also eye-catching to most visitors. In the movie 'Papillion', largely filmed in Jamaica, many of Seaford Town's residents were part of the French Colonial cast due to their blond complexions.

If you visit some of the 3rd and 4th generation residents of what is locally nicknamed 'German Town', you will be amazed by the welcoming spirit of their inhabitants.



Delroy Hacker at the museum (Photo: Heidi Zech)



The famous roasted pork of Lambs River (Photo: Heidi Zech)

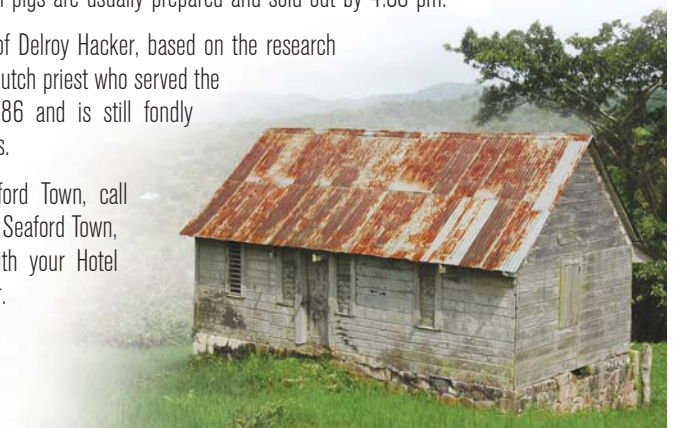
85 year old Willie Hacker and his wife Vera invited us into their home like we were long lost family. Said Mrs. Vera; "I have welcomed many tourists into my home so they can experience our culture first hand."

"This is our history," said our guide Delroy describing the town's hospitality. And the experience did not end there. Food preparation is a mouthwatering part of the German legacy and every Saturday, people come to taste a piece of the famous roasted pork sold at Lambs River Square, a five minute drive from Seaford Town. "I receive orders from all over the island," explained Grace Clark-Reid with pride. "The pork is stuffed with a mixture of rice and herbs and roasted in a brick oven,"

said the popular cook. Several pigs are usually prepared and sold out by 4:00 pm.

Historical facts are courtesy of Delroy Hacker, based on the research of Rev. Fr. Francis Freisen, a Dutch priest who served the community from 1970 - 1986 and is still fondly remembered as Father Francis.

For a personal tour of Seaford Town, call Delroy on 872-0573. To get to Seaford Town, arrange a personal driver with your Hotel Tour Desk or go by rent-a-car.



Historical house built in the 1800's (Photo: Heidi Zech)

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The latest addition to Jamaican attractions might have one of the biggest 'wow' factors ever. However, we are told that "Outameni" is no simple tour or attraction, rather, the management assures us that it is a journey to be experienced.

And they are right – this is a true experience. "Outameni" comes from Jamaica's motto, "Out of Many One People", and this new offering truly allows visitors to understand why this saying is true.

First, traditional Jonkanoos playfully lead visitors to the welcome area where a time traveler then awakens the 'rainbow spirits', who all then accompany you on your journey throughout the villages.



In the Taino Village (Photo: Heidi Zech)

And this was when I first got goosebumps. From the very beginning, this experience is illustrated and acted so well that visitors learn historical facts by actually living through the most important periods in Jamaican history. A trip through time which felt like a walk through a theatrical play, performed by some of the finest actors.



"Follow back a mi, you haffi follow back a mi..." almost hypnotized by the sweet voice of Wasimpi (aka Beverly), we stepped into the first time period, the era of the Tainos. Jamaica's first inhabitants arrived on the island between 600 and 900 A.D. from Asia, and, in front of our eyes, a skit unfolds portraying their peaceful lives, and describing their traditional customs and behaviors in a colorful setting.

We then entered the Spanish era, which has you finding yourself in the time of the conquistadors. A young Spaniard explains Christopher Columbus's importance to Jamaican history while enchanting with an energetic flamenco performance.

Traditional Jonkunnu (Photo: Heidi Zech)

"Follow back a mi, you haffi follow back a mi..." the lyrical patois leads the way to the stormy seas of the Middle Passage which echoes painful screams of the brutal, and for many slaves, deadly transportation from Africa to the Caribbean. This then, gives way to a glimpse of the inhuman life of the slaves during this period.

"Follow back a mi, you haffi follow back a mi..." her voice invites you on to learn about the English colonists who invaded the island in 1655 and the lives of indentured servants and Indian and Chinese laborers who were brought to the island after the slave trade was officially abolished.



In the English Village (Photo: Heidi Zech)

Last, but not least, you witness the vibrant experience of today's Jamaica with descendants of the many people from different nations, followed by the finale of a tropical island beach party.

Beyond the live scenarios which allow you to live through each transition, the experience is further enhanced by 3 minute films in each village along with the tasting of foods typical for the time period and ethnic group.

There is also a gift shop for traditional craft items and authentic "Outameni" merchandise, which will allow you to remember this grand, historic experience. Lennie Little-White, Executive Chairman and creator of the "Outameni Experience" says, "I saw a need to bring our unique culture and history alive through interaction". The management is proud to have created an experience which educates visitors and residents alike.

The Outameni Experience is nestled in the hills 5 minutes off the highway of Trelawny which makes it central to the resort towns of Montego Bay and Ocho Rios. The journey is available, regardless of weather and is offered by all major tour operators on island.

For more information, please contact your hotel tour desk, or call 954-4035 or visit www.outameni.com.

Join the beach party! (Photo: Heidi Zech)



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See the Anatto Tree (Bixa Orellana), grown throughout the Caribbean, Central America and Africa and used by our ancestors as a curry substitute. The seeds of the prickly red-orange pods, which are just a bit larger than a pea pod, are used both for food coloring and medicinal purposes.

Half way through the tour you meet 5 year old David, the famous, 4 foot tall, pig! Don't be deterred by his size, he is as charming as the proverbial prince. Bird lovers will take pleasure in on site sanctuary that has birds from Africa, Asia, China and Canada, including budgies, golden pheasant, geese, guinea fowl, parrots and doves.

By now the stirring smell of something cooking is tickling our noses and has captured our sense of smell. We make our way to the Cool Vibes Restaurant at the top of the hill to experience how jerk is done from scratch. Enjoy a mouth-watering meal of jerk chicken or jerk pork served with roasted breadfruit, while relaxing on the swings. Be sure to get a taste of the John's Hall Punch, guaranteed to put back any energy you may have lost on the adventure, and pick up a souvenir from the craft market.

David the famous (Photo: Heidi Zech)



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JAMAICA'S REAL ESTATE BOOM

With its unique culture, friendly people, ideal weather, wonderful beaches and spectacular mountains Jamaica provides an opportunity for property buyers to have it all. Following the introduction of major developments and several smaller projects, the island's real estate market is booming. From beach cottages in Negril to luxury condominiums and villas on the 'Gold Coast' that offer standards comparable to the best in the world, a wide range of properties are available to suit any taste and pocket.



Andrew Issa, Managing Director, Coldwell Banker Jamaica
(Photo: Coldwell Banker Jamaica)

Says Andrew Issa, Managing Director of Coldwell Banker Jamaica; - "In my opinion, Jamaica offers the number one real estate value in the Caribbean today. Due to a relatively dormant real estate industry, the island's real estate has been undervalued, but times are rapidly changing."

Real estate prices are expected to increase following the island's many infrastructural improvements that include brand new airports, highways, power and telecom infrastructure, among others. Additionally, the island's plentiful water supply is a major advantage.

The island-wide improvements have not escaped the attention of foreigners, who are realizing that Jamaica has a lot going for it and are snatching up property at a heightened pace. Importantly, financing and mortgage brokering are now available to foreigners at competitive rates, putting the purchase of a second home within reach for many, and the number of overseas vacation home buyers has skyrocketed.

At the forefront of the high-end resort market is The Palmyra Resort & Spa in Rose Hall, Montego Bay. This luxury development is marketed to the international jet-set crowd with prices that start in the US\$450,000s.

Says Issa; - "Compared to the rest of the Caribbean, The Palmyra is a steal. A suite in the Ritz Carlton development in the Cayman Islands sells for US\$7.45 million."



Dawn Ruddock, Sales Executive, Coldwell Banker Jamaica
(Photo: Coldwell Banker Jamaica)

Specializing in real estate of US\$300,000 and upwards, the international real estate brokerage has experienced an overwhelming response to The Palmyra. "As we help buyers make informed comparisons by showcasing a wide range of available properties, potential investors gain strong confidence in The Palmyra," says Sales Executive Dawn Ruddock.

Many have discovered the wonders of soaking up the relaxed vibes of the gorgeous island and bought their own tropical 'pied-à-terre' on the sunny island. Ruddock explains that the 'Jamaican factor', which lures people back to the island's shores time and time again, is part of the reason people purchase a little piece of tropical paradise.

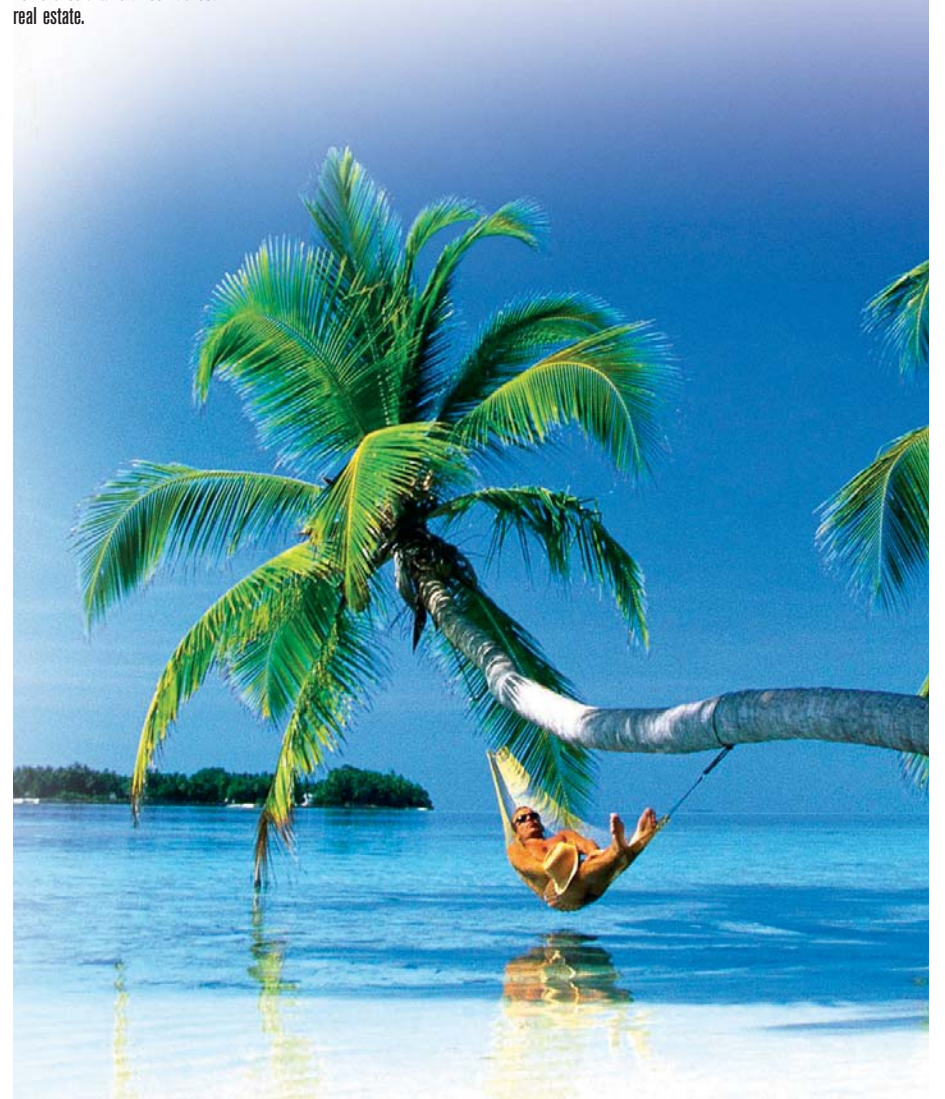
"Two years ago," states Issa; "Coldwell Banker Jamaica Realty hosted its Caribbean franchise conference in Montego Bay. The attendees, who included the President of Coldwell Banker, were all overwhelmed with the beauty of the island and saw the great potential Jamaica had to offer compared with Bermuda, Bahamas, Cayman Islands, US Virgin Islands and the Dominican Republic." Continues Issa; - "A few months later, the General Manager of the Island Affiliates franchises returned to Jamaica that same December to celebrate his thirtieth wedding anniversary. Here was my boss, who has traveled the Caribbean for many years, choosing Jamaica to celebrate such a milestone event in his life."

No question, the cultural aspect is an important reason people decide "I want my little piece of the rock." But price plays another crucial role, favoring Jamaica in the competitive Caribbean market place. States Issa; "From a regional price perspective, Jamaican real estate is the best buy currently out there. At the moment, you will get more property for your money in Jamaica than any other Caribbean island, but I'm not sure how much longer this will last."

At prices up to 30% lower than the rest of the Caribbean islands, the local real estate market is heating up. States Issa;- "At Coldwell Banker, the number of international buyers has increased steadily and today, foreign property buyers account for more than fifty percent of our sales. The demand for vacation properties continues to grow and with a wide selection of property listings, we are extremely optimistic about the future."

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PALMYRA FOUNDATION PROVIDES 15,000 TEXTBOOKS TO 2,000 SCHOOLKIDS



From the launch ceremony of The Palmyra Foundation
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scores of representatives from the business community, schools and the media. The event's highlight was provided by some of the school children who will benefit from The Palmyra Foundation, who entertained the crowd with dance and drumming performances.

The milestone day began with a live radio broadcast of 'The Breakfast Club' on talk 93 FM, hosted by veteran journalist Anthony Abrahams and former Miss Jamaica Universe Dr. Sapphire Longmore, highlighting the magnitude and impact of the undertaking.

In it's first year, The Palmyra Foundation provided textbooks to approximately 2,000 four and five year old school children enrolled in all 11 public infant schools and infant departments in St. James parish. The distribution of 15,000 books started at the Montego Bay Infant School on August 30, putting smiles on the faces of around 500 children, parents and teachers. With the help of volunteers from Bryan's Book Store and volunteers from the community, 11 more distributions followed in the following days.

Said the principal at Cambridge Infant School describing the significance of the new textbooks in her job: "For the first time in the history of the school, when a teacher asks the class to open their books, EVERY child in the class will have a book to open."

The Palmyra Foundation is spearheaded by the inspiring Kathi Constanzo, wife of the President of the Palmyra Resort & Spa, Dennis Constanzo. Her contagious enthusiasm and passion for the children of Jamaica has been transmitted to everyone involved in the project. Says Constanzo, the Chairperson and driving force of the foundation: "I believe that every child has a success story to live, as long as they have the basic tools." Constanzo says that the immense satisfaction of experiencing first hand

The Palmyra Foundation, a non-profit organization, was officially launched with a touching ceremony at the grounds of The Palmyra Resort & Spa's Sales Center in Rose Hall, Montego Bay on 26 June 26, 2007.

The event was attended by 150 persons, including former Minister of Education Maxine Henry Wilson, the recently appointed Minister of Tourism Edmund Bartlett, as well as

that you can make a difference is only diminished by the heartache of not being able to help every single one. "We are starting by helping 2,000 children today. Tomorrow we will help many more. Our ultimate goal is to provide textbooks, uniforms and school lunches to all the 40,000 plus children in St. James parish."

The Foundation Chairperson commended its partners from the private sector who have generously participated to make this year's book distribution a reality. "With the help many sponsors such as Billy Craig Insurance, Deloitte and Touche, National Commercial Bank and Miami based SB Architects and the many volunteers who have contributed both time and money to the foundation, we were able to raise our target of JAS\$4.4 million. Additionally, The Palmyra Resort & Spa has generously absorbed all operational expenses."

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Book distribution at Catherine Hall Primary Infant Department
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Green Pond Infant School (Photo: Suki Kapahi)

Samara Daswani, Finance Committee Director & Kathi Constanzo Chairperson pose with the kids from Catherine Hall Primary Infant Department
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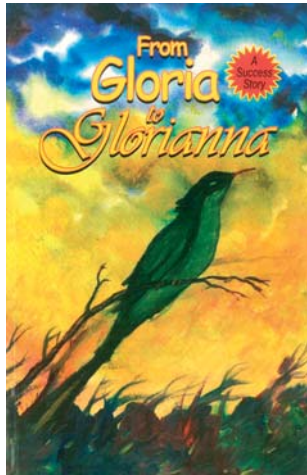
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FROM DONKEY CART TO MERCEDES

This hard working lady started her career selling oranges in the markets of Montego Bay, and has since turned into something of a local celebrity. Says Ms. Eugennie Minto; - "The journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step." Eugennie, more commonly known as Gloria, is a well known motivational speaker at schools all over the island, advising students to stay focused and think positive. "Many people think my ideas are crazy, but when I succeed in the end, the same people applaud me."



Cover of Gloria's Book

The island businesswoman has never been afraid of new ventures and took a big chance when she purchased a property to build her 75 room 'Hotel Glorianna' in 1992. States Gloria proudly. "I built the hotel from scratch with the help of my loyal Mas Alty." Gloria's efforts have paid off and the entrepreneurial lady has won several awards over the years, including the Trade Leaders Club Golden Trophy, an Award for Excellence in Hospitality, as well as a nomination for Jamaica Observer's Business Leader of the Year. "As always, I followed my instinct and went ahead with the hotel, despite what people said," says Gloria. "I am now operating a good, small hotel for the traveling people of the world and for my own Jamaicans."

Her book, 'From Gloria to Glorianna', is used as syllabus by The Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of the West Indies for the course 'Gender in Caribbean History and Political Thought'. In her book, Gloria describes her childhood as a naive country girl from the remote district of Coopershop, St. James, selling oranges in the Montego Bay market. As a young woman, Gloria's challenges included finding a balance between having several children, working and bearing the abuse of her cocky spouse. However, people who recognized her ambition encouraged her to purchase a bar, to which she later added a fabric store and a fashion design business. Experiencing several ups and downs, Gloria was swindled several times in her bid to succeed, but says that; "In the end, the rewards were worth the struggle."

Her next major step was the production of the movie 'Glory to Glorianna', directed by Lenny Little-White and cast with well recognized Jamaican actors including Carol Campbell as Gloria, Winston 'Bello' Bell and dancehall artiste Ce'cile. Says Gloria; "You will laugh and you will cry when you watch my movie." The movie starts and ends with the opening ceremony of Hotel Glorianna, which has become one of the leading budget hotels between Montego Bay airport and the Gloucester Avenue 'Hip Strip'.

Gloria, who religiously wears white since the day her father told her to follow the example of his striving friend Anna, has reached another step in her ambitious life. After her struggles, she has become a proud owner of a beachfront condominium.

Says Gloria; - "My father appeared to me in a dream and told me that I should aim to purchase a beachfront property." For years, she had been thinking about striking a deal for a piece of land. Then, she read about The Palmyra Resort & Spa in the Jamaica Tourist and decided to indulge in a luxury oceanfront community. She deserves it!



Cover of Gloria's Film

CONGRATULATIONS GLORIA!



Gloria & Mas Alty (Photo: Heidi Zech)

GREATEST REGGAE SHOW ON EARTH



Mr. Lover, Shaggy Reggae Sumfest 07 (Photo: Heidi Zech)

Sumfest in Jamaica is almost a season unto itself. This year marked the 15th anniversary and it seems Sumfest is only getting better. Each year is kicked off by a beach party followed by three nights of acts, and there are no signs of it losing its popularity or dying down. Sumfest graced Montego Bay once again from July 19 - 21 at the usual venue of Catherine Hall.

In celebration of the 15th anniversary, tributes were presented to Lloyd Parks & We The People Band and Fab 5 for their long standing contribution to the Jamaican music scene.

Thursday night, popularly known as Dancehall Night, this year was themed 'Xplosion', and it certainly did just that with top acts Beenie Man, Bounty Killa, Movado, Munga Honourable, Macka Diamond, Vybz Cartel, Baby Cham, Gyptian, Vegas, the queen of dancehall herself, Lady Saw and a host of other upcoming talents. The promoters say this was largest turnout in the history of the event.

Friday night was indeed an 'Evolution' with multi platinum and Grammy winner, 'Mr. Lover Lover' himself, Shaggy, performed hits like "Boombastic" and the crowd favorite "Heat".

Hip Hop legend, LL Cool J, has named his 10th release and latest album 'G.O.A.T- Greatest of All Time'; he had the ladies yearning for more with his mesmerizing performance. Then the Queen of Soca, Allison Hinds had the crowd moving and screaming for more with her hit "Roll It". Morgan Heritage and the "driver" himself Buju Banton gave the crowd their money's worth. Alaine, Da'ville, Cherine Anderson, Iley Dread, and Christopher Martin all gave soulful performances along with Chaka Demus & Pliers, Frankie Paul, Admiral Bailey, Gem Myers, Pluto Shervington and Ernie Smith with a tribute to Fab 5.



Hip Hop Legend LL Cool J Sumfest 07 (Photo: Heidi Zech)

The crowd erupted on Saturday night, with the awe-inspiring performance from R&B queen Mary J Blige. Taking the crowd back with "What's the 411" then through to today with hit singles like "Take Me As I am" and "Be Without You". Her performance was an emotional rollercoaster that saw her near to tears at the end.

Not to be outdone, was the ladies favorite Beres Hammond, who had the crowd screaming for more. Other dazzling performances came from Richie Spice, Tanya Stephens with her rendition of "These Streets" and Taurus Riley who delivered a hypnotic performance. Zenith night also saw the return of Tiger, Pinchers, Mighty Diamonds, Half Pint, and Leroy Sibbles with a tribute performance to Lloyd Parks & We The People Band. Other popular talents included Tessane Chin, Rootz Underground, Mackie Conscious and Bonafide, while popular entertainer Beenie Man was spotted among the crowd enjoying performances by his peers.

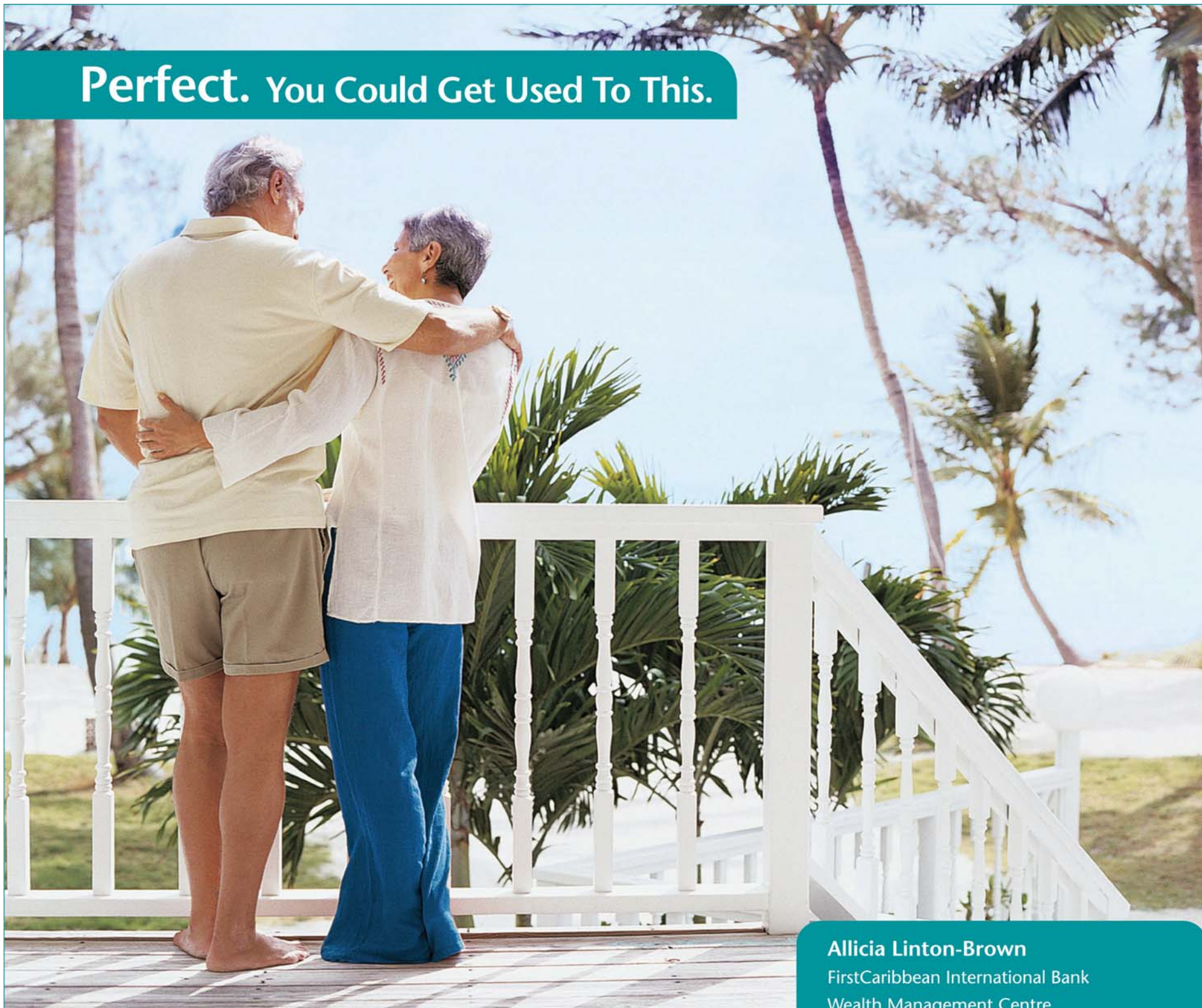
Sumfest has been enjoying unparalleled success for the past 15 years and this year was no different, judging from the stellar performances and the crowd reaction to them. The contribution that 'Red Stripe Reggae Sumfest' has made to the tourist and music industry has been unrivaled and the reggae industry has yet to see "the greatest reggae show on earth" outdone.

Beres Hammond had the ladies screaming for more at Red Stripe Reggae Sumfest 07 (Photo: Heidi Zech)

R & B Queen Mary J Blige Sumfest 07 (Photo: Heidi Zech)



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With a population of 2,76 million and 750,000 households, Jamaica's telecom infrastructure is relatively advanced by Caribbean standards and the island boasts one of the highest mobile penetration rates and internet usage in the region.

This is chiefly a result of the privatisation of Jamaica's telecom industry, which has led to an explosion of activity in a sector where enterprises are now clamouring for market share. Growing demand and increased availability of new technology, including fibre optic cables and wireless solutions, are expected to put further downward pressure on prices and drive sector growth.

Jamaica became one of the first Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries to liberalise its telecom industry. Starting in 2000 and ending with full liberalisation in March 2003, the sector attracted over US\$900 million in investments by private companies who have since revolutionised the country's telecom industry.

Mobile telephony, in particular, has experienced a remarkable boom since the market was opened to competition. Incumbent telecom provider C&W Jamaica launched the island's first mobile network in 1988 and remained the only licensed mobile operator until December 1999, when Cellular One Caribbean and Irish holding company Mossel (Digicel) won two new mobile licences auctioned as part of phase I of the government's liberalisation process. The licences were offered countrywide on the 800, 900, 1800, or 1900MHz bandwidth and stipulated that, within a five-year period, licensees must cover 90% of the country. Rapid growth continued as the operators extended their networks to meet licence requirements.



David Hall, CEO Digicel Jamaica (Photo: Digicel)

As a result, the proliferation of mobile phones in Jamaica has been remarkable. After paying US\$47 million for the licence to set up service in Jamaica, Digicel first launched GSM mobile services in Jamaica in 2001, something that must be considered a milestone for the country. Said David Hall, CEO of Digicel Jamaica: "When Digicel entered the market it brought "value" to the table and monopolistic prices became history. Digicel slashed all rates and introduced 'per second' billing when entering the market. In response to Digicel's rates, the major competitor has cut its calling rates by as much as 50% in some instances."

The entrepreneurial company has enjoyed spectacular growth in its subscriber base, borrowing billions of Jamaican dollars to build out its infrastructure and keep up with demand. With an initial 125 cell sites, the island's first GSM network offered coverage to more than 80% of the population. By early 2002, the number of mobile users had overtaken the number of fixed-line connections, and by April 2003, Digicel had achieved island-wide coverage with more than 460 cell sites.

Said David Hall; "Digicel offers a simple and convenient alternative to a residential landline, which combines the features of a mobile and a landline. This has offered a welcome solution to numerous communities across the island, previously unable to access landline services. Scores of small entrepreneurs claim to owe their success to their Digicel phone, especially in areas where landlines were non-existent and there were previously no mobile signals. Many taxi operators, farmers, plumbers, hairdressers and vendors have commented on how their lives have changed positively because of their Digicel phone"

There is no question that Digicel's success can be attributed to their creativity in adapting their products to the local market needs. Low income subscribers can rely on incoming calls to keep their subscriptions active through the CPP charging scheme (Calling Party Pays), used by over 90% of local mobile customers. Jamaicans living overseas can also add credit to their friends and family's Digicel phones back home from the UK, USA and Cayman through CaribFLEX.

Other innovative Digicel products include Dual Accounts, a service which allows Digicel post-paid customers to have two types of accounts on the same phone, loyalty incentives such as monthly free JS100 credit when topping-up credit the first time each month and unlimited VIP services for business customers with the latest in wireless technology. In 2006, the company also became the first mobile provider to offer all live, all local TV programming through the Digicel Mobile TV Service in 2006. Said Hall; "Digicel is renowned for competitive rates, unbeatable coverage, superior customer care, a wide variety of products and services, and state-of-the-

art handsets, which did not exist before entry into the market."

Following its 2001 success in Jamaica, Digicel has proceeded to launch mobile networks across the Caribbean region, soon becoming the region's fastest growing mobile operator. Additionally, Digicel has recently announced a partnership with Vodafone to offer new roaming capabilities across its regional markets. For the 2006 financial year, the wider Digicel Group reported record growth, and as of today, the company accounts for a total investment in the Caribbean region exceeding US\$1.9 billion, operations in 22 markets and more than 5.2 million customers, representing subscriber growth in excess of 100%. Digicel Jamaica accounts for more than 1.8 million subscribers.

Fibralink is another pioneering telecom company making its mark in Jamaica. After being granted a license to build and operate a submarine fibre-optic network linking the island with North America and the rest of the world, the company is another introducing new and innovative telecom solutions to the local market. Fibralink's owner; Columbus Communications, is a 95% proprietor of the 109,000 km of ARCOS submarine fibre circling the Caribbean that was originally constructed for \$450 million in 2001. The group provides telecommunications solutions to 21 Caribbean countries, managed 7/24 from monitoring centres in Miami and Curacao.

At a capital investment of US\$45 million, Fibralink completed a 1,000 km submarine fibre system linking Jamaica with USA, Central America, South America and the rest of the Caribbean in March 2006 and the company is currently building a second submarine fibre-optic link to Jamaica, scheduled to be in service in the second quarter of 2008. Said Richard W. Pardy, Director and Chief Executive Officer of Flow; "By bringing a brand new fibre systems to Jamaica we have opened up huge opportunities for data centres, call centres and web hosting facilities."



Richard W. Pardy, Director and CEO of Flow (Photo: Flow)

Under the local brand name Flow, the group invested US\$58 million in Jamaican infrastructure last year to provide voice, video and data services to the local population. In addition to three cable stations and one telecommunication hub in Jamaica, Fibralink has completed the roll-out of one undersea fibreoptic cable that links Ocho Rios to Montego Bay, as well as constructed a fibreoptic link across the mountains, linking Kingston to Ocho Rios.

Marketed with slogan 'Watch, Talk, Click', Flow offers ultra highblazing speed Internet, telephone service, digital cable TV with 250 channels, pay TV and video on demand to both business and residential customers, accessing residential homes through a pole attachment agreement with local power provider JPS. (Jamaica Public Services)

With the number of Jamaicans accessing the Internet escalating monthly, island internet use has grown from less than 3% to over 43% in the last six years and the current number of internet users is estimated to be 1.2m. At the end of 2006, household penetration was amongst the highest in the region at over 25% or 202,500 residential households, out of an overall internet penetration of approximately 40%.

In a 2006 survey commissioned by the The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR), the majority of Jamaican households still use dial-up connections (54%), DSL broadband (26%), wireless (17%) and finally cable modem (3%). In comparison, the survey found that the majority of business connections were via DSL (48%), followed by dial-up (36%), wireless (10%) and cable modem (6%).

With continually increasing demand, Jamaica's broadband market is exhibiting signs of solid growth and competition for future market share is heating up. According to industry observers, the number of broadband subscribers has increased from 4,000 in 2004, to 23,500 in 2005 and approximately 100,000 in 2006. The most forward thinking companies are investing heavily in broadband infrastructure to enable the launch of new products and services ahead of the competition.

As an example, 85% of Flow's 2006 infrastructure investments have been pored into the development of the company's broadband network on the island, which will provide a minimum of 38 megabytes per second to every house in the country.

Digicel, who was awarded a licence to offer broadband services in the 3.5Ghz band in 2006, is investing JS2 billion dollars to upgrade its network and facilitate the rolling out of WiMAX wireless broadband. The company intends to erect a WiMAX wireless antenna on its existing cellular masts, which covers around 98% of the island. Said Digicel CEO David Hall; "We are looking at the latest technology and aim to bring Wimax to Jamaica. . . the world is becoming wireless and Jamaica should be at the forefront!"



In response, the country's dominant broadband provider C&WJ has commenced a J\$200 million upgrade to its ADSL network to improve reliability and bandwidth. The company, which for years enjoyed a monopoly status on the island, has been unable to stem the decline in landline revenues due to switching from fixed lines to mobile phones and wireless services.

Although C&W reported a 180% increase in broadband revenues in 2006, the telegiant has been marred by frequent departures in its management tier, and the company has experienced a hard time adapting to the new market conditions. In a bid to change its fortune, C&WJ has recently hired Australian Phillip Green to consolidate its operation and strengthen the firm's weakening position in the market place. According to Green, who took up his position as CEO in September 2007, the company aims to focus on excellent customer service, servicing the needs of small and medium sized enterprises and repositioning the brand image of Cable & Wireless Jamaica. "We have to make this company a true full-service provider of choice", said Green.

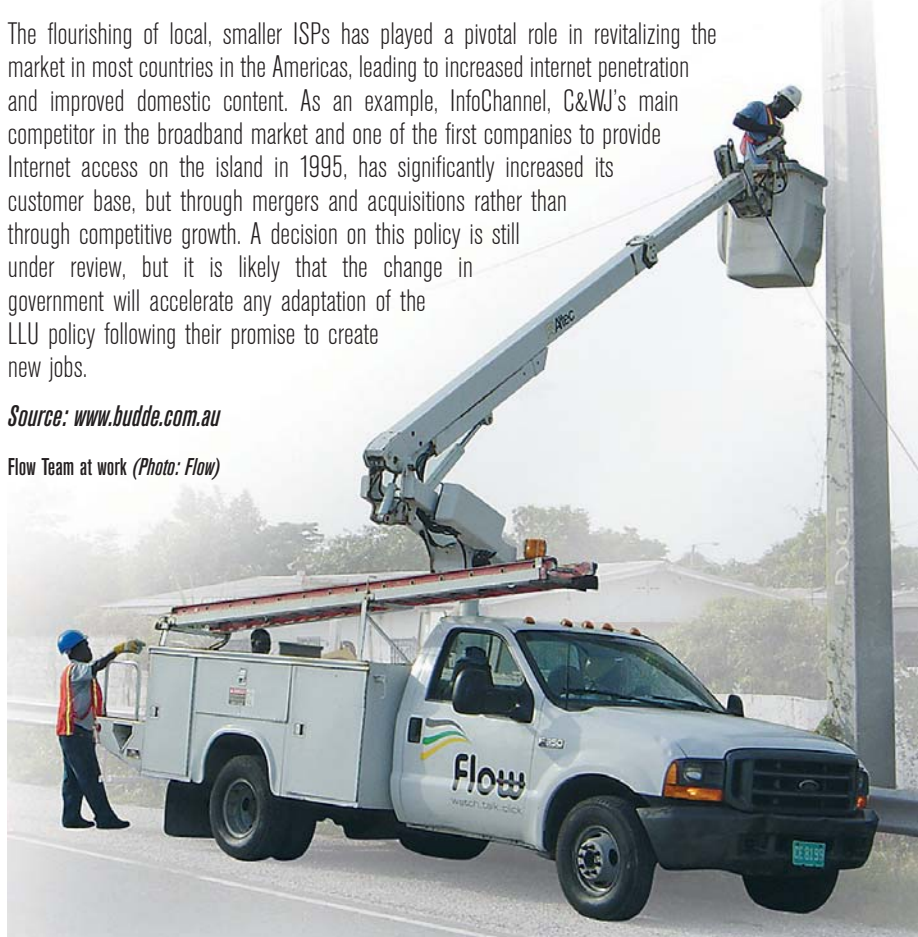
To ensure the continued growth and fair competition in the sector and stimulate the provision of broadband access services, the government has been under strong pressure from industry operators to implement a Local Loop Unbundling (LLU) for Cable & Wireless Jamaica. LLU enables other service providers to access a customer's line in order to offer broadband products in competition with incumbent C&W, thus stimulating the growth of smaller ISP's who cannot compete without purchasing unbundled network elements from the dominant network operator.

Said Flow CEO Richard Pardy; "Given the slow regulatory response to network unbundling and other critical components of network infrastructure, Flow simply could not take the risk of waiting for the C&W to provide access to its network. Our strategy is to build a network completely independent of the incumbent monopoly operator; that way our destiny is in our own hands and not that of our competitor and a bureaucratic regulator".

The flourishing of local, smaller ISPs has played a pivotal role in revitalizing the market in most countries in the Americas, leading to increased internet penetration and improved domestic content. As an example, InfoChannel, C&WJ's main competitor in the broadband market and one of the first companies to provide Internet access on the island in 1995, has significantly increased its customer base, but through mergers and acquisitions rather than through competitive growth. A decision on this policy is still under review, but it is likely that the change in government will accelerate any adaptation of the LLU policy following their promise to create new jobs.

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Flow Team at work (Photo: Flow)



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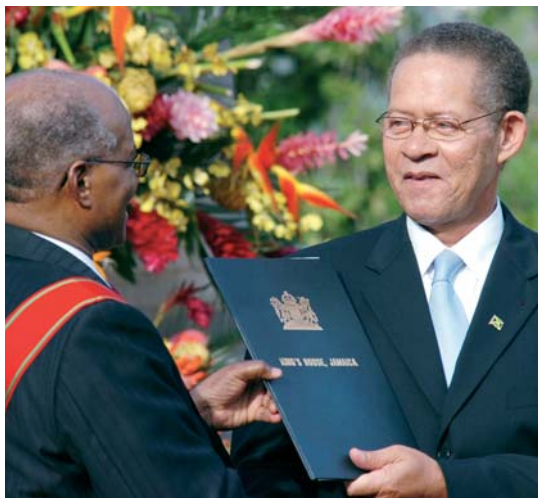
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NEW PRIME MINISTER OFFERS MAJOR CHANGE

More than 10,000 people witnessed the swearing-in ceremony of the nation's new government chief, The Honourable Prime Minister Orette Bruce Golding, leader of the Jamaica Labor Party (JLP), who was sworn in by Governor-General Professor Kenneth Hall on the lawns of King's House on September 11th, 2007.



Jamaica's eighth Prime Minister is sworn in by Governor General Professor Kenneth Hall on the lawns of King's House on September 11th, 2007. (Photo: © The Gleaner Company Ltd 2007)

A new chapter began in the country's history as Jamaica's eighth Prime Minister and his wife Lorna descended the steps at the historic King's House, to the tones of Bob Marley's 'Coming In From the Cold', a fitting song for the man whose 18 years in opposition had just ended. Pledging to "do what, in my best judgment, is right for Jamaica," Mr. Golding was sworn-in as the country's leader by Governor-General Professor Kenneth Hall, in front of a cheering crowd.

Following the swearing-in ceremony, the The Honourable Prime Minister Golding addresses the many supporters and dignitaries who had come to witness the historic moment. A brilliant orator, Mr.

Golding's inaugural speech was flavored with his usual, passionate rhetoric, but the new PM did not ignore the social and economic problems facing his new government. Inviting out-going PM Portia Simpson Miller to join hands with him to build a nation that was strong, just, peaceful and prosperous, Mr. Golding said; "Let's talk about Jamaica. Let's talk about a dream that I believe we share for Jamaica whose people are at peace with each other, where equality and justice reign supreme."

Calling himself a "chief servant of the people" the new PM vowed to construct a social and economic ladder to enable the poor and ignored to climb their way out of poverty. Mr. Golding promised immediate action in the form of a number of initiatives to reduce crime, protect people's rights, create an educated and productive workforce, attract investments that create jobs, as well as eliminate unnecessary government bureaucracy and waste. The Prime Minister also reiterated his government's firm commitment to fulfill its campaign promise to abolish tuition fees up to secondary schools and hospital fees starting next April. Furthermore, the PM gave his assurance that Jamaica would remain firmly committed to it's Caribbean Community partners (CARICOM).



Prime Minister Golding and his wife Lorna have been married for 32 years and are the proud parents of three children; Steven, Sherene and Ann-Merita. (Photo: © The Gleaner Company Ltd 2007)

On assuming the mantle of the Prime Ministers office, Mr. Golding said to the crown of spectators; "The task before me is enormous. But the Lord is the strength of my life. Of nothing shall I be afraid."

Born in Clarendon on December 5, 1947, Mr. Golding is the third of four children to Tacius and Enid Golding, both schoolteachers. A second generation politician and member of the JLP, Mr. Golding has enjoyed a long and illustrious career in politics, beginning in 1969, when he was selected by the JLP as their candidate for Western St Catherine at only 21 years of age. After winning the seat three years later, at age 24, Mr. Golding became the youngest person ever in Jamaica's history to be elected to Parliament, a record that still stands.

In 1977, he was appointed to the Senate. In 1980, he was appointed Minister of Construction in the cabinet of the Most Honorable Prime Minister Edward Seaga, a position he held for nine years. Leaving the JLP in 1995 to found the National Democratic Movement, serving as its first President, Mr. Golding made a highly publicized return to the Jamaica Labor Party in 2002. Following the retirement of Edward Seaga in 2005, Mr. Golding was elected leader of the JLP, Member of Parliament for West Kingston and appointed Leader of the Opposition.

The 59 year old labor Prime Minister took office as the country's leader following the closest ballot in the country's history, ending eighteen years of unbroken rule by the People's National Party (PNP), considered to be more to the left.

On the inspiration of his political hero Nelson Mandela, Mr. Golding has said: "We are a very polarised country, politically, and this has been the bane of some of the problems we have had. Nelson Mandela demonstrated in a country that was so fractured and polarised how you could build around a set of national objectives; I think he's a tremendous example to the world."

GENERAL ELECTION OBSERVED BY OAS



A host of dignitaries attended the ceremony including (L-R) former Prime Minister The Honourable Portia Simpson-Miller, former Governor General Sir Howard Cooke, former Prime Minister The Honourable P.J. Patterson & Mitzy Seaga sitting beside her husband and former Prime Minister, The Honourable Edward Seaga. (Photo: © The Gleaner Company Ltd 2007)

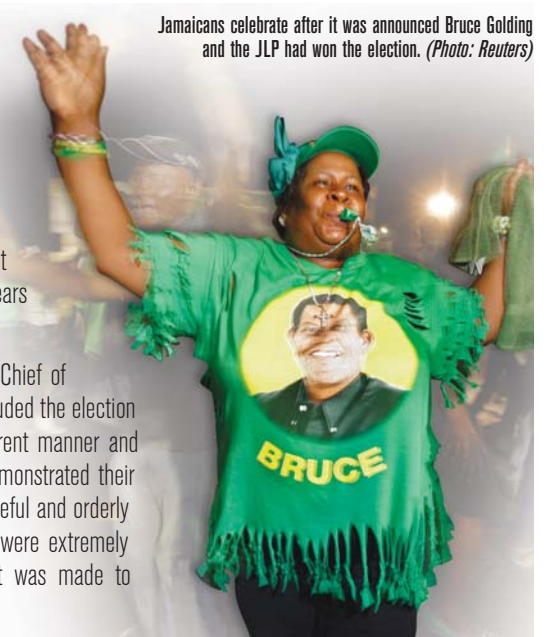
The Jamaican election process was independently observed by the Electoral Observation Mission of the Washington based Organization of American States (OAS), whose 38 member team was deployed to 53 of the 60 constituencies throughout the country, to witness the electoral preparations, opening and closing of poll voting, and counting of ballots firsthand.

A razor edge voting rivalry to the end, preliminary results indicated a slim victory for the opposition JLP labor party in the September 3rd general elections, in which ballots were cast by 808,240 islanders, or about 60 percent of the roughly 1.3 million eligible voters. Following official recounts, the labor party's lead grew by an additional two seats, resulting in a final vote that awarded the JLP 33 of the 60 parliamentary seats, against PNP's 27.

405,965 constituents (50.23%) cast their vote for Mr. Golding and his green clad JLP supporters, who campaigned under the slogan "Jamaica needs a change now!" in a crusade that effectively ended a streak of four consecutive election victories for its political opponent.

A total of 402,275 voters (49.77%) cast their ballot in favor outgoing Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller from the PNP, who lost her bid for a second term as the country's leader by a mere 2,940 votes. Jamaica's first female PM was chosen by party delegates for her post in March 2006 when her predecessor, The Most Honourable P.J. Patterson, retired after 14 years as the helm of the country.

Assistant Secretary General of the OAS and Chief of the Electoral Mission, Mr. Albert R. Ramdin, lauded the election for being held in a professional and transparent manner and congratulated the people of Jamaica who demonstrated their commitment to democracy through their peaceful and orderly participation. Said Ramdin; "These elections were extremely well organized, transparent and every effort was made to promote the participation of all citizens."



Jamaicans celebrate after it was announced Bruce Golding and the JLP had won the election. (Photo: Reuters)

PRIME MINISTER TO HOST PALMYRA FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

Prime Minister Bruce Golding will officially host the Palmyra Foundation fundraiser set for December 8, at the newly opened Shoppes at Rose Hall, Montego Bay. Promising to be the social event of the season, Mr. Golding will deliver the main address at the Foundation's event, from which all the proceeds will go towards the purchase of textbooks and school supplies for infant and primary school children in the parish of St James.



Kathi Conzano, Palmyra Foundation Chairperson with The Honourable Prime Minister Bruce Golding, who will be the keynote speaker at the Foundation's December 8 fundraiser

The Prime Minister has agreed to support the Foundation's effort in keeping with his own commitment of ensuring better educational opportunities for all Jamaicans. Promising to be the social event of the season, the event will be a combination of top rate entertainment and gastronomic delights from around the world. Climaxing with an auction loaded with desirable items, people may bid on; 5-nights at The Palmyra's sister property Castello del Nero, in Tuscany, Italy; 5-nights at the soon to be open Palmyra Resort & Spa; a range of luxury goods from the shop owners at the duty free Shoppes at Rose Hall and much, much more. Sponsored by the Palmyra Resort & Spa at Rose Hall, Montego Bay, who underwrites all the Palmyra Foundation's expenses, all proceeds from the auction, sale of items throughout the day and sponsorships, will go towards the purchase of textbooks and school supplies for infant and primary school children throughout the parish of St James.

The members of the Palmyra Foundation are excited about the upcoming December 8 auction and fundraiser. Notes Chairperson of the Foundation, Kathi Conzano; "We are blessed to have the Prime Minister speak at this event that ties in so closely with his own commitment to the education of the Jamaican people. The

Foundation's goals and objectives are in keeping with Prime Minister Golding's promise to work diligently to use education to change the future of Jamaica." Adds Kathi Conzano; "We join hands with Prime Minister Golding and the people of Jamaica in investing in the young people of this country as we play our role in both the economic and human development of Jamaica."

JOIN US AT THE DECEMBER 8 FUNDRAISER!

Join us for the Palmyra Foundation fundraiser on December 8th, hosted by The Honourable Prime Minister Bruce Golding. The event will be featuring some of Montego Bay's top entertainers. For tickets or information on sponsorship, email info@thepalmyrafoundation.com or call Kathi Conzano or Samara Daswani on tel. **953-9787**.



Children from Providence Height Infant School with their new books. (Photo: Suki Kapahi)



Kathi Conzano delivering books at Providence Height Infant School. (Photo: Suki Kapahi)

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THE PALMYRA RESORT & SPA ANNOUNCES MEMBERSHIP TO THE LEADING HOTELS OF THE WORLD

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Set to open its doors in the autumn of 2008, the island's premier real estate development is tempting second home buyers with amenities that include a world class signature spa, four bar & restaurants and three championship golf courses. Adding clout to the offer, The Palmyra Resort & Spa has recently announced its membership to premier hospitality organization The Leading Hotels of the World.

Located on 16 acres of pristine oceanfront next to the famed Ritz-Carlton®, Rose Hall, The Palmyra Resort & Spa offers luxury island style resort living with private butlers at real estate prices far below those of other Caribbean islands. The ultra-luxurious second home getaway has played a major role in the real estate renaissance that is taking place along the northern 'Gold Coast' of Jamaica, and buyers are lining up to get their very own slice of tropical paradise.

Designed by Miami-based SB Architects, the private sanctuary is breaking new ground in resort creation by incorporating the latest in modern conveniences with the natural beauty of its location. With fully furnished condos, penthouses and villas within the confines of its private tropical village, second home owners can purchase a piece of paradise for their personal enjoyment and enjoy the benefits of rental management when not in residence, options that are becoming even more attractive with the resort's membership to The Leading Hotels of the World.



One of two swimming pools at The Palmyra's private sanctuary (Artist Rendering)

The high quality of the resort and its amenities were key reasons The Palmyra Resort & Spa was accepted as members of the prestigious hospitality organization, which represents the world's finest hotels and resorts. Says Dennis Constanzo, President of The Palmyra Resort & Spa: "We are absolutely delighted to be affiliated with The Leading Hotels of the World." States Constanzo; "From the start, our ultimate goal was always to create a 5-star retreat rivaling the world's best hotels in every aspect and put Rose Hall on the map as a true luxury destination. Our membership to The Leading Hotels of the Worlds, confirms that we have been successful in our mission."

With more than 430 members in 80 countries, The Leading Hotels of the World, Ltd. offers the largest global brand of luxury hotels, resorts and spas – from grand palaces, to intimate city hideaways, from luxury tent enclaves to expansive self-contained resorts and private island retreats. Said Paul M. McManus, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Leading Hotels of the World, Ltd; "Our guests are looking for unobtrusive delivery and great service. They are too smart, too sophisticated, too successful to settle for anything less. Our track record proves we consistently meet – and often exceed – their highest expectations."

THE PALMYRA ESPA

The Palmyra boasts the added luxury of Jamaica's first destination spa, designed by global spa guru Susan Harmsworth, CEO and Founder of spa company ESPA. Organized around a beautiful garden courtyard with private outdoor areas for treatment and relaxation, terraces, water gardens and connected courtyards, The Palmyra ESPA offers the latest in spa experiences and holistic treatments performed by European trained therapists. The spectacular 30,000 sqft. sanctuary comprises 16 treatment rooms, 2 VIP suites, aromatic Caldarium and Laconium steam rooms, portico covered vitality pools with ocean views, lifestyle showers and ice fountains areas for the ultimate in relaxation.

PALM TREE LINED BEACH AND SWIMMING POOLS

Two swimming pools overlook the sea, swimming cove and private white sand beach where guests can enjoy lounging on Bali beds under the palm trees with a tropical drink. More than US\$3 million is being invested in the creation of a magnificent white sand beach along The Palmyra's oceanfront, giving residents the luxury of a swimming beach with the powder white sand and calm, turquoise waters. Butterfly fish, Angelfish, Parrotfish and Doctorfish are only some of the tropical species that inhabit the sea in front of The Palmyra, where water sports include snorkeling, windsurfing, kayaking and more. Beach concierge as well as bar & snack service will be available at the beach.

FOUR RESTAURANTS

Residents may choose from four on-site restaurants. The Palmyra's gourmet al fresco restaurant and nightclub, Hemingway's Hideaway, will prepare nightly savory Caribbean & Cuban cuisine paired with fine wines, while Sugar & Spice will serve a la carte breakfast, lunch and dinner favorites. Additionally, two poolside Beach Bar-Restaurants will provide residents and guests casual fare and drinks. Pre-dinner drinks and signature Cosmopolitan Martinis can be enjoyed at The Bango Bango bar, located at the resorts Colonial Clubhouse. Personal Butlers and Chefs are available for private parties, or residents can order in-room dining 24 hours. Special food and drink requests may be delivered prior to a resident's arrival.



Aerial shot of The Palmyra and coast line (Photo: Heidi Zech)

AMENITIES

World class amenities include state-of-the-art fitness center, business center, gourmet food shop, 11,000 sq. ft. of divisible ballroom and meeting space with WI-FI, strategically located in Palmyra's Colonial Club House. Services include Personal Concierges, on hand to help fulfill all residents' needs whether it is arranging activities, transportation, restaurant reservations, tee times or babysitters or participation in the Children's Club. A beachfront events area and a romantic seaside wedding gazebo are available for special events.

THREE ACCLAIMED GOLF COURSES



View of The Palmyra from the Half Moon Golf Course (Photo: Heidi Zech)

Residents enjoy preferred access to three excellent championship golf courses, all within a one mile radius of The Palmyra;- the White Witch, Half Moon and Cinnamon Hill. Through The Palmyra's membership in the Rose Hall Golf Association, residents can enjoy preferred privileges, tee times and rates.

REAL ESTATE OFFER

The Palmyra provides a unique real estate opportunity to purchase a fully furnished second home. The project consists of three direct oceanfront towers with 288 residences built along the beachfront promenade, ranging from studios, one-, two- and three-bedroom condominium apartments to penthouses and stand alone villas. Says Debra Derrick, Director of Sales for The Palmyra Resort & Spa; "People are rediscovering the island, particularly because it is so easy to get to from most major US cities. The introduction of attractive mortgage financing to foreigners has also played a vital role in the real estate renaissance we are experiencing, as foreigners wishing to purchase real estate in Jamaica now can get an International Mortgage from First Caribbean National Bank."

While exteriors are built in the timeless, grand tradition of British Colonial architecture, the inspiration for the residences interior décor have been taken from the natural palette of adjoining shores, ocean, mountains and greens. Generous balconies and open framed roof areas extend the living space outside, allowing Palmyra's residents to fully enjoy the wonderful climate. Fully furnished and beautifully decorated, residences enjoy the latest in connectivity, including premium cable TV and high speed internet access.

Selected to Travel + Leisure's 2007 Top Ten list of the 100 most exciting real estate developments in the world, The Palmyra is the recipient of the 2007 CNBC International Property Award for Best Caribbean Development. Says Derrick; "The exceptional combination of weather, beauty, location, amenities and culture has The Palmyra, Rose Hall poised to become a top second-home destination for years to come."

Only 15 minutes from the brand new M.J. Sangster International Airport, and it's own private jet center, Derrick states that the convenient location is another key factor for people. "Remember, a trip to Jamaica is not complete without a visit to The Palmyra. We invite you to come and visit us while you are on the island."



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THE PALMYRA RESORT & SPA TRIUMPHS IN WORLD'S LARGEST PROPERTY COMPETITION



More than 500 professionals from 56 different countries around the globe gathered at London's Grosvenor Square for the 2007 CNBC International Property Awards Gala Dinner on September 14th.

The Palmyra Resort & Spa took home two awards for **Best Caribbean Development** and **Best Property Marketing** at the awards, which distinguish the highest levels of achievement in the global real estate industry. Award winners are selected by an expert panel of highly respected judges, handpicked for their expertise in a variety of disciplines relating to the design, development and marketing of property. The panel was Chaired by Eric Pickles, Minister of Parliament (MP), British Shadow Secretary of State.

The CNBC International Property Awards are supported by five media partners and no less than nine professional bodies, their aim being to identify the very best in the residential property market. Winners earn the right to display the CNBC

International Property Awards logo, a recognized symbol of excellence, on their marketing materials, helping discerning property buyers get an independent review of the properties they seek to buy. Commented Frank Perolli, Director of Marketing at The Palmyra Resort & Spa; "Our two CNBC International Property Awards gives The Palmyra Resort & Spa the independent stamp of approval that property buyers are looking for."

One of the six highest scorers of all the entries worldwide in the category of **Best Property Marketing**, the Palmyra is also nominated for the global title of **Best International Property Marketing**. Said Stuart Shield, founder and MD of the CNBC International Property Awards;- "The Palmyra Resort & Spa has been nominated for one of the top awards in this competition, and I would like to extend my personal congratulations on reaching this level of achievement." Held at the famous Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas on November 16th, The Palmyra will compete against five other nominees for the title of best global marketer.

The Palmyra Marketing team, nominated for Best Property Marketing in the world by the CNBC International Property Awards. Frank Perolli, Director of Marketing, Heidi Zech, Marketing Administrator, Latoya Foster, Marketing Associate and Ragni Trotta, Vice President of Marketing.



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AKBAR AND THAI GARDENS

Location: Half Moon Shopping Village

CUISINE: INDIAN & THAI

If you are in the mood for Asian food, we recommend a visit to Akbar & Thai Gardens. Located in the Half Moon Shopping Village, both an Indian and a Thai menu are available. Akbar's Indian dishes are prepared by expert chefs Singh and Rana and include appetizing Tandoori breads and meats, Kebabs and Masala dishes. Native Thai chefs Ma and Natoo, serve up equally delicious Thai cuisine such as Lobster Phad Ka Prao, Thai Curry and Khao Phad

Khao. In addition, the very friendly service team ensures a great dining experience for all.

Open daily from 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm for lunch and 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm for dinner. Complimentary shuttle service. Tel: **953-8240**

THE HOUSEBOAT GRILL

Location: Freeport

CUISINE: INTERNATIONAL

For a romantic dinner on the water, the Houseboat Grill continues to be another favorite choice. Moored in the calm waters of the Montego Bay Marine Park Fish Sanctuary, the Houseboat offers a unique setting for an intimate, one of a kind, dining experience. You can even choose your own lobster from a glass covered lobster trap in the deck! Enjoy dinner downstairs in the cozy dining room or on the upper deck. High heels are not recommended as the only way to visit the Houseboat is on a little tow-ferry that brings you across. We highly recommend a visit to this unique restaurant. The food is excellent, the atmosphere magnificent, the service great - everything you need for a perfect evening out.

Open 7 nights a week: 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Tel: **979-8845**



WINE WITH ME

Location: Altamont Court West Hotel, Gloucester Avenue

CUISINE: INTERNATIONAL

Wine with Me is the latest and most stylish addition the Montego Bay fine dining arenas. Owned and operated by Cecile Levee, the restaurant offers an extensive wine selection and outstanding menu complemented by friendly service.

Open 6:00 pm until late. Closed Mondays.

Tel: **952-9087**

DAY-O PLANTATION RESTAURANT & BAR

Location: Fairfield Montego Bay

CUISINE: JAMAICAN & INTERNATIONAL

Operated by well known Jamaican Musician, Paul Hurlock and his wife Jennifer, Day-O Plantation Restaurant offers an elegant setting with a touch of Old World Plantation atmosphere. Enjoy cocktails at the bar lounge followed by exceptionally delectable Jamaican & international dishes cooked to perfection and served in verandah style dining area or poolside. While you dine, host Paul Hurlock serenades with live music to complement the mood. Free shuttle service available.

Open Tuesdays to Sundays 12.30 pm to 10.30 pm. Tel: **952-1825**, website: www.dayorestaurant.com



SUGAR MILL RESTAURANT

Location: Half Moon Golf Course, Rose Hall

CUISINE: JAMAICAN & INTERNATIONAL

For romantic terrace dining at its best, try the Sugarmill. Guests can enjoy live music by a local duo while dining indoor or outdoor on the patio. The kebab of lobster, meat and fish is a favorite, as is the lobster and the tenderloin. A minivan can be sent to most area hotels to pick you up.

Open daily: 7:00 pm -10:00 pm. Tel: **953-2314**

DRAGON COURT RESTAURANT

Location: Fairfield Shopping Center

CUISINE: CHINESE

Serving authentic Chinese cuisine daily; open for lunch and dinner. Lunch is served between 11:30 am & 6:00 pm; delivery service is available for lunch. Dinner is served from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Tel **979-8822 / 8823 / 8824**

MARGUERITES SEAFOOD BY THE SEA

Location: Gloucester Avenue

CUISINE: CARIBBEAN SEAFOOD

Marguerites is known as the top seafood restaurant on the north coast. Originally built in the fifties and formerly owned by a succession of expatriates, including a US senator, this elegant and sophisticated water edge bistro, specializes in fresh, creatively prepared seafood. Enjoy a romantic and intimate dinner served on the oceanfront terrace by attentive staff, while you watch the fish swim in the turquoise ocean below. Caribbean seafood specialties include Cognac Lobster, Pimento Smoked Blue Marlin and Tijuana Shrimp. Flambé specialties are prepared at your table.

Open for dinner only. Complimentary shuttle service is provided in the Montego Bay area. Reservations are recommended. Tel. **952-4277**



ELEGANT NIGHTS OUT IN MONTEGO BAY:



MA LOU'S GOURMET SHACK

Location: Coral Cliff, Gloucester Avenue

CUISINE: CARIBBEAN

Treats your taste buds to an array of fine Caribbean cuisine that captures the essence of the region. Tel: **952-4130**

THE VINEYARD

Location: Coyaba Beach Resort

CUISINE: CARIBBEAN & CONTINENTAL

Local gourmets swear by the Vineyard, where you can choose from a unique Caribbean-Continental menu in great atmosphere backed by live music. Tel. **953-9150**

THE NATIVE

Location: 29 Gloucester Avenue

CUISINE: JAMAICAN & INTERNATIONAL

Beautiful view of the bay; open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Live music Tuesday thru Saturday Dinner is served from 5:30 pm onwards and reservations are recommended. Free dinner shuttle service available.

Tel: **979-2769** or **940-4390**

TOWN HOUSE RESTAURANT

Location: Gloucester Avenue

CUISINE: JAMAICAN & SEAFOOD

Once located in a historic Tavern dated back to 1765, the Townhouse Restaurant does carry on the legacy at its prime waterfront location on the Hip Strip. Renowned for its delicious offerings as well as its ambience in outstanding indoor and outdoor setting. Tel. **952-2660**

JASMINES

Location: Ritz-Carlton Golf & Spa Resort

CUISINE: JAMAICAN & ASIAN FUSION

The Ritz-Carlton's signature restaurant features Jamaican & Asian fusion. Featured on Conde Nast Traveler Top 100 New Restaurants Hot List. Closed Sundays. Tel: **953-2800**

OCHO RIOS



THE RUINS AT THE FALLS

Location: 17 DaCosta Drive
CUISINE: FUSION

One of the most romantic spots on the island, dinner at The Ruins is an experience that will leave a lasting impression. Enjoy the spectacular view of a 40 feet cascading waterfall, while dining to the backdrop of soft music and gracious service. The menu features a healthy mixture of Jamaican, Chinese and international cuisine, blending the finest ingredients with spices and herbs.

The Ruins is open daily from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm for lunch and from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm for dinner.
Tel: 974-8888. Website: www.ruinsjamaica.com

ELEGANT NIGHTS OUT IN OCHO RIOS

EVITA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Location: Eden Bower Rd.
CUISINE: ITALIAN

Dine al-fresco on fabulous homemade pasta and other fusion specials. A favorite celebrity hangout where host Eva enjoys making sure that her patrons eat well and have a good time.

Tel. 974-2333

TOSCANINI

Location: Harmony Hall
CUISINE: ITALIAN

With homemade Italian pastas, fine wine and a beautiful environment, this restaurant is perfect for an extended lunch or a romantic dinner. Located 2 miles east of Ocho Rios.

Tel: 975-4785

ELEGANT NIGHTS OUT IN NEGRIL

NORMA'S ON THE BEACH

Location: Sea Splash Hotel, Norman Manley Blvd.
CUISINE: NEW WORLD CARIBBEAN



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Tel: 957-4041

THE ROCKHOUSE RESTAURANT

Location: West End
CUISINE: MODERN CLASSIC JAMAICAN

Jamaican cuisine is a complex mix of all the cultures that have come to her shores. The Rockhouse Restaurant creates "new Jamaican cuisine", a lighter, modern interpretation of classic Jamaican cooking designed to enhance your island experience. Tel: 957-4373

KUYABA ON THE BEACH

Location: Norman Manley Blvd.

...if fine food is an art, prepare to witness a renaissance. The setting is about as rustic, laid-back, and funky as you'll find and a great choice for a romantic dinner. Tel. 957-4318

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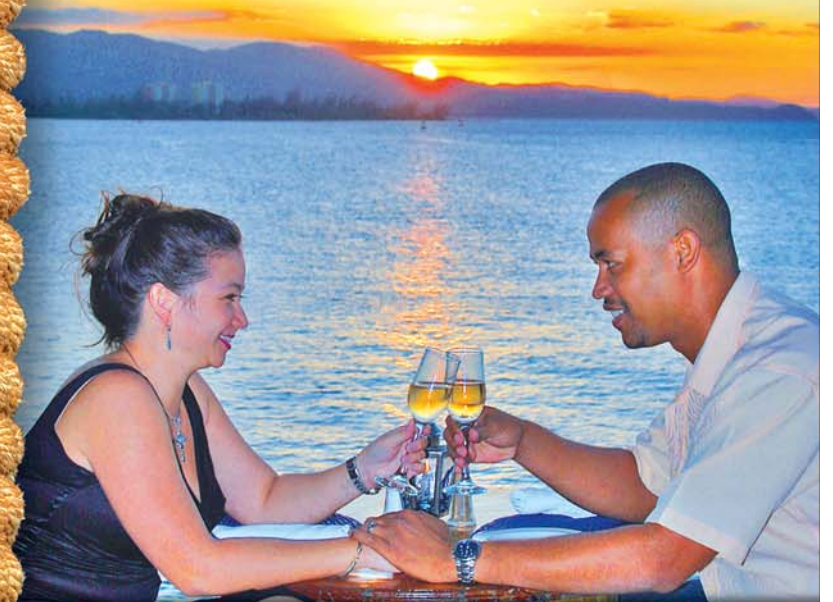
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PIER 1 SEAFOOD RESTAURANT & BAR

Location: Howard Cooke Blvd

One of Montego Bay's hot spots boasting a stunning view of the bay's turquoise water and the Cruise Shipping Pier. Famous for outstanding seafood but also tasty chicken dishes, steaks and burgers. Highly recommended for the entire family is Pier 1's 'Seafood Sundays from 5:00 to 11:00 pm. Select fresh seafood from the open air market, and have your 'catch' cooked to order. Join the 'Happy Hour', every weekday from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Great music and cool vibes. Complimentary dinner pick ups from most area hotels. Lunch: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Dinner 4:00 pm - midnight. Call 952-2452 or visit www.pieronejamaica.com.



JERKY'S BAR & GRILL

Location: Alice Eldemire Drive

Not 'Just another Jerk Hut'. Jerky's is a unique addition to the Montego Bay area and the perfect spot for casual dining.

Enjoy elevated service and décor while the vibes and the taste remain authentic. There is no other way to spend an afternoon enjoying spicy jerk chicken and pork, conch, foil roasted fish, soup and cooling by the bar with you favorite drink. Stop by Jerky's "the best jerk in town". Open Sundays to Thursdays from 11:00 am - 11:00 pm and Fridays & Saturdays 11:00 am - 1:00 am. Call 684-9101 / 9102

CASUAL DINING IN MONTEGO BAY:

SCOTCHIE'S JERK PIT

Location: ROSE HALL



Named the BEST jerked chicken by LL Cool J on stage at Sumfest 2007, Scotchie's is the favorite hang out spot for locals and island visitors to eat Jamaican Jerk, have a cold Red Stripe beer and enjoy the reggae music. Opening hours: 11:00 am till you say when. Tel: 953-8041

ISLAND SPORTS BAR & CAFÉ

Location: Parkway Plaza, Rose Hall

The Island Sports Café is famous for its no sugar no water all natural fruit and vegetable juices and health shakes. The restaurant serves soups, stews complemented by whole wheat roti, rice specialties or steamed bammy, salads and bakery items including delicious vegetable patties. Open Monday - Saturday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm and Sundays 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Call 953-3009

HUMMING BIRD CAFÉ

Location: Half Moon Shopping Village

The Humming Bird Café is adjacent to the Village Commissary and serves delicious coffee specialties in the quiet, tastefully decorated inside area or on the breezy patio. Tel: 953-2292

MANGO'S RESTAURANT

Location: Ritz Carlton, Rose Hall



Mango's is a perfect choice for a more casual dining experience or an exotic cocktail in a relaxing beach setting. No reservation is required and the attire is casual. Lunch is served from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm daily and dinner from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Tel: 953-2800

DOLLY'S

Location: Hotel Gloriana Plaza, Sunset Blvd

Situated on Sunset Boulevard at Hotel Gloriana Plaza, between Toby Inn and the airport, Dolly's customers come from all the area hotels to enjoy personalized service and Jamaican-style cuisine. Tel: 979-0045



THE PORK PIT

Location: Gloucester Avenue

The Pork Pit is famous for its authentic Jamaican cuisine - including pork, chicken, shrimp, ribs, fish and other delicacies and you can observe the 'jerking' process at this local spot.

Tel: 940-3008

OCHO RIOS

CASUAL DINING IN OCHO RIOS:

MAMA MARLEY'S JAMMIN' BAR & GRILL

Location: Main Street, Opposite Jamaica Grande

Come jam the 'Roots-Rock-Reggae' Sports Bar or dine in for lunch or dinner and enjoy Mama Marley's delicious mouth watering Jamaican treats. See exclusive Marley videos! Tel: 974-0197

SCOTCHIE'S JERK PIT

Location: Drax Hall St. Ann

Scotchie's, the favorite Jerk spot in Montego Bay is now available near Ocho Rios. Meet friends, have a cold Red Stripe beer and enjoy the reggae music. Opening hours: 11:00 am till you say when. Tel: 794-9457

MARGARITAVILLE

Location: Island Village

With seating for 450 diners and drinkers, this is one of the largest restaurants ever constructed on the North Coast. Attractions include a rooftop whirlpool tub, a 30m-long (100 ft.) water slide, and a freshwater pool along with three bars and a Trading Post. Enjoy world-famous tropical margaritas and "Cheeseburgers in Paradise". Open daily 8:30 am - 11 pm. Tel: 675-8976

LITTLE PUB RESTAURANT

Location: Main Street

Located in a redbrick courtyard with a fishpond and waterfall in the center of town, this pub is the town's most popular. Enjoy a drink in the pub and proceed to one of the linen-covered tables for a great meal. Tel: 974-2324

HARD ROCK CAFÉ

Location: Main Street



New to Jamaica, the café seats 180 and offers a delectable array of meals guaranteed to tantalize your taste buds, all offered in a relaxed setting. Stop by the bar and rock to the beat of reggae jammin music. Opened Mondays-Thursdays & Sundays 11:00 am-11:00 pm, Fridays & Saturdays 11:00 am - midnight. Tel: 974-3333

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NEGRIL



RICK'S CAFÉ

Location: West End

Rick's Café opened its doors in 1974 and has become world famous for sunset watching and cliff jumping. After a day at Negril's seven mile beach, it is almost mandatory to be seen at Rick's Café for the sunset watching and, of course, the excellent restaurant and bar service. Specialty drinks include "Rick's Famous Planter's Punch" and a "Category 5 Hurricane", drinks which will turn even a coward into a cliff jumper. Menu items range from pasta to surf & turf along with outstanding appetizers and desserts. Open daily: 12:00 pm till late. Tel: 957-0380

CASUAL DINING IN NEGRIL:

COSMO'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT & BAR

Location: Norman Manley Blvd

Authentic Jamaican Food, the perfect location with a rustic and pleasant atmosphere where Seafood and Jamaican style cuisine is served daily for lunch and dinner with choice of inside or outside dining, beach view and music. Tel: 957-4330

THE SANDS AT THE CAVES

Location: West End

Located on the most western point of the island, the Sands offers an offbeat, cool-out spot with loads of style and tasty grilled fare. Boasting Negril's original 'beach on the cliffs'; feel free to suntan, cliff-jump, swim, snorkel, lounge, eat, drink and basically lounge away the afternoon. Tel: 957-0269

THE HUNGRY LION

Location: West End

Excellent vibes, food, music and art can be enjoyed at The Hungry Lion, a restaurant that has maintained its reputation as one of Negril's premier dining and drinking spots since its startup in the mid 80's. Tel: 957-4486

ALFRED'S OCEAN PALACE

Location: Norman Manley Blvd

A family owned & operated seaside restaurant & bar located on in the heart of Negril's famous seven mile white sand beach and known for service quality and local / international country style cooking. Specializing in locally caught seafood such as: lobster, conch, mahi mahi, blue marlin, tuna, kingfish and calamari. Tel: 957- 4669 / 4735

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PIER 1

Location: Howard Cooke Blvd

Pier 1 has developed into as another shining star on the Montego Bay night spot sky and is considered 'the place to be' on a Friday night. This weekly happening is affectionately called 'Pier Pressure' by its many devotees. Wednesday nights are reserved for musical newcomers as well as more experienced entertainers who show off their talent live on stage. Tropical drinks are the bar's specialty, and the musical events sometimes

draw more than 1,000 people. Jamaicans and visitors alike enjoy the fabulous setting with view of the bay, which gets you in the mood to dance the night away. **Tel: 952-2452**



THE BREWERY

Location: Gloucester Avenue

With its central location on the Hip-Strip, The Brewery is very popular with locals and visitors. This spot is a combination of restaurant, bar and night club with a relaxed, casual atmosphere. Meet your friends to and gossip over your favourite brew and good

food. Regular theme nights include Disco, 70's/80's music, Reggae, Dancehall, and Karaoke. The bar area features a large TV screen showing sports event. **Tel: 940-2433**



JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE CARIBBEAN BAR & GRILL

Location: Montego Bay, Negril Ocho Rios

This trendy day and nighttime spot has oceanfront locations in Montego Bay, Ocho Rios and Negril. Margaritaville is the perfect place for anyone looking for exciting entertainment, a lively atmosphere and delicious food by day and night. In-house DJ as well as entertaining, themed party nights featuring 'Karaoke', 'Latin' and 'Pajama'. TROPICALLY flavored Margaritas and signature 22 ounce bongos of beer are served up by the always busy bar which is famous for its Cheeseburger in Paradise, Key Lime Pie and Mango Cheesecake. Open every day from 11:00 am till late.

Tel: 952-4777



BLUE BEAT

Location: Gloucester Avenue

This popular jazz club on the hip strip opened its doors in 2004. Since then; Montego Bay has been treated to the most eclectic jazz and blues selections available in Jamaica. Both Jamaicans and visitors alike are mesmerized by the unique décor, warmth and vibrant colors. They are entertained by Blue Beat's exclusive house band "Scotch" while enjoying a variety of hors d'oeuvres and "perfect" martinis, hand shaken or stirred. With special monthly events such as Latin Parties, Comedy Shows and the signature summer event "South Beach Sundays", Blue Beat keeps the vibe going by finding new ways to entertain their guests. Blue beat is open nightly at 6:00 pm until . . . and is a subsidiary of Island Entertainment Brands.

ZINC SHACK

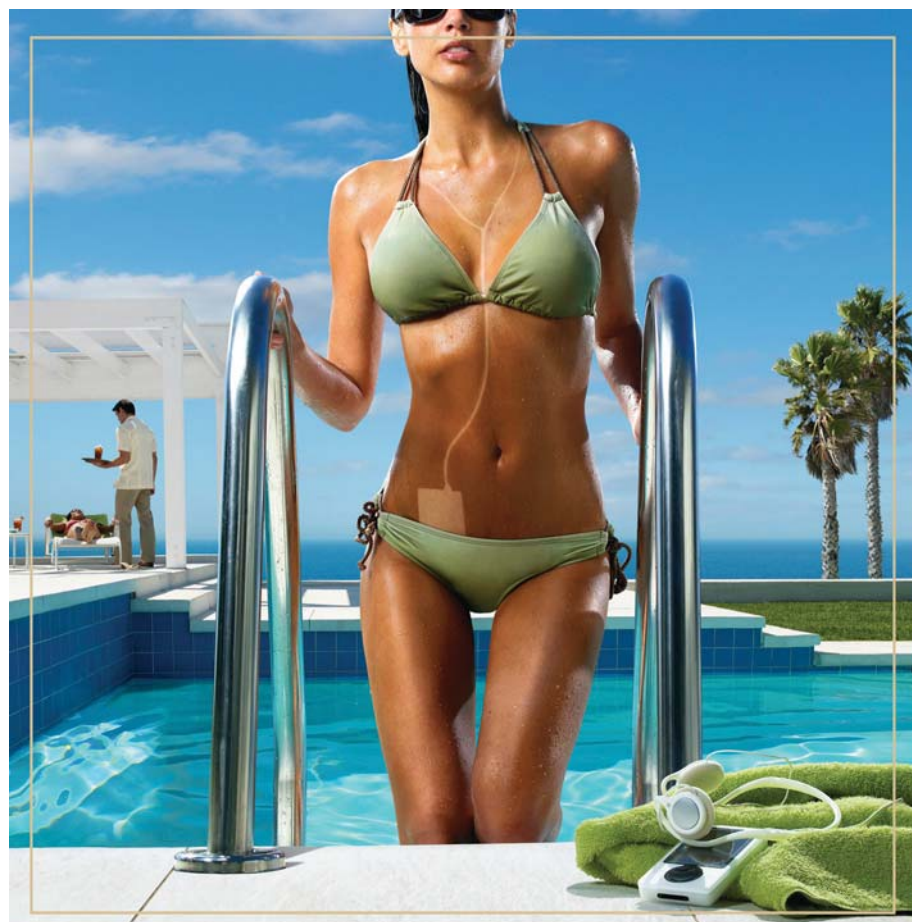
Location: Gloucester Avenue

As a new entertainment location on the "Hip Strip", Zinc Shack provides live music on Saturday nights and a Grand Latin Fiesta party every third Friday of the month. Showcase your talent or learn the latest moves in Latin dance from an experienced Cuban instructor during dance class, held just before the fiesta kicks off. Also an excellent spot for parties, private functions, and non themed nights. Check out the gift shop open Mondays to Saturdays from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. Call **383-6089** for further information.

CORAL CLIFF ENTERTAINMENT RESORT

Location: Gloucester Avenue, Montego Bay

Coral Cliff Entertainment Lounge is the island's pioneering gaming lounge located on the Gloucester Avenue 'Hip Strip'. This jungle themed entertainment mecca is open 24/7 and has a 'Gaming Lounge' with more than 120 slot machines, tempting you with the chance to win the US\$50,000 jackpot! Win cool prizes at the 'Chillin Lounge' where over 50 exciting arcade and virtual reality games are available. With over 100 rums from around the world to choose from and an incredible list of specialty drinks, Coral Cliff's 'Rum Jungle Café & Bar' adds an exciting twist to Montego Bay's nightlife. There is no cover charge and free transport from your hotel can be arranged upon request. Talk to your Concierge or call tel. **952-4130** to arrange a night out.



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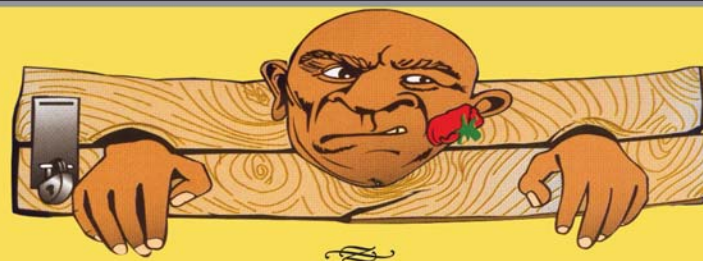
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What started as a kitchen project in 1995, became a registered company with one staff member in 1996. Today, Starfish Oils employs 29 staff members who help create the instantly recognizable products. Managing Director Kynan Cooke credits his "young, creative team" with "lots of energy and complete belief in what we were creating" for the success.

Starfish Oils candles are made with premium-quality waxes, mixed with superior undiluted fragrance oils that are made from natural ingredients such as nutmeg, sweet orange, ginger, Blue Mountain coffee, mint and brown sugar. Not only is the gentle blending of scents important, keeping customers satisfied also means producing candles that burn longer. Therefore, the wax used to make candles is dense and burns slowly, resulting in more enjoyment of the deliciously aromatic experiences.

"We focus on using Jamaican and Caribbean raw materials in our products," explains Kynan. In addition to candles, Starfish Oils make a wide array of scented body oils, soaps, incense and bath salts. Their gift packages are wonderful indulgences for any occasion, and a great way to take the scents of the island with you on your journeys.

Jamaican Tea Candle (Photo: Starfish Oils)



"Our most popular selling products are the 'Blue Mountain Coffee Candles,' 'Jamaica Ginger Tea Candles' and our signature scents 'Love,' 'Tranquility' and 'Jamaica.' Each scent also has body oil, incense, soap and bath salts," says Kynan. Other popular choices include the 'Bob Marley Coconut' and 'No Mosquito Aromatherapy' all natural candles.

Shop directly from the Starfish Oils website or visit one of the island stores at the MJB International Airport Montego Bay, Island Village Ocho Rios, Devon House, Manor Park Plaza and NMIA International Airport in Kingston that carry their line exclusively. www.starfishoils.com

UNIQUE EARTHEN ART



Alpha Arts is the dream of Angela Clarke, who conveys her love for the island and all its glory through the mind and hands of skilled potters and artists.

Alpha Arts employs potters and artists from around the island to create its unique pieces. Expertly handcrafted, it is the colorful island sceneries that set their pottery apart from the rest. Angela Clarke says that her company frequently attends the Caribbean Gift & Craft Show, attended by more than 200 of the region's top artisans and trade buyers, who are looking to feast their eyes on new and innovative products.

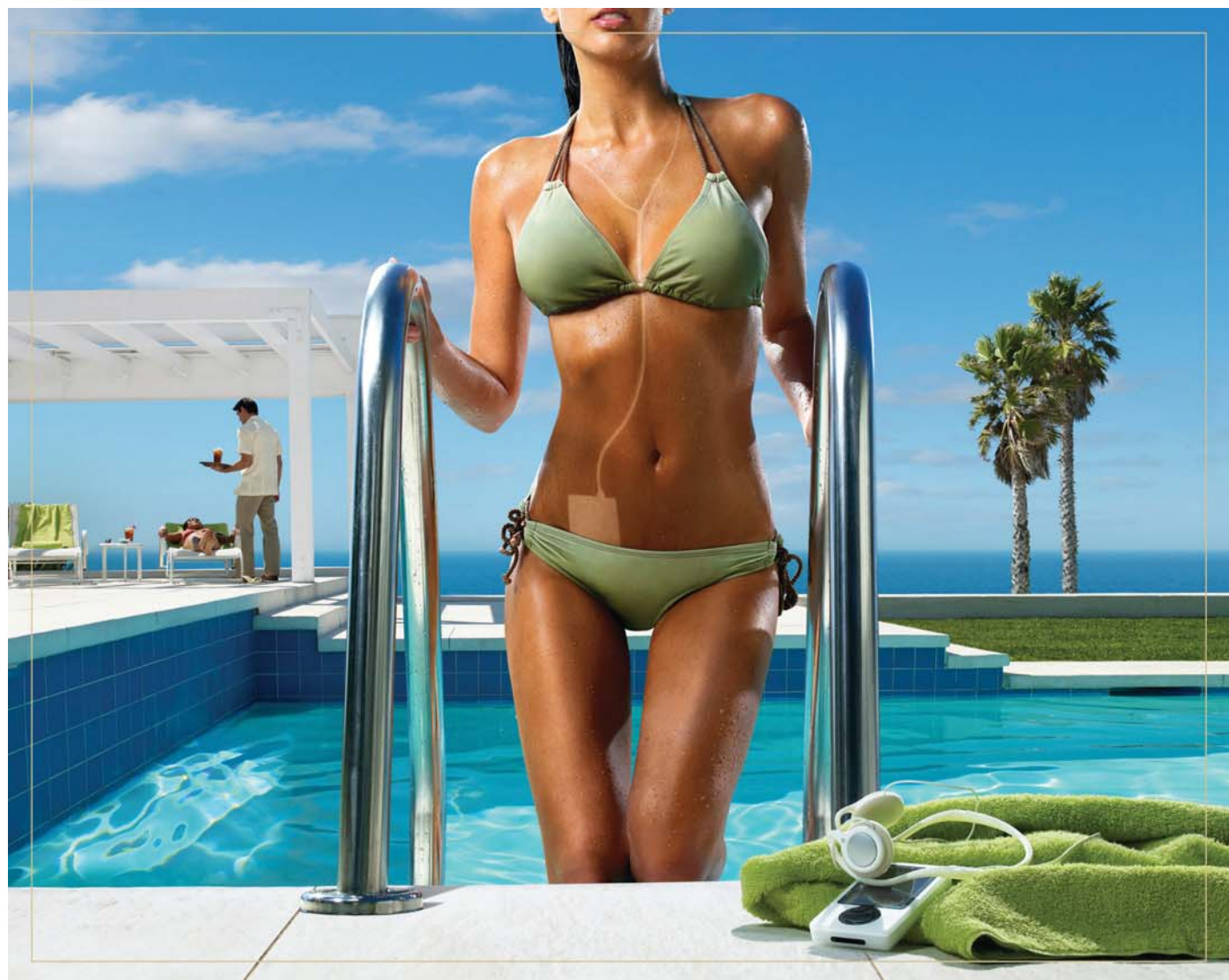


Visitors to Alpha Arts can watch the creation and hand painting of mugs, tea and coffee sets, vases, bowls, plates and statues at the workshop, located in a beautiful location on the

Montego Bay waterfront between Reading and Great River at Wind Swept. We particularly loved the very unique pumpkin tea set.

Alpha Arts pottery is available in the gift shops of most major hotels in Montego Bay, Ocho Rios and Negril, at the Tortuga Rum Cake Factory Gift Shop in Reading or at the Alpha Arts showroom. For more information, call 979-3479.

Earthen Art ware depicting Jamaica (Photo: Heidi Zech)



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CAKE AND ICE CREAM WITH A TASTE OF JAMAICA PLEASE!

There is a new 'must see - must do' experience in the Montego Bay area; the Tortuga Caribbean Rum Cake Factory and Calypso Gelato in Reading, only a few minutes drive from Montego Bay.

As you arrive at the new retail store in Reading you will note the picture perfect location over looking the sea across from Montego Bay. The store resembles an old Caribbean cottage with a large veranda perfect for relaxing with a cold drink, gelato, sorbet, bruschetta, a sandwich, pizza or coffee and tempting rum cake. 'We try to keep it as Jamaican as we can,' says Simonetta Maffessanti, the owner. Entering the store you are greeted with amazing smells of baking that stir childhood memories of Grandma's kitchen and Christmas baking.

Tortuga Rum Cakes are made from the same secret family recipe dating back over a hundred years, says Simonetta. "Fans know the difference between a regular and a Tortuga Rum Cake; a generous amount of premium five-year old, barrel aged Tortuga Gold Rum and a hefty brush of rum glaze applied right after the cakes come hot from the oven. We produce around 1,200 cakes daily". Behind Simonetta Maffessanti stands an enthusiastic and loyal team of 20 employees underscoring the enterprise's success. Cakes are produced in 8 flavours, original, pineapple, Blue Mountain coffee, banana, coconut, chocolate, key lime and the latest addition, orange.



Gift Shop at Tortuga in Reading (Photo: Heidi Zech)

The full Tortuga product line is available in Reading as is the perfect Gelato made in the Ice Cream kitchen, Calypso Gelato - 'Real Italian ice cream, with a taste of Jamaica', is the slogan. Over 50 flavors are freshly made from natural ingredients and fruits in season. You will find soursop, mango, strawberry yogurt and classics like chocolate, rum & raisin and vanilla. Fresh, cool, fruity, creamy and simply delicious! And the best part - free samples are given to visitors.

Tortuga cakes are available in most supermarkets and gift shops all over the island. The Tortuga Rum Cake factory and Calypso Gelato store are open from 8:00 am - 7:00 pm on weekdays and 11:00 am - 8:00 pm on weekends and holidays. Call 979-9381 or visit www.tortugarums.com.

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Team hard at work stripping scallion used to make jerk seasoning (Photo: Heidi Zech)

The company which began in 1985, with the groundbreaking efforts of Dudley W. Eaton, who formulated all the products himself. It started with the original hot pepper sauce and has expanded its line to 16 products from the flagship Jamaican Jerk Seasoning, to Jamaican Jerk Tomato Ketchup, Boston Bay Style Jerk Seasoning, Jamaican Jerk Sauce, West Indian Mango Chutney, West Indian Papaya Chutney, West Indian Mango Jam, West Indian Guava Jam, Crushed Scotch Bonnet Pepper Sauce, Jamaican Crushed Peppers, Jamaican Hot Pepper Sauce, Jamaican Hot Mustard Sauce, Jamaican Rum Barbecue Sauce and Jamaican Jerk Barbecue Sauce.

Over seventy-five percent of the goods produced are for export, mostly to the USA, Canada and the UK, while a small amount is exported around the Caribbean. Locally, the delicious sauces and seasonings can be found in supermarkets island wide in a range of sizes; they are also available directly from the factory in Hague.

"We buy produce from over 200 local farmers, to support our local industry as much as possible," states Christine Wong, Managing Director. In addition, King Pepper, which is the manufacturer of Eaton's, does private labeling for a number of local and international companies. Christine points out that private labeling account for a good percentage of their business.

Introduced in 1990, Eaton's Jerk Seasoning has captured the market and is to date the key selling product. An average of 650 cases of Jerk Seasoning are produced and packaged per day; all by hand. A blend of scallions, hot peppers, thyme, garlic, pimento (allspice) and other natural ingredients are used to create this favorite, used to marinate meat and poultry over a slow flame.

Christine attributes the company's success to their staff of seventy-five and the emphasis that is placed on quality. She further emphasizes that Eaton's products meet the highest global standards of taste, quality and presentation, keeping their customers coming back for more.

We could not leave without viewing the production of their guava jam first hand, the sizzling scent permeating the air, was an invitation impossible to resist. After the spices and fruits are received, they are weighed and washed. Only those of premier quality are sent to be crushed.

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An array of Jerk seasoning from Eaton's (Photo: Heidi Zech)



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PABLO PALAIR FASHIONS



Designer Pablo Palair (Photo: Heidi Zech)

His designs are 'edgy, exquisite, original and priced to suit the pocket.' These are the words of budding fashion designer of Pablo Palair, who sees himself as a trendsetter in the fashion industry. Inspired by his mother, who was a seamstress, Pablo says his passion for clothing and fashion has been

there as far back as he can remember. The fashion designer is making his mark with his own men's clothing line called Pablo Palair Fashion.

Pablo started sewing fresh out of high school. In his bid for success, he rented a shop on 14 Strand Street and began designing and sewing for individual customers. The building was later ravaged by fire; but that did not deter him. Only a few months later, he opened his doors once more at his current location, 2 Barnett Street. Determined to succeed, Pablo rebuilt his clientele and began to spread his wings.

The young designer has since emerged on the scene of many fashion shows, and his designs are often seen on entertainers such as Roots Underground, Taurus Riley, Ebony, Mr. Vegas, and the vibes master Jerry D. while working their magic on the stage.

Today, the designer employs 6 persons and his clients include hotels, banks, tour companies and any individual who walks into his store. "Ask anyone about the 'dread that sews'", says Pablo, "and they will know me or have heard of me."

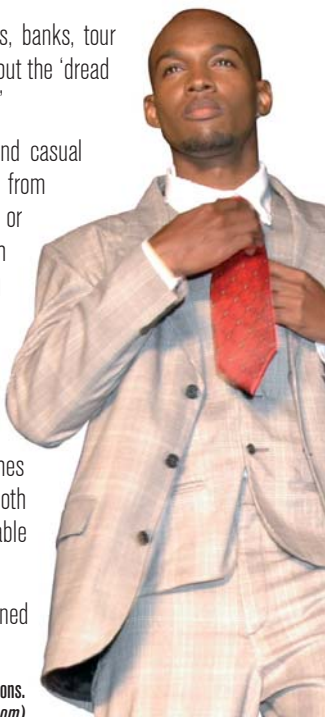
His trendy new clothing line, Pablo Palair Fashion, features formal and casual wear for fashionable males, mostly using linen and cotton. The pieces from his collection are produced according to client demand, with only one or two pieces of a particular design. In addition, Pablo has put out a stylish T-shirt line and is planning to open a wedding center catering exclusively to men, as he feels the market does not offer enough variety to grooms.

Don't be fooled for a minute by the scale of his vision; this emerging designer is vigorously involved in every stage of the production of his line. Not only is he responsible for the conception of ideas, he sketches the designs, cuts and sews them himself. His designs can be found both Alwin's Fashion on Harbour Street, Montego Bay or at the fashionable Monique's Collection in St. Kitts.

Keep an eye out for Pablo Palair Fashion or better yet, get a piece designed uniquely for you! Pablo himself can be reached on, tel: **979-1255**

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Located at 82 Hope Road, St. Andrew, Jencare caters to the pampering and grooming needs of two thousand ladies and gentlemen, who visit the facility each week. With private treatment areas for each customer, Jencare is able to accommodate 65 clients at any given time. Clients can lounge on leather couches in a relaxing atmosphere prior to their treatment, which can be anything from a facial, mani- or pedicure to a body wrap, scrub or massage. "The most popular massages are the deep tissue, aromatherapy and physiotherapy massages," explains proprietor Jennifer Samuda.

Samuda, who describes herself as a Jack of all trades, spent over 20 years in the banking business before starting to manufacture cosmetics in a small room at home. Since becoming a certified cosmetic chemist, the entrepreneurial lady is taking the world by storm with her own product line, manufactured in close collaboration with her husband Lloyd. Jencare's personal care and beauty products include everything from designer soaps, bath gels and body gels to eye shadows, mascara, powder and make-up brushes that are exported all over the world.

Samuda's latest product line; Jentox, features a proprietary oxygen collagen, produced from marine collagen and plant extracts. The unique product line includes an anti-ageing serum that promises to erase wrinkles and provide elasticity with instant results and is Samuda's natural alternative to Botox, the latest rage across the



Jencare Skin Farm (Photo: Heidi Zech)

One of the gentle estheticians at Jencare attending to a client (Photo: Heidi Zech)

beauty world. While Botox injections create a more relaxed look by relaxing the facial muscles, Samuda's serum puts radiance back into the skin with her innovative oxygen collagen solution. Explains Samuda; "Over time, cells die from overexposure to sunlight, smoking and menopause, so I made the oxygen cream to put life back into the skin on a cellular level."

Over the years, Jencare has expanded and opened branches in Miami, New York and Trinidad & Tobago and after more than 20 years in the business, Samuda says that she continues to "train, manage and encourage," her 180 employees.

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Model in dangerously hot beach wear
(Photo: Walk Good Jamaica)

Since 1988 Rosa Chá's celebrated Brazilian fashion designer, Amir Slama has been producing couture swim and resort wear.

Awarded Brazil's 'Best Designer of the Year' in 2002, Slama's collections frequent the major runways in Europe, South and North America and his creations has been modeled by Naomi Campbell and Isabeli Fontana at the New York Fashion Week. Described as the 'Sun King' by Ocean Drive Magazine, his creations constantly grace the covers of ELLE, VOGUE, Harper's Bazaar and Cosmopolitan.

Slama's 2007 Spring & Summer collection pays homage to the social, political and cultural movements that have influenced Brazil. A luxurious collection of chic, sexy style, intricate attention to detail, original prints and an eclectic color spectrum includes contrasting light, dark and smoky tones as well as mellow green and his signature beige. New fashions were created by transferring sexy dress shirts into swimwear, constructing free-flowing sashes and glamorous caftans. Halters, bandeaus, string bikinis and one-pieces are designed with a 'dare to bare' vision, featuring strategically placed cut-outs that leave little to the imagination.

Rosa Chá creations are now available at WalkGood Jamaica, located at the Montego Bay Airport Shopping Mall. To view their entire collection, visit www.walkgoodjamaica.com

Naomi Campbell wearing Rosa Chá
(Photo: Walk Good Jamaica)



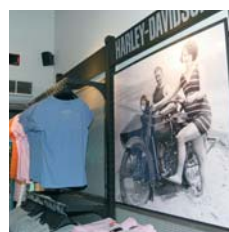
Envy at Half Moon Shopping Village
Montego Bay (Photo: Heidi Zech)

SHOPPING FOR TRENDSETTERS

The new favorite shopping spot among fashion lovers and trendsetters in Montego Bay, Envy welcomes shoppers with fresh scents and music from all genres. Relax on funky couches, have a drink at the bar and browse through the extensive line of designer clothing and Caribbean attire, jewelry and accessories. The store has succeeded in creating a totally distinctive shopping experience by integrating technology and expertise in a customer friendly and imaginative shopping environment. Quite simply, Envy is such a unique store; you will not want to leave.

Visit one of their two locations: Shop 7 at the Half Moon Shopping Village and Shop 18 at the Shoppes at Rose Hall. Open Monday to Saturday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm, Sunday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

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Harley Davidson at Island Village
Ocho Rios (Photo: Heidi Zech)

HARLEY DAVIDSON JAMAICA - NOT ONLY FOR BIKERS

If you have ever thought about owning a motorcycle, you must have thought about buying a Harley Davidson! One of the coolest brands of all time, the iconic motorcycle company has finally found its way to Jamaica and opened its doors at the trendy Island Village Shopping Village on the Ocho Rios' oceanfront. Not only for 'Bikers' and 'Biker Babes', the store offers a wide variety of merchandising in a cool biker atmosphere that includes jewelry and clothing.

Equally popular among residents and visitors, HD's great designs are just as perfect for casual daytime wear as they are for hitting the nightly hotspots.

According to HD Jamaica's General Manager Anjalee Mahtani, the store has been well received: "We are expecting a cruise ship with Harley enthusiasts called 'Hogs on the High Seas' on November 7th. It is scheduled to dock in Ocho Rios during for their 5th Anniversary Caribbean Cruise."

Says Anjalee: "We are working to expand the HD brand in Jamaica brand and are set to open our next store at Sangster International Airport in Montego Bay later this year."

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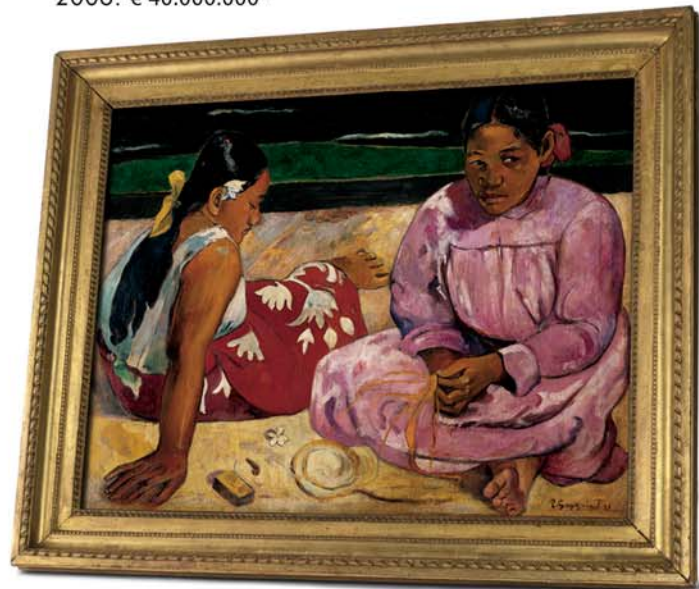
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DEVON HOUSE – A MAJOR LANDMARK



George Stibel, First Black Millionaire
(Photo: Devon House)

Devon House, in the heart of Kingston, was the architectural dream of Jamaica's first black millionaire, George Stibel. Today, it stands as one of Jamaica's most celebrated historical landmarks. Found in the formerly known 'Millionaire's Corner' of Trafalgar and Hope Road, Devon House now serves as a historical site, museum, park, shopping and dining spot for locals and visitors alike.

The history of Devon House began in the mid seventeenth century when Devon Penn, part of a 600 acre property, was awarded to a British minister, Rev. John Zellers. Fifty years later, a rectory was built, segments of which are thought to comprise a part of today's iconic Devon House mansion.

Yet, it is the story of George Stibel, which is more commonly known. Born to a Jamaican housekeeper and a German Jew in the 1820's, his mixed parentage exposed him to harsh treatment from his peers and he quit the classroom at age fourteen to become a carpenter's apprentice. At the age of nineteen, he was instrumental in the reconstruction of the famous Ferry Inn between Kingston and Spanish Town.

In the 1840's, this young visionary went into business. With the help of his father, he purchased a ship and began transporting cargo between North and South America. Eventually, with the addition of two more ships, he expanded his business to the West Indies. During this time, revolution gripped Cuba and Stibel, who, became involved in the lucrative business of gun trading, which eventually landed him in trouble with the law.

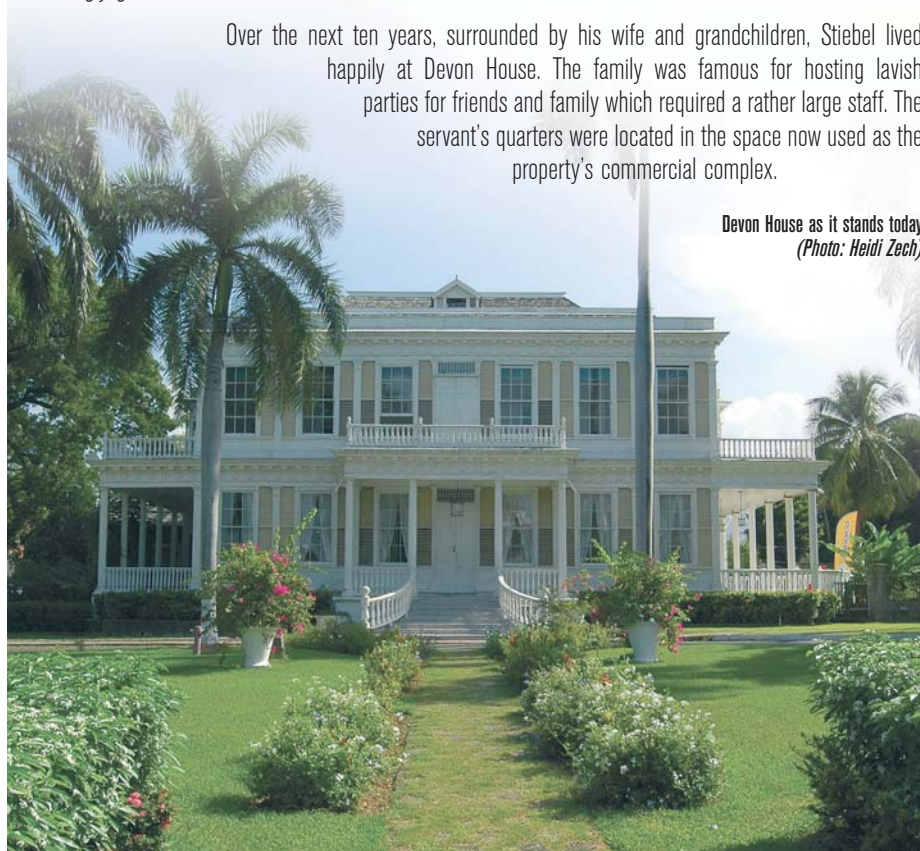
Stibel married his long time sweetheart Magdalene Baker in 1851, who bore him two children; son, Sigismund and daughter, Theresa. His good fortune seemed doomed five years later when a storm destroyed his ships, with Stibel on board one of them. Stibel survived the storm, with his money belt intact. He found refuge in Venezuela and wasted no time going into business, purchasing a mule for transporting his peddler goods. It seemed this gentleman was truly blessed with the 'Midas touch' as he later invested in a goldmine and made huge profits in 1873.

Tragically, it was the death of his only son that was to bring Stibel back to Jamaica's shores. Upon his return, he purchased ninety-nine properties, limited only by a law stating that it was illegal to own one hundred. These included two sugar estates, a wharf at Church Street, Great Salt Pond and a cattle property named Minard, by Brown's Town in St. Ann, where he built the family vacation home.

Stibel was officially recognized as Jamaica's first black millionaire and, during the late 19th century, became one of three wealthy Jamaicans who constructed elaborate homes at the corner of Trafalgar and Hope Road. This fittingly grew to be known as 'Millionaires Corner'. Stibel's home was of course, Devon House.

Over the next ten years, surrounded by his wife and grandchildren, Stibel lived happily at Devon House. The family was famous for hosting lavish parties for friends and family which required a rather large staff. The servant's quarters were located in the space now used as the property's commercial complex.

Devon House as it stands today
(Photo: Heidi Zech)



Sewing Room at Devon House (Photo: Devon House)

Stibel was to continue to suffer personal losses. His wife Magdalene died in October 1892, and he later lost one of his grandson's and his son-in-law, a Mayor of Kingston.

Devon House was eventually put up for sale, and purchased in 1923 by Reginald Melhado. The Melhados added their touch to the mansion with their collection of antique furnishings but led a quieter lifestyle. The next family to call Devon House their home, however, did their best to live up to its legacy. The Lindos brought back vitality and pageantry to Devon House, including fancy dinner parties, which were widely discussed on the local social scene. The owner, Cecil Lindo, died in 1960 at the age of eighty-nine and left Devon House to his wife, Agnes. She, however, opted to live in New York.

Developers, who planned to demolish Devon House and construct condominiums on the property, entered into negotiations with the widow. The Government of Jamaica discovered these plans and placed a restriction order on the property under the National Trust Act.

Quote from The Daily Gleaner of August 27, 1965:

"The Hon. Edward Seaga has served an Interim Preservation Notice on the building known as Devon House.. the finest 19th century residence remaining in the island. . ."

The English architect Tom Concannon, who has worked on the restoration of other national monuments such as the Naval Hospital in Port Royal and the Rose Hall Great House in St. James, undertook the restoration of the Devon House Mansion, and Devon House officially opened as a public building on January 23, 1968.

Today, Stibel's legacy lives on with the beautifully maintained Devon House, which was declared a national monument in 1990 by the Jamaica National Heritage Trust. It actively promotes the development of authentic Jamaican arts, craft, education, entertainment and food in a comfortable and safe environment.

Steeped in history, the commercial centre is also a unique experience, and a great way to spend time with family and friends, continuing the Stibel's legacy of hospitality. Be sure to try out the following during your visit:

Contact the Devon House Heritage Site at **929-6602** or visit their web site at www.devonhousejamaica.com.

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EDNA MANLEY COLLEGE OF THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Everybody knows that Jamaica is a hotbed of talented artists, evidenced by the never ending string of talented musicians the island continues to produce. Less known is the impressive number of internationally successful visual and performing artists, who at some point have studied or taught at the Caribbean's most prestigious institution, the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts in Kingston.



Photograph of Edna Manley in 1937
(Photo: Edna Manley College)



Albert Huie, Portrait of Edna Manley, Oil on canvas, 85.1 x 71.1 cm. Collection: National Gallery of Jamaica.
(Photo: Edna Manley College)

Born in England to a British father and a Jamaican mother in 1900, Edna Swithenbank married Norman Manley and moved to Jamaica in 1922. The marriage was blessed with two sons, Michael, who was to become a union activist and eventually Prime Minister of Jamaica, and Douglas, a sociologist and minister in his brother's government.

The importance of culture in a nation's development was always known to Jamaica's leaders and in 1939, Norman Manley stated: "National culture is a national consciousness reflected in the painting of pictures of our own mountains and our own women-folk, in building those houses that are most suitable for us to live in, in writing plays of our adventures and poetry of our wisdom, finding ourselves in the wrestle with our own problems. . . .around our very eyes are stirring the first shoots of a deeply felt national artistic and intellectual life."

When her husband, Norman Manley, became leader of the People's National Party in the wake of the 1938 worker uprising, Edna evolved into a public figure as a Jamaican artist and a promoter of culture. Promoting Jamaican literary culture through her editing work for the journal 'Focus' in the 1940s and 50s, the social activist also contributed to the local art scene as a symbolist sculptor. An artist for much of her life, Manley also taught at the Jamaica School of Art.

The school started as a workshop conducted by Manley in the 1940's at the Junior Centre of the Institute of Jamaica, and was given full-time status with a Board of Management, its own Charter and its own premises at 4 Central Avenue in Kingston in 1950.

The next twenty years brought about new departments and an increased student population, which led to the school being split between two locations. While the centre of three dimensional studies was based at 4 Central Avenue, the centre for two dimensional studies was located at 11 North Street. Master painter Cecil Cooper, ceramist Gene Pearson and sculptor Christopher Gonzalez are just a small fraction of great artists who have wandered the halls of the famous institution.

In 1976, the Government of Jamaica amalgamated all Schools of the Arts into one campus, which was designated the Inter-American Centre of Caribbean Cultural Development by the Organization of the American States (OAS). With the mandate to enrich the aesthetic sensibilities of the entire English-speaking Caribbean, the school earned recognition as a regional cultural resource institution in 1983.

The school was reclassified as a tertiary institution and renamed the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts (EMCVPA) in 1995, leading to the consolidation of the College under one administrative structure. Today, the College has a population of 1200 full-time and part-time students, and an academic staff of 137 highly qualified lecturers.

Study programmes at the School of Visual Arts include Bachelors Degrees in Fine Arts and Art Education as well as Diplomas in Fine Arts and Art Education. Areas of study are painting, sculpture, printmaking, jewellery, ceramics, textiles and visual communications.

The School of Dance was founded in 1970 by members of the National Dance Theatre Company of Jamaica (NDTC) and trains performers and teachers in a wide variety of international and Caribbean dance forms, theatre education and production. Programs include a Bachelors of Arts in General Arts and several Diplomas and Certificates. Recently crowned Miss Jamaica World, Yendi Phillips, studied here.



Scenes from the student production "Danceworks" held in February of this year.
(Photo: Edna Manley College)

Emerging in 1969 as a part-time training ground, the School of Drama operated under the umbrella of the

Little Theatre Movement and became a full-time institution within the Edna Manley College in 1975. Programs include a Bachelors of Arts in General Arts and several diploma and certificate courses.

Founded in 1961, the School of Music has established a reputation of international standards and attracts students and teachers from around the world, including the Caribbean, North America, Europe and the Far East. The School of Music department offers a Bachelors of Arts in General Arts and several diploma and certificate courses, and the high standards of its teachings were again demonstrated by the engagement of celebrated bass singer Sir Willard White to the world-wide opera stages.



School of Drama students have a creative approach to fashion for an old Shakespearean play, Hamlet.
(Photo: Edna Manley College)



Music School students in their final year performance held in May this year. (Photo: Edna Manley College)

Managed by a small cadre of educators and overseen by a lecturer who ensures the implementation of the programs as they relate to the specific art forms, the Department of Education and Liberal Studies serves both, students and faculty in all four schools pursuing a Degree and Diploma in Teacher Education with its Joint Board of Teacher Education Programme (JBTE).

In addition, the School of Continuing Studies offers part-time and leisure courses in painting, photography, jewellery, dance, music and drama. Visual arts, music and drama classes are offered for children between 6 and 18 years and each summer, an integrated Arts Programme is provided for children 4 years to 11 years (Kaleidoscope), teenagers 12 years to 18 years (Artscope) and adults (over 18 years).

The school is particularly proud of its collaboration with overseas institutions such as the Ohio State University and the SUNY Brockport Exchange Programme which was introduced in 1986 to benefit the students of the School of Dance.

For entry requirements and further information please contact: The Registry, Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts, 1 Arthur Wint Drive, Kingston 5.
Tel: 960-6171/ 920-7400/ 929-2350-2
E-mail: emcregistry@hotmail.com,
website: www.emc.edu.jm



Lecturers show flexibility during their staff production "Physical Labrish" held in November last year.
(Photo: Edna Manley College)



Into the Sun, 1954, Watercolour on paper, 33 x 78.7 cm. Collection: National Gallery of Jamaica. (Photo: National Gallery of Jamaica)

The Prophet, 1935. Wood. Height: 77 cm
(Photo: Edna Manley College)



UNIQUE CREATIONS FROM ENBEE DESIGN



Natalie Black (Photo: Enbee Design)

Natalie Black, founder and CEO of Enbee, is as unobtrusive, sleek and simple as her beautiful designs. An architect by profession, Natalie began the art of designing furniture for her home upon moving to Jamaica in 2005, culminating with the launch of her own line of modern furniture with Jamaican influences.

Natalie's original, yet simple designs, exhibit her artistic abilities and high level of craftsmanship to the fullest. Focusing on a contemporary look, her furniture is made of fine-looking materials supplied exclusively by local manufacturers, such as bamboo, guango and Spanish elm. "I am inspired by the minimalist style, which places great emphasis on simple forms. Clean-cut designs enhance and celebrate the quality of the materials that make up the piece," says the talented architect who has more than 15 years expertise from the areas of architecture and design to draw on.

Upon arriving in Jamaica, Natalie went through many challenges finding essential contemporary pieces for the family's home. This led to her discovery of the Original Bamboo Factory in Caymanas Estate in Spanish Town and O+M Enterprises on Waltham Park Road in Kingston, where she purchased a bed and requested a few pieces done to her own design. Natalie later approached the Bamboo Factory with a proposal to design a contemporary furniture collection for them. She soon expanded her collection to incorporate wood pieces, fully upholstered sofas and pieces that involve composite metal work.

More than 400 visitors saw her creations on display during the recent Contemporary Art & Furniture Design Exhibition at Kingston's Devon House. "My pieces emphasize comfort," accentuates Natalie, who uses local resources & craftsmanship to create the fine, delicate finishes.

To order one of Natalie's uniquely designed custom made pieces, visit www.enbeedesign.com, or call 470-8004 to have a sneak peak at her Kingston showroom. In the Montego Bay area, Enbee Designs are on display at "KERRY Man Woman Home", Shop # 10 Half Moon Shopping Village in Rose Hall.

'Slim' Loveseat (Photo: Enbee Design)



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TGI Fridays Football Team (Photo: TGI Fridays)

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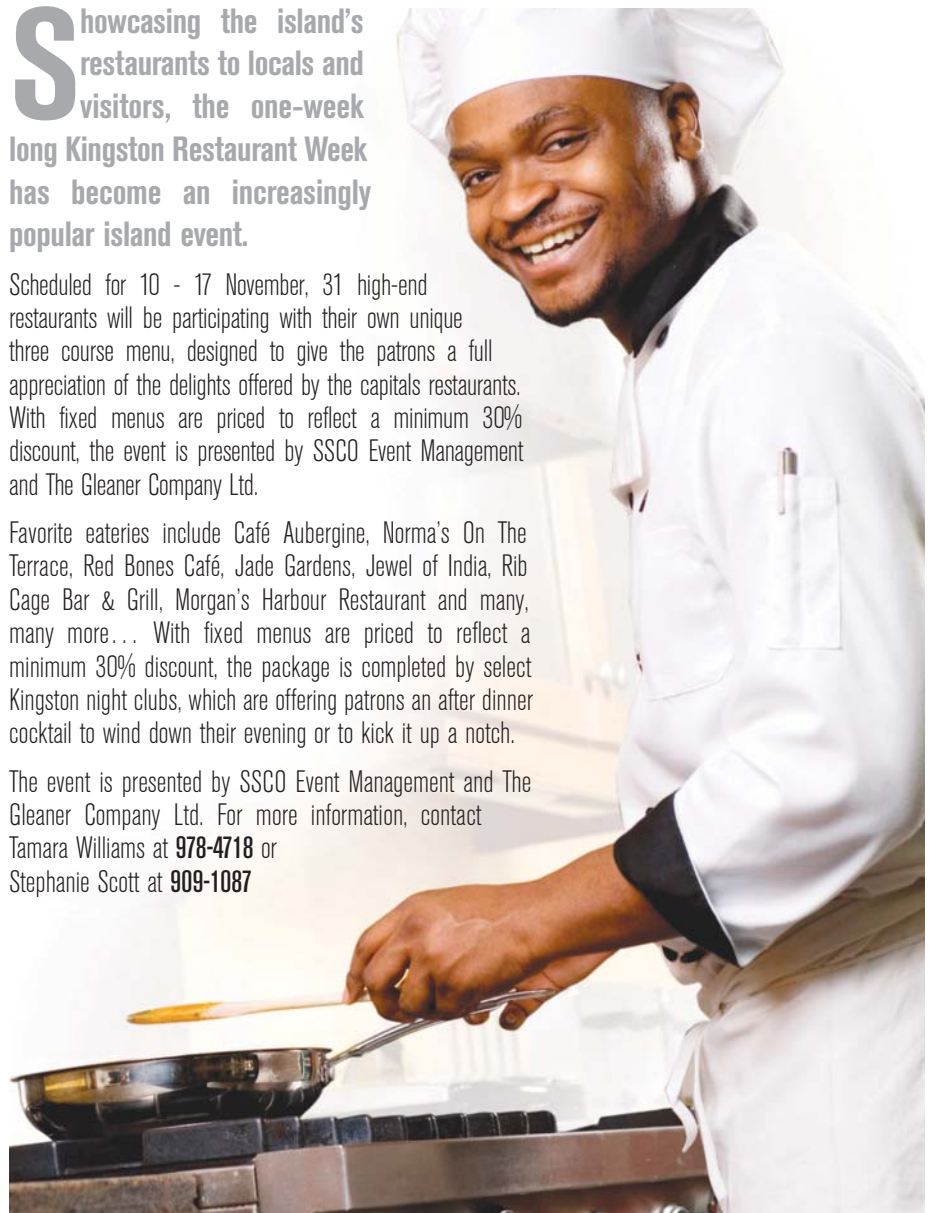
KINGSTON RESTAURANT WEEK

Showing the island's restaurants to locals and visitors, the one-week long Kingston Restaurant Week has become an increasingly popular island event.

Scheduled for 10 - 17 November, 31 high-end restaurants will be participating with their own unique three course menu, designed to give the patrons a full appreciation of the delights offered by the capitals restaurants. With fixed menus are priced to reflect a minimum 30% discount, the event is presented by SSCO Event Management and The Gleaner Company Ltd.

Favorite eateries include Café Aubergine, Norma's On The Terrace, Red Bones Café, Jade Gardens, Jewel of India, Rib Cage Bar & Grill, Morgan's Harbour Restaurant and many, many more... With fixed menus are priced to reflect a minimum 30% discount, the package is completed by select Kingston night clubs, which are offering patrons an after dinner cocktail to wind down their evening or to kick it up a notch.

The event is presented by SSCO Event Management and The Gleaner Company Ltd. For more information, contact Tamara Williams at 978-4718 or Stephanie Scott at 909-1087



KINGSTON RESTAURANT LISTINGS

AKBAR

Cuisine: Indian
Location: 11 Holburn Road, Tel: 926-3480

JADE GARDENS

Cuisine: Exquisite Chinese
Location: Sovereign Centre, Hope Road,
Tel: 578-3476

CUDDY'Z SPORTS BAR & GRILL

Cuisine: Jamaican and international favorites
Location: New Kingston Shopping Centre.
Tel: 920-8019

CHEZ MARIE

Cuisine: Middle Eastern
Location: 7 Hillcrest Avenue. Tel: 927-8078

KABANA GARDENS

Cuisine: Jamaican
12 Hope Road. Tel: 908-4005

MAC'S CHOP HOUSE

Cuisine: Prime steaks, chops, seafood, pastas and salads
24-26 Trinidad Terrace, Kingston 5.
Tel: 960-6328

INDIES

Cuisine: Jamaican, Italian
8 Holborn Road, New Kingston, off Hope Road.
Tel: 920-5913

TGI FRIDAY'S

Cuisine: American themed restaurant and bar
51 Hope Road, Kingston 10. Tel: 978-8443

RED BONES BLUES CAFÉ

Cuisine: Nouvelle Cuisine
Location: 21 Braemar Ave, New Kingston,
Tel: 978-6091

NORMA'S ON THE TERRACE

Cuisine: Caribbean Fusion
Location: Devon House, 26 Hope Road,
Tel: 968-5488

RIB KAGE

Cuisine: Caribbean, Steak & Barbeque
Location: 149c Constant Spring Rd &
12 Braemar Ave., Tel: 969-6223

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A WORLD-CLASS GATEWAY

With the beautiful backdrop of the Caribbean Sea, it comes as no surprise that Montego Bay's Sangster International Airport has won numerous awards, including the World Travel Awards 'Caribbean's Leading Airport'. Globetrotters arrive to the island in comfort and style at the world-class gateway, that last year welcomed more than 3,300,000 travelers.

Managed and operated by MJB Airports Limited, Sangster International Airport is one of the fastest growing airports in the Caribbean with a recorded growth of 13% in 2006. An ideal hub for the region, MJB Airports is prepared for continued growth following the US\$180 million re-development project that has turned the airport into the Caribbean's most modern airport facility.

While the early phase of the modernization included the addition of 7 jet bridges to the existing terminal building, another 11 jet bridges has been added to the new Eastern Concourse, giving the airport the capability of handling all types of commercial aircrafts, including B747's. At the completion of the second and final phase in 2008, the size of the airport will have tripled and the modern facility will be geared up to handle 9 million passengers annually.

Travel through the airport has become more speedy and convenient with the inauguration of the new Ground Transportation and Arrival Halls in February 2007. While baggage carousels, customs, hotel lounges, tour operators, rental cars, food and beverage outlets and retail units are located on the ground floor for the ease of arriving travelers, airline and airport offices are located on the mezzanine floor.



Margaritaville at the MJB Airport Mall

An additional 50,000 sqft of commercial space will be added to the main terminal, which will also house the new Domestic Terminal and Departure Hall. While the expanded Departure Hall will incorporate additional check-in facilities, expanded inbound and outbound immigration, further security check points, new outbound baggage systems, full CUTE systems and airline lounges, great care has been taken to provide the airport's travelers with a premier shopping experience in an environment that maintains a Jamaican sense of place.

In addition to several new retail outlets in the existing terminal, tourists can enjoy 13,000 sqft of new retail space in the Eastern Concourse, featuring an array of duty-free shops and recognized national brand names including the Jamaican Bobsled Cafe, Red Stripe Bar and Kidz Cool Gear.

An additional 32 duty free stores and restaurants including Nickelodeon, Tuff Gong Trading, Cooyah, Walkgood (Havaianas & GOOC), Harley Davidson, Burger King and Domino's Pizza are set to open in the new shopping mall, enhancing the vacation experience for the island's visitors, 95% of which are vacationers.

The addition of the outlets will turn the airport into the largest shopping centre in Jamaica, tallying 65 retail units in the 65,000 square meter locale, appropriately named the "MJB Airport Shopping Mall."

Visitors are advised to get to the airport early to enjoy all the great shopping and the many restaurant outlets at the "MJB Airport Shopping Mall", making it a pleasurable part of the vacation.

PRIVATE JET TERMINAL

Travelers arriving by private jet can also enjoy brand new facilities at MJB Airport in Montego Bay, with the 2006 opening of a full service private jet centre by International Aircraft Management Inc (IAM). The 4,500 sqft facility features dedicated in-house customs and immigration processing, first class lounge accommodations, a private meeting room, high speed internet service and covered access to ground transportation, separate from the main terminal building.

Aerial shot of MJB Airport with view of highway (Photo: Heidi Zech)



MOBAY HOPE MEDICAL CENTRE CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The primary care center for citizens and visitors of Western Jamaica, MoBay Hope Medical Centre, is celebrating its 10th anniversary on December 2007.

As the leading medical facility in Western Jamaica, MoBay Hope offers 24 hour ambulance service, emergency room, laboratory and radiology service, cardiac laboratory, general surgery, orthopedic surgery and immunization services, as well as an on-site pharmacy. Over the years, this state-of-the-art facility has saved lives of many patients. Says Judy Farmer, MoBay Hope's Administrator; "We do our best to keep in line with



The MoBay Hope Medical Centre (Photo: Heidi Zech)



Dr. N. Nuamah attending a patient in the emergency room

new technology and equipment and continuously train medical and technical staff. All income goes back into the institution for the upgrade of equipment and training of staff training." The institution benefits from the financial support of The American Friends of Jamaica, a charitable organization registered in New York, and grants from nearby hotels such as the Half Moon Hotel, Rose Hall Resort & Country Club and the Ritz-Carlton Rose Hall. Adds Farmer; "Subsequent to the many requests, we are pleased to announce the appointment of a consultant plastic surgeon, who will start working with us later this year."

Anniversary celebrations include a Walk-a-Ton, a Customer Appreciation Day & Blood Drive at the Half Moon Shopping Village on December 5th as well as a Gala Dinner with at the Half Moon Conference Centre on December 8th.

Open Monday - Fridays 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Call MoBay Hope on **953-3649** or visit www.mobayhope.org.

NOW OPEN - LUXURY SHOPPING AT THE SHOPPES AT ROSE HALL

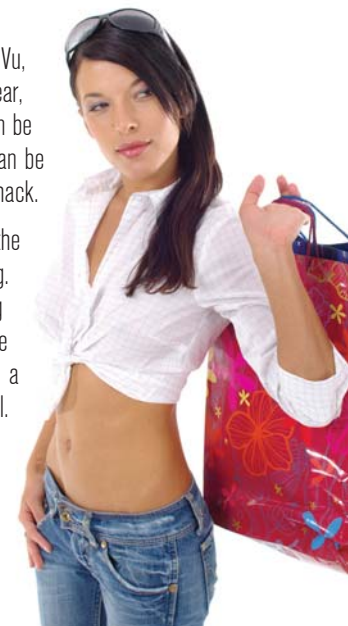
The latest addition to Montego Bay's shopping arena, The Shoppes at Rose Hall, is the new 'must-visit' attraction for luxury goods bargain hunters. Show-casing all the premier fine watch and jewelry brands, fragrances, cosmetics, clothing, quality crafts and souvenirs, the new shopping village is also an ideal place to meet friends or just chill.

The Shoppes at Rose Hall features the island's top luxury duty-free retailers including Bijoux, Jewels and Time, The Royal Shop, Taj Mahal, Jewels in Paradise, Casa de Oro, Tropicana, Colours, Swiss Stores and Chulani, offering the latest in fashionable jewelry and luxury goods.

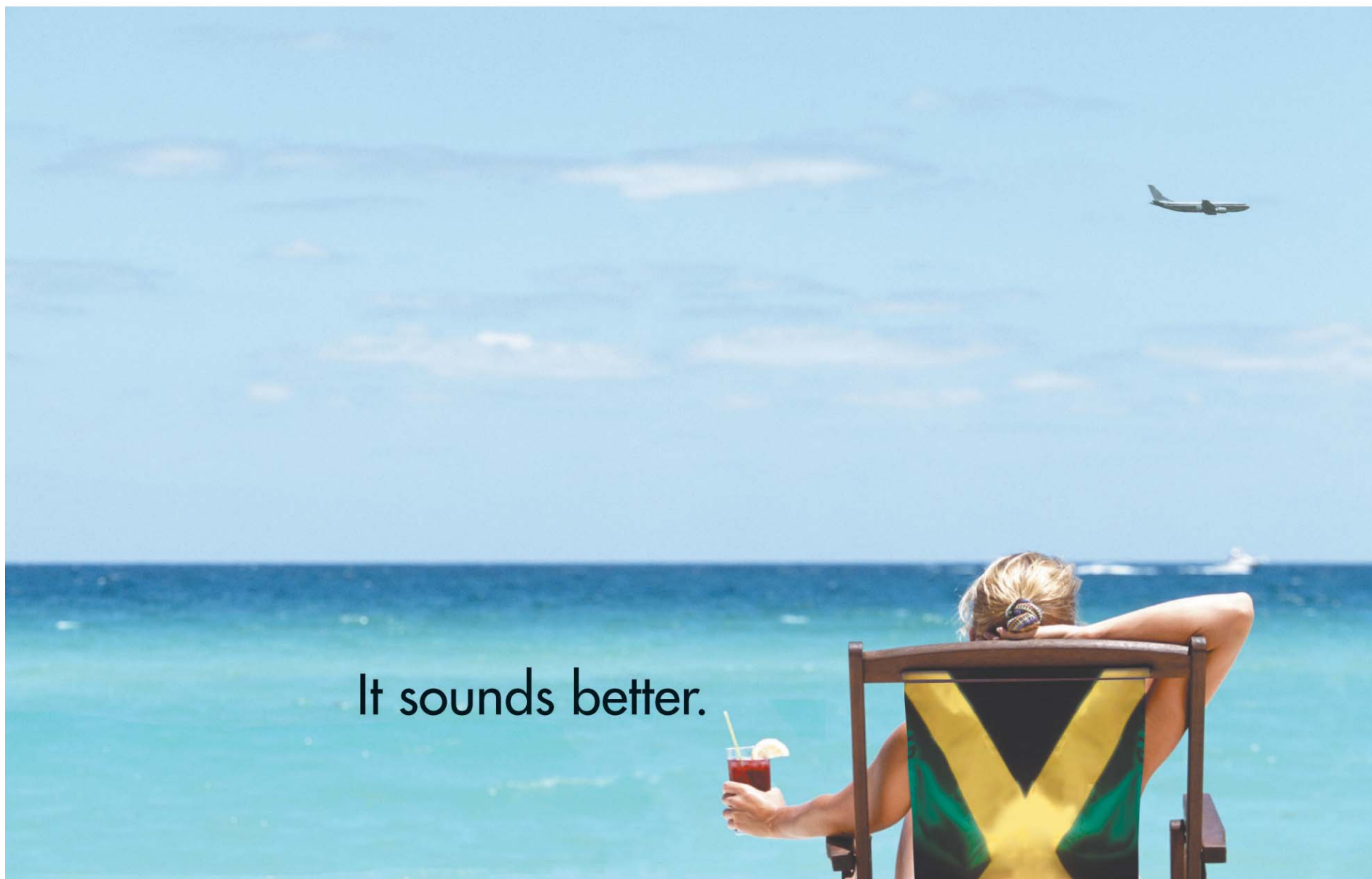
16 additional shops include designer boutiques such as Déjà Vu, Sheenaz, Island Leisure, Flights of Fantasy, Reggae Walk, Cool Gear, Colours, Jamaica Jammin and Shady Daze. Jamaican souvenirs can be found at Casa de Xamayca and Tina's Arts and Crafts, fun items can be found at Rose Hall Cigar Club, Coffee and Spice and the Shade Shack.

With up to 30% savings on a wide range of designer items, the shopping village is not only a popular spot for treasure hunting. Visitors can enjoy Blue Mountain Coffee specialties and an exciting menu of light and unusual delicacies at 'Café Blue', soon to be complemented by a vibrantly colorful gourmet restaurant and a Mediterranean style eatery located next to the signature waterwheel.

The shopping village is conveniently located directly across the road from the infamous Rose Hall Great House, west of Montego Bay and only a stone's throw away from the Ritz-Carlton and Half Moon Hotels. For transportation arrangements, please contact your hotel's concierge desk. You can also call tel. **953-3245** or e-mail srh@cwjamaica.com



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WHAT A GWAAN?

What's up, what's happening, what's gwaaning! It's in the Jamaican culture to keep up to speed, and you can always count on our column to keep you abreast of current Jamaican happenings at home and abroad. Let us give you a sneak peak at some famous faces out and about!



Asafa Powell (Photo: © The Gleaner Company Ltd 2007)

Veronica Campbell also registered a first yesterday, when she streaked to the line ahead of American Sanya Richards in a time of 10.90 in the 100m event. (Source: AFP)

THE JAMAICAN VICTORIES CONTINUE

The world's fastest man, Jamaican Asafa Powell, cruised to victory in the men's 200m race at the Shanghai Golden Grand Prix September 29th in a time of 20 second flat. Powell had smashed his own world record at Italian Grand Prix 20 days earlier, running the 100 meters in 9.74 seconds in the second of two qualifying heats.

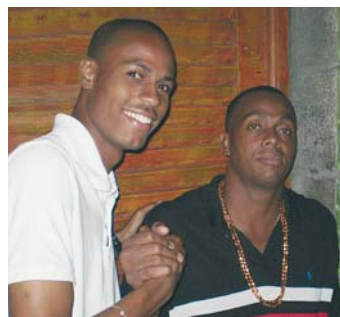
Another Jamaican, sprint queen, World Championship 100m gold medallist and Olympic 200m champion

WESTJET ANNOUNCES NON-STOP FLIGHTS FROM TORONTO TO MONTEGO BAY

Canada's leading low fare carrier, WestJet has announced plans to begin a scheduled non-stop service from Toronto to Montego Bay. Scheduled to begin December 10, 2007, the service will start in time to capture the tourist season with three weekly B737-00 flights, featuring increased legroom and live seatback television. "We are pleased to be able to offer our guests another great sun destination", says Bob Cummings, WestJet Executive Vice President, Guest Experience & Marketing. "We are confident that our modern fleet, low fares and award winning service will be well received in Montego Bay."

COURTNEY WALSH AT MARGARITAVILLE

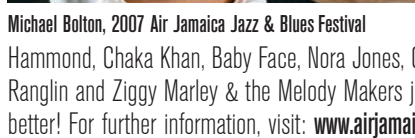
Windies cricket star and Ambassador at Large, Courtney Walsh was recently spotted while hanging out at MoBay's Margaritaville, enjoying the hotspot's Madagascar party with Margaritaville's Assistant Marketing & Promotions Manager Germaine Phillips.



Courtney Walsh (right) (Photo: Margaritaville)

2008 AIR JAMAICA JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL SET FOR JANUARY 22 - 26

The date is set for the 11th Air Jamaica Jazz and Blues Festival, to be held in Montego Bay from January 22 - 26, 2008, showcasing a magnificent selection of international and Jamaican music stars. Since 1996, the Festival's stage has been graced with performers such as John Legend, Shaggy, Air Supply, James Ingram, Lyfe Jennings, Patti LaBelle, George Benson, Roberta Flack, Kenny Rogers, Dionne Warwick, Alicia Keyes, Beres Hammond, Chaka Khan, Baby Face, Nora Jones, Cuba's Buena Vista Social Club, Jamaica's guitar legend Ernie Ranglin and Ziggy Marley & the Melody Makers just to name a few. The festival this year promises to be even better! For further information, visit: www.airjamaicajazzandblues.com



Michael Bolton, 2007 Air Jamaica Jazz & Blues Festival



PEACE BOAT DOCKED IN MONTEGO BAY



Peace Boat visitors enjoyed a memorable visit to Braco Stables. (Photo: Braco Stables)

The Peace Boat, a Japan-based non-governmental and non-profit international organization working to promote peace, human rights and sustainable development, docked in Montego Bay on August 15, 2007. The Boat brought 3,000 Japanese visitors to the island's shores before continuing on their 58th world cruise to the Panama Canal.



The Pier 1 team with their Lobster Soap box. (Photo: Pier 1)

maneuvering the lobster down the hill in the shortest time of 1:09. The lobster is proudly on display at Pier 1, in Montego Bay. www.pieronejamaica.com

RED BULL SOAP BOX RACE, A CARIBBEAN FIRST

Nearly 50,000 spectators gathered to experience the Caribbean's first ever Red Bull Soap Box Race at The Rhoades Sports Club in Discovery Bay, on August 12. 30 4 member teams entered the 0.8 km race, which judged on team participation, skits, cart design and fastest time down the hill. When the Pier 1 team rolled out their lobster design the crowd went wild. Team members Dwight Crawford, Anna Kaye Russell, Jelani Powell and driver Jason Russell won the race and the day,

REGGAE MARATHON & HALF MARATHON RACE DAY DECEMBER 1

Walk, jog or run for 26.2 or 13.1 miles along the coast to the pulsating reggae beat of Negril in the Reggae Marathon & Half Marathon on Saturday December 1, 2007. For further information, contact Reggae Marathon Limited at **922-8677** or e-mail racedirector@reggaemarathon.com. Registrations are also accepted online at: www.reggaemarathon.com



Marathon Runners at the 2006 reggae Marathon in Negril (Photo: Reggae Marathon)

REGGAE BOYZ AT SOCCER CAMP

Reggae Boyz members and coaches, together with S.O.S. Children's Village Soccer Camp organizer, Mark Rollins, took time out to enjoy a swim & ride at Braco Stables, where they rode horses into the turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea with the children. The Soccer Camp is an annual event for the children, organized by volunteers from Jamaica and the U.S. For information on future soccer camps, please contact Rose Hall Developments at **953-2456**.



The Reggae Boyz Soccer Team



Tony Rebel (Photo: Flames Productions)

15TH REBEL SALUTE JANUARY 2008

The Caribbean's largest Roots Reggae Festival, Rebel Salute, will be celebrating its 15th anniversary at its usual location at the Port Kaiser Sport Club in St. Elizabeth on January 12, 2008. Since 1983, Patrick 'Tony Rebel' Barrett has used his impressive catalogue of over 1000 songs as a tool to educate, entertain and uplift audiences around the world. Says the Rebel: - "So far, we have signed Jah Cure, Queen Ifrica, Monti Alexander, Buju Banton and Ernie Wrangling for our 15th anniversary Rebel Salute." In the past, the stage of Rebel Salute has been graced with greats such as Morgan Heritage, Gentleman, Third World, Gregory Isaacs, Jimmy Cliff and Maxie Priest. The festival is supported by more than 30,000 annual patrons who continue to enjoy lyrically clean reggae, strictly non-alcoholic beverages and vegetarian cuisine in a drug and violence free environment. "Our mission is to promote and preserve Jamaica's Reggae Music as a part of the mandate for nation building," says The Rebel. For further information, visit www.tonyrebel.com or call Flames Productions at **934-0827**.



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