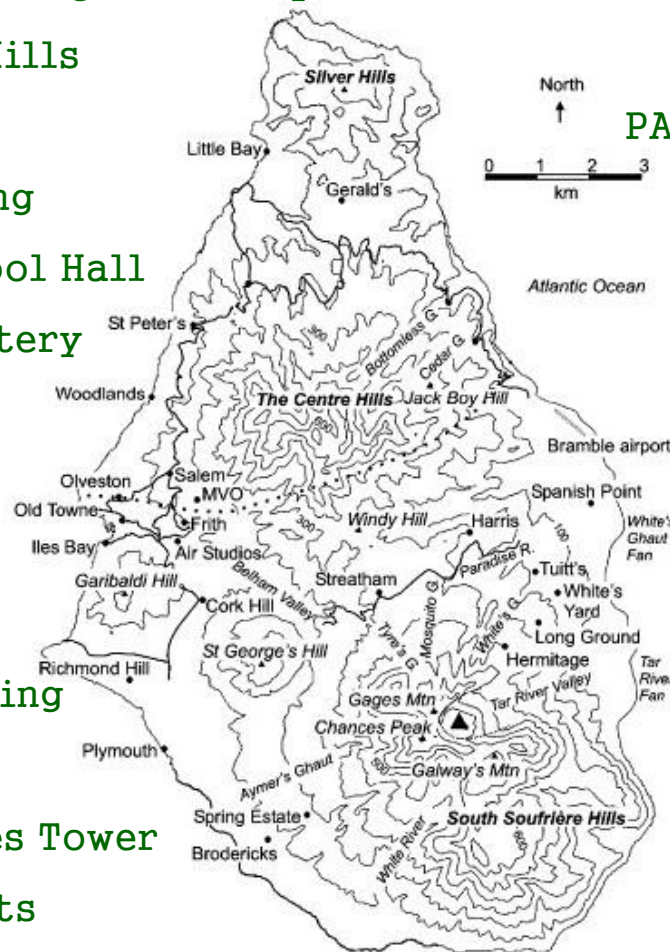


ACCESSIBLE HISTORICAL &
CULTURAL SIGHTS *ON*
MONTSERRAT



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MONTSERRAT ESTATE HOUSES

Most estates on Montserrat had a main house which stood out as a prominent landmark because of its elaborate size and numerous rooms. Notable among these are Olveston Estate House, Providence Estate House, Dubberys Estate House, Blakes Estate House, Waterworks Estate House and Rocklands Estate House. Despite the myth that estate houses are haunted, these properties are frequently occupied.





Under Construction

Blakes Estate House



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Waterworks Estate House



Rocklands Estate House



Dubberys Estate House at Woodlands

OLVESTON HOUSE



The Olveston house as we know it today was built in 1950 by the then manager of Montserrat Company. Olveston House has a very interesting history. The original wooden house was built in the 1800s. It had all the characteristics of a typical ancient estate house with numerous large rooms and a spacious yard. Olveston house had a number of important Firsts: 1. Montserrat first cinema operated in the basement. 2. It housed Montserrat's first radio station, ZJB. 3. The first house in Montserrat to have electricity. Currently it's the holiday home of former Beatles Manager, Sir George Martin and his wife. When the Martins are not occupying the house, it is operated by Margaret Wilson and Carol Osborne as a guest house and restaurant.

AIR STUDIOS

Air Studios was owned and operated by former Beatles Manager, Sir George Martin. Many singing superstars and musicians recorded at this studio. The late Luther Vandross, Stevie Wonder, Paul McCartney and Eddie Buffet are among some of the international artist who recorded at the studio. The studio was closed in 1989 due to severe damage to the equipment caused by the passage of hurricane Hugo.



Located at Waterworks



Studio Front Entrance

Rocklands Tomb Stone at St. Peters



This tomb stone can be seen in the abandoned graveyard at Rocklands. It is one of the island's tourist attraction.



'The Cot' located at Olveston Mountain



The sign above demarcates the ruins of 'The Cot'. The Cot was the Summer Home of the Sturge Family originally from England, who once owned several estates on Montserrat. The Sturges were involved in growing crops like Sea Island Cotton, Lime, Sugar Cane and Indigo.

WATER STORAGE TANKS

Rectangular shaped concrete water storage tanks were familiar sights in a number of villages on Island. They provide free water for the villagers who in the dry months of the year often had to line up to collect water. These tanks are still evident today in St. John's, Baker Hill, and Drummonds.



Baker Hill Water Tank



St. John's Water Tank

Lookout Yard



LOOKOUT MUSCOVADO SUGAR FACTORY

Several sections of the Lookout Muscovado Sugar Factory are shown in these photographs. The muscovado sugar cane juice and molasses were processed at the Lookout sugar factory for local consumption and export. Peggy Hammond, an American lady is the current owner of the Lookout yard. The Lookout yard is a major tourist attraction on island.



Sugar Cane Storage Containers



Copper



Part of the Sugar Mill

MUSCOVADO SUGAR MILLS



Barzeys Estate Sugar Mill

By the year 1730 Montserrat had 78 Sugar Mills. When the sugar factories were closed down, some of the mills were converted into dwellings and bars. The Richmond Hill Sugar Mill functioned as a Museum until volcanic activity forced its closure in 1996. Many of these structures are still standing today. They remain symbols of a vanished plantocracy that has left their names behind.



Baker Hill Estate Sugar Mill 1



Baker Hill Sugar Mill 2



Brades Estate Sugar Mill



Forgathy Estate Sugar Mill

Ancient Churches

The Salem Methodist Church was built in 1929 by Reverend William Sunter at a cost of 558 pounds 6 shillings and 2 pence. The baptismal font was carved from solid wood by a Trinidadian, Mr. Perry. His wife was a Montserratian woman born in 1840 and died in 1937. Members of the congregation operates a soup kitchen every Saturday for under privileged persons.



Salem Methodist Church

St John's Anglican Church, built in 1929 has survived several natural disasters (hurricanes and earthquakes) and still stands today as an example of Montserrat's unique early 20th century architecture and construction. In addition to being a place of worship, it has served as a community centre and a shelter. One of the island's most ancient grave yards occupies the Western portion of the church yard.



St John's Anglican Church

Bethesda Methodist Church (Cavalla Hill Church)

The original Bethesda Methodist Church was a wooden structure built in 1855. The church was refurbished in 1885. The wooden church was replaced with a stone church.



Bethany Methodist Church

The Bethany Methodist Church was dedicated on December 17–1980 by Rev. N.D. Brodie, Chairman of the District and Rev. Evans Doods, Superintendent Minister.



Zion Pentecostal Church

The Zion Pentecostal Church was built by the founder Joseph J Fenton in 1950. It was refurbished in 1991 by David C Fenton.



St James Anglican Church

The St. James Anglican church is located in Salem. It was built in 1932.



St Peters Anglican Church

The St Peters Anglican Church is a spiritual landmark in the village of St Peters.



Beulah Pilgrim Holiness Church

The Beulah Pilgrim Holiness Church is located in Providence.



Walkinshaw Building in Salem



The Walkinshaw building once housed a grocery with a famous bakery in the downstairs and dwelling quarters upstairs.

Mr. Walkinshaw, the owner of the building was a legislator for several years. He created the secret recipe for Salem Bread. The

Walkinshaw building represents an ancient type of Montserrat architecture which combines wood and concrete. Many believe that the building should be restored and serve as a tourist attraction.



OLD ST. PETERS SCHOOL HALL

Carr's Bay Gun Battery

In 1624, the Montserrat Counsel ordered the Negros living in the East of the Island to travel to Carr's Bay in December to build a gun battery and return to the East in January. The gun battery was strategically placed at Carr's Bay to defend the island against approaching ships. Today the Carr's Bay Gun Battery is used as a picnic area in addition to being a popular tourist attraction.



Carr's Plantation at Little Bay



The ruins of the masters house is still quite evident on the Carrs Plantation site. Artifacts found during recent archaeological digs suggest that the masters of Carr's Plantation frequently traded overseas allowing them to have an expensive and extravagant lifestyle. Archaeological studies has also shown that the Master's Great House was destroyed by fire. Fruit trees like Sugar Apple and Soursop are still seen growing on the Plantation.



PIPER'S POND



Carr's Bay

Piper's Pond is the only remaining area of Mangrove on the island. Mangrove swamps are beneficial. They provide:

- * Breathing grounds for fish
- * Resting place for migratory birds
- * Natural defense against storm surges
- * Prevents siltation of marine areas

Magarita Bay at Lookout



**MAGARITA BAY IS A POTENTIAL DOCKING
SITE FOR BOATS AND YACHTS**



Silk Cotton Tree at Cudjoe Head



Silk cotton trees in Montserrat were of agricultural importance having economic value in the fabric industry. The silk cotton tree in Cudjoe Head however has added historic significance. Legend has it that a runaway slave name Cudjoe was lynched on the tree during the dark days of slavery. The village was then appropriately called Cudjoe Head. The tree has withstood several hurricanes. Today it still stands very erect and healthy. The tree provides dense shade for persons who gather beneath it for a chat or waiting for the bus.

Runaway Ghaut



Runaway Ghaut is an important tourist attraction. There is a myth that once visitors drink water from Runaway Ghaut, they must return to Montserrat.

Old Police Station at Hope



The building that once housed the Hope Police Station is now an unoccupied dilapidated structure. It was among one of the first police stations built in a village outside of Plymouth. It was the home for several families of police.

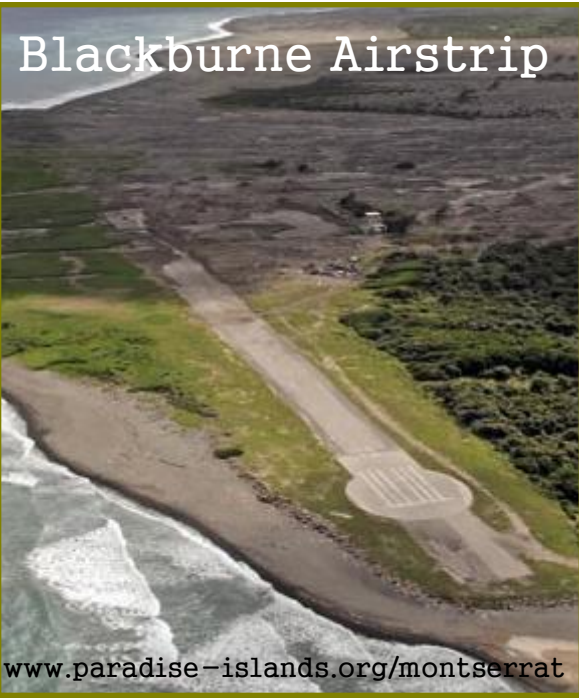
Thousands of Pieces Tower at Upper Friths



It towers above everything in the area, even the tallest of coconut trees. The structure is called “One Million Pieces” (indicative of the process by which it was built), says Franklin Hixson (Jackie Fire), the owner and builder.

MONTSERRAT AIRPORTS

Blackburne Airstrip

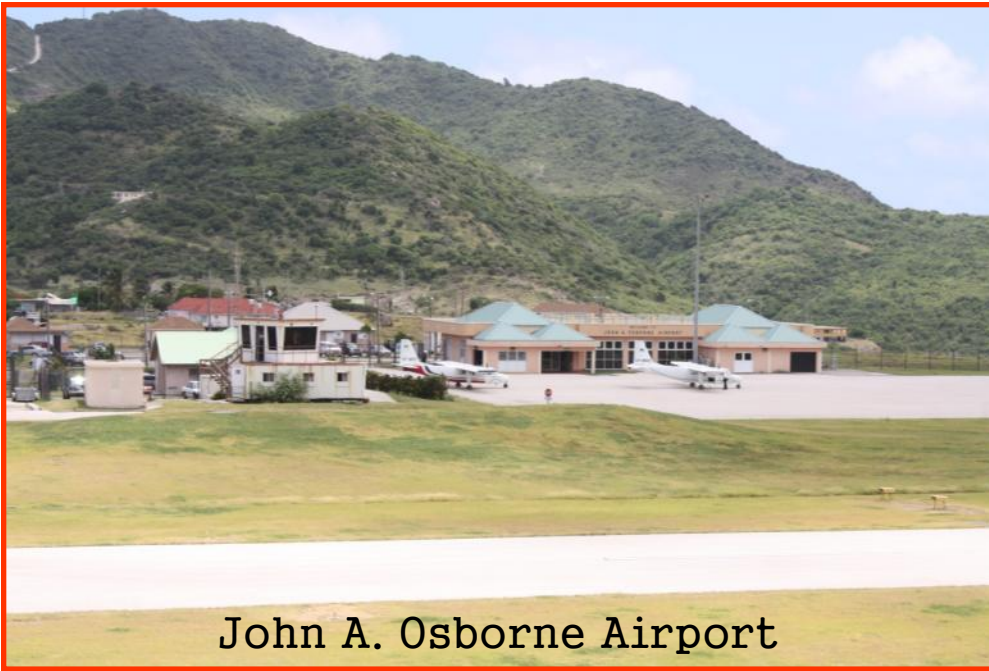


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Site of Olveston Airstrip (Overgrown)

Chartered flights started from a dirt airstrip at Olveston in 1956. This service later became Leeward Islands Air Transport (LIAT), founded by Frank S. Delisle and L.W. Magruder. In 1957 Blackburne Airport



John A. Osborne Airport

opened at Trants and the airstrip at Olveston was abandoned. In 1967 a paved airstrip was constructed at Blackburne Airport replacing the dirt airstrip. Regular service to Antigua began with 20-passenger Twin Otter planes. In later years the airport name was changed to W.H. Bramble Airport. The airport is now buried under pyroclastic deposits and abandoned. It was replaced by the John Alfred Osborne

Airport at Gerald's, built in 2005.

Golf Club Ruins at Old Towne



With the advent of residential tourism in the 60s came the development of a (11-hole) Golf Course at the Belham River Valley. The golf course now lies beneath layers of rubble caused by several mudflows carrying volcanic deposits. Several regional and international tournaments took place on the golf course. The club house is partially submerged.

Little Bay Public Market



The Little Bay Public Market was built in 2009 with funds provided by the Caribbean Petroleum Stabilization Fund. A market place in most Caribbean islands is an area where people gather on the weekends, not only to get fresh fruits and vegetables, but also to socialize. With the decline in agricultural production in Montserrat a lot of the food products that were available in the market place are now imported and offered for sale in the supermarkets. The market place is a significant tourist attraction.

MUSEUM AT LITTLE BAY

The Montserrat National Museum shown below was built in 2012. This is a move away from the old tradition of converting old ancient buildings into museums. An example of this is the Richmond Hill Sugar Mill that functioned as a museum until it was closed in 1996. A large variety of artifacts are currently displayed at the Montserrat National Museum. The museum is operated by the Montserrat National Trust.



View Point Hotel at Old Road Bay



The View Point Hotel was opened at Old Road Bay in 1961. The hotel is owned by the Osborne family. Because of volcanic activity the View Point Hotel is temporarily closed.

Sir Walter Raleigh and his crew frequented the Silver Hills to collect Red Cedar Lumber for repairs to their vessels which were docked at English Harbor in Antigua.



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Silver Hills Mountain

JACKBOY HILL FACILITY

The Jackboy Hill facility was built by the Montserrat Tourist Board. It sits on the summit of the hill surrounded by evergreen lawns and conspicuous flowering plants.

Jackboy Hill Lookout Facility is a lookout platform equipped with binoculars, seats, bathrooms and a recreation area. The facility affords a good look of the damage done by the Soufriere Hills Volcano to the eastern end of the island. On a clear day the dome and crater of the volcano is very visible. The Jackboy Hill facility is an ideal place to relax or to have a picnic.

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JACKBOY HILL LOOK-OUT FACILITY

