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DESTINATION NEWSLETTER + PRODUCT UPDATE



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NEWS FOR YOU

JAMAICA SUCCESSFULLY HOSTED CHTA



Jamaica hosted a successful Caribbean Travel Marketplace at the Montego Bay Convention Centre in January 2019.

Produced by the Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association, in collaboration with co-hosts the Jamaica Hotel & Tourist Association, the Jamaica Tourist Board and the Jamaica Ministry of Tourism. The event welcomed 576 supplier delegates from 147 companies. This included hotel and destination representatives, tour operators, OTAs, MICE planners and members of the media for several days of business.

REGGAE GIRLZ FOR WORLD CUP 2019



Jamaica's Reggae Girlz became the first Caribbean nation to qualify for a FIFA Women's World Cup. The event is scheduled to get underway in France where the opening match will take place at Parc des Princes in Paris on Friday, 7th June 2019.

The Reggae Girlz will faceoff against Brazil at Stade des Alpes, Grenoble on Sunday, 9th June 2019. Other matches are:

Friday, 14th June (Jamaica versus Italy)

Tuesday, 18th June (Jamaica versus Australia)

For more details and match fixture, visit www.fifa.com.

X FACTOR LIVE TOURS



Jamaica's very own Dalton Harris walked away as the winner of the 2018 X Factor competition and was the headline act for the 2019 live tours.

Several agents and community leaders across the UK were treated by the Jamaica Tourist Board to the XFactor Live Tours.

JTB used this opportunity to show our new 30 second advertisements during the UK concerts, to allure the fans of Dalton to visit Jamaica.

ACCOMMODATION UPDATE

S HOTEL NOW OPENED IN MOBAY



Recently opened, the new 120-room contemporary EP S Hotel has combined discrete urban sophistication and cosmopolitan influences with a laid-back resort lifestyle. It creates a feeling that is noticeably Jamaican.

This new multi-experiential beachfront hotel includes several buzzing venues including a Sky Bar and Lounge, a chic café, a high-spirited pool scene, an international restaurant, a spa, a boutique gym and guest rooms where the design aesthetic has been thoughtfully combined to create a modern and effervescent space for guests to enjoy.

For more information, visit www.shoteljamaica.com.

SANDALS RESORTS GOES ECO-FRIENDLY



Sandals Resorts International has announced that all 19 Sandals and Beaches Resorts across seven Caribbean islands including Jamaica has eliminated the 21,490,800 single-use plastic straws and stirrers used across the resorts each year. Eco-friendly paper straws will be available upon request.

Following the elimination of single-use plastic straws and stirrers, Sandals Resorts International will explore opportunities to eliminate other plastic items across its resorts by September 2019.

For more information, visit www.sandals.co.uk/about/eco-friendly.

BEACHES NEGRIL



Beaches Negril has recently developed nine new family-friendly rooms radiating casual luxury and warm Caribbean charm. These new categories include: • Negril Luxury Double suites situated near a variety of restaurants and the main pool • Tropical Beachfront Concierge King suites where guests can enjoy exclusive concierge services • Tropical Beachfront Two-Bedroom Grand Butler Family Suites coming complete with two bedrooms, three full bathrooms and a living room that leads out to a private balcony overlooking the tropical gardens, as well as including Butler Elite services.

For more information, visit www.beaches.com.

ACCOMMODATION UPDATE

NEW OCEAN CORAL SPRING



The Ocean Coral Spring will be a new five-star resort due to be open in Jamaica November 2019. The 500 room resort will be ideally situated on the seafront of Coral Spring, Montego Bay will offer access to a pristine white sand beach with the warm turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea. It will feature modern rooms, large pools and a wide range of dining options.

For more information, visit www.oceancoralspring.com.

R HOTEL IN KINGSTON OPENED



R Hotel, a 48-room property is primarily located on Kingston's Renfrew Road. Of the 48 rooms, 32 of them have kitchen facilities and each room has video conferencing. Guests will be able to have a 12-member conference from the TV screen in their room.

This charming hotel has a gym, art gallery, laundry facilities, two parking floors, conference room, security cameras and Redbones bar and restaurant resides on the eighth floor which happens to be the top floor. Redbones now boasts a pool and a space for shows to entertain diners.

For more information, visit www.rhotelja.com.

AC MARRIOTT TO OPEN 1ST JUNE



A 220 room hotel which is under the leadership of the Sandals Resorts International will be opened in Kingston on the 1st June. Ten rooms are designed to accommodate wheelchair-bound guests, while 17 rooms are for guests with hearing-impaired.

The hotel will also have three separate meeting spaces with the largest accommodating for a capacity of 600 people.

The AC Marriott will be fitted with more than 200 solar panels, energy-efficient glass and a check-in desk which caters to guests with accessibility needs.

For more information, visit www.marriott.com.

ATTRACTION UPDATE

NEW ISLAND ROUTES EXCURSION



Following the success of the groundbreaking MINI-Routes tours launched in early 2017, Jamaican tour operator Island Routes has introduced three new routes, as well as two half-day routes.

The tours let adventure seekers explore the real Jamaica while driving their very own MINI Cooper to Montego Bay, Negril, Ocho Rios, or Portland. After a full introduction to driving in Jamaica, guests can hop in and enjoy a tour featuring their very own island escort who will lead guests in their private island-inspired MINI.

For more information, visit www.islandroutes.com.

CHUKKA CARIBBEAN'S NEW POWER SNORKEL PARTY CRUISE



Chukka Caribbean has a new power snorkel excursion. The tour starts with a choice of either a Horseback Ride 'N' Swim or ATV Quad Biking or Dune Buggy Safari tour before continuing aboard the Chukka Cat.

As the adventure continues on the Chukka Cat party cruise, adventure seekers can try the new Power Snorkel experience and view Jamaica's natural exquisite reef system.

For more information, visit www.chukka.com.

LEISURE EVENTS IN JAMAICA



TMRW TDAY CULTURE FEST:

APRIL 29- MAY 5

This will be the 2nd staging of this event in the capital of casual - Negril. Travellers are invited on a week-long journey of self-discovery against the backdrop of one of nature's most beautiful white sand beaches in Negril.

Experience personal growth and deep feelings of love and gratitude triggered by our wellness, gastronomy, music and alternative therapy programs.

For more information, visit www.tmrwtday.com.



REGGAE SUMFEST:

JULY 14—20

Dubbed as the greatest Reggae show on earth, this most anticipated concert event has an impressive lineup of local and international artistes. The week of events is expected to kick off on July 14 with the Sumfest Mawnin Medz beach party, followed by the Street Dance, All White Party, All Black Blitz Party, Global Sound Clash and the Reggae Sumfest Symposium.

For more information, visit www.reggaesumfest.com.



JAMAICA DREAM WEEKEND:

AUGUST 2- 6

This year is being celebrated at the 10th anniversary of Dream Weekend, the summer music festival in the popular resort town of Negril.

There are several themed parties with live entertainment and various genres of music including Dancehall which will be heard at all the events.

For more information, visit www.jamaicadreamweekend.com

ARE YOU A 007 FAN?

COMPETITION TIME

Send your best photo to mail@visitjamaica.com of where “Dr. No” and “Live and Let Die” was filmed in Jamaica.

Deadline for submitting your images is Friday, 26th April 2019. The winning photo will be published on our Facebook page and the winner will receive £50 credit through our Jamaica Rewards programme.

Remember to keep logging your bookings on www.jamaicarewards.co.uk for other great incentives.



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