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THE BIG NEWS

NEW SESAME STREET CHARACTER AT BEACHES RESORTS

Beaches Resorts have introduced a new Sesame Street walkaround character called Rosita. The new character will invite children of all ages to play her favourite game of fútbol and learn the Spanish language during "Soccer Time with Rosita".

For more information, visit
www.beaches.com/Jamaica/



CLOSURE OF SANDALS INN

After several years of offering quality service to new and repeat guests, Sandals Inn which is located in Montego Bay ceased its operation on 21st July 2019.

The Sandals Resorts portfolio now has 15 Sandals Resorts, six Resorts in Jamaica – two in Montego Bay, a total number of 20 restaurants and 11 bars in Montego Bay, as well as the "Stay at One, Play at Two" programme in Montego Bay.

For more information, visit
www.sandals.com/sandals-inn/



HARD ROCK CAFÉ AND HOTEL TO MAKE HISTORY AS JAMAICA'S FIRST CASINO HOTEL

The world-famous Hard Rock Café and Hotel will be built in Montego Bay with a total of 1,700 rooms. As Jamaica ventures into the gaming sector is now official, ground could be broken by the end of the year, according to Tourism Minister Edmund Bartlett.

The minister also noted, "Following months of discussions at the highest level, we can say for sure that the Unico brand, which has the franchise for Hard Rock Hotel, will be building a single integrated resort which would be the Hard Rock Casino, the Hard Rock Hotel and the Unico Hotel brand."



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NEW ROK HOTEL TO OPEN IN KINGSTON

International brand Hilton Hotels is partnering with PamJam Investments to open a 12-storey ROK Hotel in Kingston. The hotel will fall under the Tapestry Collection by Hilton, allowing guest to benefit from the Hilton Honors, the award winning guest-loyalty programme for Hilton hotel brands.

The hotel is expected to open in late 2020 with 168 rooms on the downtown Kingston waterfront. The top four floors will see 36 apartments and six penthouse units. Apartments go on sale late 2019.



NEW DOMESTIC AIRLINE IN JAMAICA - JAM AIR LINK EXPRESS LIMITED

The new domestic airline began cross-country flights in Jamaica with its twin-engine Otto aircraft. The airline was incorporated in May 2019 and received its Otto aircraft in June. Executives from the company indicated that the Otto aircraft are in heavy demand, with relatively few available in the large aviation market of the United States. The Otto aircraft can assess all domestic airstrips in Jamaica making it easy for short- landings and take-off.

The company plans to add a second plane in the upcoming weeks which will increase Jam Air's capacity from 19 to 38 passenger seats. The airline offers four flights per day.

For more information, visit www.jis.gov.jm



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BARRY G & FRIENDS FAMILY REUNION

18th - 21st October 2019

Location: Negril - Island Lux Beach Park

Are you looking for a great family getaway?

This event is a family weekend festival hosted by Barry G and Friends and will celebrate the best of Jamaica's music, cuisine and culture on the white sands of Negril.

For more information, visit

www.barrygfamilyreunion.com



JAMAICA FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL

26th October to 3rd November 2019

Location: Kingston

Jamaica Food & Drink Festival is a departure from the ordinary to experience over 50 of Jamaica's most talented chefs, masters and wine and spirit experts at the 5th annual Jamaica Food & Drink Festival. Taking place over seven days, Kingston will come alive with highly curated culinary events, serving its distinct gift and urban edge, with fusions of local and international cuisine.

For more information, visit

www.jafoodanddrink.com



REGGAE MARATHON

8th December 2019

Location: Negril

Are you keen on health and wellness? Sign up to attend Jamaica's premier international Marathon event. The event features a Marathon, Half Marathon and a 10K race. The race course is parallel to the resort's famed seven mile white sand beach in Negril.

The race is internationally certified and has been included in the world's top 10 Marathon event multiple times. You will also enjoy the great sounds of Reggae music and its signature "World's Best Pasta Party".

For more information, visit

www.reggaemarathon.com



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CHRISTMAS CAKE COMPETITION

Jamaicans are very competitive and this competitive nature extends into the kitchen at Christmas each year as families boasts of baking the best Christmas cake or Christmas pudding.

Dubbed the Christmas Cake Fest, amateur bakers are invited to enter and have the opportunity to win great prizes.

Cakes will be judged on flavour, texture, balance (fruit to cake ratio), moisture, colour and presentation.

To enter please complete and return the form below by 26th November 2019 to mail@visitjamaica.com.

Applicants who are selected to compete will be notified by Friday, 29th November and expected to present their cakes on the evening of Friday 6th December, 2019 for judging and awards at the Jamaica High Commission, 1 Prince Consort Road, London SW7 2BZ at 7:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS CAKE FEST ENTRY FORM:

Your details:

Name: _____

Postcode: _____

Contact number: _____

Email address: _____

Category entered:

☐ Christmas cake

☐ Christmas pudding

Bakers can enter both categories if desired with cakes sized between 8 and 10 inches.

Ingredients used: _____



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