

PORT ANTONIO



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PORT ANTONIO ...NATURALLY!

Picture perfect Port Antonio is a panorama of nature's finest work. It is a place of palms and pimento and an abundance of orchids, found nowhere else on earth! Ferns and bananas grow by the side of the road with bamboo trees. Port Antonio is the home of butterflies and hummingbirds. It's where the graciousness of another era is set against the lush verdant beauty of nature. Port Antonio is often considered Jamaica's closest example of a rainforest region. An ecologically sensitive resort area, where the natural environment is well preserved. Modern infrastructure blends seamlessly with an idyllic atmosphere of a time of yore!

Port Antonio was a thriving banana shipping port about half a century ago. Today the main street, with royal palms standing like sentinels, is the centre of activity for this quaint seaside town. Stop at the Musgrave Market and barter for craft items. Shops and stores are all over the town, including the European-styled shopping village of St George. Even the accommodations in Port Antonio are special. They are all low-rise, mostly villa-type facilities tucked amidst the deep green of Jamaica's most lush foliage.



A STEP BACK IN TIME!

Port Antonio harkens back to a quiet, more romantic time in a special place filled with unforgettable beauty and charm. Port Antonio was said to be Errol Flynn's great love. The swashbuckling Hollywood superstar of the 1930's, 40's and 50's established a home here, entertaining family and close friends. Here you can explore the majestic Blue Mountains and swim or dive in the calm Blue Lagoon- yes the same one

in the movie, "The Blue Lagoon", starring Brooke Shields. Raft down the swirling Rio Grande or visit the magnificently forested Somerset Falls. Drive by Folly, the haunting turn-of-the-century mansion overlooking the sea. Discover the special allure of Nonsuch Caves and Athenry Gardens. And be sure to sample our world famous jerk chicken or jerk pork at "Boston", its original home!

Come for the moonlight and stay for the magic! Port Antonio is a made-for-romance setting, surrounded by turquoise waters and misty mountains. This gem of a town is located on the northeast coast of Jamaica and is renowned for its spectacular twin harbours. If you ever saw the movies "The Mighty Quinn", "Clara's Heart", "Club Paradise" or "Cocktails", then you have seen Port Antonio, for they were all filmed here! Celebrities and European royalty alike come here to enjoy the beaches and take a break from the hustle and bustle of life. And so should you! You never know who you may spot in this lush emerald called Port Antonio!

BE AT ONE WITH NATURE!

There are tours and activities to fill many days of carefree abandon in Port Antonio. A trek into the interior to meet the Moore Town Maroons, who mostly continue the customs and traditions of their forbearers, is an interesting cultural experience and a lesson in longevity and awe. Victorian gingerbread architecture will enthrall at Demontevin Lodge, a resting place for many weary travellers for over 100 years. The Thitchfield peninsula is home to the historic ruins of Fort George, the old British army barracks built in the 1700's. The town itself was originally called Titchfield, part of



the vast banana estate owned by Lord Portland, after whom the parish was named. Be sure to visit Somerset Falls, Reich Falls as well as take a ferry ride over to Navy Island, the tiny off-shore former British military outpost, once owned by Errol Flynn. The Trident Castle is a key edifice in the town and it has an intriguing story of its own, depending on who you speak to!

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE IN PORTY!

Anglers and Yachtsmen the world over know of Port Antonio's allure and the recently redeveloped Marina there continues to attract those who prefer to sail into paradise! Fishing tournaments are a staple in Port Antonio and one of the biggest marlin tournaments on the island is held in Port Antonio each Fall. If you fancy catching a blue marlin, your odds are very good here!

With its laid-back atmosphere, the nightlife in Port Antonio may surprise you! Many places come alive on the weekends and visitors and locals alike find a happy medium at many of the local hot spots. Many of the hotels and guest houses in this area have full service restaurants open to the public and so dine-around opportunities exist for the visitor who wishes to sample the cuisine around town.

So whether your passion is to trod the path less travelled in a tropical paradise, hike up mountain ranges or bike through trails more accustomed to hummingbirds than people; laze on a relaxing raft ride down the Rio Grande or plunge into the over 200 feet of the Blue Lagoon, or just to relax and be at one with nature on some of the best beaches on the island, Port Antonio will appeal to you. You can do it all or nothing at all!

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