



Dear Guest,

Welcome to Goblin Hill, San San, and Port Antonio! This area is acknowledged to be the most beautiful and unspoiled corner of the island, tucked away between the foothills of the Blue Mountains amidst lush, tropical vegetation, and the warm, crystalline Caribbean Sea.



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## A Quick Overview



800- and 1,600-square-foot one- and two-bedroom villas are spread out on twelve acres of lawns and gardens, overlooking the white sand and turquoise water of San San Beach, and a Princess's island. Goblin Hill's villa-style vacation offers the most potent relaxation around. Step out onto the lush lawns in front of your villa and feel the calm that comes from experiencing nature at her best. Enjoy the pool, tennis courts, and rolling lawns with planters' chairs strategically placed to enjoy the views. The Almond Tree Lookout is an ideal spot for passing lazy hours overlooking a perfect view of Princess Nina's Island and San San Bay, or taking unforgettable photographs.

The Hummingbird Terrace is perfect for a board or card game, also available from the Front Desk, as well as for sightings of its namesake iridescent streamertail hummingbirds at numerous feeders. The Terrace Bar is open for drinks from 3pm to 10pm, to the strains of Marley, Sinatra, bossa nova or whatever else suits your mood. Our extensive grounds play host to many indigenous tropical trees and birds. For walkers, once around the grounds will take about 15 minutes. Complimentary low-speed wireless Internet service is provided in our main public areas. Villas offer a Roku system for music streaming through TVs, and our own library of movies; not video streaming.

Goblin Hill offers you both the space and privacy of a villa and the sense of a boutique hotel. Each villa is tended by a personal cook/housekeeper who will see to all the duties in the villas, including providing a unique, personal food experience.



## The Villas



Your villa is either an 800-square-foot one-bedroom or a 1,600-square-foot two-bedroom complete home away from home, spacious and inviting.

You enter the two-bedroom villa through a private garden. On your right is a half-bathroom, followed by a complete kitchen with pass-through counter to a dining level. Two steps down are a large living room and a terrace facing the view where you will probably have all your meals.

Upstairs are two spacious bedrooms with wall-to-wall windows, one facing the sea and the other the mountains. Each has a skylit bathroom, ample closet space, air-conditioning, ceiling fans and high, exposed shingle roofs. With the cross-ventilation, you may never use air-conditioning. The bedroom facing the sea view has a king-size bed, and the other, two twins, perfect for a family. Two extra cots can be added for larger families.

Adjoining villas are ideal for large families or groups. Groups can be accommodated for meals together on a villa terrace, or on the lawn in front of a villa. Housekeepers from one or more villas are accustomed to sharing the cooking and serving when friends and families stay in adjoining villas.

The one-bedroom villas are either on the ground floor or on the second floor, accessed by a circular stair. The ground and upper floor villas also have wall-width glass doors and windows, framing the views. There is a kitchen, living/dining room, and a terrace or balcony as large as the two-bedroom villa terrace. Most of our one-bedroom villas have a king-size bed. All bedrooms have air-conditioning and ceiling fans (please turn them off when you leave the room). Bring your own downloaded video content for offline viewing on your own device here.

Your housekeeper is responsible for the items in her villa, including linens, crockery, glasses, and towels. We would appreciate your assistance in returning all items which you may have used elsewhere on the property, particularly glasses and towels.

# The Food Experience



## Your choice: Restaurant service, or a personal Cook

Reservations-only prix-fixe meals are available on the Hummingbird Terrace. Please reserve at the Front Desk two hours ahead of time..

For an additional charge, your own personal cook will prepare and serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. She also does your shopping. Her hours are from 8am to 8pm, with a break in the afternoon. She must meet her transportation home by 8:30pm, so we would appreciate your planning dinner times accordingly. If you need her to stay for a later dinner, there is an overtime charge after 8pm of US\$5 per hour. For those staying a week or more, on one night of the week your housekeeper will leave at 5pm. On that night, you may decide to try an area restaurant for dinner, or she can prepare and leave a meal for you.

Your housekeeper does not stay in the villa unless she is cleaning or cooking, as your privacy and comfort are paramount. When you need her, call the Front Desk at +876.993.7443 or 630.1540. Sometimes, guests like to cook for themselves. If so, please let her know. She will be pleased to assist as much, or as little as you as choose.

Once you've arrived, discuss what you'd like with your housekeeper, perhaps from the menu page on page 6. Or just ask your housekeeper to surprise you with some tasty Jamaican dishes. Once you discuss your likes and dislikes with your housekeeper, she will do all your shopping for you.

Illustrations of local fruits and vegetables and seasonings, and hints as to how they are prepared, are shown on page 5.

## Before You

### Arrive

We need to pre-purchase ingredients for your first dinner and breakfast, as there are few restaurants and shops close by. A standard meal, which we've found most guests enjoy, will be prepared for your arrival: pumpkin soup, baked chicken in orange sauce, rice and peas, sautéed or baked plantain, a green salad, and a fruit salad or coconut pie for dessert. Breakfast is usually an assorted fruit plate, eggs, with toast, butter, guava jam, and coffee. (You may soon be requesting the local breakfast dish of ackee and saltfish and Johnny cakes instead!)

Ask us for our online form so we can stock your villa beforehand if you would like Red Stripe beer, snacks, extra ice, Appleton rum, and other necessities of life. You will be able to pay for the food and drink purchases after arrival. Successive purchases will be made by your housekeeper in Port Antonio; we will buy your items at a supermarket where we have an account, and add it to your room bill plus a 10% administrative charge. Please feel free to check the receipts. We appreciate your settling your food account with us every three days.

Please have Jamaican dollars on hand to give to your housekeeper for the purchase of items not in the supermarket, such as fruit, fish, and lobster in season (not April 1-June 30), and for her transportation. You can budget approximately what you pay at home.

The nearby village of Drapers has a small grocery store, which carries basic items. If you have the time and are interested, a visit to the market with your housekeeper on a Friday or Saturday can provide an insider's look into daily Jamaican life.

Note that fish in Jamaica is typically prepared whole, with bones. Please specify if you would prefer boneless fillets.

For a taste of European cuisine, our neighbour Vera from Belgium makes delicious pastries, cheesecakes and croissants for small groups. Her menu is at the Front Desk. We must call to order before 6pm for delivery the next day: 567.9998 or 543.0847. A delivery charge of US\$5 applies.

## A Few Of Jamaica's Fruits And Vegetables

### Sour Sop

Its juice is said to be a natural tranquilizer.



### Naseberry

Sweet; good alone or in fruit salads.



### Mangoes

The best are Bombay, East Indian, and Julie.



### Sweet Sop

Great in smoothies or on its own.



### Star apple

Eat alone or as a sweet dessert with orange called 'Matrimony'.



### Coconut

Drink the nutritious water and eat the jelly. When dried and grated, good in pies with rice and peas or as an hors d'oeuvre.



### Paw-Paw (Papaya)



### Red peas

Used in soups; cooked in coconut milk with rice (a national favourite)



### Gungo peas

Make a delicious soup and can be cooked with rice.



### Plantain

Looks like a large banana, cannot be eaten raw but delicious with curries or fricasees; can be fried or baked.



### Cho-cho

Can be cooked with cinnamon to resemble apple pie, or may be steamed with butter as a vegetable or eaten raw, marinated in salt and water in a salad.



### Breadfruit

A beautiful tree; the breadfruit is a substitute for bread or potato and may be roasted whole and served with butter, or fried as chips or used with dips as hors d'oeuvres.



### Ackee

Ackee and saltfish is another national dish. Ackee can be served for breakfast or as an appetizer, or as a vegetable with a main dish.



### Sweet potatoes, Yams, Coconos, Cassava

What makes Usain so fast! Slow-release energy foods, often cooked in soups or served as a vegetable.



### Callaloo

Valuable source of iron, substituted for spinach and for making the famous Pepper Pot soup.



### Pumpkin

Makes a delicious soup with or without the addition of meat.



### Avocado pear

Large varieties here, and quite delicious.



...don't even mention: Otahiti apples (brought here by Captain Bligh); Ortanique oranges; and bananas, pineapples and grapefruits, nutmeg and pimento and Scotchbonnet pepper, unlike any you've tasted before.

# Sample Menus

Based on season and availability

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Seasonal Fruit Plate: paw-paw (papaya), june plum, mango, pineapple, banana, star-apple, naseberry, Otaihiti apple, tangerine, grapefruit Fresh-squeezed Juice Pancakes with Bacon Coffee/Tea	Escoveitch Fish 'Bammy' Cassava Cakes or Parsley Potatoes Lettuce and Tomato Salad Paw-Paw, Star-Apple or Otaihiti Apple	Potato and Scallion Soup Chicken or Pork in Orange Sauce Sweet and Irish Mashed Potatoes Mixed Salad Vinaigrette Fruit Salad, with Vanilla, Nutmeg and Cinnamon
Fruit Plate and Fresh-squeezed Juice Tomato & Scallion Omelette Hard-Dough Bread Toast and Guava Jelly Coffee/Tea	Baked Chicken in Orange Sauce Rice and Peas With Coconut Milk Sautéed Plantain Fresh Fruit Salad, with Vanilla, Nutmeg and Cinnamon	Red Pea Soup With Spinners Fricassee Chicken Seasoned Rice Sautéed Green or Ripe Plantain Mixed Salad Banana Fritters With Lime
Fruit Plate and Fresh-squeezed Juice Eggs any style Bacon Hard-Dough Bread Toast and Guava Jelly Coffee/Tea	Callaloo, Onion and Cheese Quiche Sautéed Breadfruit Slices Mixed Salad Banana Fritters with Brown Sugar and Lime	Ackee Appetiser or 'Stamp and Go' (Codfish Fritters) Red Snapper Fillets with Lime Butter 'Bammy' Cassava Cakes or Potatoes Green Salad Vinaigrette Coconut Pie
Fruit Plate and Fresh-squeezed Juice Full Jamaican Breakfast: Ackee & Saltfish, Callaloo (greens), Johnny Cakes With Butter and Guava Jelly, Boiled Green Banana, Plantain Coffee/Tea	Hamburgers Potato Wedges Purple and White Cabbage Coleslaw Ortanique or Mango with 'Ice Dream' Granita	Pepperpot Soup Roast Chicken Rice and Peas With Coconut Milk Avocado Salad Baked Banana with Coconut Cream
Fruit Plate and Fresh-squeezed Juice Callaloo and Cheese Omelette Hard-Dough Bread Toast and Guava Jelly Coffee/Tea	Cold Sliced Chicken Potato Salad or Breadfruit Salad Avocado and Tomato Salad Vinaigrette Baked Grapefruit with Cinnamon and Brown Sugar	Chicken Vegetable Soup Beef or Chicken Curry Rice, with Mango Chutney or Grated Coconut Topping Cucumber and Tomato Vinaigrette Pineapple Upside-Down Cake
Fruit Plate and Fresh-squeezed Juice Cereal or Home-made Porridge From Green Banana or Cornmeal Eggs any style Bacon Hard-Dough Bread Toast and Guava Jelly Coffee/Tea	Sliced Mozzarella and Tomato Plate Ackee Quiche with Hard-dough Bread Fresh Pineapple/Mango/Grapefruit	Cream of Pumpkin Soup With Coconut Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice and Stir-fried Vegetables Green Salad Vinaigrette With Tomato and Avocado Lime Pie
Fruit Plate and Fresh-squeezed Juice French Toast Coffee/Tea	Macaroni and Cheese Tomato and Avocado Vinaigrette Banana Crumble	Fish Tea (Soup) Jerk Pork or Chicken Mashed Potatoes or Yellow Yam Sautéed String Beans Lettuce and Tomato Vinaigrette Vanilla Cake with Hot Rum Sauce

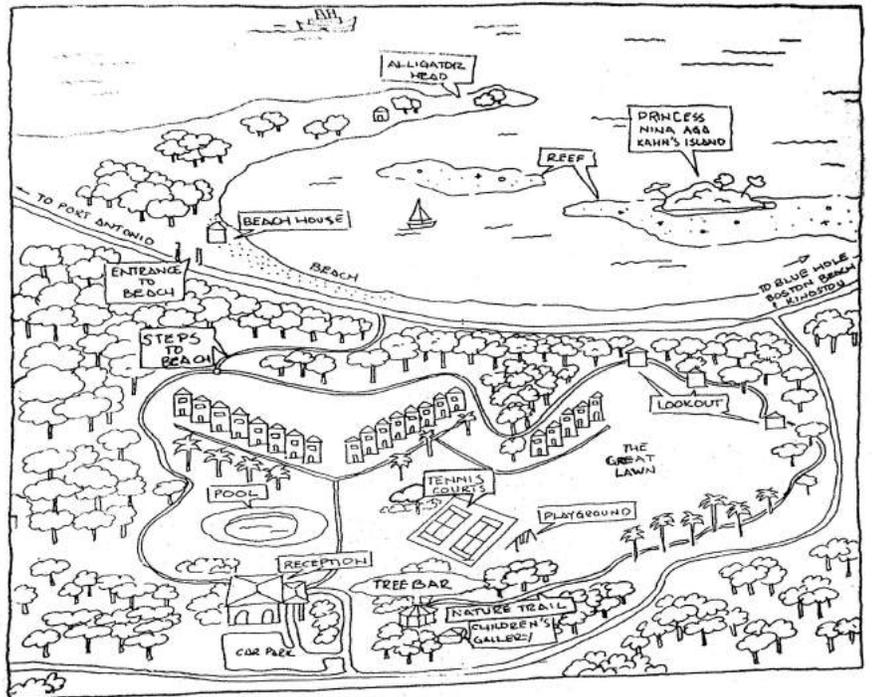
# Tipping

For those who choose the personal cook/housekeeper service, you may want to reward your cook directly based on how pleased you have been with her service. Guests often request guidelines and we advise that an average tip is about 7% of the room rate. Please let us know about your housekeeper experience, as this will guide us in our continuing efforts in training, and/or recognition.

## On The Property

### Pool

The pool is surrounded by shady vine covered alcoves, with hammocks and chaises lounges for relaxing, and tables for board games or using your laptop.



### Tennis Courts

Two tennis courts are centrally located near the pool, and are perfectly sited north/south to eliminate glare. Area tennis pro Nicky is an ideal partner if you want a tennis partner or a good workout, and he is a good-humored teacher of both adults and children. Let us know ahead of time so we can book him for you. Rates are US\$20 an hour and he has racquets for rent. You may also use our racquets and balls; ask for them at the Front Desk.

### The Hummingbird Terrace Bar and Restaurant

Have cocktails or a bottle of rosé while Jamaica's signature, endemic 'Doctor Bird', hummingbirds with long twin streamertails, zoom past your head through the open terrace. Request reggae, calypso from Trinidad, or Diana Krall — whatever suits your mood. Prix-fixe meals are available with advance reservation. The Terrace Bar is open 3pm to 10pm. Wednesday nights from 7:30pm on, we offer a drink special and neighborhood friends often drop in.





## Rum Punch Party

The Manager's rum punch party, on the lawns overlooking San San Bay or on the Hummingbird Terrace, to the sounds of a live mento band, takes place every Saturday at 5:30pm. Enjoy complimentary rum punch, or 'Ting', a Jamaican grapefruit soft drink, and warm, freshly-made coconut chips, and meet our guests from all over the world, including many from Kingston vacationing for the weekend. The sunsets are lovely, so bring a camera.

## Gardens

There are over 11 acres of lawns and gardens to explore on the property. At the edge of the Great Lawn are several overlooks specially sited for you to enjoy spectacular views of Princess Nina Aga Khan's island, San San Bay, and the craggy, dramatic Alligator Head headland. You will stroll past exotic flowering and fruit trees, and see and hear many birds indigenous to Jamaica. For avid birdwatchers, 22 species of birds have been observed on our property, where the abundance of trees and vegetation, seeds and flowers provide a natural habitat. Our gardeners will be happy to pick a coconut and cut it open for you to drink. If our mango, banana, pimento and avocado trees are bearing fruit, please help yourself. There is a playground for young children with swings and slides located just behind the bamboo bordering the far side of the tennis courts. Planters' chairs are provided for parents or nannies.



## The Library

The library is a quiet spot off the Terrace when you can browse our books and magazines, watch cable TV, or meet friends. It is also used for yoga classes, meditation retreats, and group functions.



## The Hummingbird Terrace



The Hummingbird Terrace is the perfect spot to relax, read a book and catch up on email. Your company: a charm of hummingbirds of various types; including the magnificent, iridescent green, Doctor Bird, the streamer-tailed symbol of Jamaica, found only on this island. The birds' lightning-fast hovering, chases and feedings, with their trademark whirr, are a show unto themselves.

## Entertainment

Entertainment on property, in addition to our Terrace Bar and its Wednesday night specials, includes cable TV in the library, dominoes, and cards and board games; although for many, the preferred evening's entertainment after a hard day at the beach, or rafting down the Rio Grande, is relaxing on the lawns or at the Almond Tree Lookout overlooking Nina's Island, lulled by the sound of the sea and the nearby chirping of tree frogs and crickets, while watching the play of moonlight on San San Bay.

Nightlife around Port Antonio consists of hotel bars, often with billiards, notably the stylish GeeJam and Trident hotels (ask the Front Desk to call ahead to request your visit); and the longstanding Roof, LaBest, and Cristal nightclubs. Most Friday nights at 8pm, the famed calypso band The Jolly Boys performs at GeeJam. Often on Saturday nights, a jazz band with a Ferrari-red Steinway performs at Trident. On Thursday nights, Cristal hosts a very popular all-night outdoor party in its parking lot called Roadblock.

On Sunday evenings, DJ Enrico from Italy hosts Vinyl Sundays in our neighboring village of Drapers, playing Jamaican music from the last 50 years. Saturdays at 7:30pm, after our Rum Punch party, head to the joyfully- and inventively-designed Great Huts hotel on Boston Bay, for a history-of-Jamaican dance performance (with audience participation at the end) accompanying drinks or, if you like, dinner. Sunsets are a good time to have a drink at the bar at Bikini Beach next to the Errol Flynn Marina in Port Antonio, or at the Trident.

And the many small bars that are found in any village or town are a great place to have a beer and experience an authentic slice of Jamaican life. Exercise the same precautions you would going out at night anywhere.



## Beaches And Attractions

Each of the beautiful beaches in our area has its own distinct personality. Here are a few of our favorites. (Note: beaches close by sundown, and most have paid entry.)

### Frenchman's Cove Beach

The most celebrated of our beaches, and a sought-after location for movies and photo shoots. The beach is in a beautiful cove, and the water is refreshingly cool where the fresh water enters the sea. Bodysurfing can be enjoyed when conditions are right. A bar, casual grill, and beach chairs are available. The beach is less than a five-minute drive from the hotel, or a fifteen-minute walk, going west. There is a charge for entry, recently US\$10 per person.



## San San Beach

This is a long, shallow, warm water beach, just below Goblin Hill. San San is a good beach for children because the water is almost always calm, and shallow. Good swimmers or snorkelers can swim to Pellew Island, better known as Princess Nina Aga Khan's island, where there is a tiny, perfect beach. From Pellew, the reef stretches in both directions, opposite picturesque beach houses built into the sea. Walkers may take the beach stairs in front of Villa 1 down to the main road, and walk ten minutes west toward the beach entry. (Note: the stairs are steep, and the gate to them closes at 6pm.) This is also a very short drive from Goblin Hill. Enter at the rear steps, beyond the main entrance and adjacent to the restaurant structure. Otherwise, there is a charge for entry, recently US\$7 per person.



## Winnifred's Beach (Fairy Hill Beach)

This lovely beach protected by a reef, is somewhere between Frenchman's Cove and San San Beach in character: warm, but not as shallow as San San; and not as much surf as there is at times at Frenchman's Cove. This was the location for a Robin Williams movie, *Club Paradise*. The beach, which is public, is very popular with local residents as well as visitors, and is maintained by the community. At one end, Cynthia runs a popular restaurant selling fish, chicken and local accompaniments. The beach is about ten minutes from Goblin Hill driving east, and although not indicated by any signage on the main road, there is a turnoff opposite the Jamaica Crest resort, which takes you through a modern housing development, and then downhill to the beach. Drive slowly, as much of the road is unpaved. The very fit and adventurous may also park in front of the sign labeled 'Parking Lot', and walk the rest of the way down a steep, unpaved path of tree roots through the forest. There is no charge for entry, but you will be asked to make a small contribution towards maintaining the beach, say US\$1 per person.



## Boston Beach/Jerk Centre

Boston, five miles going east, is most famous as the home of the famous Jerk seasoning, which is a major legacy of the Maroons. Maroons were runaway slaves who used the dense vegetation of the mountainous interior to keep the British at bay, eventually negotiated a truce with them, and won a form of self-government. Some of our staff are proud descendants of the Maroons, who still live in the Rio Grande Valley. Wild boar were 'jerked', or cooked in pits underground to prevent the smoke from giving away their location, and the meat was highly spiced and cooked over pimento sticks, which contributes to its special flavor. Jerk is of course now popular all over Jamaica, and everything can be jerked, including pork, chicken and fish. Our favourite shop is Cee Lee, a bit past the beach across the street. Order a side dish of sweet, corn-based 'festival' bread, a cold beer, or coconut water at the same time. Cee Lee doesn't make jerk on Mondays and Tuesdays but serves other dishes



Next to the jerk huts is Boston Beach, a public beach with a J\$200 per person entrance. For a quieter visit, go during the week, as there is music played on weekends. Once on the beach you will see that it is divided by a promontory. If you wade around it, you will come upon a wider beach. This is one of the few surfing beaches in Jamaica, and the water is very lively. Some of the surfers offer lessons for about US\$50 an hour.

### Long Bay

Long Bay, going east for about 20 minutes en route to Reach Falls, is the best-kept secret in the area, a long, powdery beach with several casual beachside bars. Be careful: there is also a well-known undertow. Stay close to shore if you swim. Long Bay is an excellent place to stop if you have visited Reach Falls nearby. It also gets sun later in the day than any other beach in Portland. This is public beach with no charge.



### Reach Falls

Reach Falls (note: closed Monday and Tuesday) is not to be missed. Forty minutes east of Goblin Hill, these are pristine falls, with crystalline pools, hidden chutes and cool waters for swimming in a tropical rain forest.

Follow the sign on the main road, up the secondary road that curves through beautiful coconut and banana fields for ten minutes, to the entrance. Entry is about US\$10, and a tip for your guide is expected. Reef shoes, strongly recommended, are available for rent for US\$3. You will be completely submerged in water if you climb up the falls, so bring a waterproof camera, or ask your guide to hold your camera for you as you ascend. This trip is well combined with a visit to Long Bay.



### The Blue Lagoon

This nearly 200-foot deep lagoon is a fifteen-minute walk down the hill from Goblin Hill. The deep blue water, the natural springs which feed the Lagoon, and the luxuriant, almost primordial vegetation around the Lagoon make it a unique location. Carefully cross the main road, turn right, and take the fork on the left, the seaside Blue Lagoon Road. You will pass unique vacation homes built Venice-like directly on the sea.

If you are approached by vendors at the entrance to the road or near the Lagoon and are not interested in making a purchase, a firm but polite “No, thank you” will suffice. There is no charge for using the road, or for visiting the Lagoon. Always agree all rates ahead of time. The Lagoon is not formally open and is hoped to be regulated and co-managed by the Jamaica National Heritage Trust and the Alligator Head Foundation. There is much to be done including authorizing rates, licensing vendors, and meeting environmental concerns.



## Rafting On The Rio Grande

Rafting for enjoyment was popularized by the actor Errol Flynn after seeing this picturesque means of transporting bananas from the interior valleys to the coast for export on banana boats. ‘The Banana Boat Song’, with its refrain of “Day-o”, popularized by Harry Belafonte fifty years ago, was adapted from the traditional Jamaican work song of the crews loading the banana boats in the cool of the night, before daybreak. This is no whitewater adventure; you will spend a relaxing two and a half hours gliding down the river on a two-person bamboo raft poled along by a raftsman. Red Stripe or rum punch goes particularly well with this outing. You will find yourself in a tranquil world of limpid pools, bamboo-covered hills, and luxuriant foliage, where in deeper sections you may swim alongside your raft. Halfway down, a great Jamaican lunch by Belinda can be ordered in advance, to be served on the riverbanks. Book in advance at the Front Desk. It’s recommended to bring drinks and snacks. Ask there for an umbrella for the sun.



## Errol Flynn Marina/Esplanade

Located in the heart of Port Antonio at the foot of Titchfield Hill, the Marina and waterside park has a cruise ship pier, a beach, berths for boats up to superyacht size, a dive operation, casual poolside lunching, a gift shop, and a view of the Port Antonio harbour and of Navy Island — once a British naval station and later owned by actor Errol Flynn who kept his yacht, the Zaca, here. An esplanade winds around the harbor, ending with an attractive ice cream shop selling the famed ice cream from Devon House, a grand 1880s home in Kingston (now a museum with adjoining restaurants and shops that is perhaps the most popular attraction in the city). National Geographic’s “Food Journeys of a Lifetime” website feature lists Devon House 4th on its list of Top Ten Places to Eat Ice Cream.



## Titchfield Hill

Titchfield Hill forms a promontory between Port Antonio’s twin harbors: the West Harbour where the Marina is located, and the shallow East Harbour with fishermen, rum shops and small eateries. An easy walk to the top of the hill takes you to the sparse remnants of a 1720s British fort built for protection against Spanish attacks, featuring cannons atop ten-foot-thick emplacement walls. Today, it is home to Titchfield High School, founded in 1786. You may ask to enter the school grounds and visit the fortifications. Next door, overlooking Navy Island, was the site of the first hotel in Jamaica, the Titchfield Hotel, whose guests arrived on the banana boats that served Port Antonio’s main industry.

With its sea views and cooling breezes, Titchfield Hill was home to the local gentry in the 19th century, and its Victorian architecture is still evident in several of the houses. One of these is Demontevin Lodge, an 1881 Victorian guesthouse that is still in operation, which it’s said has played host to visits by Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Queen Elizabeth II.



## Somerset Falls

These small, beautiful falls 25 minutes west of Port Antonio are accessed by a short rowboat ride across green pools set in the forest and through a hidden cave. Those arriving or departing from Ken Jones Aerodrome a half-mile away, especially, would be absolutely remiss not to visit.



## Hikes

There are a variety of hikes in the lush Rio Grande Valley (one identifies 60 varieties of fern), ranging from a couple of hours, to day-long. Request to end up at Scatter Falls, or make it a birdwatching excursion. Here in the lower Blue Mountains the Maroons, escaped slaves, lived and fought a successful guerrilla war against the British two centuries ago. Book all hikes at the Front Desk. You may also enjoy the steep roads right around Goblin Hill, past vacation villas under lush tree canopies.



## Downhill Bicycle Tours

This is a full day's outing, with a good, good deal of driving. The 95%-no-peddalling tour begins with an 8:30am pickup at Buff Bay, about 40 minutes west of Goblin Hill, for a 4pm return. A one-and-a-half-hour bus ride takes you to the lower Blue Mountains for a 9-18 mile downhill ride through the misty, cool range famous as the home of some of the most expensive coffee in the world, and topped by a 7,400-foot peak. Separate visits can be arranged to a coffee plantation to see how coffee is grown and roasted. Book at [BMToursja.com](http://BMToursja.com) or via the Front Desk.



## Fishing

Deep-sea fishing for Jamaica's signature blue marlin, along with mahi-mahi, king fish, snapper, tuna and wahoo, is available with Lady G'Diver ([dive@ladygdiver.com](mailto:dive@ladygdiver.com)) or on the 'Irie Vibes' ([info@irievibesfishing.com](mailto:info@irievibesfishing.com)). Please observe seasonal catch restrictions. Bring your own lunch and drinks. Each year in October, there is a week-long Blue Marlin Fishing Tournament in Port Antonio, now in its sixth decade and a celebrated social event as well as for the fishing.



*l-r: Blue Marlin, King Fish, Snapper, Wahoo, Tuna*

## Scuba, Snorkeling, Paddleboarding, Kayaking

Lady G'Diver, located at the Errol Flynn Marina, is one of most experienced dive operations in Jamaica. Its licensed and insured team offers a range of dives that start fifteen minutes from the Marina, and teaches diving and snorkeling in secluded coves along the coast. Book at [ladygdiver.com](http://ladygdiver.com) or at the Front Desk. The Alligator Head Foundation does Scuba and snorkeling and adds paddleboarding and kayaking to the mix. Book at [alligatorheadfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:alligatorheadfoundation@gmail.com) or at the Front Desk.



## Birding

Portland is very popular with birders. The island hosts 324 bird species, 28 of them endemic. Most of these can be seen right here on our property, and their distinct calls in the morning are varied and striking. A poster showing Jamaican species you may possibly see at Goblin Hill is hanging in our Reception lobby. Arrangements may be made for an experienced guide to take you on a memorable birdwatching excursion in the area. And you need go no further than our Terrace or pool for frequent sightings of several hummingbird species hovering at the feeders — most spectacularly, the magnificent indigenous Doctor Bird, symbol of Jamaica, with its long, twin, streamer-like tail-feathers.



## History

There's an oddly outsize history to this little area. Here is the first hotel in the Caribbean, the 400-room Titchfield Hotel, visited by J.P. Morgan and Clara Bow, and later owned and managed by, of all people, the hard-living bon vivant actor Errol Flynn (whose widow lived near us until her passing just a few years ago). The setting of movies from *Lord of the Flies* to *Cocktail* to *Club Paradise* to *The Mighty Quinn* to *Knight and Day*. The Folly mansion, owned by the Tiffany heiress and part-time home of Machu Picchu rediscoverer Hiram Bingham. The British fort of Fort George. The birthplace of surfing and jerk seasoning (the latter invented by escaped slaves, the Maroons, who forced the British army to an armistice) in Jamaica. Flynn's lands, a cattle ranch with stone-walled fields straight out of the English countryside. The Victorian architecture of Titchfield Hill. A Bavarian castle and Tudor shopping mall, nearby. Our neighborhood of San San, home to the Aga Khan; his wife, famed model Nina Dyer—and the island, just off our property, she got from an earlier marriage to neighbour Baron von Thyssen, owner of the largest art collection in the world besides the Queen's; the Molson beer family; an architect of the Marshall Plan, Burke Knapp; and newly, music stars Diplo and Santigold, and New York tech entrepreneurs and restaurant magnates. A megayacht marina. One of the world's most magical beaches, at Frenchman's Cove, once the most luxurious and expensive hotel in the Caribbean, owned by the Canadian business magnates the Westons. Do explore.



*Errol Flynn*



*Nina Dyer — Princess Nina Aga Khan*

## Glossary of Useful Information



### **AIRPORT VIP SERVICE AND LOUNGE—CLUB MOBAY/KINGSTON**

For US\$25 and up, this lounge at both airports offers complimentary food and cocktails, a conference room, cell and tablet rental, and a kid's lounge. Contacted ahead of time, they will also expedite the immigration and customs process, assist with baggage retrieval, and arrange ground transportation; and escort groups, seniors, unaccompanied minors and wedding parties through the entire airport experience. Book at [vipattractions.com](http://vipattractions.com).

### **BABYSITTERS**

Babysitters can be arranged to spend time with your children, reading stories to them, taking them on walks, and otherwise taking care of them in your absence. The fee for babysitters is US\$20 for an eight-hour day, or US\$5 per hour after 6pm. Please give us notice to make arrangements for you.

### **BANKS/CURRENCY EXCHANGE**

Jamaican currency may be withdrawn using foreign credit/debit/credit cards at the ATMs of the various banks in Port Antonio. Banking hours are generally from 8:30am to 2pm, Monday to Thursday and 8:30am to 4pm on Friday, and ATMs tend to close for servicing for an hour in the early afternoon. You will get superior exchange rates at the banks or supermarket cambios in Port Antonio to those at the airport cambio; you may want to bring small U.S. bills to spend until you change the majority of your money in Port Antonio. U.S. currency is widely accepted across Jamaica, but as in many countries you will receive an unfavourable exchange rate from most vendors and shops in these spot transactions.

## BEACH TOWELS

Beach towels are in your villa, on the bathroom counter. Please give them to your housekeeper after use, so we may wash or sun-dry them for you and return them to you for use the next day.

## CANCELLATION, PAYMENT, DEPOSIT POLICY

Goblin Hill accepts payment by Visa, MasterCard, or bank/wire transfer; write us for bank details. We do not accept cheques or cash.

### Deposit and payment:

- A 50% deposit is required to hold your reservation in our system.
- The balance is payable 30 days prior to arrival (45 days for holiday period of Dec. 20 to Jan. 7).
- Bookings made within 30 days of arrival are payable in full.
- Payments are nonrefundable.

### Cancellations:

- ❑ We recommend travel cancellation insurance such as Travelex's TravelSelect.
- ❑ Cancellations must be emailed and are applicable from the date we confirm receipt.
- ❑ No-shows on the day of arrival, late check-ins, and early checkouts are nonrefundable.

### Holidays:

- ❖ Public holiday weekends require a 2-night minimum stay.
- ❖ Christmas/New Year's (Dec. 20 to Jan. 7) bookings require a 3-night minimum stay. Late enquiries may find slots available for shorter stays.
- ❖ Payment for Christmas/New Year's holiday is due in full 45 days before arrival and is nonrefundable.

## CAR RENTALS AND GETTING HERE

Coach service is available from both airports (if your flight times work) to most towns in Jamaica, including the town centre of Port Antonio, 15 minutes from Goblin Hill: book at [knutsfordexpress.com](http://knutsfordexpress.com). Taxi driver Petey can pick you up there to take you to the hotel.

Island Car Rentals is the largest car rental company in Jamaica. In addition to renting you a car, they can provide a driver to meet you at either of the two major airports, and drive you over in your car, relieving you of driving when you are tired, and need to drive on the left, and perhaps at night. The driver is accompanied by another car whose driver returns him to the airport, leaving you with your car for the rest of your stay. Alternatively, they can provide one-way transfers, simply dropping you off at the hotel. Montego Bay is 4 hrs. away, and is a straighter road that allows excursions such as swimming with dolphins or climbing Dunn's River Falls along the way if you so choose. Kingston is a lovely but very winding 3 hrs. to Port Antonio. Email us your travel details so we may assist you with rentals or transfers.

For those in a hurry, there are also air charters to the airstrip 25 minutes away, and helicopters can land right on our Great Lawn. This reduces your transfer time to 20 minutes from Kingston and 35 minutes from Montego Bay. Book at [jamaicahelicopterservices.com](http://jamaicahelicopterservices.com) or [captainsaviation.com](http://captainsaviation.com).

## CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

Check-in time is 3pm. Check-out time is noon. Late checkout or early check-in is available at an additional charge, space permitting. Please enquire at the Front Desk.

## CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday services are held at 7am at the Anglican Church, 7am at the Catholic Church and 9:30am at the Baptist Church. Please enquire at the Front Desk for directions. The beautiful, sand-floored synagogue of the oldest continuously-operating Jewish community in the Western Hemisphere is 3 hours away in Kingston, and is well worth a visit for services or to view its museum exhibit. Call ahead.

## CONSERVATION

Goblin Hill strives to be as environmentally conscious as possible. We can line-dry your towels in the sun on a dedicated clothesline for your villa. If you would like us to do so, please hang up your towels anywhere in the bathroom. A towel on the floor means 'I'd like a fresh one.'

Please help us protect our reefs from sunscreen. Wear rash guards, and bring 100% biodegradable sunscreen such as zinc oxide or titanium dioxide, over 100 nanometers in size; no oxybenzone.

We use solar water heaters for the villas and our laundry. If there is prolonged cloudy weather, your hot water supply may need topping up with the backup electrical system, which your housekeeper will turn on. We also harvest rainwater, and use vinegar- and lime-based solutions where possible for cleaning and insect prevention.

To conserve energy, we ask that you turn off your air-conditioning units when not in use. The villas are designed to make the most of natural light and cross-ventilation. During the day you will notice that breezes flow through your villa from the sea, and in the early evening, from the hills.

## DINING IN THE AREA

Try Woody's (closed Sun. & Wed.), a charming spot in nearby Drapers, for hamburgers, veggie burgers, and superb homemade ginger beer made from Miss Cherry's secret recipe; jerk dishes from Cee Lee near Boston Beach (call 993.8024 by 11am to order; no jerk on Mon. & Tue.); GeeJam resort's Bushbar (reservations required); contemporary Jamaican-inspired dishes at Trident Hotel (reservations required); Jamaican and Continental cuisine along with a 7:30pm Saturday

history-of-Jamaican-dance show at Great Huts hotel on Boston Bay; organic local ingredients and nouvelle Jamaican cuisine at Hotel Mockingbird Hill's Mille Fleurs restaurant (reservations requested); thin-crust pizza for pickup at San San Tropez; Jamaican favourites at Soldier Camp in Port Antonio; laid-back Italian lunches at The Italian Job; casual poolside lunch at the Errol Flynn Marina in Port Antonio, followed by a delicious Devon House ice cream on the harbourside marina promenade.

## **DRUGS**

While driving, your car may be stopped and searched by armed police as part of their anti-drug efforts. In Jamaica, possession of ganja (marijuana) outside the home is an offence subject to a fine.

## **ELECTRICITY**

Jamaica is on a 50-cycle, 110-volt standard. Typical U.S. 60-cycle, 110-volt devices will also work on this standard. Villas are equipped with lamps and candles in the event of a power cut. Our central facilities and walkway lights are powered by generator.

## **EVENING ENTERTAINMENT**

[See the On the Property section on page 5 for information on our Manager's Rum Punch Party, our Bar, and other activities in the area.]

## **EXERCISE AND GAMES**

Left out the Goblin Hill entrance, then a right turn 150 feet later will take you up a steep road dotted with vacation homes, ideal for strenuous walks or runs. A less hilly but equally quiet and beautiful route may be had going right, outside the Goblin Hill entrance; 20 minutes later along a road also dotted with the occasional villa, this will ultimately take you out across the street from Frenchman's Cove Beach, and is a lovely way to go to that beach.

Our lawns are ideal for a lazy game of catch with an American football or a baseball, but running, fast play, and team sports are not recommended, as our lush Zoysia grass's sponginess and height make it risky for ankles.

## **FOOD FOR YOUR ARRIVAL**

See: The Food Experience, on page 2.

## **HAIRDRESSERS**

Some hairdressers in Port Antonio or Kingston will come to the Hotel for appointments. Please inquire at the Front Desk.

## **IRONS**

Irons and blow dryers are available on request.

## **KEYS**

Please leave your keys at the Front Desk when you are out during the day. There is a US\$10 charge for lost keys.

## **LAUNDRY**

Personal laundry service is available, charged by item, payable through your guest account at the Front Desk. Ask your housekeeper for a laundry form.

## **MAIL**

Mail can be brought to the Jamaica Post office in Port Antonio for you.

## **MASSAGE, YOGA, BODYWORK**

Massage therapists and yoga teachers are available to come to the hotel by appointment, and you may enjoy a treatment on your villa terrace or on our lawns overlooking Princess Nina Aga Khan's Island. See the Front Desk to book.

## **MEALS**

Your choice: Restaurant service, or a personal Cook. Reservations-only prix-fixe meals are available on the Hummingbird Terrace. Please reserve at the Front Desk. For an additional charge, your own personal cook will prepare and serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. She also does your shopping. A list of suggested menus and descriptions of local fruit and vegetables is provided on pages 5 and 6 to give you an idea of what is available and how it is prepared. Please inform your housekeeper/cook of what you like to eat, and she will be happy to prepare the dishes you choose, or delicious typical Jamaican dishes. See 'The Food Experience' section on page 4, for more information.

## **NEWSPAPERS**

If ordered the night before, a wide range of newspapers, local or international, can be delivered to you in the morning. The list of available newspapers and their prices can be seen at the the Front Desk and ordered the day before.

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Receptionists are on duty from 7am to 10pm, and to 10:30pm on holidays.

## **PLANNING YOUR STAY**

Our Front Desk staff will be pleased to meet with you to give you an insider's view of our beautiful area, and make suggestions to suit your interests.

## **SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES**

There are a limited number of boxes in the villas and at the Front Desk. Lost key replacement is US\$10, applied against a required deposit.

## **SECURITY**

Our Security team, headed by Orville Anderson, has one member at the Hummingbird Terrace at all times, after 7pm, while the others walk the property; you will see them in their reflective yellow vests. They are the ones to contact for any reason at all, including guest check-ins, after the Front Desk closes at 10pm. Feel free to call them for any reason, even non-security ones such as a maintenance issue at your villa. (Area code +876): Ewan Anderson: 482.0307; Michael Hill: 294.5862 and 877.1659; Courtney Anderson: 252.9397 and 435.9244.

## **SMOKING**

Smoking is not permitted in the public spaces of the hotel or in the villas. You may smoke in open-air spaces where other guests will not be exposed to the smoke.

## **SUNSCREEN/RASH GUARDS**

Please help us protect our reefs from sunscreen. Wear rash guards to reduce the amount of sunscreen you have to use, and bring 100% biodegradable sunscreen such as zinc oxide or titanium dioxide, over 100 nanometers in size; no oxybenzone.

## **TAXI SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION IN THE AREA**

The Front Desk will call one of our regular taxi drivers; please ask your Housekeeper to have them call, and allow up to a half-hour for arrival. Or you can call our preferred taxi driver Petey directly at (area code +876) 363.7889, 877.1538 or 324.6465. You may also hail a very reasonably-priced, frequent Route Taxi anywhere on the main coastal road; you can tell them by their red licence plates. You will share your ride with other passengers your driver picks up. Ask the fare before you get in, but as a reference point, it should be about J\$130 (or US\$1) to go from the main road at the bottom of Goblin Hill to the town of Port Antonio.

## **TELEVISION**

Live cable TV is available in the Library next door to Reception.

Televisions in the villas are used for streaming music and audio news via the TuneIn Radio app on our Roku systems; and watching our library of movies via the Plex app. Please download TV shows and movies before leaving home, to watch offline on your own device while here. Please bring your own HDMI cable to connect your laptop or mobile device to your TV for viewing on its larger screen if you choose.

## **TELEPHONES**

Please use your mobile to call our Front Desk at 876.993.7443 for all requests, including to call your housekeeper/cook, until 10pm. After 10pm, please call our Security team for anything you may need: (Area code +876): Ewan Anderson: 482.0307; Michael Hill: 294.5862 and 877.1659; Courtney Anderson: 252.9397 and 435.9244.

## **TENNIS**

Racquets and balls are available on loan at the Front Desk. If you need a partner for tennis, tennis pro Nicky is experienced at coaching children and adults, and providing practice sessions. Rates are US\$20 per hour and he can also rent racquets.

## **TIPPING**

For those who choose the personal cook/housekeeper service, you may want to reward your cook directly based on how pleased you have been with her service. Guests often request guidelines and we advise that an average tip is about 7% of the room rate, or more if you feel you have received exceptional service, over and above the expected. Please let us know about your housekeeper experience, as this will guide us in our continuing efforts in training, and/or recognition.

## **TRANQUILITY**

To preserve the calm of the Goblin Hill stay, we ask that you not use audio devices on the grounds or by the pool unless with headphones. We ask that anything played on your TV or on devices inside your villa not be heard outside the villa.

## **VISITORS**

For your privacy and that of all our guests, only registered guests are permitted in the villas and on the grounds. Please entertain any guests at our bar at the Hummingbird Terrace or in our Library. Visitors are asked to give their name to the Front Desk staff. They will call you and either take a message or give your guest a seat while waiting for you to come. Accompanied tours of the property are available from the Front Desk.

## **WEDDINGS**

We would be delighted to host your wedding on our acres of lawns and gardens at Goblin Hill, with our dramatic views of San San Bay. Please ask at the Front Desk for an information packet, or request one to be emailed to you, at [frontdesk@goblinhill.com](mailto:frontdesk@goblinhill.com).

## **WET CLOTHES**

To maintain an attractive environment at the hotel, please give personal items to your housekeeper to air-dry in our laundry area, not on your villa terrace.

## **WHEN RECEPTION IS CLOSED**

After 10pm, please speak to a member of our Security team, headed up by Orville Anderson, who after 7pm are based at the Hummingbird Terrace and also walking the entire property. The numbers of the team are (area code +876): Ewan Anderson: 482.0307; Michael Hill: 294.5862 and 877.1659; Courtney Anderson: 252.9397 and 435.9244.

## **WI-FI**

Complimentary low-speed internet access via wi-fi is available on the Hummingbird Terrace and the Library, suitable for web browsing and email only, not video streaming. Ask at the Front Desk for the password. Please download movies and TV shows at home for offline viewing on your device here.

We are delighted you have chosen Goblin Hill. If there is anything we can do to add to your enjoyment or comfort, please let us know. Thank you for staying with us, and please return soon to enjoy another rum punch at the Hummingbird Terrace Bar!

— *The Goblin Hill team*