



*The SunVillas Experience*  
Welcome to Your Own Private Jamaican Paradise

SUMMER 2008



### Featured Luxury Villa



#### Sundown Discovery Bay

Outstanding service and extraordinary cuisine matched with a stunning beachfront setting make this seven-bedroom villa one of our most popular luxury properties.

*Reserve now and enjoy one night free for every seven nights booked.*

**\$13,500/week**

### Featured Romantic Villa



#### Milestone Cottage Bluefields Bay

This charming two-bedroom cottage is

Dear Alan,

Welcome to the first edition of the SunVillas newsletter! Most likely, you're already enchanted with Jamaica's stunning beauty, arts and cultural amenities, and our wonderful private villas. In these occasional missives, we'll keep you updated with the latest news, discoveries, and happenings, hoping to inspire you to further explore our lush island paradise.

We're delighted to announce the launching of our Ocho Rios office, headed by Latoya Soares. Ms. Soares will be on hand to meet the needs of our guests, and to help make your stay as exceptional as Jamaica itself.

In this issue we take a quick peek at Ocho Rios, Jamaica's celebrated port town. We also hope you'll take a look at some of our [summer villa specials](#) and other happenings!

***We look forward to welcoming you to Jamaica!***

*Alan Marlor, Reg Irvine and Latoya Soares*

### Jamaica Update!

*Two annoying aspects of travel to and in Jamaica were the airport and the main highways. After years of construction, we're happy to report that both the airport and the North Coast Highway are now complete!*

**Montego Bay Airport** is totally updated with a new customs hall, arrivals lobby and transportation center. In addition, the immigrations hall and new duty-free mall have been relocated for easier access. The departure lounge has internet service, moving sidewalks, and floor-to-ceiling windows. Quite a change from the old facility! It's now one of the most state-of-the-art airports in the Caribbean.

located on the spectacular South Coast, about an hour from Montego Bay.

### Featured Budget Villa



#### Idle Hours Runaway Bay

Overlooking the beach, this three-bedroom, three-bath villa features a new swimming pool and full staff.  
**\$2,500/week**

### Hot Fact!

The Jamaican dollar is now \$72 to \$1 U.S. dollar.

### Time to visit!

### Gotta Go!



### Blue Mountain Bicycle Tours

Travel in style to a cool starting point high in the Blue Mountain on a road called by the *New*

**The main road to Ocho Rios and Port Maria** is totally complete. Travelers now bypass Falmouth, Duncans, and Rio Bueno on a pleasant, 90-minute drive to Ocho Rios. Many of you who remember the bumpy, slow old road will be totally impressed with the new and scenic highway. (One more reason to love your Jamaica vacation.)

**Casino gambling is legal!** Until recently, the Jamaican government did not support casino-style gambling. But this April, Jamaican Prime Minister Bruce Golding gave the green light to develop the first legal casino house in the country. In addition, many resorts have been granted special licenses to operate casinos on their premises. As a result, you can now find casinos/gaming lounges popping up in the tourist areas of Negril, Ocho Rios and Montego Bay.

## Spotlight on Ocho Rios

*With its breathtaking natural beauty, gorgeous beaches, and luxuriant rain forests, the port town of Ocho Rios is everyone's vision of a tropical paradise. Here, you can enjoy a diversity of activities, from horseback riding, championship golf, and deep-sea fishing, to fine dining and, of course, shopping at the duty-free boutiques. There is also a wealth of natural wonders to explore:*



Regular visitors are familiar with **Dolphin Cove**, a natural cove surrounded by acres of lush gardens where you can swim nose to nose with Bottlenose dolphins and **Dunn's River Falls**, featuring a 600-foot waterfall that cascades down to stunning swimming holes and beaches. But many of you may not have visited **Fern Gully**, where you can hike several miles through a valley verdant with 600 types of ferns and acres of hardwood trees; the ideal place to experience Jamaica's extraordinary topography. Also stop at **Coyaba River Garden and Museum** and discover Jamaica's rich mix of cultures (including Taino Indian, Arawak and Spanish) while viewing the museum's extensive collection of artifacts. Named after the Arawak word for paradise, the site also features spectacular tropical gardens. Just ask your driver to take you to any of these scenic spots.

A new attraction in Ocho Rios is **Mystic Mountain Rain Forest** featuring bobsledding, eco-friendly aerial trams, a rainforest Zip-line Canopy Tour, walking trails and sky explorers. The thrilling bobsled ride through lush tropical forest reaches 700 feet above sea level at the peak of Mystic Mountain. The site supports a diverse ecosystem of natural springs, tropical foliage, native trees and a variety of colorful

*York Times* "One of the best scenic vistas in the Caribbean."

Contact [Latoya](#) about booking.

### Did You Know?



The highest point in Jamaica is the peak of Blue Mountain, at 7,402 feet.

### Featured Wedding and Reunion Villa



[Drambuie Estate](#)  
Montego Bay

Drambuie Estate is a spectacular 35-acre five-bedroom hillside villa featuring extraordinary views of the sea and Montego Bay. Perfect for weddings with up to 100 guests. Round Hill membership and full staff.

**\$5,600/week**

bird species.

***Ocho Rios also offers a wealth of dining--from fine to funky. Here are a few restaurants we recommend:***

**Tuscanini** features award-winning gourmet Italian cuisine (much of it organically grown) served in a stately colonial villa (Harmony Hall) overlooking the sea. Specialty seafood dishes are prepared in southern Italian style--sautéed and then poached in seawater, white wine, tomatoes and fresh basil. Other specialty dishes include lamb cutlets and roast pork. The restaurant also features an outstanding wine list.

The popular **Evita's** restaurant serves up fine northern Italian cuisine and "Jam-Italian" fusion dishes of fresh seafood, pasta, vegetarian and meat in a 19th-century Victorian house perched hillside overlooking the wide sweep of Ocho Rios and the sea.

**Scotchie's Too** is the best place for jerk in Ocho Rios. This open-air eatery offers jerk in all its incarnations, including chicken, sausage, fish, pork, and ribs. It's served with heaping portions of roast yam, sweet potatoes, and roasted breadfruit. Be sure to visit the kitchen to watch the preparation of the jerk over the pits.

Just a five-minute drive to the east of Ocho Rios, **The Spring Garden Café** specializes in fresh local seafood cooked to order. Try their tasty jerk conch, which many believe to be an aphrodisiac. Dine inside or alfresco.

### Featured Recipe: Jamaican Key Lime Pie

This delicious pie recipe comes from our talented cook, Hyacinth, at Kima Villa in Ocho Rios. It has a unique cheese cake consistency and is easy to make. Click here for the recipe for Hyacinth's [Key Lime Pie](#).



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