



## MONTEGO BAY

Montego Bay has been welcoming visitors over fifty (50)



years to share in her joie de vivre. Millions of cruise ship passengers have had brief acquaintance with this the second city in Jamaica. The port of Montego Bay was built in the 1960s on which was called the Bogue Islands; the area is now called Montego Freeport. Visit historical great houses or working plantations that were formerly grand estates. How about an exhilarating round of golf on one of our championship courses nearby a game of tennis, or just laze around on the beach. Others may wish to experience an guided river ride on a bamboo raft, or an exciting sailing cruise or take a snorkeling or scuba expedition in the Montego Bay Marine Park which covered 15 square Km with beautiful fish, corals and other aquatic life.



Montego Bay is Jamaica's second city in size and importance, but it is the island's tourism capital. It boasts the most hotel accommodation; the most transport facilities and is, in fact, a cosmopolitan holiday centre, offering a wide choice of amenities.

Montego Bay is divided into three fairly distinct parts. There is the city itself with its crowded streets. There is the "hotel area" the a-half mile running from the town,



Cave out to the Dead End Bar. Thirdly, there are the outlying hotels and villas on beach or hillside.

Architecture is a mixture of last-century "gingerbread" wooden houses with modern facades never of fashion. because interspersed buildings, many Georgian really went out



Sam Sharpe Square, a pleasant cobble stoned hub of activity, is roughly the centre of the town where stands the Cage, formerly a jail for runaway slaves, and the ruins of the Courthouse, built in 1804 and destroyed by fire some 20 years ago.

The name Montego Bay derives from the Spanish name Manteca BahÁa or Bay of Lard, so called because of the lard-making industry made possible by the hunting of wild boars which abounded in the surrounding hills.

Montego Bay was a sugar and banana town but the sugar factories have closed down and bananas are now shipped out from Kingston and Port Antonio so the picturesque sight of women carrying bananas on their heads and singing the Tallyman song while carrying out their back-breaking work, is a thing of the past.

Montego Bay's original claim to resort fame was the fabulous Cave Beach attracted and socialites over the world. said to be fed by springs and it rejoices in the uncommonly sparkling water.



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