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JAMAICA OFFERS STUNNING VENUES AS COUPLES SEEK SMALLER, INTIMATE WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

KINGSTON, JAMAICA – September 15, 2020 – Couples around the world are reimagining wedding plans in this new landscape and while they are opting for smaller, more intimate ceremonies, their desire for a stunning and unforgettable venue for the big day remains the same. With Jamaica’s borders now open to international travelers and a comprehensive set of health and safety protocols in place, travelers dreaming of an idyllic destination to tie the knot need look no further than the island’s pristine beaches, tropical waterfalls, world-class accommodations, and renowned hospitality.

“As the leading wedding and honeymoon destination in the Caribbean, we are thrilled to safely welcome couples to Jamaica to celebrate their big day,” says Donovan White, Jamaica’s Director of Tourism. “In addition to our array of natural backdrops for every type of ceremony, we have an impressive roster of wedding and honeymoon experts on island available for our brides and grooms. With strict protocols in place at our accommodations and attractions, the destination remains a top choice for couples around the globe.”

Below is a roundup of the latest wedding news and offerings at some of Jamaica’s most romantic properties:

Sandals Resorts

Marsha-Ann Brown Donaldson, Director of Romance at Sandals Resort recently shared that “Love is not cancelled” with the phased re-openings of their Sandals Montego Bay, Sandals Royal Caribbean, and Sandals Negril & Beaches Negril properties. Since the reopening in June, Sandals has hosted a total of 55 weddings across its properties as couples seek out



more remote and intimate celebrations. At all properties, the wedding guest capacity has been cut by 50% to ensure the protection of all travelers. Several safety protocols to improve the wedding experience during COVID-19 have been implemented including: [18 Touch Point of Cleanliness](#) practice on all properties, virtual pre-planning sessions to assist in wedding coordination, buffets switched to a la carte menus, and physical distancing during wedding ceremonies and pre-wedding activities. Couples can also look forward to the re-opening of Sandals South Coast on October 1, 2020. The property underwent a multi-million-dollar renovation which includes the addition of a new modern wedding venue at the resort’s Italian Village wing, 20 of the world’s first-ever Swim-up Rondoal™ Suites, and renovated Dutch Village Suites. The refurbished suites are now accepting reservations for arrivals beginning December 10, 2020.

Jamaica Inn



A spectacular setting in Ocho Rios for a destination wedding or vow renewal, Jamaica Inn offers unparalleled views of the sparkling Caribbean Sea and Jamaica’s majestic mountains. Since the destination’s reopening, the classic property has introduced a new level of a safety and cleanliness for couples, wedding guests and staff alike. The property requires a 50-person maximum capacity for events,

checks, among other measures. In keeping with travelers’ demands, the property offers even more personalized services catering to couples who want a smaller, more customized

ceremony with the help of an on-site Wedding Specialist. Jamaica Inn is now offering a 20% discount on wedding packages and a special group rate on accommodations for wedding guests.

GoldenEye Resort

GoldenEye Resort has been the epitome of 1950s glamour since James Bond author Ian Fleming first built the lush estate in the town of Oracabessa on Jamaica's North coast. It is also a premier choice for small, private wedding ceremonies accommodating up to 10 guests. Couples can also choose from a variety of other private options



including locations at the Private Fleming Beach and Sunken Garden, each area housing up to 30 guests. Protocols implemented at the property for wedding ceremonies include the installation of hand sanitizer stations around the property, mask requirements for all staff, and rigorous, daily cleaning procedures of all areas, among other new policies.

Jakes Hotel



In the heart of Jamaica's South Coast, Jakes Hotel on Treasure Beach is a boho-chic boutique hotel comprising colorful cottages and bungalows with seaside views. Jakes prides itself on being authentically Jamaican by curating intimate wedding ceremonies for couples on the legendary Treasure beach, or in a gazebo overlooking the beach. Honeymoon stays are common additions in wedding packages at Jakes, with couples opting to

extend their wedding getaway in oceanfront bungalows complete with massages at the Driftwood Spa. Since the reopening in July, Jakes has implemented several health and safety protocols including mask requirements for all staff, temperature checks for staff and guests and hand sanitizer stations installed around the property.

From classic beachside elopements to ceremonies against lush, colorful rainforests, couples choosing Jamaica as their wedding destination of choice will enjoy unforgettable memories for years to come.

For more about Jamaica's wedding and honeymoon offerings, visit www.visitjamaica.com/weddings-and-honeymoons/.

About Jamaica Tourist Board

The Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB), founded in 1955, is Jamaica's national tourism agency based in the capital city of Kingston. JTB offices are also located in Montego Bay, Miami, Toronto and London. Representative offices are located in Berlin, Barcelona, Rome, Amsterdam and Mumbai.

TripAdvisor® ranked Jamaica as the #1 Caribbean Destination and #14 Best Destination in the World in 2019. Also this year, the International Council of the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA) named Jamaica the Destination of the Year and TravAlliance Media named JTB Best Tourism Board, and Jamaica as Best Culinary Destination, Best Wedding Destination and Best Honeymoon Destination. Additionally, the JTB has been declared the Caribbean's Leading Tourist Board by the World Travel Awards (WTA) for thirteen consecutive years between 2006 and 2019. Jamaica also earned the WTA's award for the Caribbean's Leading Destination, Leading Cruise Destination and Leading Meetings & Conference Centre 2018 for the Montego Bay Convention Centre. Jamaica is home to some of the world's best accommodations, attractions and service providers that have won several awards throughout the years.

For details on upcoming special events, attractions and accommodations in Jamaica go to the JTB's Web site at www.visitjamaica.com or call the Jamaica Tourist Board at 1-800-JAMAICA (1-800-526-2422). Follow the JTB on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#) and [YouTube](#). View the JTB blog at www.islandbuzzjamaica.com.

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