

Message for the 2006 inaugural edition of the Kingston Guide

Feel The Pulse

Welcome to the city of Kingston, the Heartbeat of Jamaica.

Whether this is your first or your umpteenth time to our capital city, I hope that your experience will be fresh, exciting and different. As the cultural capital and birthplace of reggae, Kingston offers a host of entertainment options. As the island's administrative and commercial hub it offers world-class amenities and convenience.

I invite you to explore it all! Theatres, museums, galleries, cinemas, night clubs, shopping malls, restaurants, gardens, parks and mountain hiking there is certainly much to see, do and experience in Kingston.

Be sure to visit the buccaneer town of Port Royal and peek into the nefarious past of "The Richest and Wickedest City on Earth." And for that "top-of-the-world" experience, why not go for an exhilarating trek to the Blue Mountains – birthplace of the world famous Blue Mountain Coffee. You may want to camp out at Hollywell and savour the aroma of a warm coffee beverage blended with the sites, sounds and sweet scent of nature.

How about a visit to the home of the King – the King of Reggae, that is. Situated on Hope Road, the Bob Marley Museum, former residence of Bob Marley, gets you in tune with the man and his ever-pulsating music.

Not far from the Bob Marley museum is the historic Devon House where Jamaica's first black millionaire, George Stiebel, and his family once resided. The elegantly built Georgian-styled property offers a glimpse into 19th century life. There you will find various shops offering an assortment of Jamaican art and craft items, delicious pastry and of course their main fare – an array of exotic ice-cream flavours.

For your relaxation and comfort, you can choose from any of our accommodation options ranging from homely Bed and Breakfast lodgings to elegant and stylish hotels.

But, don't just take my word for it, experience it for yourself! I am glad you came and hope that your stay will be a pleasant and fulfilling one.

Enjoy my city, enjoy Kingston.

Basil H. Smith
Director of Tourism