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Thank you for choosing Great Huts - 'Paradise on the Edge'

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GREAT HUTS
Paradise on the edge
invites you to
African Drumming & Dance
EVERY SATURDAY
- 7:00PM - 9:00PM
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Great Huts has been around for a number of years and has establish a wide international market, mainly in the US, Canada and Europe. However we anticipate the visits of our many locals and as such have implemented a rate just for them. We also offer specials for our guests. It is a vacation retreat where our guests feel safe, well taken care of, relaxed and entertained. Great Huts is also a donor and wellspring for volunteers and provides funding to help the homeless and the elderly of Port Antonio in conjunction with the Jamaican & American friends of Infirmaries and shelters.

Weekend Special
- All Premium Rooms -
US\$100/Night
Double Occupancy

NATURAL OUTDOOR WEDDING SITE

Great Huts has several locations suitable for tying the knot and hosting your guests. Reservations for events must be submitted a minimum of 30 days in advance. Rates are available at the office; feel free to call between 9 A.M. - 7 P.M.

FREE WI-FI? WHY NOT - We do not wish to nickel & dime our guest, instead we strive to please them at all times. We are also aware that technologies have changed and people are always on the go and would like to take their world with them wherever they may be; that is why we are continually striving to improve our internet services. We also offer two free internet stations in our lobby area, 24hrs/day.

CULTURAL SHOW -

By all means, yes and please bring a friend, all are welcome. Come revitalize your cultural taste buds and be captivated and enthralled by either, the Port Antonio Theatre Group, the Manchioneal Dance Group or any of our available entertainers.

Riddles! Riddles! Riddles!

- ✓ Mi father have a house a him yard build wid one stick. What is it?
- ✓ If tree trees a nine what is nine trees?



Answers to Riddles

1. Umbrella
2. A small forest

We offer a wide range of activities, from total relaxation and quiet water sports to dramatic day trips such as: Valley hiking, River rafting, Mountain climbing, Yoga, Snorkeling, Massage, Kingston Museum, gallery and historic sightseeing, ****Surfing lessons & Board rentals also available****

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'Paradise on the Edge'

Tourism Thrives in Jamaica Despite Violence

Tourism in Jamaica continues to flourish despite drug-fueled violence that is ravaging the island nation's capital city, officials told FoxNews.com.

John Lynch, director of the Jamaican Tourism Board, in speaking to FOXNews, said the violence that has left many dead in Kingston had "not yet" affected bookings in the country's four main resort areas: Montego Bay, Negril, Ocho Rios and Port Antonio.

"Currently, our hotels are pretty full," Lynch told FoxNews.com from the tourism board's Miami office. "The incidents are happening in and around Kingston. But it's going to affect business if it continues."

Kingston, which is on Jamaica's southeastern coast, is 52 miles and 112 miles away, respectively, from Ocho Rios and Montego Bay, the popular tourist destinations on the country's northern coast. Lynch said the upcoming Memorial Day weekend had padded already high booking rates in Jamaica, but acknowledged that some offices have been receiving calls since the U.S. Department of State issued a travel alert to Kingston and the surrounding areas on Monday. "We are getting calls," Lynch said. "Some people are going to cancel; some people are going to book. We're trying to settle it as quickly as possible to get back to our business. Tourism is very important to Jamaica." Roughly one-quarter of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) is generated by tourism, Lynch said, and roughly 1.8 million tourists visited the island last year, two-thirds of whom were from the United States. Jamaica's GDP was \$23 billion, according to the CIA World Fact Book.

An official at the U.S. Embassy in Kingston told FoxNews.com that she was not aware of unrest outside of Kingston and its surrounding areas. Meanwhile, cruise giant Carnival has said it plans to continue service to Jamaica as scheduled.

"The disturbances in Jamaica and associated state of emergency are focused in Kingston," the company said in a statement. "Carnival's ships visit Ocho Rios and Montego Bay, both of which are located on the opposite side of the country and are not experiencing any issues. Visits to these ports currently remain as scheduled. Nonetheless, we are monitoring the situation closely."

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Jamaica Lightning Bolt was the fifth team to cross the finish line at 1707:29 (2207:29 GMT). "We're a bit disappointed we didn't win the race to our home port," said skipper, Pete Stirling. "But we finished fifth and we said at the outset that our goal was to finish in the top five in every race and we've achieved that."

As he was greeted on the pontoon and handed a bottle of Red Stripe beer by Jamaica Tourist Board's Deputy Director, Jason Hall, Pete said "The welcome here has been great - I didn't expect there'd be all this going on!"

This is the third time the fleet has visited the Errol Flynn Marina and there was a colourful and noisy reception for all of the boats with drummers and dancers waiting on the pontoon to welcome the teams to Port Antonio.

With almost 200 crew on board the ten yachts, others who have arrived to take up their places for the last leg back to the UK, which starts in Jamaica, plus friends and families visiting crew, Port Antonio had a busy few days.

The race is contested by people from a huge variety of backgrounds and from more than 30 nationalities, who put their everyday lives on hold to compete in the 35,000-mile challenge of a lifetime on board one of the ten stripped down 68-foot ocean racing yachts. Among the crews are taxi drivers, nurses, housewives, lawyers, chief executives and engineers.

Since leaving the Humber on the northeast coast of the UK in September last year they have raced across the Atlantic twice, the Southern, Indian and Pacific Oceans, faced mountainous waves, vicious storms, days of flat calm in the Doldrums and extremes of heat and cold, so a few days to relax in Port Antonio will be very welcome. Jamaica's involvement in the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race is another element of the country's strategy to put Jamaica on the map by using sporting events, their sporting heroes and sporting facilities to show the world that they may be a small island but they are a nation of sporting excellence. The fleet left Port Antonio for the start of Race 10 to New York on Monday 24 May.

In the same breath the host of the Annual Marlin Tournament, also held in Port Antonio is now operating from the Port Antonio Marina on a full time basis, bringing in more incentive as well as income for the parish. So all in all Tourism is still doing well. All the best until next time....

We continue to serve 'Cook to Order' meals.

Dinner is served nightly from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., on the deck or by the cliff (weather permitting).

However it is advised that you call and place your order(s) approximately 2hrs before the time you would like to be served.

Menu entails:

Meats

Grilled Chicken in Red Stripe Sauce

Chicken in Peanut Sauce

Bake Jerk Chicken

Curried Chicken

Curried Goat



Seafood

Coconut Cream Steamed Fish

Escovitch Fish

Garlic Shrimp

Curried Shrimp

Pineapple Shrimp

Grilled/Curried/Garlic Lobster (Seasonal)

Vegetarian

Pasta Mix

Veggie Loafs

Pizza

Stir Fry Vegetables



A Selection of Desserts is also available

All Meals Are Served With A Soup/Salad

Beverages

Fruit Punch

Pina Colada

Daiquiri

Cliff Hanger

Mandingo Zinger

Rocky Rhodes, & a whole lot more



Did you say Catering? Of course, why not? Call us now and place your catering requests.

* Facts Corner *

✓ Did you know that the National Bird (the Humming Bird) and the National Flower (Lignum Vitae) are indigenous to Jamaica? (i.e. they are only found in Jamaica).

✓ Great Huts is the only eco-tourism resort of its kind in Jamaica.

