

Hummingbird Cottage



The veranda

The Location

Treasure Beach is in the parish of St Elizabeth, on the quiet, undeveloped south coast of Jamaica. It was, and still is to a large extent, a fishing and farming community, that has embraced sustainable, community tourism over the last 20 years, as a way to diversify opportunities within the community. As a result, there is a unique mix of people who live, work and visit Treasure Beach.

Treasure beach is made up of four distinct communities, centred around the coastline:

- Billy's Bay
- Frenchman's Bay
- Calabash Bay
- Great Bay

Hummingbird Cottage is situated in Calabash Bay, near Old Wharf beach and is located on Old Wharf Road. This is found left off the main road into Treasure Beach at Kingfisher Plaza. It is situated next to the Women's Centre, a few hundred yards up the road and accessed through gates in a beautiful stone wall, accented with bougainvillea. A path leads up to the large veranda at the front of the house, which overlooks the sea. The house and its pool is situated in the centre of a generous, half acre, corner plot, landscaped with lush, tropical flowering shrubs, palms and fruit trees. There is ample space for parking for up to three cars.

The Villa

The villa is a newly completed, single story three bed property, set back from the road on a generous half acre corner plot.



Living Areas

The house has both indoor and outdoor living areas, accessed by large, louver doors and naturally ventilated by beautiful louver windows. Outside, a wide veranda at the front leads into the living area, and also wraps around the house on both sides, providing verandas with stunning views for the bedrooms.

At the rear of the property, there is a large terrace, partially shaded by a pergola and accessed from both the living/dining and kitchen areas. It leads to the beautiful pool, with its waterfall and infinity features. This is a relaxing and private space, with stunning views of the Santa Cruz mountains.



Bedrooms

All the indoor spaces are light and airy with high ceilings and fans throughout. There is a 30'x15' living/dining area and three ensuite bedrooms, two queen and one twin (which can be converted into a king), all with the option of air conditioning. The master bedroom also has a refreshing outdoor shower. All rooms are simply furnished, yet stylish, using mostly natural materials or upcycled items.



Kitchen and Utility

There is a spacious, well equipped kitchen and separate laundry room with both washing machine and tumble dryer. Outside there is also a large sink and clothes line.



Outside

The villa is surrounded on all sides by lawn, tropical fruit trees and flowering shrubs. The front of the property has bourgainvillea lining the boundary as well as a mature Lignum Vitae (the national tree of Jamaica which is only found in this

part of the island), with swing, palm trees, almond and breadfruit. There is a flower border of hibiscus, zinnias and many other flowers next to the veranda.

To the rear, there is the terrace, with shady pergola covered in vines, covering the main outdoor dining area. This leads to the 30' x 15' pool (which has a maximum depth of 4' and wide, shallow steps, perfect for young children). In the corner, to the right, there is a cactus garden, which is being developed by the owner. This has an impressive indigenous cactus as its centrepiece. (Children and adults alike should beware, as most have vicious spines).



There are two more mature *Lignum Vitae* trees, one each side of the villa. Under one is a hammock for lazy afternoons and an outdoor shower, and the other a barbecue area with grill, table and benches, for informal dining, playing games or chatting in the shade. There are numerous fruit trees to the rear and the sides of the property, including citrus, banana, mango, ackee and soursop. Along the boundary at the rear and to the sides, there are oemonda, night-scented jasmine, frangipani and more bourgainvillea, creating a fragrant and colourful ambiance. The vegetation attracts many birds to the property, including the national bird of Jamaica, the Doctor Bird hummingbird.

Useful Information on the Villa, its Location and Local Amenities



The Staff

During your stay you will be very well looked after by Tatty the Housekeeper and Bobby, the Caretaker. Tatty is a great cook and will provide you with breakfast and dinner each day, as well as keeping the place clean, neat and tidy. Guests love Tatty.

Bobby is in charge of general maintenance, including the grounds and the pool. He also looks after the two rescued dogs, Me-one and Me-too, who live on the property. They love having people to stay and will want to look after you too, but they are not allowed in the house. If you are not a dog lover, they have a comfortable pen where they can stay during your visit. Please let us know.

Shops

There are no large grocery stores in Treasure Beach but there are a number of small provisions stores nearby, as well as fruit and vegetable stands with local fruit and vegetables. Black River and Junction are the nearest towns with decent supermarkets, pharmacies, banks etc. A taxi costs approximately \$5,000 JMD and is around a 30/40-minute journey. There is a good produce market in Black River, open every day except Sunday

There are a few shops selling locally made crafts

Places to Eat



There are numerous restaurants in Treasure Beach, varying in price and type of food on the menu, but most serve traditional Jamaican food, such as ackee and saltfish, jerk chicken and pork, bammy, festival and various seafood, including lobster and conch, served a number of ways. There are also several Ital restaurants serving vegetarian meals. You can also find pizza, burgers, salads and fries.

Places to Drink



There are many local bars throughout Treasure Beach. All serve beer, (including the famous Red Stripe), rum and mixers. If you prefer cocktails or wine, Jakes, Jack Sprat, Sunset Villas or 77 West are the places to go. For a memorable drink, or two, then the Pelican Bar is a must. This is a ramshackle bar on stilts on a sand bar out in the ocean, that can only be reached by boat.

- ***Things to do***



Most people come to Treasure Beach to relax and chill, so there is not that much going on in terms of nightlife. However, there are a variety of things to do in the area.

Beaches

Beautiful unspoilt beaches, where you are often the only people there: Great Bay, Old Wharf, Calabash, Frenchman and Billy's Bay are all within easy reach, and each has a character of its own.



Nightlife

Most of this goes on in the local bars and restaurants. There is also movie night every Thursday evening at Jack Sprat and occasional beach and street parties, which are a unique experience!

Sports

There is a programme of sporting events throughout the year at the local sports park, which are advertised locally. These include football, cricket and basketball which are open to everyone to attend, sometimes for a small fee. There is usually food, drink and music at these events.

Physical/Spiritual:

Bike and hiking/ walking tours are available and are the best way to discover the local area. There is also a spa and regular yoga classes at Jakes Hotel.

International Events: There are two main international events that take place:

Calabash Literary Festival. Every other June (Next one in 2018). This weekend event has an international reputation and attracts big name authors.

Annual Triathlon. This is in April and attracts athletes from around the world.

Trips/ Local Attractions



Pelican Bar

There are a variety half day trips you can take. These can be organised through Golden Escape, or booked directly. They include the Black River crocodile Safari, Turtle Conservation at the Natural History Centre, Appleton Rum Tour, Y.S. Falls, Lover's Leap, Little Ochie, fishing trips and various boat tours.

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