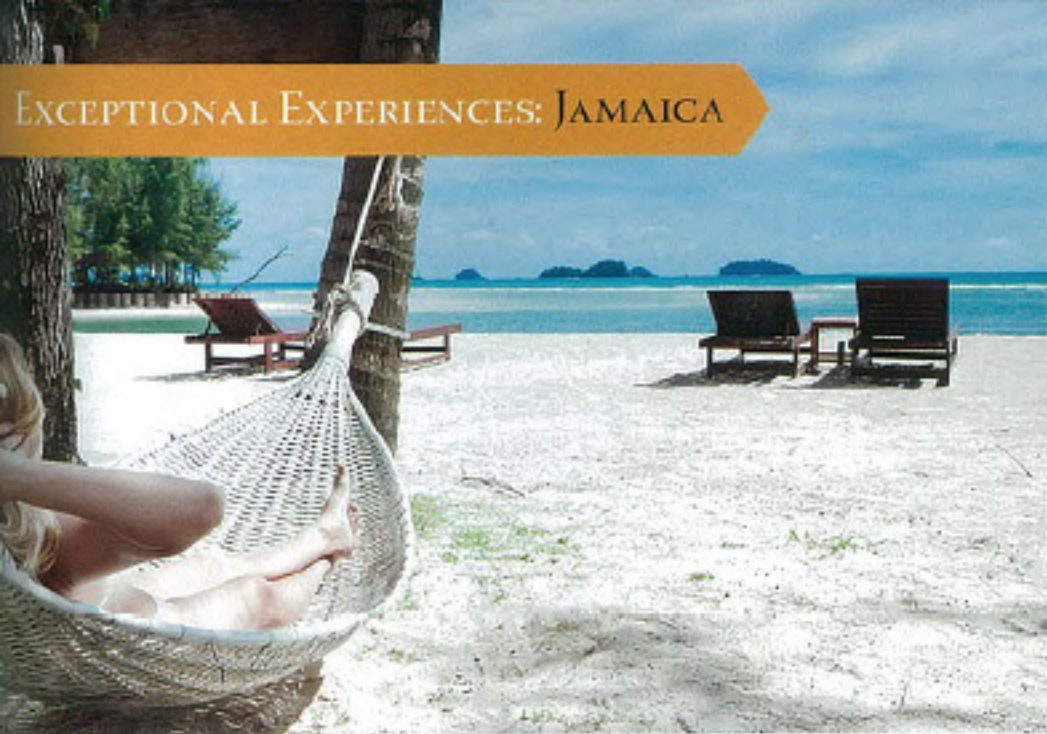




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BEST OF THE BEST

2014 GUIDE TO THE WORLD'S BEST HOTEL EXPERIENCES



Clockwise from top: relaxing on the beach, coffee bean plant, approaching the Blue Mountains, and keeping the beat.



Island Rhythms

Blue Mountains, Reggae Music, Treasured Beaches

Riding Down the Blues: Shift your sense of adventure into high gear on a downhill bicycle tour descending Jamaica's Blue Mountains. Pedal along what *The New York Times* called "one of the most scenic vistas in the Caribbean," passing through tropical rainforest, cascading waterfalls and the lush plantations where Jamaica's world-famous Blue Mountain coffee is grown. Joined by expert guides, you'll go your own pace, enjoying a meal in an open-air restaurant as well as a refreshing swim in a spectacular waterfall.

Nine Miles with Bob Marley: Journey to the rural village of Nine Miles, birthplace of reggae music icon Bob Marley. You'll travel deep into the St. Ann countryside to Marley's boyhood home, now filled with memorabilia and photos. Your Rastafarian guide will share insights into the musician's childhood and musical career as you stand on "Mt. Zion Rock" (Marley's meditation spot) and walk through the beautiful mausoleum where he was laid to rest. Afterward, you can sample authentic Jamaican jerk cuisine at a thatched-roof restaurant.

Farm-to-Table Treasures: Kick back and relax at the sleepy fishing village of Treasure Beach, one of the most laid-back spots in all of Jamaica. You won't find any large resorts, water-sports or nightclubs here — just plenty of hammocks, deserted beach and warm, friendly locals. Feel the chic, tropical vibe while feasting on a mouthwatering farm-to-fork dinner prepared tableside by Liz Solms, an accomplished chef and local sustainable agriculture expert.

Your Virtuoso travel advisor can arrange these exceptional experiences and more.



JAMAICA INN

OCHO RIOS, JAMAICA

For more than 50 years, Jamaica Inn has been ranked among the Caribbean's top destination hotels, especially as an ideal location for honeymooners. You'll realize why as soon as you arrive at this intimate enclave of just 48 suites, all of which overlook the beach or the sea. Each suite boasts a private balcony or spacious veranda, air conditioning, ceiling fans and cool ocean breezes wafting through louvered shutters. When you aren't enjoying what many consider to be Jamaica's finest beach, take time to indulge at the Ocean Spa, set atop coral cliffs, which offers treatments inspired by the island's native plants.

Distance from Montego Bay Airport (MBJ): 52 mi/100 km

VIRTUOSO AMENITY

Boat ride to Dunn's River Falls for two (including entry fee to climb the falls), once per stay.

HOTEL TIP

For a fun breakfast, choose a West Premium Suite or the outside-deck corner table on the Restaurant Terrace, and feed the fish — they love muffins!



GOLDENEYE RESORT

ST. MARY, JAMAICA

At GoldenEye, you can expect a sophisticated adventure worthy of James Bond — it was here, after all, that Ian Fleming dreamed up his famous character. Today, this 52-acre haute hideaway features 19 airy rooms dispersed among various villas and cottages, each adorned with custom furnishings, deep-soaking clawfoot tubs and high-end sound systems. Kayak or swim to the open-air spa for a salt scrub or meditation session, then head to the treehouse-style Gazebo for grilled lobster tail and glorious sunsets. Playful excursions include everything from sunrise fishing to twilight yoga, garden walks to Jet Ski safaris.

Distance from Montego Bay Airport (MBJ): 71 mi/115 km

VIRTUOSO AMENITY

Room upgrade at time of booking, if available; and \$120 value resort credit, once per stay.

HOTEL TIP

The ultra-private, five-bedroom Fleming Villa includes two satellite cottages, a pool and private beach. You'll find the author's original writing desk in the master bedroom.



FOUR SEASONS RESORT NEVIS

NEVIS (WEST INDIES)

Surrounded by idyllic seas and the lush backdrop of Nevis Peak, Four Seasons Resort Nevis is a true Caribbean paradise. Each of the 196 guestrooms and suites is just steps from the ocean and features a furnished outdoor veranda and an oversize marble soaking tub. Enjoy a weekly nine-hole golf scramble on the Robert Trent Jones II golf course or Cardio Tennis lessons at the ten-court Peter Burwash International Tennis Center. Diverse dining options include Mango, a casual waterfront venue featuring Caribbean Rim cuisine; the elegant open-air Coral Grill; or Cabana, for al fresco dining with Mediterranean flair.

Distance from St. Kitts Airport (SKB): 40 minutes

VIRTUOSO AMENITY

\$100 value spa services, tennis or golf credit (valid for greens fees, lessons or rentals, excluding Pro Shop purchases), once per stay.

HOTEL TIP

Rent a cabana-style Beach House for the day, replete with Beach Butler service and snorkeling gear sized to fit.

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