

Dear Guest,

Welcome to Goblin Hill, San San, and Port Antonio! This area is arguably the most beautiful and unspoiled corner of the island, tucked away between the foothills of the Blue Mountains amidst lush, tropical vegetation, and the warm, crystalline Caribbean Sea.

Unplug, and decompress in an atmosphere out of Caribbean holidays of the 1970s — unhurried, tranquil, punctuated by tennis games, swims in the pool, walks on our acres of lawns, and exploration of our area beaches, waterfalls, and rivers. Read on for all you'll need to know about our hotel and our neighborhood.



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## Useful and Emergency Numbers

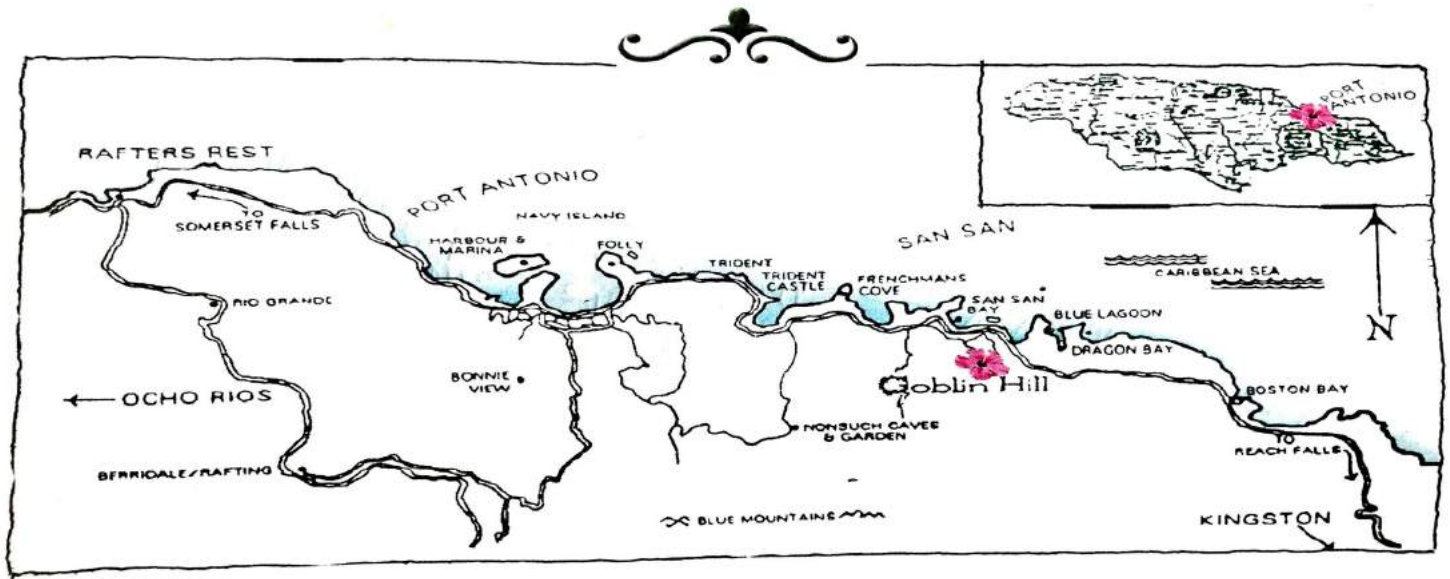
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<b>Front Desk.</b> Also: to reach your housekeeper (and Security team after 10pm)	<b>WhatsApp:</b> 416.5917. <b>Tel.:</b> 993.7443,  <b>Reservations office (business hours):</b> <b>WhatsApp:</b> 450.0352. <b>Tel.</b> 925.8108.	<b>Security Team</b>	<b>Ewin Anderson:</b> 482.0307. <b>Jason Jacks:</b> 414.6723. <b>Romane Berry:</b> 303.9360 and 385.6217. <b>Devon Orgill:</b> 476.1316 & 560.5066. <b>Jermaine Kenton:</b> 542.3891
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<b>Hospital</b>	<b>993.2646-8,</b> <b>715.5778,</b> <b>996.2223,</b> <b>613.8440</b>	<b>Police</b>	<b>993.3220,</b> <b>993.7315,</b> <b>322.9368,</b> <b>327.5013,</b> <b>993.2527,</b> <b>911, 112</b>
<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>363.5689,</b> <b>818.5944,</b> <b>110, 119, 911</b>	<b>Fire/Rescue</b>	<b>911, 119, 112</b>





## A Quick Overview



Simple 800- and 1,600-square-foot one- and two-bedroom villas are spread out on 11 acres of lawns and gardens, overlooking the white sand and turquoise water of San San Beach, and a Princess's island. Goblin Hill's villa-style vacation offers the most potent relaxation around, with a dash of 70s-tastic style and pace thrown in for good measure. Step out onto the lush lawns in front of your villa and feel true calm. Laze in the pool, and read in planters' chairs strategically placed for the best views. The Almond Tree Lookout is an ideal spot for passing lazy hours overlooking a perfect view of Princess Nina's Island and San San Bay, or taking photographs they'll ooh over.

The Hummingbird Terrace is perfect for a board or card game, as well as for sightings of its namesake iridescent streamertail hummingbirds at numerous feeders, and a drink to the sound of vintage reggae. Our extensive grounds play host to many indigenous tropical trees and birds. For walkers, the grounds and the surrounding shaded streets are a joy. Complimentary wireless Internet service is provided.

Goblin Hill offers you the space and privacy of a villa, and the unhurried feel of decades-past Caribbean holiday.





# Beaches And Other Outings

## The Blue Lagoon

15 minutes' walk or a 3-minute drive east. A beautiful swimming hole nearly 200 feet deep. No parking on-site; take a stroll there or be dropped off, or paid parking at adjacent hotel. Entry: free.



## San San Beach

8 minutes' walk. The beach you see from Goblin Hill. Open Fri-Sun. A reef lies offshore for snorkeling; you may even see turtles. Swim to Pellew Island, dubbed by us Princess Nina Aga Khan's Island. Go down the steep stairs behind Villa 1 and 2. (The lock's code: 4531). At the road, go left for five minutes. Entry: about J\$1,200.



## Frenchman's Cove Beach

20 minutes' walk or 4 minutes' drive west. The most celebrated of our beaches. A river runs into the ocean, and when the sea is lively the bodysurfing is great. A bar, casual grill, and beach chairs are available. Entry: about J\$2,000.



## Winnifred Beach

Ten minutes' drive east. At one end, Anthony Bourdain's friend Cynthia runs a popular restaurant. Entry: contribute what you like, which goes towards maintaining the beach by the local community.





## Boston Beach

10 minutes' drive east. The home of jerk seasoning and a centre of surfing— take a lesson with “Javi” Brown: 876.356.3645. Have jerk nearby at Gurley Aston; or a range of casual and vegetarian favourites at Ital...ish; or acclaimed vegan and vegetarian at Aya Naturals. Entry: about J\$500.



## Long Bay

20 minutes' drive east. Great to combine with Reach Falls. Beware the undertow — stay close to shore when swimming. Have drinks and an açai bowl at Açai Café after. Entry: free.



## Reach Falls

45 minutes' drive east. Swim in crystalline pools in a tropical rain forest. Water shoes required; sold on site. Visit the beach at Long Bay en route or after. Entry: about US\$10; tip for guide included.



## Rafting On The Rio Grande

40 minutes' drive west. Popularized by iconic actor and Portland resident Errol Flynn. Gentle 2.5 hours gliding down the river on a bamboo raft poled along by a raftsman. Halfway down, a great Jamaican lunch by Belinda. Book in advance at the Front Desk. Umbrella a good idea for the sun-shy. Entry: \$75 per two-adult raft (and 1 under-10 child) plus tip for raftsman, say US\$13. Lunch about US\$15.





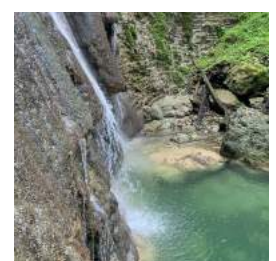
## Scuba, Snorkeling, Paddleboarding, Kayaking

10 minutes' drive west. Take lessons or head out to explore with the oldest dive shop in Jamaica, Lady G'Diver, based at the Alligator Head Foundation HQ. They also lead snorkeling trips, and you can rent kayaks and stand-up paddleboards at the site. Book via the Front Desk or at [dive@ladygdiver.com](mailto:dive@ladygdiver.com).



## Hikes to Nanny Falls, Nonsuch Falls and Scatter Falls

20-40 minutes' drive, east and west. Nonsuch Falls is the longest hike, about 1 hour. Nanny Falls is about 30 minutes. Bring your bathing suit. Book via the Front Desk. **Also: walk the lovely roads right around Goblin Hill**, some steep, under lush tree canopies.



## Ice Cream, Pizza, and a Walk on Titchfield Hill

20 minutes' drive west. Pizza Corner has many thick-crust variations. Soft-serve ice cream and brownies are across the street at the charming Kool Down, in a beautiful old Jamaican building. And iconic Devon House ice cream is at the other end of the esplanade from the Errol Flynn Marina. (National Geographic's "Food Journeys of a Lifetime" list of Top Ten Places to Eat Ice Cream: Devon House HQ in Kingston is #4.) Above the marina, Titchfield Hill has the sparse remnants of a 1720s British fort and its cannons at, today, the site of a school. The first hotel in Jamaica stood overlooking Navy Island — both at one time owned by Errol Flynn. Nearby is Demontevin Lodge, an 1881 Victorian guesthouse still in operation.





## Birding

20 minutes' drive. Try spot some of the island's 28 endemic species. Look for the magnificent indigenous Doctor Bird hummingbird, symbol of Jamaica, with its long, twin, streamer-like tail-feathers; and the irresistible, pint-sized Jamaican Tody, with its soft croaking call. The Front Desk will call to arrange.



## Fishing

Fishing for Jamaica's signature blue marlin, along with mahi-mahi, king fish, snapper, tuna and wahoo, is available with Julian Walker: 876.360.8834. Each autumn, there are two Blue Marlin tournaments in Port Antonio.



*l-r: Blue Marlin, King Fish, Snapper, Wahoo, Tuna*

## Downhill Bicycle Tours

A full day's outing, with a good deal of driving to get to and from the trail head. The 95%-no-peddalling, 9-18 mile descent through coffee country ends up with a waterfall swim. Optional zipline, forest walks, and coffee farm visits. Book at [BMToursja.com](http://BMToursja.com) or via the Front Desk.



## And...

**Tennis lessons/hitting:** Nicky: 876.831.3518, 876.578.3734

**Yoga & Massage:** various. Ask at the Front Desk.

**Fitness training:** Neil: 876.504.4614. Andrew: 876.841.9781.

**Surfing lessons:** Javaun "Javi" Brown: 876.356.3645

**Horseback riding:** "Polo": 876.466.0563

**Volunteering** at the Portland Rehab Mgmt. Centre homeless shelter: 876.993.9166; or have us arrange it.

**Helicopter tour:** 615.707.6152; [islandhoppersreservations@gmail.com](mailto:islandhoppersreservations@gmail.com)

# In the Neighborhood

## Eateries

**Woody's:** Charming, casual spot in nearby Drapers, for hamburgers, veggie burgers, and a superb homemade ginger drink made from Miss Cherry's secret recipe. 993.7888

**Vanessa's at Inn On the Cove:** Closest to Goblin Hill. Great fish, pastas, and veggies dishes. 885.6596

**Aya Naturals:** Acclaimed vegan and vegetarian dishes, near Boston Beach. 508.5586

**Ital...ish:** Vegetarian and non-, Jamaican-themed comfort classics just past Boston Beach. 850.3373

**Gurley Aston:** Jerk dishes with all the sides, in an airy space just before Boston Beach. 849.7853

**Açai Café:** Acai bowls, an occasional weekend brunch, and drinks in Long Bay. 362.8195

**Pizza Corner:** A range of toppings on thick, soft crust, as you enter Port Antonio. 855.7705

**Wilks Cuisine:** Fish, pasta and chicken on the east harbour of Port Antonio. 321.9200

**GeeJam resort's Bushbar** (reservations required): Contemporary Jamaican-inspired dishes, near us on the other side of San San estate. 993.7000

**Trident Hotel** (reservations required): Jamaican and Continental cuisine in a manicured atmosphere. Combine it with a sunset drink. 633.7100

## Bars

**Geejam's BushBar:** Close to us on the other side of San San estate. A pool table, pool bathed in red light, bay views, and the chance to dine as well. Reservations required. 993.7000

**Drapers bars:** Choose any, in the nearby hamlet of Drapers, for the authentic locals' bar experience.

**Trident Hotel:** Reservations required. Chic, manicured hotel with surf crashing against its cliffs. Go for sunset. 633.7100

**Great Huts:** A rootsy jungle theme, with a huge giraffe mannequin on an airy wooden deck. Pure creativity. 353.3388

**Açai Café:** Drinks and Balearic beats in Long Bay. 362.8195

## Ice Cream, Bakeries, Juices

**Devon House ice cream:** Right on the lovely and calming West Harbour esplanade in Port Antonio. National Geographic's *Food Journeys of a Lifetime: 500 Extraordinary Places to Eat Around the Globe* rated the Kingston HQ the fourth-best in the world. 221.7980

**Kool Down ice cream and baked goods:** Port Antonio. Soft-serve ice cream, tons of toppings, brownies, cookies, burgers and hot dogs.

**Fit4It** juice bar. Fahmi Plaza in Port Antonio. 388.2299

**BodyKure** vegan restaurant. City Centre Plaza in Port Antonio. A herbal pharmacy adjoins.

## Supermarkets

**Cobe's Groceries:** Closest to us, in the nearby hamlet of Drapers. A tiny but surprisingly varied selection, from wine to toothpaste to ice.

**Ramtulla:** The large go-to. On the left before you enter Port Antonio proper, coming from Gobin Hill.



## Entertainment

Entertainment at Goblin Hill after a hard day at the beach, or rafting down the Rio Grande, means relaxing with a drink at our Terrace bar or on an Adirondack chair overlooking Princess Nina's Island — or on your villa terrace overlooking velvet lawns, lulled by the sound of the sea and the nearby chirping of tree frogs and crickets, watching the play of moonlight on San San Bay.

Our Library includes cable TV, dominoes, cards and board games.

Nightlife around Port Antonio is very sedate and consists of hotel bars, often with billiards, notably GeeJam and Trident hotels (ask the Front Desk to call ahead to request your visit); and the many small bars that are found in any Jamaican village or town, such as in Drapers nearby. They're a great place to have a beer and experience an authentic slice of Jamaican life. Exercise the same precautions you would going out at night anywhere.

On Sunday evenings, DJ Enrico from Italy hosts Vinyl Sundays in our neighboring village of Drapers, playing Jamaican music from the last 50 years on, yes, vinyl only.



## Dining at Goblin Hill



Your choice: Dine on the Hummingbird Terrace. Eat on your villa terrace facing the bay. Or have a personal cook.

Our prix-fixe breakfast on the Hummingbird Terrace is US\$18, our bar menu is \$12 and up, and dinner is \$30. (Plus government tax and service charge.) Please order meals in advance. Or choose to relax on your villa terrace or balcony and enjoy delivered meals overlooking gardens and the Bay, for an additional 18%.

Personal cook-housekeeper service is also available in limited quantity at your villa for \$60 a day (please inquire in advance). Your groceries are bought at cost plus 10% service charge, or you may bring your own. Discuss what you'd like with your cook, perhaps from the menu page on page 12. Or just ask her to surprise you with some tasty Jamaican dishes. You may also enjoy visiting the market with her.

A service charge of 10% is added to your bill. If you feel you want to reward exceptional service, you may do so. We're often asked for the suggested tip for the daily \$48 cook/housekeeper service. An average tip for housekeeper/cooks is about 5% - 7% of the room rate — again, it is at your discretion. Please do not leave cash tips but let us know your instructions at the Front Desk, and we will charge the sum to your credit card and distribute it. Please let us know about your housekeeper experience, as this will guide us in our continuing efforts in training, and/or recognition.

Your housekeeper does not stay in the villa unless she is cleaning or cooking, as your privacy and comfort are paramount. When you need her, use WhatsApp to call the Front Desk at 876.416.5917, or phone +876.993.7443. Some of our guests like to cook for themselves. If so, please let her know. She will be pleased to assist as much, or as little as you choose.

Her hours are from 8am to 8pm, with a break in the afternoon. She must meet her transportation home by 8:30pm, so we would appreciate your planning dinner times accordingly. If you need her to stay for a later dinner, there is an overtime charge after 8pm of US\$10 per hour. For those staying a week or more, on one night of the week your housekeeper will leave at 5pm. On that night, you may decide to try an area restaurant for dinner, or she can prepare and leave a meal for you.

Illustrations of some of our local fruits and vegetables and seasonings, and hints as to how they are prepared, are shown on the next page.



Please have Jamaican or US dollars on hand to give to your housekeeper for the purchase of items not found in the supermarket where we have an account, such as for fruit, fish, and lobster in season (so, not April 1-June 30), and for her transportation to go shopping. You can budget approximately what you pay at home for food purchases, or somewhat more because of import costs.

The nearby village of Drapers has a small grocery store, which carries basic items. If you have the time and are interested, a visit to the market with your housekeeper on a Friday or Saturday can provide an insider's look into Jamaican town life.

Note that fish in Jamaica is typically prepared whole, with bones. Please ask for fish filets only, if you would prefer that.

## A Few Of Jamaica's Fruits And Vegetables

### Sour Sop

Its juice is said to be a natural tranquilizer.



### Naseberry

Sweet; good alone or in fruit salads.



### Mangoes

The best are Bombay and Julie.



### Sweet Sop

Great in smoothies or on its own.



### Star apple

Eat alone or as a sweet dessert with orange called 'Matrimony'.



### Coconut

Drink the nutritious water and eat the jelly. When dried and grated, good in pies with rice and peas or as an hors d'oeuvre.



### Paw-Paw (Papaya)



### Red peas

Used in soups; cooked in coconut milk with rice (a national favourite)



### Gungo peas

Make a delicious soup and can be cooked with rice.



### Plantain

Looks like a large banana, cannot be eaten raw but delicious with curries or fricasees; can be fried or baked.



### Cho-cho

Can be cooked with cinnamon to resemble apple pie, or may be steamed with butter as a vegetable or eaten raw, marinated in salt and water in a salad.



### Breadfruit

A beautiful tree; the breadfruit is a substitute for bread or potato and may be roasted whole and served with butter, or fried as chips or used with dips as hors d'oeuvres.



### Ackee

Ackee and saltfish is another national dish. Ackee can be served for breakfast or as an appetizer, or as a vegetable with a main dish.



### Sweet potatoes, Yams, Coconas, Cassava

What makes Usain so fast! Slow-release energy foods, often cooked in soups or served as a vegetable.



### Callaloo

Valuable source of iron, substituted for spinach and for making the famous Pepper Pot soup.



### Pumpkin

Makes a delicious soup with or without the addition of meat.



### Avocado pear

Large varieties here, and quite delicious.



...don't even mention: Otahiti apples (brought here by Captain Bligh); Ortanique oranges; and bananas, pineapples and grapefruits, nutmeg and pimento and fiery Scotchbonnet pepper, and on and on.

# Sample Menus For the Personal Cook/Housekeeper Service

Based on season and availability

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Seasonal Fruit Plate: paw-paw (papaya), june plum, mango, pineapple, banana, star-apple, naseberry, Otahtiti apple, tangerine, grapefruit Juice Pancakes with Bacon Coffee/Tea	Escoveitch Fish 'Bammy' Cassava Cakes or Parsley Potatoes Lettuce and Tomato Salad Paw-Paw, Star-Apple or Otahtiti Apple	Potato and Scallion Soup Chicken or Pork in Orange Sauce Sweet or Irish Mashed Potatoes Mixed Salad Vinaigrette Fruit Salad, with Vanilla, Nutmeg and Cinnamon
Fruit Plate and Juice Tomato & Scallion Omelette Hard-Dough Bread Toast and Guava Jelly Coffee/Tea	Baked Chicken in Orange Sauce Rice and Peas With Coconut Milk Sautéed Plantain Fresh Fruit Salad, with Vanilla, Nutmeg and Cinnamon	Red Peas Soup With Spinners Fricassee Chicken Seasoned Rice Sautéed Green or Ripe Plantain Mixed Salad Banana Fritters With Lime
Fruit Plate and Juice Eggs any style Bacon Hard-Dough Bread Toast and Guava Jelly Coffee/Tea	Callaloo, Onion and Cheese Omelette Sautéed Breadfruit Slices Mixed Salad Banana Fritters with Brown Sugar and Lime	Ackee Appetiser or 'Stamp and Go' (Codfish Fritters) Red Snapper Fillets with Lime Butter 'Bammy' Cassava Cakes or Potatoes Green Salad Vinaigrette Coconut Pie
Fruit Plate and Juice Jamaican Breakfast: Ackee & Saltfish, Callaloo (greens), Johnny Cakes with Butter and Guava Jelly, Boiled Green Banana, Plantain Coffee/Tea	Hamburgers Potato Wedges Purple and White Cabbage Coleslaw Ortanique or Mango with Ice Cream	Pepperpot Soup Roast Chicken Rice and Peas With Coconut Milk Avocado Salad Baked Banana with Coconut Cream
Fruit Plate and Juice Callaloo and Cheese Omelette Hard-Dough Bread Toast and Guava Jelly Coffee/Tea	Cold Sliced Chicken Potato Salad or Breadfruit Salad Avocado and Tomato Salad Vinaigrette Baked Grapefruit with Cinnamon and Brown Sugar	Chicken Vegetable Soup Beef or Chicken Curry Rice, with Mango Chutney or Grated Coconut Topping Cucumber and Tomato Vinaigrette Pineapple Upside-Down Cake
Fruit Plate and Juice Cereal or Home-made Porridge From Green Banana or Cornmeal Eggs any style Bacon Hard-Dough Bread Toast and Guava Jelly Coffee/Tea	Sliced Mozzarella and Tomato Plate Ackee Omelette with Hard-dough Bread Fresh Pineapple/Mango/Grapefruit	Cream of Pumpkin Soup With Coconut Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice and Stir-fried Vegetables Green Salad Vinaigrette With Tomato and Avocado Lime Pie
Fruit Plate and Juice French Toast Coffee/Tea	Macaroni and Cheese Tomato and Avocado Vinaigrette Banana Crumble	Fish Tea (Soup) Jerk Pork or Chicken Mashed Potatoes or Yellow Yam Sautéed String Beans Lettuce and Tomato Vinaigrette Vanilla Cake with Hot Rum Sauce



## Snapshots from the culinary life around Port Antonio

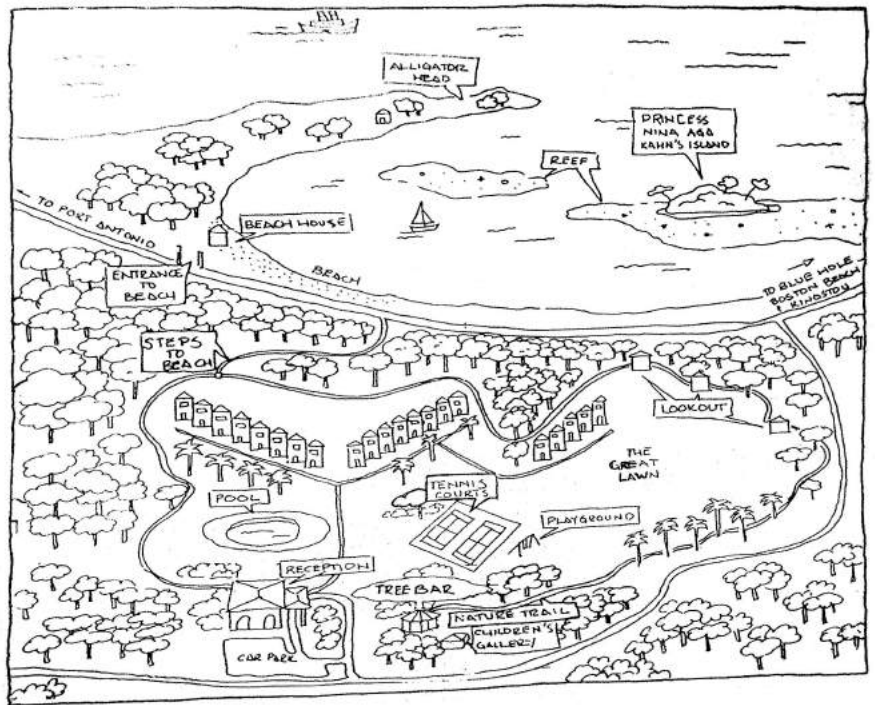




## On The Property

### Pool

The pool is surrounded by shady vine covered alcoves, with chaises longues for relaxing, and tables for board games or using your laptop.



### Tennis Courts

Two Novacrylic hard courts are centrally located near the pool, and are sited north/south for optimal sun. Area tennis pro Nicky is an ideal partner if you want a tennis partner or a good workout, and he is a good-humored teacher of both adults and children. Let us know ahead of time so we can book him for you. Rates are US\$15 an hour, and we have racquets and balls.

### The Hummingbird Terrace Bar

Have cocktails while Jamaica's signature, endemic 'Doctor Bird', hummingbirds with long twin streamertails, zoom past your head through the open terrace. Request vintage reggae, calypso from Trinidad, or Diana Krall — whatever suits your mood.







## Rum Punch Party

On special occasions, a Manager's rum punch party, on the lawns overlooking San San Bay or on the Hummingbird Terrace, takes place on Saturdays at 5:30pm. Enjoy complimentary rum punch, or 'Ting', a Jamaican grapefruit soft drink, and warm, freshly-made coconut chips, and meet our guests from all over the world, including many from Kingston vacationing for the weekend. The sunsets are lovely, so bring a camera.

## Gardens

There are over 11 acres of lawns and gardens to explore on the property. At the edge of the Great Lawn are overlooks sited for you to enjoy spectacular views of Princess Nina Aga Khan's island, San San Bay, and the craggy, dramatic Alligator Head headland. You will stroll past exotic flowering and fruit trees, and see and hear many birds indigenous to Jamaica. For avid birdwatchers, 22 species of birds have been observed on our property, where the abundance of trees and vegetation, seeds and flowers provide a natural habitat. Our gardeners will be happy to pick a coconut and cut it open for you to drink. If our mango trees are bearing fruit, please help yourself. There is a playground for young children with swings and slides located just behind the bamboo bordering the far side of the tennis courts. Planters' chairs are provided for parents or nannies.



## The Library

The library is a quiet spot off the Terrace when you can browse our books and magazines, watch cable TV, or meet friends. It is also used for yoga classes, retreats, and group functions.



## The Hummingbird Terrace



The Hummingbird Terrace is the perfect spot to relax, read a book and catch up on email. Your company: a charm of hummingbirds of various types; including the magnificent, iridescent green, Doctor Bird, the streamer-tailed symbol of Jamaica, found only on this island. The birds' lightning-fast hovering, chases and feedings, with their trademark loud whirr, are a show unto themselves.



## Weddings and events at Goblin Hill





# Our Story



Goblin Hill opened Easter weekend 1972, a venture of three young couples from Kingston. One of them was its architect, who designed a modern twist on the elegant and highly climate-appropriate 'Jamaican Georgian' style the British made versions of in so many of their tropical possessions. It was sited to take advantage of not only spectacular views, but also the trade winds for cross-ventilation.

The 700-acre estate the hotel sits in was the second home of families like Woolworths, Aga Khans, Westons, Molsons, and Thyssens. It was created by three lawyers from Kingston, who parcelled the land into generous, usually four-acre lots, which may not be subdivided. The lots Goblin Hill sits on were owned previously by Denis Smith-Bingham, a developer and broker for the estate, and Princess Maria Gortchacow, as the land title states, "The wife of Prince Constantin Gortchacow, Banker, of Montevideo".

The name was an homage to the similarly-named properties and areas around us, such as Pixie Hill, Gremlin Hill, and Fairy Hill. The illuminated logo was a piece with the Art Nouveau revival of the day, and was created by Renaissance man and architect Angus McDonald, who among other things, drove a car with a chandelier and no reverse, played the sitar for many of the Indian weddings in Jamaica, and built a harpsichord from scratch with which to give living room concerts.

Individuals could own shares in a company that gave them the right to use a particular unit, and those early years saw race car champion Stirling Moss, the Chief Justice of Jamaica, and other Kingston muck-a-mucks among them, for the generous, 1,600-square-foot suites.

It was the heyday of tennis, and Goblin Hill's courts were were sited to be a social center of the development, and indeed there were tournaments and games always watched by lots of spectators, followed with kids by a dip in the pool a few feet away. There were also French- and Spanish-themed weekends and film festivals.

In 1980, Norwegian Caribbean Lines leased the property as part of their acquisition of the rest of San San Estate, the 700 acres of land we sit on. Their idea was to combine cruises with a land component. It turned out that their clientele, though, mostly wanted just one format or the other, so after two years or so, the lease reverted to the original ownership. Through many adventures and ups and downs, the hotel has been open for over 50 years, still under the same ownership.

The whole point of the property is its quiet, and lush setting, with acres of lawns to sit in with a drink and a book and a bocce set. The owners see the places as a springboard to explore the beauty of the area, from the seven beaches we count within striking distance, to hiking to Jamaica's tallest waterfall (and three or so others to boot), to getting certified with the island's oldest Scuba operation, rafting down the lazy Rio Grande on bamboo rafts as our late neighbour Errol Flynn liked, or fishing for marlin. Adjoining units are ideal for large families or groups. Groups can be accommodated for meals together on a villa terrace, or on the lawn in front of a villa.

The hotel now has the grandchildren of its original guests staying with us, and we look forward to seeing their kids here in due course.

## Our neighbourhood

There's an oddly outsize history to this little area. Here is the first hotel in Jamaica, the 400-room Titchfield Hotel, visited by J.P. Morgan and Clara Bow, and later owned and managed by, of all people, the hard-living bon vivant actor Errol Flynn (whose widow lived near us until her passing just a few years ago). The setting of movies from *No Time To Die* to *Lord of the Flies* to *Cocktail* to *Club Paradise* to *The Mighty Quinn* to *Knight and Day*. The Folly mansion, owned by a Tiffany heiress and visited by Machu Picchu rediscoverer Hiram Bingham. The British fort of Fort George. The birthplace of surfing and jerk seasoning (the latter invented by escaped slaves, the Maroons, who forced the British army to an armistice) in Jamaica. Flynn's lands, a cattle ranch with stone-walled fields straight out of the English countryside, where his grandson lives. The Victorian architecture of Titchfield Hill. A Bavarian castle and Tudor shopping mall, nearby. Our neighborhood of San San, home to the Aga Khan's brother; his wife, famed model Nina Dyer—and the island, just off our property, she got from an earlier marriage to neighbour Baron von Thyssen, owner of the largest art collection in the world besides the Queen's; the Molson beer family; the Woolworths; an architect of the Marshall Plan; music producer Diplo, and New York tech entrepreneurs and restaurant magnates. One of the world's most magical beaches, at Frenchman's Cove, once the most luxurious and expensive hotel in the Caribbean, owned by the Canadian business magnates the Westons. Welcome.



*Errol Flynn*



*Nina Dyer — Princess Nina Aga Khan*

## Glossary of Useful Information



### AIRPORT VIP SERVICE AND LOUNGE—CLUB MOBAY/KINGSTON

For US\$30 and up, this lounge at both airports offers complimentary food and cocktails, a conference room, cell and tablet rental, and a kid's lounge. Contacted ahead of time, they will also expedite the immigration and customs process, assist with baggage retrieval, and arrange ground transportation; and escort groups, seniors, unaccompanied minors and wedding parties through the entire airport experience. Book at [vipattractions.com](http://vipattractions.com). Please note: you must fill out your Immigration form before you fly, at: [enterjamaica.com](http://enterjamaica.com).

### BABYSITTERS

Babysitters can be arranged to read to your kids, take them on walks, and otherwise take care of them in your absence. The fee for babysitters is US\$25 for an eight-hour day, or US\$5 per hour after 6pm. Please give us notice to make arrangements for you.

### BANKS/CURRENCY EXCHANGE

Jamaican currency may be withdrawn using foreign credit/debit/credit cards at the ATMs of the various banks in Port Antonio. Banking hours are generally from 8:30am to 2pm, Monday to Thursday and 8:30am to 4pm on Friday, and ATMs tend to close for servicing for an hour in the early afternoon. You will get superior exchange rates at the banks or supermarket cambios in Port Antonio to those at the airport cambio; you may want to bring \$1, \$5, and \$10 U.S. bills to spend until you change the majority of your money in Port Antonio. U.S. currency is widely accepted across Jamaica, but as in many countries you will receive an unfavourable, rounded-down exchange rate from most vendors and shops in these spot transactions.



### **BEACH TOWELS/CODE TO LOCK AT STEPS**

Ask for beach towels or foutas at the Front Desk. The code to the lock on the steps to the street and beaches is: 4531.

### **DEPOSIT, PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY**

- Goblin Hill accepts payment by Visa, MasterCard, Amex, or USD bank/wire transfer (see below for account information) only; no cheques or cash. Cards are run for check-in.
- Goblin Hill has a 2-night minimum stay, (3 for holiday weekends, and 4 for the Christmas period Dec. 19-Jan. 5).
- Bookings require 24 hours' notice.
- Visitors only to our bar terrace and library, and must be announced at Front Desk.
- No smoking. No pets, including comfort animals.

### **DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT**

- 50% deposit required to confirm reservation.
- Balance payable 30 days prior to arrival. Bookings within 30 days of arrival payable in full (holidays: 45 days).
- Payments are non-refundable.
- December 19 - January 5: 4-night minimum.
- Holiday weekends: 3-night minimum.

### **CANCELLATIONS**

- Payments are non-refundable.
- Travel insurance such as Travelex's TravelSelect is strongly recommended.
- No-shows on the day of arrival, late check-ins, and early checkouts are nonrefundable.

### **CAR RENTALS / GETTING HERE**

You must fill out your Immigration form online before you board your plane, at: [enterjamaica.com](http://enterjamaica.com).

Coach service is available from both airports (if your flight times work) to most towns in Jamaica, including the town centre of Port Antonio, 15 minutes from Goblin Hill: book at [knutsfordexpress.com](http://knutsfordexpress.com). Taxi driver Petey can pick you up there to take you to the hotel.

Island Car Rentals, for one, is the largest car rental company in Jamaica. In addition to renting you a car, they can provide a driver to meet you at either of the two major airports, and drive you over in your car, relieving you of driving when you are tired, and need to drive on the left, and perhaps at night. The driver is accompanied by another car whose driver returns him to the airport, leaving you with your car for the rest of your stay. Alternatively, they can provide one-way transfers, simply dropping you off at the hotel. Kingston is a lovely if winding 3 hrs. to Port Antonio. Montego Bay is 4 hrs. away, and is a straighter road that allows excursions such as swimming with dolphins or climbing Dunn's River Falls along the way if you so choose. Email us your travel details so we may assist you with rentals or transfers.

There are also air charters to the airstrip 30 minutes away, and helicopters land right on our lawns. Flight time is 20 minutes from Kingston and 35 minutes from Montego Bay. Book at [jamaicahelicopterservices.com](http://jamaicahelicopterservices.com). Airplane charters: Airlink Express/JamAir: 876.940.6660, 940.4870, 940.0195; Tim Air: 952.2516

### **CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT**

Check-in time is 3pm. Check-out time is noon. Late checkout or early check-in is available at an additional charge, space permitting. Please enquire at the Front Desk.

### **CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday services are held at 7am at the Anglican Church, 7am at the Catholic Church and 9:30am at the Baptist Church. Please enquire at the Front Desk for directions. The beautiful, sand-floored synagogue of the second-oldest continuously-operating Jewish community in the Western Hemisphere is 3 hours away in Kingston, and is well worth a visit for services or to view its museum exhibit. Ask us to call ahead.

### **CONSERVATION**

Goblin Hill strives to be as environmentally conscious as possible. The villas are designed to make the most of cross-ventilation and natural light. We can line-dry your towels in the sun on a dedicated clothesline for your villa; just hang up your towels anywhere in the bathroom. A towel on the floor means 'I'd like a fresh one.' We won't change towels and sheets for stays of three nights or less, unless requested.

Please help us protect our reefs from sunscreen. Wear rash guards, and bring 100% biodegradable sunscreen such as zinc oxide or titanium dioxide, over 100 nanometers in size; no oxybenzone.

We use solar water heaters for the villas and our laundry. If there is prolonged cloudy weather, your hot water supply will be topped up with the backup electrical system, which your housekeeper will turn on. We also harvest rainwater, and use vinegar- and lime-based solutions where possible for cleaning and insect prevention.

To conserve energy, we ask that you turn off your air-conditioning units when not in your bedroom. Please turn off your faucets while soaping up/shaving/brushing your teeth.

### **DINING IN THE AREA**

Try Woody's, a charming, casual spot in nearby Drapers, for hamburgers, veggie burgers, and potent homemade ginger drink made from Miss Cherry's secret recipe; jerk dishes from Gurley Aston; vegetarian comfort food at Itali...ish; drinks and modern lounge beats at Acai Cafe in Long Bay; fish, pasta and chicken at Wilks Cuisine; GeeJam resort's Bushbar (reservations required); contemporary Jamaican-inspired dishes at Trident Hotel (reservations required); Jamaican and Continental cuisine

at Great Huts hotel on Boston Bay; Jamaican favourites at Soldier Camp in Port Antonio; and a delicious Devon House ice cream on the harbourside marina promenade, or soft-serve and brownies at Kool Down on Port Antonio's main street.

## **DRUGS**

While driving, your car may be stopped and searched by armed police as part of their anti-drug efforts. Possession of ganja (marijuana) outside the home is an offence subject to a fine.

## **ELECTRICITY**

Jamaica is on a 50-cycle, 110-volt standard. U.S. 60-cycle, 110-volt devices will also work on this standard. Our central facilities and walkway lights, though not our rooms, are powered by generator.

## **EVENING ENTERTAINMENT**

[See the Entertainment section on page 9 for information on bars and other activities in the area.]

## **EXERCISE AND GAMES**

For strenuous walks or runs, go left out the Goblin Hill entrance, then a right turn 150 feet later; this takes you up a looped steep road dotted with vacation homes. A less hilly but equally quiet and beautiful route may be had going right, outside the Goblin Hill entrance; 20 minutes later along a road also dotted with the occasional villa, this will ultimately take you out across the street from Frenchman's Cove Beach, and is a lovely way to go to that beach.

Our lawns are ideal for our bocce set, or for a lazy, largely stationary game of catch with a ball, but running, fast play, and team sports are not advised, as our lush Zoysia grass's sponginess and height make it very risky for ankles.

## **FAUNA**

We are in a forest setting, and bugs, owls, toads, lizards, and herons share our 11 acres. And, it can be hot. Please bring insect repellent.

## **FOOD FOR YOUR ARRIVAL**

See: Dining, on page 10.

## **HAIRDRESSERS**

Selected hairdressers in Port Antonio or Kingston will come to the Hotel for appointments. Please inquire at the Front Desk.

## **INSURANCE**

We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance for your trip, such as from [travelexinsurance.com](http://travelexinsurance.com).

## **IRONS**

Irons and blow dryers are available on request.

## **KEYS**

Please leave your keys at the Front Desk when you are out during the day. There is a US\$10 charge for lost keys.

## **LAUNDRY**

Personal laundry service is available, charged by item, payable through your guest account at the Front Desk. Ask your housekeeper for a laundry form.

## **MASSAGE, YOGA, BODYWORK**

Massage therapists and yoga teachers are available to come to the hotel by appointment, and you may enjoy a treatment on your villa terrace or on our lawns overlooking Princess Nina Aga Khan's Island. Ask at the Front Desk to book.

## **MEALS**

Our prix-fixe breakfast on the Hummingbird Terrace is US\$18, our bar menu is \$12 and up, and dinner is \$30. Please order meals in advance. Or choose to relax on your villa terrace or balcony and enjoy meals overlooking gardens and the Bay, for an additional 18%. Let us know which you would prefer.

Personal cook-housekeeper service is also available in limited quantity at your villa for \$60 a day. Your groceries are bought at cost plus 10% service charge, or you may bring your own.

See the Dining section on page 10, for more information.

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Receptionists are on duty from 7am to 7pm.

## **PALM BRANCHES AND COCONUTS**

Please look out for signs posted in specific parts of the property, to beware of falling palm branches or coconuts. They're very dangerous; even fatal.

## **PLANNING YOUR STAY**

Our Front Desk staff will be pleased to meet with you to give you an insider's view of our beautiful area, and make suggestions to suit your interests.

## **SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES**

There are a limited number of boxes in the villas and at the Front Desk. Lost key replacement is US\$10.

## **SECURITY**

Our Security team has one member at the Hummingbird Terrace at all times, after 7pm, while the others walk the property; you will see them in their reflective yellow vests. They are the ones to contact for any reason at all, including guest check-ins, after the Front Desk closes at 10pm, via WhatsApp at 876.416.5917. Feel free to call them for any reason, even non-security ones such as a maintenance issue at your villa. You may also phone them at: Ewin Anderson: +876.482.0307. Jason Jacks: 414.6723. Romane Berry: 303.9360 and 385.6217. Devon Orgill: 476.1316 & 560.5066. Jermaine Kenton: 542.3891

**Police: +876.993.3220, +876.327.5013, or 119.**



## SMOKING

Smoking is not permitted in the public spaces of the hotel or in the villas. You may smoke in open-air places anywhere other guests will not smell the smoke.

## SUNSCREEN/RASH GUARDS

Please help us protect our reefs from sunscreen. Wear rash guards to reduce the amount of sunscreen you have to use, and bring 'reef-safe', 100% biodegradable sunscreen such as zinc oxide or titanium dioxide, over 100 nanometers in size; no oxybenzone.

## TAXI SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION IN THE AREA

Only licensed cabs with a red license plate are allowed to drop off or pick up from the hotel. The Front Desk can call one of our regular taxi drivers; please ask your Housekeeper to have them call, and allow up to a half-hour for arrival. Or you can call our preferred taxi driver Petey directly at +876.363.7889, +876.877.1538 or +876.324.6465. You may also hail a very reasonably-priced, frequent Route Taxi anywhere on the main coastal road; again, they will have red licence plates. You will share your ride with other passengers your driver picks up. Ask the fare before you get in, but as a reference point, it should be about J\$200 (or US\$1.50) to go from the main road at the bottom of Goblin Hill to the town of Port Antonio.

## TELEVISION

Live cable TV is available in the Library next door to Reception.

Please download TV shows and movies before leaving home, to watch offline on your own device while here. Televisions in the villas may be used for streaming music and news via our Roku systems. Please bring your own HDMI cable to connect your laptop or mobile device to your TV for viewing on its larger screen if you choose.

## TELEPHONES

Please use your mobile to call our Front Desk via WhatsApp at 876.416.5917, or via phone at +876.993.7443 for all requests, including to call your housekeeper/cook, until 10pm. After 10pm, please call our Security team for anything you may need: via WhatsApp at 876.416.5917, or via phone to: Ewin Anderson: +876.482.0307. Jason Jacks: 414.6723. Romane Berry: 303.9360 & 385.6217. Devon Orgill: 476.1316 & 560.5066

## TENNIS

Racquets and balls are available on loan at the Front Desk. If you need a partner for tennis, tennis pro Nicky is experienced at coaching children and adults, and providing practice sessions.

## TIPPING

A service charge of 10% is added to your bill. If you feel you want to reward exceptional service, you may do so. We're often asked for the suggested tip for the daily \$60 cook/housekeeper service. An average tip for housekeeper/cooks is about 5% - 7% of the room rate — again, it is at your discretion. Please do not leave cash tips but let us know your instructions at the Front Desk, and we will charge the sum to your credit card and distribute it. Please let us know about your housekeeper experience, as this will guide us in our continuing efforts in training, and/or recognition.

## TRANQUILITY

To preserve the calm of the Goblin Hill stay, we ask that you not use audio devices on the grounds or by the pool unless with headphones, with no spillover sound. We ask that anything played on your TV or on devices inside your villa not be heard outside the villa. Please bring bicycles, not ATVs or motorcycles, and be sparing with your use of drones.

## VISITORS

For your privacy and that of all our guests, only registered guests are permitted in the villas and on the grounds. Please entertain any guests at our bar at the Hummingbird Terrace or in our Library. Visitors are asked to give their name to the Front Desk staff. They will call you and either take a message or give your guest a seat while waiting for you to come.

Accompanied tours of the property are always available, from the Front Desk.

## WEDDINGS

We would be delighted to host your wedding on our acres of lawns and gardens at Goblin Hill, with our dramatic views of San San Bay. See photos on page 16. Please write [frontdesk@goblinhill.com](mailto:frontdesk@goblinhill.com) to request our info packet.

## WET CLOTHES

To maintain an attractive environment at the hotel, please give personal items to your housekeeper to air-dry in our laundry area, not on your villa terrace.

## WHEN FRONT DESK/OFFICE IS CLOSED

After 10pm, please speak to a member of our Security team, who after 7pm are based at the Hummingbird Terrace and also walking the entire property. Call via WhatsApp at 876.416.5917 for even non-security issues such as a maintenance issue at your villa. You may also phone them at: Ewin Anderson: 482.0307. Jason Jacks: 414.6723. Romane Berry: 303.9360 and 385.6217. Devon Orgill: 476.1316 & 560.5066. Jermaine Kenton: 542.3891. **Police: +876.993.7315.**

## WI-FI

Complimentary internet access via wi-fi is provided, throttled at 15mps per device. The password is: sansan2014.

We are delighted you have chosen Goblin Hill. If there is anything we can do to add to your enjoyment or comfort, please let us know. Thank you for staying with us, and please return soon to enjoy another rum punch at the Hummingbird Terrace Bar!