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CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY - DECEMBER 2013

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JAM 50 Maroon Festival (Accompong) • JAM 50 Prime Minister's Youth Awards • JAM 50 Jazz and Blues Festival • JAM 50 Rebel Salute • JAM 50 Netball Tri-Series | <i>Islandwide</i> | | |
| Yearlong | <p><u>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT STUDIO 38</u> Kingston will come alive as Jamaicans and visitors alike have been rocking to the pulsating beats of Jamaica reggae music whether old school classics or current beats from Jamaica's finest entertainers. The most popular days are Pepperseed Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Some of the featured entertainers have included: Third World, Pinchers, Josey Wales, Sanchez, Cocoa Tea, Tanya Stephens, and others.</p> | Studio 38/Pulse Kingston | kc@pulsecaribbean.com | |
| November 2012 – May 2013 | <p><u>NATIONAL LEAGUE NETBALL MATCHES</u> The Sunshine Girls and others will engage in several netball matches at the Leila Robinson Courts during this period. This is an annual league, starting in November the previous year to May the following year.</p> | National Stadium, Kingston | jamnetball@cwjamaica.com | www.Jamaicanetball.org.jm |
| January – April except Mondays | <p><u>NATIONAL GALLERY OF JAMAICA EXHIBIT</u> The National Gallery of Jamaica (NGJ) will continue to showcase the best in Art featuring the islands most legendary artists.</p> | National Gallery of Jamaica, Kingston | natgalja@cwjamaica.com veerlepoupeye@gmail.com | Temporary blog: nationalgalleryofjamaica.wordpress.com |
| January 6 | <u>ACCOMPONG MAROON FESTIVAL</u> | <i>Accompong, St.</i> | kenwatsonjam@yahoo.com | |


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| | <p>The 274th maroon festival will once again celebrate the legendary Maroons of Western Jamaica, the historic descendants of runaway slaves, who were freed by the Spanish and fled to Jamaica's untouched South Coast in pursuit of freedom, and live there to this day.</p> <p>This event dates back to the 19th Century and is celebrated every year in January to mark their victory over the British and to honour their hero, Cudjoe, who won the first Maroon War. They commemorate the occasion with traditional singing, dancing, playing of the drums and blowing of the Abeng. Traditionally the cooking is done by men, no salt is used.</p> | <i>Elizabeth</i> | | |
| January 18-19 | <p><u>REBEL SALUTE</u> Rebel Salute is undeniably a masterpiece! What began as a show to commemorate the January 15 birthday of reggae icon Patrick "Tony Rebel" Barrett has become a staple on the live music events calendar. The 20th Anniversary will see the Rebel Salute family at a new home at the Richmond Estate in Priory, St. Ann. This change in venue will facilitate a second day, a request that has been made over the years by a great number of Saluters as well as documented and endorsed in a Jamaica Tourist Board survey done in 2011. Interestingly, promoter Tony Rebel is no stranger to St. Ann as he spent some of his formative years in the parish.</p> <p>Rebel Salute treats patrons to a drug-free, violence-free, alcohol-free and meat-free, family-oriented environment. Food vendors serve a strict Jamaican vegetarian menu, which is complimented by a diet of cultural roots rap from reggae's finest. One can truly immerse themselves in Jamaican culture here as authentic Jamaican arts and crafts are also on display and for sale.</p> <p>Rebel Salute has captured the adoration of reggae lovers worldwide. Hailed today as a spiritual renaissance, it has become the bedrock for the exposure and celebration of Jamaican roots music.</p> | <i>Richmond Estate, St. Ann</i> | flames_productions@hotmail.com tony_rebel@hotmail.com rebelsaluteprod@yahoo.com | www.tonyrebel.com www.rebelsaluteproductions.com |
| January 24-26 | <p><u>JAMAICA JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL</u> Falmouth will be ignited once again by this festival themed 'the Art of Music'. This world class event will showcase several genres such as Country, Jazz, R&B and Reggae. It is known for offering a thrilling line-up of international and well-known Jamaican artistes. Past artistes have included Diana Ross, Billy Ocean, Michael Bolton, Kenny Rogers,</p> | <i>Trelawny Multi-Purpose Stadium Falmouth</i> | headline@cwjamaica.com walt622@bellsouth.net touchstonenet@gmail.com info@visitjamaica.com | www.jamaicajazzandblues.com www.visitjamaica.com |

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| | Chicago, Lionel Richie, Chakka Khan, Randy Crawford, the O'Jays, Atlantic Starr, Nikki Yanofsky, Maroon 5 among several others, four time Grammy award winner, Celene Dion , Kelly Rowland...who will it be for 2013? | | | |
| January 27 | JSP HIGH MOUNTAIN COFFEE 10K ROAD RACE The annual race (Inaugurated 1983) staged by the Jamaica Standard Products Company Limited is one of the largest and most challenging yet popular road races in Jamaica. It starts just above Windalco's overhead bridge at Williamsfield, up the steeper parts of the Winston Jones Highway, down the Kendal and Shooters Hill stretch and ends at roundabout near the Kirkvine Windalco's HQ | Williamsfield, Manchester | sanco@colis.com | |
| January - April <i>Dates TBC</i> | RUGBY MATCHES Members of our local Rugby teams will engage other international teams at very exciting tournaments. Matches actually start November the previous year. | Kingston | jamaicarugby@yahoo.com | |
| January – April <i>TBA</i> | ALL-ISLAND CARNIVAL This is a series of 10 events to feature veterans Oscar B and Jomo on an All Island Carnival experience alongside a few other acts such as Machel Montano and Beenie Man. The event will commence on January 29 through to April 29. Event kicks off in Kingston at UDC Car Park and culminates in Portmore with a huge party event with popular Soca performances. Organizers see it as a way to kick off the marketing and promotional plan for Brand Jamaica | All-island | tristarmg@yahoo.com | |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reggae Month (Bob Marley Day, etc) • International Reggae Conference • JAM 50 Gibson Relays | Islandwide | | |
| February 1-28 | OFFICIAL REGGAE MONTH IN JAMAICA! This is a month long celebration of Reggae Music being promoted island-wide, geared at highlighting the impact of the musical genre on the country's social, cultural and | Islandwide | che.campbell@gmail.com | |

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| | <p>economic development, sharpening the focus and drawing the attention of the world to this powerful asset that is wholly an original Jamaican product. Reggae Month 2013 will feature a multitude of events that capture the true essence of Jamaican music with genres ranging from mento ska, rocksteady and dub to dancehall and reggae. The celebrations seek to deepen the linkages between Reggae and brand Jamaica.</p> | | | |
| February - December | <p><u>JAMAICA CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ACTIVITIES</u> Cultural activities showcasing our drama, folk forms, culinary arts, gospel, dance, speech, music and Arts. (<i>Check out the JCDC website for a dates and breakout of all the yearlong activities</i>).</p> | <i>Islandwide</i> | jcdc@cwjamaica.com | www.jcdc.org.jm |
| February 1-3 | <p><u>CARIBBEAN YOGA CONFERENCE</u> The CYC scheduled for Rose Hall Resort & Spa, will bring people together from around the world who is inspired by the practice of yoga, curious about exploring our planet and ready to embrace a growing community of practitioners from all walks of life. This conference provides participants with a balmy, tranquil space to learn from some of the world's most beloved teachers. This is a warm celebration of sun, sadhana, sand, seva and sangha.</p> | <i>Montego Bay</i> | kim@bellalunayoga.com | www.bellalunayoga.com |
| February – March | <p><u>SPRING BREAK 2013</u> The exciting Spring Break party season begins in Montego Bay and Negril. Get your groove on and party on the Hip Strips!! Enjoy discounts at Coral Cliff and Margaritaville Montego Bay and Negril; The Groovy Grouper, The Jungle</p> | <i>Montego Bay & Negril</i> | | |
| February TBA | <p><u>JAMAICA POLO ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT</u> The polo season in Jamaica is a long one, starting in January and finishing in early August when the Hurricane season is at its peak. Each year a number of visiting teams make the pilgrimage to the island and tournament polo is played between 4 – 16 goals. The high-point of the Jamaican polo season is the Scotia Capital Markets Open, played in Kingston in March, and the Senior Cup played in St. Ann in May. All three clubs provide outstanding facilities for visiting players from the professional to the novice to rent horses, take lessons, stick and ball, play chukkers and participate in tournaments. <i>**Please note that all match information is subject to change without notice. Please check locally for confirmation of all events.</i></p> | <i>Kingston</i> | shane@tobyresorts.com | |


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| February date TBC | <p><u>INTERNATIONAL REGGAE CONFERENCE</u> The Institute of Caribbean Studies and the Reggae Studies Unit at the University of the West Indies, Mona announce the International Reggae Conference (formerly Global Reggae Conference). The conference and associated events will consolidate and disseminate knowledge on Jamaican musical culture and associated music forms. The conference will continue in recognizing Jamaica's 50th anniversary of independence. Additionally, the annual Bob Marley Lecture, which is a part of the Conference activities, will mark the celebration of the 68th anniversary of the birth of the Hon. Robert Nesta Marley. The Lecture is being organized jointly by the University of the West Indies, Mona and the Bob Marley Foundation. Academics, researchers, artistes, musicians, scholars, cultural practitioners, entrepreneurs and music lovers from around the world will be able to share their experiences and perspectives on reggae and dancehall music in particular at this Conference.</p> | Kingston | donna.hope@uwimona.edu.jm | |
| February 6 | <p><u>BOB MARLEY CELEBRATIONS</u> A long week of activities will take place throughout the island to celebrate the life and achievements of legendary superstar the Rt. Hon. Robert Nesta 'Bob' Marley, O.M. Activities in Jamaica usually include a service at the Ethiopian Orthodox Church and ceremonial laying of plaques at the Bob Marley Museum in Kingston (<i>Check out their website for a breakout of all the activities.</i>)</p> | Islandwide | Marleyfoundation@cwjamaica.com | www.bobmarley-foundation.com |
| February 8 | <p><u>THE PINEAPPLE CUP-MIAMI/MO BAY RACE</u> This event welcome begins with a case of cold Red Stripe delivered to each boat as it reaches the Montego Bay Yacht Club. When all the boats have finished, a total value of about J\$1.7 billion will be docked or moored at the Yacht Club. The owners, the crews, their families and their friends will all spend at least part of Race Week in Montego Bay, together with other visitors who make a point of coming to Jamaica during the race.</p> | Montego Bay | eharrington@cwjamaica.com | |
| February 13 | <p><u>57TH ANNUAL HAGUE AGRICULTURAL SHOW</u> The Hague Agricultural Show not only gives the farmers of Trelawny an opportunity to showcase their produce but also clearly demonstrates the collaboration and support of agriculture by corporate agencies and non-government organizations. At present, the Hague Agricultural Show have</p> | Trelawny | adminjas114@gmail.com | |

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| | numerous attractions such as K9 competition, livestock judging and presentation, branch competitions and crowning of the Trelawny Farm Queen competition. | | | |
| February 15 – April 7 | BACCHANAL /JAMAICA CARNIVAL Bacchanal Jamaica will be marking its' 25 years of carnival celebrations in 2013. The event is indeed a unique expression of our island spirit and showcases to the world a carnival unique to Jamaica. The event will offer over 8 weeks, twenty one, high-energy, fun-filled events. The series kicks off on the 15th February and culminates with the usual Road March on April 7, 2013. <i>See website for activities</i> | Kingston | art@cwjamaica.com jamaicacarnival@cwjamaica.com | www.bacchanaljamaica.com www.jamaicacarnival.com |
| February 16 | SUGAR CANE BALL Round Hill has been a major supporter of the Hanover Charities with its annual Sugar Cane Ball every February since 1957 when the charity was founded. This year will mark the 60 th year, so the celebration will be significant. Hanover Charities plays a major role in the Parish and covers a wide range of projects for its citizens from very young to old. Funds generated from the weekend's events will go towards the foundation's several initiatives including implementing programs aimed to strengthen reading and computer skills in communities, funding soup kitchens and health clinics, supplying basic necessities to the disabled and elderly and contributing scholarships to local deserving students. The event sees over 340 participants including socialites, ambassadors, celebrities, and business leaders from the United States, Europe and Jamaica; it raised nearly \$200,000 for the Hanover Charities each year. | <i>Round Hill Resort, Montego Bay</i> | Omar@roundhilljamaica.com | www.roundhilljamaica.com |
| February 17-23 | JAMAICA FAT TYRE FESTIVAL This is a 7 day mountain biking event designed to highlight Jamaica's vibrant culture, unique geography and great riding! The event, since inception, has sparked serious interest on several major biking blogs online and some of the top biking magazines making Jamaica a potential contender as a great mountain biking destination. It has also featured some of the world's top mountain bikers - Cam McCaul, Kyle Ebbett, Kathy Strand, among others. | <i>St. Mary/ Ocho Rios</i> | obessafndn.island@cwjamaica.com | www.islandoutpost.com/foundation/ island_sports_trust/ |
| February 17 | FI WI SINTING The 23rd staging of Fi Wi Sinting, a celebration of Jamaica's African heritage will be held at Somerset Falls, Hope Bay, Portland from 10AM-7PM. Fi Wi Sinting is where Jamaicans from all walks of life meet , greet and mingle with visitors/tourists in a family setting while | <i>Somerset Falls, Portland</i> | info@fiwisinting.com | www.fiwisinting.com |

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| | <p>indulging in Fi Wi Sinting the Jamaican phrase meaning” It is ours”.</p> <p>Dine on traditional food such as dukonoo brought from Ghana, sweet potato puddings, fried fish and bammy or vegetarian from raw to ital.</p> <p>The spoken word is expressed through stories of that cunning spider Ananse also from West Africa as told by story teller extraordinaire Amina Blackwood Meeks along with resident poets Royal African Soldiers and their friends and in an open mike segment where participants are free to express themselves. Each year there is a main attraction and we close by paying homage to our dear beloved ancestors. Admission J\$800, Children J\$200 and Students with ID \$500.</p> | | | |
| February 24 | <p><u>MISTY BLISS</u> This event is a cultural festival which celebrates the mountain pleasures and treasures of these parks through a one day event at Hollywell, the park's main recreation area. There will be music all day with a live concert featuring dance, drumming, singing and other entertainment. Traditional foods will be on sale, complimentary guided trail tours will also be offered in addition to mounted exhibits about the National Park and its environs.</p> | Hollywell, Kingston | jcdt@kasnet.com jamaicaconservation@gmail.com | www.jcdt.org www.greenjamaica.org.jm |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys’ and Girls’ Champs Fun in the Sun Gospel Festival Actor Boy (Theatre) Awards | Islandwide | | |
| March (TBA) | <p><u>SOUL REBELLION SPRING BREAK PARTY</u> This is a two part event - the daytime component is anchored by the ground breaking Buy-A-Brick program. The program allows Spring Breakers an opportunity to paint their names or school slogans on cinder blocks that are then used to construct school facilities in the local education system. At night, the event shifts to the artists and entertainers, delivering to Negril a signature and marketable event.</p> <p>Soul Rebellion engages the visiting spring breakers in an organic fashion and presents an irresistible opportunity to fall in love with Negril, Jamaica. Previous Soul Rebellion featured editorial coverage in Billboard Magazine, Reuters, as well as multiple impressions in local and foreign press.</p> | Negril | hengfa@optionline.net | www.myspace.com/springbreaknegril www.kraft-e.net |


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| March TBC | <p><u>EME AWARDS</u> The highly anticipated 9th Annual Excellence in Music and Entertainment (EME) Awards will be held in Kingston. You can play your part in the selection of winners by casting your vote in various categories. Voting results represent 30% of final scores, the other 70% is derived from Chart successes and general impact</p> | Kingston | emeawards2010@gmail.com | www.emeawards.com |
| March | <p><u>JAMFEST SPRING BREAK CONCERT SERIES</u> JAMFEST concert series will rock the resort of Negril during the Spring Break yet again. It will be one of the main events each week in Jamaica featuring top local and international artists. During the day visitors are encouraged to go and check out the adventures of Negril, namely, cliff jumping, waterfall climbing, island picnicking, sunset sailing, beach parties, watersports or just relax on the beach and soak up the sun....the options are endless.</p> | Negril | jake@ststravel.com | www.ststravel.com |
| March TBC | <p><u>THE ROYAL JAMAICA YACHT CLUB SPRING TOURNAMENT</u> This is known to be one of the most exciting fishing invitational tournaments in the island's capital - Kingston. Outside of this event, the Club is very active in sailing, with races on weekends in the protected waters of Kingston Harbour. Two Regattas are held during the year, one at the end of January/early February and the other over the first weekend of August, when we celebrate our Independence. The Club and its members are represented internationally by the Jamaica Yachting Association</p> | Kingston | rjycmanager@flowja.com azan@cwjamaica.com | www.rjyc.org.jm |
| March 3-9 | <p><u>ELASHA SPRINGFEST</u> Elasha Spring Fest is the ultimate spring break event; a ministry initiative of Elasha Ministries. It is geared toward ministry of youths while enjoying the lovely beaches of Negril, Jamaica. The weeks' activities include ministry day-painting, maintenance of institutions, witnessing in the town; Beach Gospel Party, Youth Extravaganza, Gospel Jazz & Blues @ the poolside and a Grand Gospel Concert with International & Local gospel artistes to close the week.</p> | Negril | elashaministries@yahoo.com | www.elashaspringfest.com |
| March TBA | <p><u>JAMAICA LIFESTYLE & WELLNESS FEST</u> Formerly the Jamaica Central (JAMCEN) Health and Wellness Expo, this event will be held at a new venue in Montego Bay at the renovated Old Hospital Site. The</p> | Mandeville | | |

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| | objective of expo continues to be aimed at developing a culture of wellness among persons living across Jamaica. | | | |
| March | <u>JAMAICA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW</u> This flower show provides a feast of colour and coordination, which is truly an orchid lover's delight. The show is sanctioned by the American Orchid Society. | Kingston | hamlyn@infochan.com | www.hamlynorchids.com |
| March 6-13 | <u>BRIT JAM</u> This event claims to be the Ultimate Spring Break party holiday. The concept is based on infusing British and American Culture with Jamaican Culture while providing an adventurous and fun filled party atmosphere with familiar faces. The event invites popular UK and Jamaican DJ's and artists to showcase their talents during the entire week. The idea is to fuse musical genres and audiences that would not otherwise mix. By doing so, there is a platform for local artists to perform to an international audience alongside the biggest stars in the international music industry. 15,000 residents and 1,000 overseas visitors are expected to attend. | | mini.britjam@gmail.com | |
| March 8-10 | <u>KINGSTON CITY RUN</u> The 'Kingston City Run' will be an inaugural city run which will incorporate a 5K race/walk and a half marathon. The aim of the run is to increase visitors to Kingston and highlight the historic sites by the route runners will take. It will incorporate other elements such as a Health and Wellness Fair and After Party. The objective is to create an attractive weekend package for persons to come to Kingston, enjoy the day and nighttime activities whilst also participating in the Run. | Kingston | nmg@courtleigh.com | |
| March 12-16 | <u>ISSA BOYS & GIRLS CHAMPS</u> The Inter-secondary School Sports Association (ISSA) features competitions for girls and boys under 19 in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m (girls only), 5000m, 4x100m, 4x400 and medley relays, hurdles – 110m, 100m, 70m (girls only), high jump, long jump and triple jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin (girls only) and the heptathlon. This is a very intense and exciting four days of athletics, which is usually the springboard for future world champions. | National Stadium Kingston | | www.issasports.com |
| March | <u>ACTOR BOY AWARDS</u> The ITI Jamaica Centre Actor Boy Awards is the longest and most consistent award presented for Theatre Arts in the Caribbean, 2013 will mark its 23 rd anniversary and serve not | Little Theatre, Kingston | admin@actorboyawards.com | www.Actorboyawards.com |


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| | <p>only to applaud the very best of Jamaican theatre, but provide an avenue through which theatre practitioners may be nationally recognised for their work amongst their peers. As the event is under the auspices of the International Theatre Institute (ITI), it is benchmarked to international standards.</p> <p>Approximately 20 Actor Boy Awards are presented each year in categories ranging from Special Effects, Lighting Design, Set Design, Costume Design, Musical, Original Score, Original Song, Choreography, to awards for Children's Theatre, Comedy, Drama, New Jamaican Play (for the script), Actor and Actress in a Supporting Role, Actor and Actress in a Lead Role, Directing, and Production.</p> | | | |
| March 22 | <p><u>WORLD CUP QUALIFYING – JAM VS. PANAMA</u> The Reggae Boys have reached the final round of World Cup Qualifying matches. The Mission to Rio Campaign is well underway as this is the first time Jamaica is in the final round of World Cup Qualifying since the Korea/Japan 2002 World Cup Qualifying Campaign.</p> | <i>National Stadium Kingston</i> | | www.jamaicafederation.com |
| March 31 (usually the day before the Yam festival) | <p><u>TRELAWNY 10K ROAD RACE</u> This 10K road race, once joined with the bicycle race, is now a separate ½ marathon event stretching from Falmouth to Bounty Hall and back to Falmouth. It's open to marathon enthusiasts - recreational, amateur, masters and children from Falmouth to Albert Town.</p> | <i>Falmouth, Trelawny</i> | stea@cwjamaica.com | www.stea.net |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carnival/Bacchanal • St. Elizabeth Horticultural Show & Yam Festival • Mobay Yacht Club's Easter Regatta • Kite Festival • Treasure Beach Off-the-Road Triathlon • Expo Jamaica | <i>Islandwide</i> | | |
| April 1 (Easter Monday) | <p><u>ST. ELIZABETH HORTICULTURAL SHOW</u> Annual Flower Show showcasing Jamaica's flora with vibrant displays of floral arrangements and plants as well as entertainment.</p> | <i>St. Elizabeth Horticultural Soc. Showground, Black River</i> | musicalspeak@gmail.com | |
| April 1 (Easter Monday) | <p><u>TRELAWNY YAM FESTIVAL</u> The Trelawny Yam Festival is a cultural, heritage and food festival first initiated at the community level and first</p> | <i>Hague Show Grounds, Trelawny</i> | stea@cwjamaica.com | www.stea.net |

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| | celebrated on May 23, 1997. It has become the standard bearer for all local food festivals in Jamaica and boasts a number of events and attractions culminating in a grand festive occasion on Easter Monday each year. These events leading up to the festival includes the Schools' Competition in February; Farmers' field Celebration early March and a King and Queen pageant later on in March. | | | |
| April (Easter Holiday) | <u>MONTEGO BAY YACHT CLUB EASTER REGATTA</u> This Easter Regatta is a feast of maritime activity in the beautiful surroundings of Montego Bay. The first leg of the event is a race to Mosquito Cove, marking the start of a series of races in various classes held over the Easter weekend. Visitors are invited to participate in this event or take the option of viewing the activities from the harbour. | <i>Montego Bay</i> | mbyc@cwjamaica.com | |
| April 18-19 | <u>JAMAICA INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL</u> The Jamaica International Kite Festival is a one of a kind event that has as its nexus the long held tradition of Kite design, making and flying. The event was until 2010 staged at the Seville Great House but outgrew that venue. The festival has also drawn attention from international kiting organizations and is a part of the international calendar. The American Kiting Association, Canadian Kiting Federation and the West Indian Kite Association have all not only attended but are impressed with what we offer. The festival is rounded off with an international styled concert (Shaggy, Freddie McGregor, Coco Tea, Wayne Wonder have graced the stage) The venue is transformed into a village featuring Jamaican food, art craft and a full kiddies village. The above mentioned International organizations have in excess of 8000 members and we are offering them a week filled with the best Jamaica has to offer. | <i>Richmond Estate, St. Ann</i> | joymorgan@iriefm.net | |
| April TBA | <u>TREASURE BEACH (Jakes) OFF ROAD TRIATHLON</u> Exciting yet challenging Triathlon is the biggest event in the small fishing community of Treasure beach and draws an enthusiastic and vocal crowd. This event, which is hosted by the world-renowned hotel, Jake's attracts top off-road racers and enthusiasts from Jamaica, the Caribbean and around the world. It features a 500 meter ocean swim, a 25K (13.7M) mountain bike and a 7K (4.3M) country run. It can be raced as an individual or as a 3-person relay team. | <i>Treasure Beach, St. Elizabeth</i> | jakes@cwjamaica.com | www.treasurebeach.net |
| April | <u>EXPO JAMAICA</u> Jamaica's best will be showcased at Expo Jamaica at the | <i>National Arena,</i> | expo2012@cwjamaica.com andrea.jma@cwjamaica.com | www.expojamaica.com.jm |

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| | <p>National Arena in Kingston, under the theme “Brand Jamaica to the World!” The Jamaica Manufacturers’ Association (JMA) and the Jamaica Exporters’ Association (JEA) has partnered to host this premier trade exposition to promote the world class quality products and services that Jamaica has to offer, in an effort to expand sales. The increasing demand for our products worldwide, outstanding performance of our athletes, annual visitor arrivals, and appeal of our music are a testament to our international reach. Expo Jamaica presents an opportunity to capitalise on this reach by garnering international buyers and reinforcing the strength of Brand Jamaica. The event also highlights the significant contribution that our manufacturers, exporters and service providers make to Jamaica’s socio-economic development by creating jobs, earning foreign exchange, and contributing to government revenues.</p> | <i>Kingston</i> | | |
| April | <p><u>REGGAE FILM SERIES</u> This is an annual event showcasing films featuring Jamaica's Reggae culture, including documentaries, full length features, animation, music videos, seminars and awards. The event has shown more than 60 films, many of which have gone on to win international awards and distribution. Film makers have paid their way to attend the event from England, USA, Canada, Spain, Germany, Holland, Hawaii, Japan, Serbia and films have also been entered by film makers in Croatia, Italy, Argentina, South Africa and Nicaragua. Thousands of local residents are expected to attend.</p> <p>The festival continues to attract productions from all over the world that are part of a growing genre of films depicting aspects of Jamaican culture, music and history and the ways in which this music culture has impacted the world. The event includes premieres, seminars, competitions, new digital media work, live music performances and star-studded gala events.</p> | <i>Kingston</i> | jamediapro@hotmail.com | www.jamaicafilmacademy.org |
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| May | <p><u>JAMAICA INTERNATIONAL INVITATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET</u> International Invitation Race Meets to feature some of the best international athletes and local athletes.</p> | <i>National Stadium, Kingston</i> | athleticsja@cwjamaica.com | www.trackandfieldja.com |
| May | <p><u>MISS JAMAICA UNIVERSE</u> This event promises to be a memorable one as it will have several major sponsors and include an international recording artiste as part of its entertainment mix.</p> | <i>Kingston</i> | tess-maria.leon@missuniversejamaica.com | |
| May – usually in this month but was in November for 2012 | <p><u>JAMAICA PRAISE FEST</u> A mind blowing Gospel event scheduled for Montego Bay, Jamaica. Working in conjunction with local organization Dove Ministries International, popular acclaimed gospel ministers and artistes are set to host their gospel programme, details of which are still being confirmed.</p> | <i>Montego Bay</i> | doveminsintlja@hotmail.com | |
| May | <p><u>THE BUSINESS OF SPORT</u> This is a two-day conference to encourage people in and those who plan to become a part of the multi-billion dollar industry to understand the key areas of sport management which can be of economic value, be a career option and serve to enhance the sport industry in Jamaica. Some of the topics to be discussed will give participants an opportunity to get a clearer picture from the experts who will be presenting. Carole Beckford & Associates along with partners Samuda and Johnson (Strategic Corporate Interventions) have partnered to host this international conference aimed at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promoting Jamaica as sporting destination ▪ Aiming towards the creation of a centre of excellence for sport and entertainment ▪ Awareness and education of key stakeholders on the value of the sport industry <p>The team has been able to attract several professionals in the business and they are presenting at the two-day event in</p> | <i>Pegasus Hotel Kingston</i> | thebusinessofsport@gmail.com | www.thebusinessofsport.org |

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| | Kingston. Steve Wyche from NFL TV and Ato Boldon (ESPN) are two key presenters on the Media panel along with Jamaicans Cliff Hughes and Alston Stewart, both local media owners; they will look at Media Applications in the promotion of Sport. | | | |
| May 20-26 TBC | <p><u>STYLE WEEK JAMAICA/FASHIONBLOCK</u> Saint International has revolutionized the scouting, development and worldwide placement of Jamaican models. This year Saint will stage its sixth annual 'Style Week Jamaica'. Style Week Jamaica and the blockbuster, internationally acclaimed Fashion-Block has become a major event on the Jamaican entertainment/fashion calendar.</p> <p>The 5-day extravaganza with its multiple after parties, VIP cocktail receptions, seminars, supermodels and glamorous runway shows, appeal to the die-hearted fashionistas from around the world.</p> | Kingston | saintinternational@gmail.com | |
| May | <p><u>CB PAN CHICKEN COMPETITION</u> This year, the CB Pan Chicken Championship Series will include three (3) regional competitions in Kingston, Montego Bay & Clarendon and culminate in historic Downtown in May, June, September & November respectively. It will showcase original recipes, innovative preparation techniques, and the remarkable talents of pan chicken vendors from across the island. In addition to succulent foods, the event offers patrons a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere complete with exciting entertainment options for both adults and children.</p> <p>The championship, which is free and open to the public, will present an exuberant and fiercely competitive contest as its headline offering. Competitors will go head to head in a bid to determine CB's Pan Chicken Champion for 2013.</p> | Kingston Montego Bay & Clarendon | kimberley.mullings@groupcb.com | www.ilovecbgroups.com www.mycbgroup.com |
| May | <p><u>JAMAICA OBSERVER FOOD AWARDS</u> The Jamaica Observer Table Talk Awards is a celebration of the joy of food. In previous year's awards have been presented in over 16 categories.</p> | Devon House Kingston | | www.jamaicaobserver.com |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ocho Rios Jazz & Blues Festival • Caribbean Fashion Week • Kingston on the Edge Literary Festival • Kingston Pon di River | <i>Islandwide</i> | | |
| June 3 | <p><u>KINGSTON PON DI RIVER</u> Kingston Pon Di River 2012 was very successful and so in an effort to continue to expose the diversity of Kingston, Dynamic Event Services is expanding to accommodate 'Kingston Pon Di river' 2013 in continuing to celebrate Jamaica's 50th anniversary. (Boone hall oasis has acquired additional land to accommodate 5000 persons). The event usually attracts guest speakers from the Caribbean Diaspora and visitors from USA, Canada, Europe and South America to our country for an unforgettable experience.</p> | <i>Kingston</i> | dynamiceventsja@gmail.com | |
| June 4 | <p><u>WORLD CUP QUALIFYING – JAM VS. MEXICO</u> The Reggae Boys have reached the final round of World Cup Qualifying matches. The Mission to Rio Campaign is well underway as this is the first time Jamaica is in the final round of World Cup Qualifying since the Korea/Japan 2002 World Cup Qualifying Campaign. The final round will begin on February 6, 2013 and end on October 15, 2013. The top 3 will secure their place for Brazil while the fourth place team will playoff vs New Zealand or New Caledonia for the final World cup Spot.</p> | <i>National Stadium Kingston</i> | | www.jamaicafootballfederation.com |
| June 6-10 | <p><u>CARIBBEAN FASHION WEEK</u> CFW is the foremost event of its kind in the Caribbean region. The event sets out to achieve a number of objectives, chief of which is to offer an unparalleled fashion experience, Caribbean style, while simultaneously offering an equally outstanding entertainment experience. It also seeks to play a critical role in fashion industry development, while enhancing the Jamaican tourism product and helping to position Kingston as a style capital of the world, which is also safe and friendly to visitors and Jamaicans alike. First staged in 2001, CFW is the pioneering Fashion Week in the Caribbean and has set the trend at every juncture, in the regional industry.</p> | <i>National Indoor Sports Centre, Villa Ronai Kingston</i> | pulse44@kasnet.com | www.caribbeanfashionweek.com |
| June 7 | <p><u>WORLD CUP QUALIFYING – JAM VS. USA</u> The Reggae Boys have reached the final round of World Cup Qualifying matches. The Mission to Rio Campaign is well underway as this is the first time Jamaica is in the final round of World Cup Qualifying since the Korea/Japan 2002 World Cup Qualifying Campaign. The final round will begin</p> | <i>National Stadium Kingston</i> | | www.jamaicafootballfederation.com |

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| June 7-9 | <u>GREEN EXPO</u> This is an environmental exposition organized by the Jamaica Conservative and Development Trust. It is held during National Environmental Awareness Week which starts on World Environment Day - June 5. The exposition features exhibits from the private sector, government agencies, non-government and community based organizations, and hence exposes the public to environmental legislation and environmentally-friendly products, services and practices. | | jcdt@kasnet.com jamaicaconservation@gmail.com | www.jcdt.org www.greenjamaica.org.jm |
| June 8-15 | <u>JAMAICA INT'L OCHO RIOS JAZZ FESTIVAL</u> June is Jazz Month – The event will offer exciting days of great music, superb entertainment and healthy family and community participation. This festival includes international performers from Europe, the United States and the Caribbean along with renowned Jamaican jazz artistes. The Annual Jamaica International Ocho Rios jazz Festival has developed and established itself as a recognized authority for promoting and showcasing distinguished International as well as Jamaican and Caribbean Jazz musicians/artists. Its format is one of a kind and is dedicated to the promotion and preservation of ‘‘Classical Black Music and America’s First Art Form. Over 30 events throughout the island for Montego Bay, Runaway Bay, South Coast, Port Antonio to Kingston during Jazz Week...an authentic jazz event not to be missed. | <i>Kingston, Ocho Rios, Montego Bay, South Coast</i> | jazzfest1@cwjamaica.com | www.ochoriosjazz.com |
| June TBC | <u>TREASURE BEACH JAZZ ESCAPE</u> The cool tones of jazz will rejuvenate your spirit when Two Seasons Guest House presents the Treasure Beach Jazz Escape. Come for Jazz, stay for father’s day (June 17). Treasure Beach Jazz Escape is the south coast leg of the International Jamaica Ocho Rios Jazz Festival, and will feature prominent local talent in jazz. | <i>Treasure Beach, St. Elizabeth</i> | info@2seasonsguesthouse.com | www.2seasonsguesthouse.com |
| June | <u>AMCHAM/BMW GOLF CLASSIC</u> It is the vision of AMCHAM/ BMW that this tournament serves as a launching pad for future golf classics which will include an expanded program to take place over two or more days, utilizing many of the other great golf courses in Jamaica. AMCHAM will then increase their efforts to | <i>Montego Bay</i> | Becky_amcham@cwjamaica.com | |

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| | attract a great number of foreign golfers to Jamaica not only to participate in the tournament but to consider Jamaica for their future golf destination activities via the 23 AMCHAMs of Latin America and the 110 other AMCHAMs worldwide | | | |
| June | <p><u>EARTHBOUND JAMAICA ECO / GREEN FOR LIFE FESTIVAL</u> Earthbound & the Wright Agency will present a one day eco-music festival showcasing alternative methods in the essential areas mixed with a melting pot of Caribbean foods, art and craft. People from all over will get an opportunity to hear, feel taste and learn the rich Caribbean culture and the local market will get the opportunity to be revitalized.</p> | River Falls, St. Elizabeth | earthboundja@yahoo.com | www.earthboundja.com |
| June | <p><u>KINGSTON ON THE EDGE URBAN ART FESTIVAL</u> The philosophy behind Kingston On The Edge (KOTE) is to provide a platform for contemporary artists to showcase their work that pushes the boundaries of the conventional initially intended for cutting-edge avant garde art. This festival welcomes all artists, including those working in more traditional styles.</p> <p>KOTE will be host to multiple events to include visual art shows, movie showings, plays, concerts, an art auction, open houses, digital/multi-media shows and anything else anyone can think of. The relative dearth, in Kingston, of outlets for creative and innovative artists, combined with the huge surfeit of talent and ideas, means that this festival is both necessary and inevitable.</p> | Kingston | kingstonedge@gmail.com | www.kingstonontheedge.org |
| June | <p><u>ALL JAMAICA GRILL OFF</u> The seventh annual All Jamaica Grill Off competition is set for Hope Botanical Gardens in Kingston. The AJG has evolved into a new, dimensional format, designed to attract Jamaica's best recreational and professional grilling chefs for an elimination-style, winner takes-all competition to determine not only Jamaica's King/Queen of the Grill, but also who will represent Jamaica at the American Royal Association's Annual World Series of BBQ in October.</p> <p>The 2013 All Jamaica Grill Off Competition is a must-go for foodies, where they get to enjoy an unlimited sampling from competitors' booths and all-day music and stage entertainment. It will also feature a fully equipped, supervised 'kiddies' village and games area, face painting, balloon vending, pony rides, bounce-a-bouts among other</p> | Kingston | alljamaicagrilloff@gmail.com | |

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| | family-oriented activities. | | | |
| June 28 | <p><u>MISS JAMAICA WORLD</u> This Coronation Pageant will determine who will represent Jamaica in the Miss World Contest. Jamaica has represented well in previous competitions and we continue to look forward to copping the prestigious Miss World title.</p> <p>All Miss Jamaica Worlds are encouraged to abide by the motto “Beauty with a Purpose” and give of their service free of charge to various charities during their year’s reign. The pageant assists and promotes the growth and development of the individual skills, self-esteem and provides a greater sense of worth for the nation’s young women.</p> | mickeymouse@cwjamaica.com | www.missjamaicaworld.com | |
| June | <p><u>CB PAN CHICKEN COMPETITION</u> This year, the CB Pan Chicken Championship Series will include three (3) regional competitions in Kingston, Montego Bay & Clarendon and culminate in historic Downtown in May, June, September & November respectively. It will showcase original recipes, innovative preparation techniques, and the remarkable talents of pan chicken vendors from across the island. In addition to succulent foods, the event offers patrons a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere complete with exciting entertainment options for both adults and children.</p> <p>The championship, which is free and open to the public, will present an exuberant and fiercely competitive contest as its headline offering. Competitors will go head to head in a bid to determine CB’s Pan Chicken Champion for 2013.</p> | Kingston Montego Bay & Clarendon | kimberley.mullings@groupcb.com | www.ilovecbgroups.com www.mycbgroup.com |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Reggae Day • Portland Jerk Festival • Little Ochi Seafood Carnival • Emancipation Vigil • Jamaica Independence Festival – July Segment • Reggae Sunfest • Dream Weekend in Negril | Islandwide | | |
| July 1 | <p><u>INTERNATIONAL REGGAE DAY</u> This is an annual July 1st media festival celebrating Jamaica’s rich cultural legacy history of quality music and</p> | Kingston | rastapickney@gmail.com | www.ireggaeday.com |

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| | global impact. July 1 is intended as a marketing platform created through the combined power of music, media and technology and will be produced as a virtual media festival celebrating Brand Jamaica and the power and impact of Jamaica on international pop culture. | | | |
| July 6 TBC | <u>PORTLAND JERK FESTIVAL</u> Visitors and Jamaican residents are invited to the home of 'jerk' to participate in a feast of 'Jerked' lobster, fish, chicken and pork. Activities include performances from local artistes and community dance groups, a 20/20 cricket match, art & craft displays, bounce-about, merry-go-round, face painting. | <i>Folly Oval, Portland</i> | leoelliott@gmail.com | www.Shakafame@yahoo.com |
| July TBA | <u>ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL/TEST CRICKET</u> This will be a much anticipated cricket series between the West Indies and another prominent international cricket team. The event will be held at the newly renovated Sabina Park featuring the famous party mound. | <i>Kingston</i> | jamaicacricquet@cwjamaica.com | www.cricketjamaica.org |
| July | <u>HI PRO LOW/HIGH GOAL FAMILY POLO TOURNAMENT</u> The St. Ann Polo Club will be the host another exciting series of Polo Tournament at the St. Ann Polo club. Polo matches will take place from and culminate the first weekend in August with "Last Fling" blowout event. | St. Ann | chinrcpolo@yahoo.com | |
| July | <u>THE BEST DRESSED FUN IN THE SON</u> Glory Music presents the 11 th staging of the Fun in the Son concert series. This festival transforms the exotic destination of Kingston for one evening of exciting Christian entertainment and ministry! Papa San, Carlene Davis and several other local and overseas acts. There will also be a sports zone and children's village. This year will be extra special with Jamaica continues to celebrate their Golden Jubilee. | <i>National Heroes Park Kingston</i> | glorymusicja@gmail.com | |
| July 7 | <u>LITTLE OCHI SEAFOOD CARNIVAL</u> This will be the 15 th staging of this event, held annually in Alligator Pond, Manchester. This Seafood Carnival is one of the largest and most exciting events in Jamaica, bringing in over 4000 patrons within a 3 day span last year to the destination. It features an array of succulent dishes such as curried lobster, jerk crab, steam, fry and jerk fish, grilled conch, jerk shark, festival and bammy to name a few. This year the event will feature more activities along with the | <i>Alligator Pond, Manchester</i> | annette.salmon@gmail.com | |

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| | <p>usual exciting line up of entertainment.</p> <p>The Little Ochi Seafood Carnival is a celebration of the wide array of culinary delights available on the south side of the Island. Top local reggae musicians and vintage artistes will be featured in a non-stop party.</p> | | | |
| July | <p><u>2nd ANNUAL RIO NUEVO REGGAE CRAB FEST</u> This annual event seeks to showcases the creative culinary skills of Jamaicans in the preparation of different species of crabs. The local Jamaican ambience will be further enhanced by the presence of our World known fish and festival. The aim of this event is to not only showcase the different species of crabs here on our island, but also the many different preparation methods.</p> <p>For those who may not be true crab lovers, we will also be offering our World Known “Fish & Festival.” Recognizing the needs of our Jamaican children, a portion of the proceeds from the crab fest will be donated to a children’s charity organization for the betterment of our Nations children. Early Childhood has been identified as the beneficiary for this year’s event.</p> | <i>Rio Nuevo Village, St. Mary</i> | reggaecrabfest@gmail.com | |
| July – August | <p><u>JAMAICA FESTIVAL</u> The stage will be set for this year’s very special Jamaica Festival to showcase the best of Jamaica’s culture in honor of our 50th anniversary as a nation. This will be done through dance and music with the Street Parade and Grand Gala featuring the finest performing arts and ceremonies street dances across the island, the Jamaica Festival 2013 is one event not to miss. Jamaicans will be treated to songs, dances and different performing acts, a fun filled way to spend the independence holidays.</p> | <i>Kingston, Montego Bay</i> | | www.jcdc.org.jm |
| July 13-20 | <p><u>REGGAE SUMFEST</u> This much anticipated annual Reggae event showcases the best talents in roots, rock and reggae music. In keeping with the motto, ‘Promoting Music, the Universal Force’, each year top Jamaican acts perform along with international artistes to a diverse audience.</p> <p>Previous headliners included: Destiny’s Child, Chris Brown, Usher, Mary J. Blige, Nayo, Jasmin Sullivan, Kerry Hilson, LL Cool J, Rihanna, 50-Cent & G-Unit, Missy Elliott, Morgan’s Heritage, Elephant Man, Beenie Man, Bounty Killa, Sean Paul, Damian Marley, Trey Songs, R. Kelly &</p> | <i>Catherine Hall, Montego Bay</i> | info@reggaesumfest.com | www.reggaesumfest.com |

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| July 18-20 TBC | <p><u>MAKKA PRO SURF CONTEST</u> This anticipated surfing event brings together regional and professional surfers who compete for the contest prize and the ratings they can earn from the presence and interest of the growing number of local spectators and supporters. This Caribbean Challenge Cup series event will also be hosted in Trinidad and Barbados. Through the partnership with Jamaica Surfing Association, Caribbean Surf Network and Western Atlantic Pro Surf Series, Makka Pro has risen to new levels and has been attracting more competitors globally</p> | <i>St. Thomas</i> | | www.jamsurfas.webs.com |
| July 14 usually the second week in the month on a Saturday | <p><u>JAMAICA FESTIVAL QUEEN CORONATIONS</u> This encourages the development of cultural awareness, talent and creativity in some of Jamaica's most beautiful women. The pageant is one of the highlights of the Independence celebrations by the JCDC. The contestants' desire to assist in the development of their communities plays an important role in the selection of the queen who is chosen to be not only a cultural ambassador for her nation, but also an outstanding role model for other young women across the island. As such, although the queen's physical appearance will play a role in her selection, the emphasis will be on her awareness of cultural and current affairs, community involvement, and personality/talent.</p> | <i>Ranny Williams Entertainment Centre, Kingston</i> | jcdc@cwjamaica.com | www.jcdc.org.jm |
| July – August TBC (Wednesdays – Sundays) | <p><u>NATIONAL DANCE THEATRE COMPANY (NDTC) SEASON OF DANCE</u> NDTC is Jamaica's internationally celebrated dance company with creative dancing exploring traditional and modern forms. The 51st Season of Dance of the National Dance Theatre Company (NDTC) opened at the Little Theatre in Kingston on 2013 July. As in former years, both new as well as remounted dance works will be presented, and the NDTC singers under the direction of the musical director, Marjorie Whyllie will perform two suites of Caribbean songs, three songs from Slim and Sam, popular Jamaican minstrels of the mid-twentieth century, and a tribute to Coxsone. The singers will also present an African suite of songs from central Africa and its west coastal states, in recognition of the UN proclamation of 2011 as the International Year for People of African descent. The artistic director also revealed that the season of dance will feature works produced by the company's late co-founder, artistic director and moving spirit, Professor Rex Nettleford.</p> | <i>Little Theatre, Kingston</i> | bertent1@n5.com.jm | |

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| | Blood Canticles (1996), Gerrehbenta (1983) and Drumscore (1979) with Caribbean rhythms and melodies. | | | |
| July 31 - August 1 | <u>THE SEVILLE EMANCIPATION JUBLIEE</u> Jamaica National Heritage Trust will be hosting its 16 th annual Emancipation Jubilee Celebration, which will once again be hosted at the Seville Great House in St. Ann. It will primarily depict four groups or period in our history, namely 1) Taino or Amerindian found in Jamaica 2) Spanish conquest 3) English conquest 4) Slavery. This festival will see over 6,000 Jamaicans in attendance, ranging from the statesmen, senior hoteliers, tour operators, professionals, middle managers, administrative individuals and labourers. | <i>Seville Heritage Park, St. Ann</i> | | |

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| August 3-4 TBC | <u>JAKES BEACH SOCCER TOURNAMENT</u> This event is in its 4 th staging and will more than likely see some 18 teams or more participating including Bahamas National team, Jamaica National team, Tobago and several local teams. The soccer tournament is sanctioned by Jamaica Football Federation, Mayor of Black River, and the St. Elizabeth Parish Council. It will be held in Great Bay Treasure Beach. Music, fish fry and Red Stripe beer! | | |
| August 1-6 | <u>DREAM WEEKEND</u> “The Dream Weekend” is a Super Inclusive premium weekend complete with events brought to you by a dream team of promoters who we will redefine Independence weekend celebrations in Jamaica. This weekend has proven to be a powerhouse on the Jamaican Entertainment calendar over the course of the last seven years. 2012 will be of great significance as it is a sanctioned event for Jamaica 50 and has expanded to one week! | giselle@jamaicadreamweekend.com | www.jamaicadreamweekend.com |
| August 3-6 | <u>(ABSOLUTE)TEMPTATION ISLE – ATI</u> The ATI series began in 2000 with a unique concept of four consecutive days of parties for one all-inclusive price on the world’s most hedonistic and captivating 7-mile beach venue, Negril Jamaica. ATI has now ballooned into a worldwide calendar event for Jamaica, The Jamaican diaspora and the wider worldwide party going patron. Over the last five years, ATI’s annual attendance is estimated at 15,000 patrons, with an additional 5,000 guests present in Negril as a result of the energy and excitement surrounding the series. The name ATI is now synonymous with the greatest party weekend, and the Negril weekend is now simply referred to as ATI. | alvchin@aol.com | www.atiweekend.com |

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| August 4-6 | <p><u>DENBIGH AGRY-INDUSTRIAL SHOW</u> In the promotion of the best in agriculture, the Show features outstanding livestock, agricultural and horticultural exhibits from all fourteen parishes in Jamaica. Over the years, several additional features and competitions have been added. Two, which are now hallmarks of the Show, are the National Champion Farmer Competition, and the National Young Farmer Competition.</p> | adminjas114@gmail.com | http://www.jas.org.jm |
| August 4-5 TBC | <p><u>BOSCOBEL JAMAICA AIR SHOW</u> Last year's show signalled the start of a two-day Easter weekend promotion, hosted by the Caribbean Aviation Training Centre (CATC) in collaboration with the Airports Authority of Jamaica (AAJ). "This is just a taste of what we want to give the people in years to come, every Easter weekend. It is a community thing, it is a family thing and it is all about a career pathway for the youngsters. We are a dying breed, and I want to see more and more youngsters get involved in this (aviation)," describes Captain Errol Stewart, chairman and events coordinator for the Boscobel Air Show</p> | | |
| August 6 TBC | <p><u>OCHO RIOS SEAFOOD FESTIVAL</u> In subsequent years, the festival, with its family oriented theme, has gone from strength to strength and is now arguably one of the biggest culinary shows in the country. It will see some of Jamaica's leading seafood chefs displaying their culinary skills to what is expected to again be a large turnout of local and overseas patrons. In addition, there will be top entertainment throughout the day (fashion shows, dance contests, comic relief featuring some of the island's top comedians), culminating of course with a concert.</p> | | |
| August 6 TBC | <p><u>BATH FOOD FESTIVAL</u> The Bath Food festival is an event for the public to get an enriched experience that introduces them to the Bath Botanical Garden which is the second oldest botanical garden in the Western Hemisphere. Also the public gets to prove for themselves the therapeutic value and healing properties of the St. Thomas Bath & Spa as well as get a taste of the food and culture that the community has to offer.</p> | bathdevelopment@yahoo.com | |
| August 6 | <p><u>MELLO-GO- ROUN'</u> The best of the Festival of Performing Arts will once again showcase the best of the best of the Nation's Talent and culture. The Commission also presents an annual exposition of traditional music, dance, games, food, art and craft.</p> | jcdc@cwjamaica.com | www.jcdc.org.jm |

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| August 10 TBC | <u>INTERNATIONAL REGGAE WINE FESTIVAL</u> This event will be staged at the Aqueduct, Rose Hall, Montego Bay overlooking the ocean. The festival will feature wine purveyors, some of the best Reggae artistes, fashion show, arts & craft, all towards attracting wine lovers from all over the world. Overseas media on board in the past included radio stations (WPFM, WHUR, WKYS and WPGC); Newspapers (Washington Post, New York Times, Financial Times), Magazines (Howard University, Entertainment Review and World Reggae E-magazine) | charles20782@yahoo.com | |
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| September TBC | <u>LEGENDS OF CRICKET T20 CARNIVAL</u> The Courtney Walsh Foundation in association with Sports & Tours Jamaica and Turnkey Productions will be hosting a Masters Cricket Tournament featuring the world's best cricketers from the past playing in the exciting format of Twenty20 cricket. The three day event will also have a Golf Tournament, Beach Party, and Music Concert. | nyatali@gmail.com | |
| September TBA | <u>CARIBBEAN MODEL SEARCH</u> Pulse Investment Limited hosts this exciting competition of Jamaican female and male models between the ages 18-30 years, with the winners pursuing international contracts. Pulse models have created many firsts for the Caribbean in the areas of editorial and runway work as well as campaigns and advertising. Some highlights include appearances on the covers of Vogue, Esquire, i-D, French, Love, Cosmo and GQ magazines, Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue, Armani, Ralph Lauren, Addidas, Alexander McQueen, Gucci, Kenneth Cole, Bennetton campaigns as well as Victoria's Secret. Over the years, they have represented retail giants including Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, Banana Republic, The Gap, Target, H&M and several others. Pulse's top models have also presented collections for the world's finest designers at the major shows of New York, London, Paris and Milan. | pulse44@kasnet.com | www.pulsemodels.com |
| September 20 TBC | <u>MISS GLOBAL INTERNATIONAL PAGEANT</u> This is event is the only international beauty pageant that is hosted on island. The theme for this year is 'Beauty for Tourism' which will see several contestants from all over the world compete for the coveted title of Miss Global International 2013. | pageantambassador2006@yahoo.com | www.missglobalinternational.com |
| September 10 | <u>WORLD CUP QUALIFYING – JAM VS. COSTA RICA</u> The Reggae Boys have reached the final round of World Cup Qualifying matches. The Mission to Rio Campaign is well | National Stadium Kingston | www.jamaicafederation.com |

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| September 27 | WORLD TOURISM DAY The World Tourism Day is celebrated on September 27 annually. September 27 was chosen as on that day in 1970, the Statutes of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) were adopted. The adoption of these Statutes is considered a milestone in global tourism. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness on the role of tourism within the international community and to demonstrate how it affects social, cultural, political and economic values worldwide. | | www.visitjamaica.com | |
| September TBA | CB PAN CHICKEN COMPETITION This year, the CB Pan Chicken Championship Series will include three (3) regional competitions in Kingston, Montego Bay & Clarendon and culminate in historic Downtown in May, June, September & November respectively. It will showcase original recipes, innovative preparation techniques, and the remarkable talents of pan chicken vendors from across the island. In addition to succulent foods, the event offers patrons a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere complete with exciting entertainment options for both adults and children. The championship, which is free and open to the public, will present an exuberant and fiercely competitive contest as its headline offering. Competitors will go head to head in a bid to determine CB's Pan Chicken Champion for 2012. | kimberley.mullings@groupcb.com | www.ilovecbgroups.com www.mycbgroup.com | |
| September 29 – October 1 TBC | JAMAICA PRODUCT EXCHANGE (JAPEX) Sunset Jamaica Grande, Ocho Rios will take centre stage for the much anticipated industry trade show, Jamaica Product Exchange (JAPEX). JAPEX, Jamaica's largest meeting of tourism suppliers and support services, is hosted by the Jamaica Hotel and Tourist Association (JHTA) and the Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB). The event presents the ideal forum for leading suppliers of the Jamaican tourism product to meet with travel wholesalers and tour operators from Europe and the Americas for a business exchange. | info@jhta.com vledesma@chahotels.com | www.visitjamaica.com | |
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| October TBA | MONTEGO BAY YACHT CLUB ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT | heather@mobbyachtclub.com Cheryl@mobbyachtclub.com | | |

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| | Being the oldest competitive fishing event in Jamaica, the Montego Bay Yacht Club takes pride in hosting the event again as all avid sports fishing anglers are invited to join in at this exciting event. | | |
| October 2-4 | <u>JAMAICA INTERNATIONAL SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS</u> This International competition of synchronized swimming will consist of Solo, Duet, Trio, Team and Figure competitions in Age Group (12 & under, 13-15, 16-18 & Masters), Novice and Intermediate Categories. Each participating Club may enter Solos, Duets, Trios & Teams in each categories (Age Group, Novice and Intermediate). | Diahann.campbell@gmail.com | www.synchrostars.com |
| October 13-20 | <u>MERRITONE HOMECOMING & FAMILY REUNION</u> This reunion is a celebration of the Merritone Music and brings together individuals who have enjoyed and grown up with a wide range of genres of music. | | |
| October TBC | <u>OKTOBERFEST</u> This is an annual German festivity, celebrating its 32 years in Jamaica. There will be lots of prizes and surprises, games and specialty German foods, different types of German beers, German white, red wines and Schnapps. | | |
| October 15 | <u>WORLD CUP QUALIFYING – JAM VS. HONDURAS</u> The Reggae Boys have reached the final round of World Cup Qualifying matches. The Mission to Rio Campaign is well underway as this is the first time Jamaica is in the final round of World Cup Qualifying since the Korea/Japan 2002 World Cup Qualifying Campaign. The final round will begin on February 6, 2013 and end on October 15, 2013. The top 3 will secure their place for Brazil while the fourth place team will playoff against New Zealand or New Caledonia for the final World cup Spot. | | www.jamaicafederation.com |
| October (usually Heroes Day Weekend) | <u>SOUTH COAST HOOK & LINE CANOE T'MENT</u> This tournament will feature environmental exhibits and entertainment. A 3-day competition during which local fishermen vie for prizes by catching the largest fish using only the traditional fishing method of a simple hook and line. No fancy yachts or first world equipment are to be seen at this grass roots event. The weekend also includes other exciting events, such as a boat race, local talent show, fish | jakes@cwjamaica.com | |

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| | fry and community beach party. | | |
| October 18 TBC | <u>PETER TOSH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION</u> Free concert is usually planned to celebrate this renowned reggae musician's birthday – Peter Tosh. Born Hubert Winston McIntosh on October 19, 1944 in Grange Hill Westmoreland, Peter Tosh is one of many famous Jamaican reggae artists 'who was one of the original members of legendary reggae band The Wailers, along with Bob Marley and Bunny Wailer. | | |
| October 19-26 | <u>PORT ANTONIO INT'L MARLIN TOURNAMENT</u> This is the 50th staging of this annual event which will once again feature the Port Antonio Canoe Tournament. Last year some 38 boats were registered with a total of 186 anglers, 20 of which were international participants. The winner of last year's competition earned an invitation to the 12th Bonnier-IGFA International World Offshore Tournament of Champions which was held in Cabo, San Lucas, Mexico in May 2012. As this is the golden Jubilee of the event, exciting activities are expected! | rondq@mail.infochan.com | www.themarinatportantonio.com www.igfatournaments.com |
| October 21 TBC | <u>LUCEA ACROSS THE HARBOUR SWIM MEET & REGATTA</u> This will prove to be an exciting event as the main attraction will be the Lucea "Cross-the Harbour Swim", alongside other events such as the jet ski competition, show/stunt skiing, show skiing displays and exhibits. Also included will be a traditional boat race and fishing events. | actionplan_bb@yahoo.com | |
| October 26 – November 2 | <u>MICHAEL HOLDING MASTERS CRICKET T'MENT</u> This is a 45 and over cricket tournament where by players are hosted from Jamaica and other countries such as USA, Antigua, Barbados, Bermuda, Canada, Scotland, Guyana and Trinidad. | Le6704@netzero.net | www.sportingjourneys.com |
| October TBC | <u>HEALTH, HOME & GARDEN EXPO</u> Now in its 9 th staging, this year's show will be held at the National Arena, Kingston from Friday, October 26 through Sunday, October 28, 2012. Health, Home & Garden Expo continues to promote good clean family oriented entertainment. Through its varied and beautiful displays, informative seminars and demonstrations, helpful health checks and quality entertainment, the exposition continues to | hgmagazine@cwjamaica.com | |

| | encourage the development of beautiful homes and gardens and healthy lifestyles. | | |
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| November 8-10 | <u>JAMAICA TRIATHLON</u> This year will see another exciting yet challenging Triathlon & Wellness Festival. Previous years included several participants from Jamaica, the USA, Canada, Australia and Cyprus competing in the challenging, swim, bike, run races. The opportunity was presented to learn from exhibitions and presentations made about wellness and health. The entertainment package included beach parties and performances from national and international artists. | rayne@entertainjamaica.com | www.entertainjamaica.com |
| November 9-16 | <u>RESTAURANT WEEK</u> This is a week-long event celebrating culinary offerings in not only Kingston, but also Montego Bay, Ocho Rios and now, New York! It's a unique opportunity for visitors and locals alike to experience "adventures in tastes for less." Sample the diverse culinary options at prices up to 50% less | | |
| November 13-17 TBC | <u>ANNIE'S REVENGE</u> Jamaica's largest international Pro-Am, sponsored by the Jamaica Tourist Board and NIKE Golf, has quickly become one of golf's most popular winter tournaments with teams consisting of players from the U.S., Canada, Europe and the Caribbean. The field is open to teams consisting of a PGA or LPGA Golf Professional, Assistant Professional, or Teacher and three (3) amateurs. | Mbullock@visitjamaica-usa.com | http://www.jamaicaproam.com/index.php |
| November 24 – December 1 | <u>ST. ELIZABETH HOMECOMING WEEK</u> A nine day celebration to honour the achievements of St. Elizabeth and to promote the parish as an investment, tourism and cultural destination. The Homecoming week celebrations will also highlight the parish's culture and sports, the outstanding achievements of the sons and daughters local and internationally, the backdrop of religious and artistic expressions. | stehf1993@hotmail.com | |
| November 27-30 | <u>JAMAICA OPEN & PRO AM</u> The highly acclaimed Jamaica Open Golf Championship returns to be included in the 2011 golf calendar. The event | jamgolf@n5.com.jm | www.thejga.com |

| | will include an 18-hole pro-am and 54-hole stroke play tournament where golf professionals from the U.S., Canada, Europe, Latin and South America and the Caribbean compete for the Jamaica Open trophy and cash prize. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 50 per cent of the professional field as well as the top performing senior pros. | | |
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| December <i>usually 1st weekend in the month</i> | <p>REGGAE MARATHON The Reggae Marathon & Half Marathon is Jamaica's premier International Marathon Event. Marathoners, sports enthusiasts as well as beginners, converge in Negril, Jamaica's capital of casual, for a fun event characterized by good vibes and lots of Reggae music. Enthusiastic supporters come out along the out and back, internationally certified course to support participants. Meanwhile, hard working volunteers offer uniquely packaged water and rehydration fluids at every mile. The pulsating Reggae music at each mile also keeps participants in an "irie" spirit, as they burn the mileage.</p> <p>Other related Marathon events, like the internationally rated gourmet Pasta Party and 3 Day Marathon Expo, have participants and supporters alike, humming with activity. The Expo also features the best of Jamaica's art & craft along with runner related products. The Village Bash & Victory Party caters to the party goers.</p> <p>All in all, the Reggae Marathon Event is uniquely Jamaican with an international appeal.</p> | frandan@cwjamaica.com | www.reggaemarathon.com |
| December 1-3 | <p>JMMC ALL STAGES RALLY This is always a memorable, exciting truly Jamaican motorsport event. Though the name of the event has changed over the years, the organizers have been doing this for over 15 years. The Jamaican regulations have been updated to be in line with current FIA regulations. The Organizers have succeeded at making Motorsports one of the most popular spectator sports in Jamaica. The JMMC is an organization endeavoring to promote the best of Motorsports not just in Jamaica but also in the Caribbean.</p> | jmmc@kasnet.com | www.jamaicamotorsports.com |
| Last week in December – first week in May each year | <p>LTM NATIONAL PANTOMIME The grand Gala opening will be at the historic Ward Theatre in the island's capital city, Kingston. This Jamaican folk musical offers a different play with original song and dances each year.</p> | bertent1@n5.com.jm | |

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| December 31 | <p><u>HARBOUR FEST AND FIREWORKS ON THE WATERFRONT</u></p> <p>Join in the warm and welcoming melting pot of over 100,000 pride-filled Jamaicans from across the island, ringing in the New Year with the phenomenal Fireworks display on the Down Town Harbour. This free event will feature Kiddies village, a massive craft vendors' arcade and great family entertainment on stage.</p> | <p>actionplan_bb@yahoo.com</p> | |

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