

ENTERTAINMENT

Travel with Bates

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Welcome to the exotic wonders of Jamaica. A sensational tropical island of outstanding natural beauty and breathtaking scenery. A carefree and exciting land of warm, friendly people, proud of their Spanish, British and West African heritage. A colorful, romantic paradise extremely musical, vigorous, and above all, fun.

Something musical happens everyday in Jamaica. You will feel it in the contentment while relaxing on the white sand beaches, and in the soft sounds of steel drum bands. You can taste it in the delicious Jamaican cuisine and tropical delicacies.

Jamaica has it all, everything you could expect from your vacation is waiting for you. Imagine the perfect holiday. A fabulous relaxing experience at one of the most beautiful vacation destinations on earth.

An island the size of Connecticut, it is the largest of the English speaking Caribbean islands. Jamaica has hundreds of miles of spectacular coastline, rolling green pasture land, and mountains soaring nearly 7,500 feet. The island is special with its incredibly glittering waterfalls, tropical rain forest, and breathtaking beaches.

Since discovery by Christopher Columbus, Jamaica has attracted visitors from all walks of life. Sir Winston Churchill was a regular visitor.

Errol Flynn and Harry Belafonte have established homes on the island.

Kingston is Jamaica's capital since 1872, and it hosts the University of the West Indies. Tour the Hope Botanical Gardens, which is the largest in the West Indies. Your plans should also include a visit to the Museum of Natural History, and the world famous West Indies Reference Library. Enjoy horse racing at Caymanas Park.

Jamaica's diversity is astounding! You can see it in the variety of its birds; you can savor it in the spice and color of its food; and experience it in its culture. The home of superb theater and dance.

The clear turquoise of the Caribbean invites you to plunge into an endless variety of water sports such as: scuba diving, snorkeling, water skiing, water bikes, sailing, wind surfing, and deep sea fishing. You could also try a favorite activity which is the glass bottom boat ride.

Visitors will find plenty of land sports activities which include: golf, tennis, and horseback riding.

Variety is the spice of life and there is a variety of daily excursions to the fall. Try rafting on the Rio Grande, boat cruises, touring the great houses, a trip through the majestic Blue Mountains, and don't forget shopping. If you are looking for a treasured memory of a Jamaican

vacation, you will find it within the rapidly expanding artist community.

Dining in Jamaica can be anything from a casual meal of fresh fish and local fruits to a fancy affair of international specialties. Jamaican food is spicy and similar to Cajun cuisine. "Jerk" is an island specialty of spicy chicken, pork, beef or fish barbecued over wood. You may want to try curried goat, salt fish, rice and beans, and refreshing tropical rum drinks.

After dinner, when day turns into night, Jamaica shifts into overdrive and really comes alive. Dazzling ever changing cabaret shows, beach parties, and dance the night away at the disco of your choice. Music lovers know that you can find some of the worlds best Reggae bands here. Take a romantic stroll back to your room along a magnificent moon washed beach. What's missing from this picture? Just the two of you.

Travel Tips

Proof of Citizenship: Valid U.S. passport or state issued birth certificate.

Water: All drinking water is purified and filtered by the most modern methods.

Shopping: Known for its craft markets, wood, straw, beads, embroidery, gold, silver, china, and electronic equipment, rum, liqueur, perfumes, Blue Mountain coffee and duty free shopping.

Climate: 80 to 86 degrees at sea level year round. Nights and mountains are cool.

Currency Exchange: The rate of exchange at present is \$1.00 (U.S.) equals \$8.00 (Jamaican). Under Jamaican law it is illegal to take Jamaican currency into or out of the island, or to make any payment except in Jamaican dollars.

ENTERTAINMENT HAPPENINGS

COLLEGE PRESENTS HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND DANCE

A Holiday Festival of Music and Dance will be presented at the Community College of Southern Nevada's Cheyenne Campus in two performances December 8 at 7:30 p.m. and December 9 at 2:00 p.m.

Vocal music director Mark Wherry will conduct the Concert Choir and College Singers.

It will be staged in the Performing Art Center's Little Theatre, 3200 E. Cheyenne Avenue, one mile east of the I-15 freeway. General admission is \$5; students and seniors \$3.

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UNLV PERFORMING ARTS CENTER PRESENTS FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Performing Arts Center of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas will present a free Christmas musical concert featuring the Las Vegas Marimba Quartet to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall. The holiday performance is being presented as the center's gift to the entire community.

The festive concert will be at 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 8, 1995, in Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall.

For further information, please call Barbara Hall, Manager of Public Relations, UNLV Performing Arts Center, at 702-895-4039.

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THE SANTA FE HOTEL & CASINO CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS WITH MUSIC

The sounds of holiday tradition will ring through the Santa Fe Hotel & Casino, 4949 N. Rancho through Christmas Eve. Carolers, choruses, bands and even Mr. and Mrs. Claus will bring the holidays to life for you and your family.

Sing along with featured performers including the Lamplight Carolers, the Elites, Bobby Jean & Friends, Silvertones, Cimarron Memorial High School Concert Choir, Eldorado High School Madrigal Singers, Bridger Middle School Chorus

& Jazz Band, Rancho High School Jazz Band, Meadows Middle School Concert Band, Valley High School Concert Choir, and Green Valley High School Madrigal Singers.

For more information call 702-658-4900.

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UNLV FACULTY TRIO PRESENTS CONCERT DECEMBER 7

Three of the most outstanding music faculty members of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas will team up at 8 p.m. December 7, 1995, to present a concert called "America" at the Black Box Theatre on campus.

The trio includes Richard Soule, flute; Stephan Caplan, Oboe; and Carol Stivers, piano.

General admission is only \$8 for the Chamber Music Southwest concert that will feature "Duo for flute and piano" by Aaron Copland and "Three Fantasies" by William Bergsma. The program will also include "Sonta Pastorale for piano and oboe" by David Stanley Smith and "Miniatures for Flute, oboe and piano" by William Grant Still.

For further information, please contact Barbara Hall at 702-895-4039.

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CCSN P.A.C. TO PRODUCE NOISES OFF

The Community College of Southern Nevada Performing Arts Center will present the smash Broadway comedy *Noises Off* for eight performances in Nicholas Horn Theatre. The production will run December 7th-10th, and the 14th-17th. Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows are at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday matinees begin at 2:00 p.m. Reserved ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults, and \$8.00 for students and senior citizens.

Noises Off, a farce in three acts, is a hilarious satire on the entire play genre. It is a play-within-a-play, poking fun at cliches and caricatures in comedy theater, as the cast blunders through rehearsals and performances of its own farce, *Nothing On*.

For reservations, call 651-LIVE. More information may be obtained by calling the CCSN Performing Arts Center at 651-4052.

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Winter Wonderland Holiday Festivities

Clark County Parks & Recreation invites you to Winter Wonderland festivities on Saturday, December 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Sunset Park, 2601 East Sunset Road. A fun-filled day of activities and entertainment for all ages has been planned. This includes: ice carvings, a visit and photo opportunity with Frosty the Snowman, a guest appearance by Las Vegas Thunder mascot

"Boom Boom" at 10:00 a.m., reindeer games and relays for children ages 10 and under from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and craft workshops including: holiday cards (9:30 a.m.), snowball critters (10:30 a.m.), six-pack snowflakes (11:30 a.m.), bead necklaces (12:20 p.m.) and poinsettia pinwheels (1:30 p.m.).

A great lineup of entertainment for everyone's enjoyment is scheduled.

Performances in order of appearance beginning at 9:00 a.m. include: The Sunshine Generation, Lamplight Carolers, Sweet Adelines, Silver Dolls Drill Team, harpist Chris Ward, Crystal Sound, and the Gamble Aires. A puppet show will also be held for the children.

Weather permitting, children can join in the Snow Frolic in a special delivery of snow from Mt. Charleston. Hot and cold Beverages, gourmet coffee and light snacks will also be available for purchase.

Children's carnival and pony rides, and prize drawings for Thunder Hockey souvenirs will also be part of the fun. There is no admission fee but small charges may apply for pony and carnival rides, food and drinks. This event is co-sponsored by Saturn of West Sahara. For info please call 455-8200.

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