

# Mitchell Fortress

Region: Jamaica Sleeps: 12

## Overview

Mitchell Fortress is so wonderfully unique, a truly rare find amongst the many villas in the Caribbean.

Built as a fortress in the 17th century and now resorted and recreated as a 4 bedrooms villa, the property is filled with history and has hosted many famous guests.

The fortress served the British defending against Spanish invaders and pirates, there are still gun slots in the walls which are two-foot-thick stone and two restored cannons proudly adorn the lawn.

A thoughtful and creative half million-dollar renovation has bought the property into the 21st century. The renovation brought in Italian floors and crisp white fabrics to lift the natural décor. All bedrooms are now ensuite and the furniture and fabrics were imported from the UK and Europe.

The property is spread across 2 buildings, the main house and the smaller School house. The main house interiors offer cosy sitting areas in off white and beige fabrics, with low ceilings supported by wooden beams are just inviting to curl up with a book (or a TV, or a game!), after a busy day exploring. Floor to ceiling bookcases separate the dining area which enjoys a long table seating twelve and a corner bar.

Outside, the old stone veranda is a fabulous spot for afternoon drinks and catch ups, more formal dining or a snack while watching the sun setting slowly over the beach.

All the bedrooms in the main house open onto a balcony ocean views. They all enjoy flat screen TVs and the bathrooms have sleek Grohe fixtures, double-basin vanity and glass-wall showers. The bedrooms all have air conditioning, or you can open the windows and listen to the Caribbean Sea.

The Schoolhouse is 60 feet away, along a stone path across the lawn, making



it ideal for 2nd family or grand parents that would like a lie it. It was built in 1953 for the daughter of the Mitchell's, she was looked after here and had lessons with her tutors here.

The Schoolhouse has a living room and 3 bedrooms all with ensuite bathrooms and overlooking the beach and the sea. Two bedrooms are upstairs, and one is downstairs opening on to the beach, however access to this bedroom is through the living room.

All the beds in the Main House are king sized and all the bedrooms in the Schoolhouse are king with an option of twin.

The gardener can place chaises in the sun or in shade in the morning, depending on your request. 300 yards offshore is a live reef, grab some snorkels and masks provided and do not miss out on that one!

Sea kayaks, children's beach toys, table tennis, volleyball for beach or lawn are provided. You will also have a complimentary horseback ride and jitney (tractor drawn carriage) tour of the Prospect Estate. A shared tennis court is only a five-minute walk, balls and four tennis racquets are provided for you.

Located within minutes of a picturesque Ocho Rios and positioned on a stunning beach overlooking the Caribbean Sea - it is a breath-taking holiday destination, which you will remember forever!

## Facilities

Wow Factor • Quirky • Instagrammable • Modern • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Hot Tub • Walk to Beach • Walk to Restaurant • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ideal for Xmas/NY • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Smart TV • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • Ceiling Fans • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Beachfront • Canoeing/Kayaking • Tennis Nearby



# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interiors:

### Main House

- Indoor dining area and bar
- Living room area with games area
- Master Bedroom with King size bed, walk in wardrobe, en-suite bathroom with separate shower, door to balcony, TV
- Middle Bedroom with King size bed of twin beds, walk in wardrobe, en-suite shower room, door to balcony, TV
- End Bedroom with King size bed of twin beds, sofa bed, en-suite shower room, door to balcony, TV

### The schoolhouse - Ground floor

- Sitting room
- Bedroom with king size bed or twin beds, walk in wardrobe, en-suite shower room, opens onto the beach (access to this bedroom is through the ground floor living room)

### The schoolhouse - First floor

- Bedroom with king size bed or twin beds, walk in wardrobe, en-suite shower room
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## Exterior Grounds:

- Private swimming pool overlooking the beach
- Pool deck with sunlounges and loungers in the pool
- Hot Tub
- Lawned areas
- Covered porch with casual outdoor seating, dining table and chairs
- Direct access to the beach

## Additional Amenities:

- Sea kayaks,
- Children's beach toys,
- Table tennis, volleyball for beach or lawn
- Complimentary horseback ride and jitney (tractor drawn carriage) tour of the Prospect Estate
- Shared tennis court 5 minute walk, balls and 4 tennis racquets provided
- 1 piano
- NordicTrack Incline and Weslo Cadence fitness equipment



# Location & Local Information

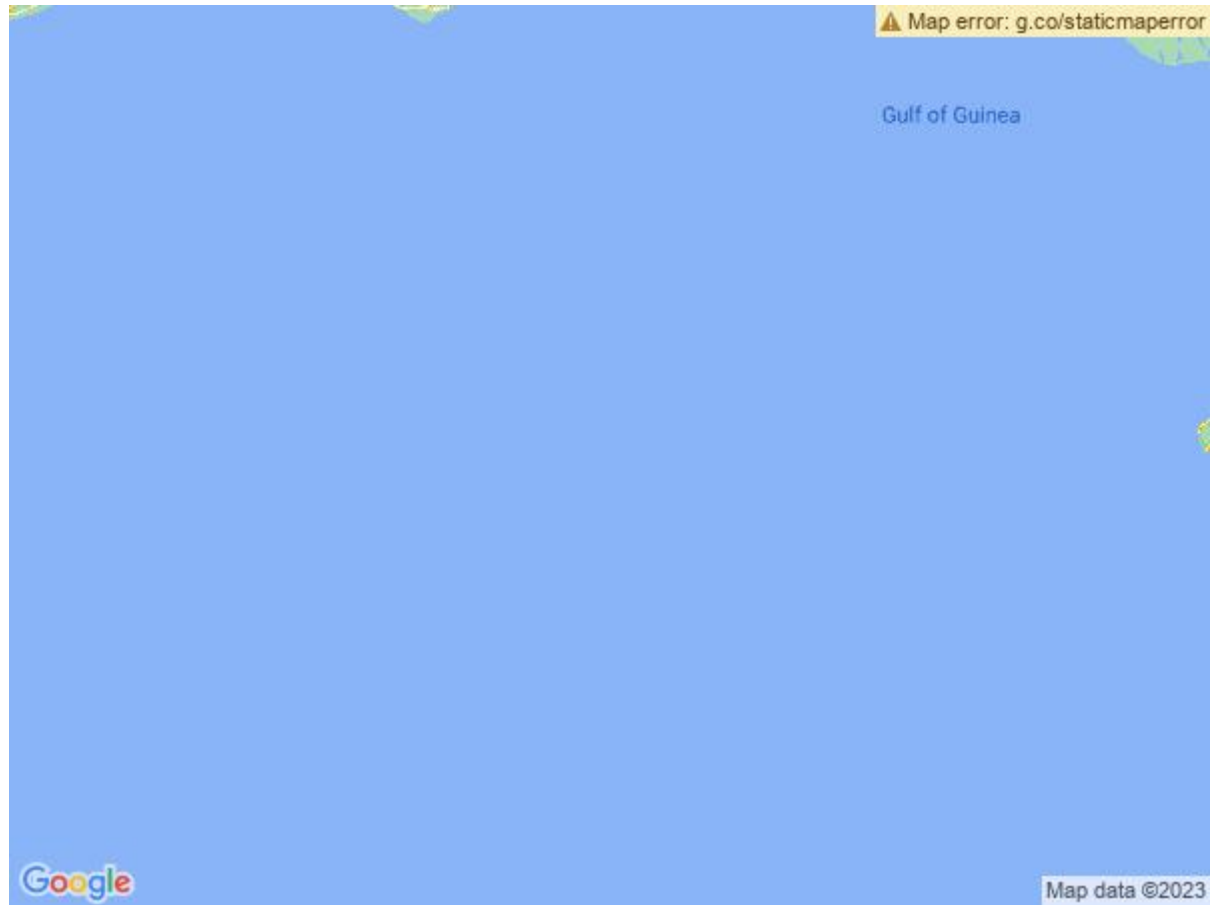
Located on the north coast of Jamaica within minutes of Ocho Rios and positioned on a stunning beach overlooking the Caribbean Sea, this is a breath-taking holiday destination, which you will remember forever! The villa is private, yet minutes from the activities in lively Ocho Rios,

The surrounding area of is best known for its breath-taking beaches and well-established tourism sector. The center of Ocho Rios town is a 10 Minute drive from the villa and offers an abundance restaurants, bars and shopping outlets offering typical souvenirs and high-end designer items. Ocho Rios welcomes travellers with open arms, inviting them to revel in its bustling nightlife that truly captures the joyful spirit of Jamaica. There are even detailed food tours that allow guests to dive deep into the history of Jamaica through its rich and heavenly food options. The tour begins at the port of Ocho Rios and follows along the coastline ridge of the Caribbean Sea the tour also allows you to visit the famous Ocho Rios Jerk Centre to enjoy a spot of lunch after your jam-packed journey.

The area is filled with fantastic options for day trips, including Dunns River falls with its cascading waters dropping a dramatic 600 ft within tropical vegetation. Described as a living and growing phenomenon, it continuously regenerates itself from deposits of travertine rock

Animal lovers are also in for a treat, with an incredible attraction just a 10-minute drive away. At the Konoko Falls and Park, you are able to come face-to-face with some of Jamaica's most incredible creatures, including macaws, turkeys, and peacocks. Previous guests have praised the tremendous staff at Konoko Falls for their educated and well-trained guides, giving guests an insight into the glorious views found in this location

If you prefer adrenaline filled activity experience the SkyExplorer, Bobsled Ride, Canopy Zip Line and Mystic Waterslide! The Bobsled Ride was inspired by the famous Jamaican bobsled Olympic team and is the park's signature attraction, ranked by TripAdvisor.com as one of the top attractions in Ocho Rios and Jamaica.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Sangster International Airport, Montego Bay (102km)</b>
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Nearest Restaurant	<b>(Walking distance)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>(Walking distance)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Ocho Rios (5.3km)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>(3km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>On-site</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Sandals Golf Club (6km)</b>
Nearest Tennis	<b>(Walking distance )</b>

## What we love

- The history of the property, dating from the 17th century this is a unique place to stay. Winston Churchill has even stayed here.
- The pristine white sand beach with clear turquoise waters with a live reef just 300 yards offshore.
- The property is spread across 3 building making it ideal for 2 families or groups of friends.
- There is a Piano for the musical souls!
- The 8-person hot tub with views of the sea.

## What you should know...

- The ground floor bedroom in the schoolhouse is accessed via the living room and so it less private than the others.
- Remember, it is customary to pay a 15% Gratuity fee before leaving your Villa in Jamaica.
- Beaches in Jamaica are never private and while unusual, other people can use the beach area.
- The villa is about 90 minutes from Montego Bay airport.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: \$1000 Damage deposit will be requested upon arrival. To be refunded in full subject to a damage inspection on departure.
- Arrival time: 3pm
- Departure time: 11am
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Linen & towels included?: Bed linen, bath and pool towels are included in the rental price.
- Internet access?: Yes, Wi-Fi internet access included in the rental price (please remember that Wi-Fi can be inconsistent in the Caribbean)
- Minimum stay: 5 nights increasing to 10 nights during Christmas and/or New Year
- Changeover day: Flexible
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed
- Smoking Allowed?: Not permitted.
- Insurance: It is recommended that all guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation and any accidental damage caused during your stay at the property.
- Damage Waiver: Bookings to this property will incur a non-refundable 'Damage Waiver' of \$99, to be paid by the guest.

## **Villa Conditions**

- A 50% deposit may be required for bookings that include Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Years Eve.
- A obligatory Gratuity rate of 15% of the overall booking is due to be paid to the Staff before departure. Please plan to pay in Cash (US Dollars or the local currency).