

Half Moon Resort

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Half Moon is one of the finest resorts in the world. With its 400 beautifully manicured acres, two miles of private beach, 398 unique accommodations, numerous recreational facilities, shopping village, varied cuisine, and a conference center, Half Moon is a destination in itself.



Winner of numerous awards for excellence, among them Travel + Leisure's World's Best, Virtuoso's Best Family Program and the International Association of Golf Tour Operators' Golf Resort of the Year, Half Moon offers the highest standards throughout the resort. Additionally, Half Moon has been awarded AAA's four-diamonds for over 28 consecutive years – the only resort in the Caribbean to have earned such an achievement.

A Green Globe Certified resort, Half Moon is the leader in the Caribbean in ecological projects and is the first hotel to be inducted into the Caribbean Hotel Association's Green Hotel Hall of Fame. Its preservation program includes recycling, waste management, composting and energy conservation. The resort also maintains a 20-acre nature reserve and along with a vibrant herb and vegetable garden as well as an array of fruit trees. The resort's green initiatives extend beyond its operational practices and include opportunities for guests to participate in environmental work through its Beyond the Beach programme and other packages such as the Green Wedding offer.

Accommodations at Half Moon have an air of elegant informality with a blend of native island style. Furnishings are Queen Anne and Chippendale reproductions, made at the resort by local craftsmen in Jamaican Mahogany and highlighted by coordinated prints. The plantation-style buildings lend a cool, crisp touch to the lush green of the lawns and tropical gardens.

Guests choose accommodations from 33 four - to seven-bedroom villas, 24 superior rooms, nine deluxe rooms, 8 deluxe suites, 16 junior suites, 55 royal suites, 11 imperial suites and six spa suites. With the new Hibiscus Wing, guests can also choose from 68 beachfront one and two bedroom suites.

Thirty-two five, six and seven bedroom Royal Villas are situated along picturesque Sunrise Beach, amid lush tropical gardens. Combining the comforts of home with the personalized service of an exclusive resort, each villa is staffed with a butler, cook and housekeeper. All are decorated with cool tropical colors and offer either view of the Caribbean Sea or well-manicured gardens. Each room has its own bath, shares a living room, and some offer a spacious central library. Villa guests have the use of all resort facilities and each villa has its own swimming pool.



For dining Half Moon offers six specialty restaurants. The Sugar Mill Restaurant is a delightful experience of contemporary Caribbean cuisine that marries the cultures and flavours of the Caribbean and features a state-of-the-art wine cellar with vintage to complete the inventive menu. The Seagrape Terrace sits seaside and offers an eclectic international menu. The resort's Il Giardino restaurant features authentic Italian cuisine, while Indian and Thai cuisines are offered at the unique Akbar/Thai Garden restaurant. Additionally, English pub fare is offered at the Royal Stocks and a French bistro-styled menu can be found at the seaside La Baguette.

For active pursuits Half Moon offers championship golf, a golf academy, full range of water sports, 13 lit tennis courts, four squash courts, equestrian centre, dolphin lagoon, bicycles, fitness centre, Spinning – the first officially licensed Spinning resort in the Caribbean, yoga studio and much more.

The resort's Fern Tree, The Spa at Half Moon is a true Jamaican spa, celebrating the island's traditional herbal and botanical remedies that have been passed down from generations. A herbal garden, Spa Elder and 68,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor space are central to the unique Fern Tree experience.

The Anancy Children's Village is children's play area, themed after a rural Jamaican village and a colourful spider of Jamaican folklore, welcomes children aged 3 – 12 with child-care providers certified by the Penn State University's Better Kid Care Program.

As an expansion to the children's programme, Half Moon recently opened Hype Zone an activity centre for teen. Hype Zone features a games room, cyber lounge, disco, movie theatre, and spa area and offers activities such as foosball, pool, air hockey, video games and mini-spa services. In addition to games and a teen spa offering manicures, pedicures facials and massages, Hype Zone also offers nightly entertainment such as karaoke, movie and disco nights. For those looking for a more sports centered stay, there are organized events such as tennis tournaments, beach football and group aerobics.

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Half Moon offers a range of attractive rates and specials ranging from room-only plans to exclusively inclusive packages designed to fit guests' particular interests. For more information on Half Moon's rates and special offers and to learn more about Jamaica's premier luxury resort, visit www.halfmoon.com or call 800-626-0592.