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Jamaica: The Land of Wood and Water

The small island nation of Jamaica resides in the Caribbean region. The island provides 50 of the most splendiferous beaches for its 2.8 million inhabitants. The Swallowtail Hummingbird is one of the endangered inhabitants that has lived in Jamaica for many years and has become our national bird. The black birds and the orange- breasted sun bird are just a few of the 324 species of birds that have landed on our shores.

The country's main income is from tourism where tourists enjoy the sandy beaches, forests and the exuberant culture of the island's people while wearing the rosettes of their skin. It is stereotypical to say that all Jamaicans are rastas or black people from slavery but it has brought not only a strong historic background to the island but also a culture rich with ethnical diversification as different people from different backgrounds.. Africans, Chinese, Indians, Syrians.. They have all contributed to the island that stands here today within the Caribbean Sea... Where we have become the most famous of all Caribbean islands.

Our culture is also incorporated with Reggae music that all tourists seem to love and enjoy every year at Reggae SumFest. A festival/ concert that display our culture and heritage. Jerk chicken, pork, patties, mutton, salt mackerel rundung are just if the food we enjoy about this island and not too forget our national dish, ackee and saltfish.

There is so much to enjoy about the island- Dunn's River Falls in St. Ann, a water park in Westmoreland among other famous attractions. The island is known for its love and passion for football, cricket and athletics as we have developed our own teams who complete regionally and internationally. Here is the birth place of the fastest man alive - Usain St. Leo Bolt - and the "pocket rocket" - Shelly- Ann Fraser- Pryce. Other athletes include Asafa Powell and Veronica Campbell-Brown who have become national emblems but lest we forget our national heroes, Marcus Garvey, George William Gordon, Alexander Bustamante, Nanny of the Maroons, Paul Bogle, Norman Manley and Sam Sharpe.

We look up to these heroic individuals as they curved or perspective of how we view people and things of this world and island, that we are proud to call the Land of Wood and Water...