

## Best for... barefoot chic

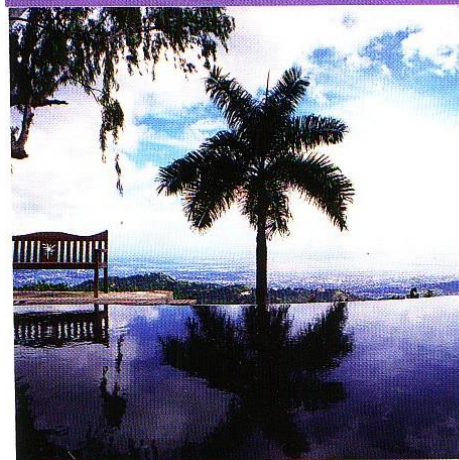
Jakes was once called the chicest shack in the west, but that's doing this hip and beautiful resort a disservice. Far from staying in a shack, you'll love one of 38 charmingly rustic sea or garden view cottages close to Treasure Beach on Jamaica's south coast. The cottages come in a rainbow of colours and are decorated in a style that looks like it's influenced by Gaudi; think randomly embedded wine bottles, fragments of tiles in floors and walls and lots of curves. Throw in a swimming pool, tiny bar, Caribbean café where locals hang out, strip of sand and newly developed spa and you've got the perfect barefoot chic destination. What's more there's a great five-night honeymoon package, which includes accommodation in one of the three oceanfront Octopussy cottages complete with al fresco bathrooms (all the accommodation has cute names, like Starfish & Jellyfish and Sea Puss), a trip to the Pelican Bar (built by fisherman Floyd out of mangrove sticks a mile out to sea on a heavenly reef), trips to the mangroves of Alligator Hole and the Appleton Rum factory, dinner for two with wine, a half-hour massage each in the new holistic Driftwood Spa, breakfast in bed one morning and a bottle of wine on arrival.

**X factor:** Honeymoon Oceanfront cottage suite Octopussy 1, which is painted the colour of the Caribbean Sea, has a roof terrace and seriously dreamy al fresco bathroom.

**Go there:** Five-night honeymoon package, £1111, based on two people sharing (01895 450 731, islandoutpost.com).



# I love Jamaica...



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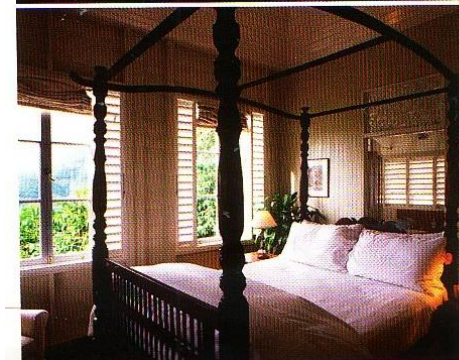
## Best for... relaxation

The twelve wooden cottages at Strawberry Hill on the rainforest slopes of the Blue Mountains make up one of the most remarkable resorts in the world. It's part of the Island Outpost Group, spearheaded by music mogul Chris Blackwell, who founded Island Records and introduced the world to Bob Marley. The place is steeped in musical history – Bob Marley wrote *Natural Mystic* and convalesced here after he was shot in the 70s.

Not that music is its only allure. Strawberry Hill's giant, hand-carved four-posters are the world's most comfortable beds which, combined with a touch of altitude, means you could be in danger of sleeping through your honeymoon! If you did, you'd miss out on nature walks, the Aveda Spa, infinity pool, and the colonial-style restaurant with oak bar decorated with photos of visiting stars like the Stones and Sinéad O'Connor. The room's balconies have hammocks where you can lie and stare at the breathtaking mountain views, set 3100ft above the Caribbean Sea.

**X factor:** The heavenly beds!

**Go there:** The honeymoon package including a couple's massage and Body Elixir, two Strawberry Hill T-shirts, CD and a champagne breakfast costs from £1371 for three nights (01895 450 731, islandoutpost.com).



## See & do...

- Go hiking in the majestic Blue Mountains, with the tallest peak on the island, rainforests, a botanical garden, national park, bird sanctuary and old plantation houses to explore.
- Climb up the waterfall at Dunn's River Falls in Ocho Rios and discover the roots of Jamaica's most famous son at the Bob Marley Museum in Kingston.
- Enjoy jaw-dropping views of the coastline and take a peek into the life of Noel Coward at Firefly, his former home in Oracabessa. Glide down the Rio Grande Valley on a polied bamboo raft or see the exotic plants and flowers at the Shaw Park Gardens in Ocho Rios. Discover what colonial life was like at Bellfield Great House near Montego Bay and climb the stairs of Negril Lighthouse.



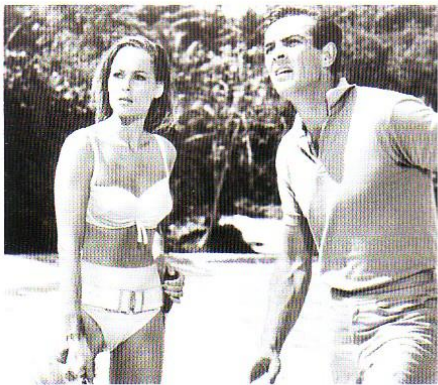
## JAMAICA

### Take two

The Caribbean island is where it all started. It's where Ian Fleming lived and wrote his Bond novels and featured in *Dr No* and *Live and Let Die*. The classic scene to re-enact to get your pulses racing? Ursula Andress (Honeyrider) emerging from the water in a white bikini on Laughing Waters Beach, a palm-fringed stretch of golden sand, asking, "Are you looking for shells?" Cool as ever, Bond replies, "No, I'm just looking!"

### Bond bolthole

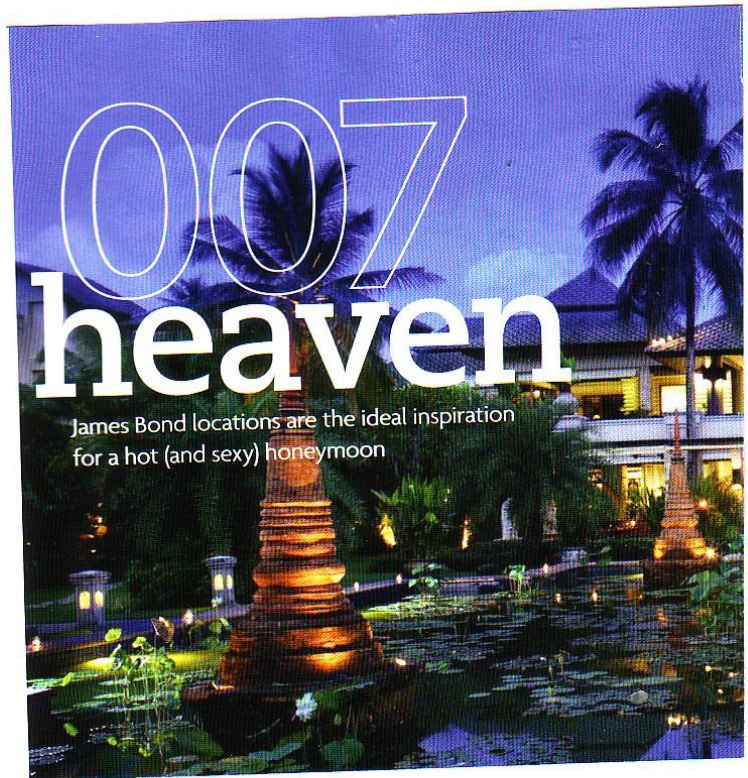
The place to stay for 007 fans is Goldeneye, the gorgeous three-bedroom bungalow in Oracabessa on the north side of the island where Fleming penned all 17 Bond books. The swanky pad is now part of exclusive hotel group Island Outpost, owned by Chris Blackwell who founded Island Records, but you and your bride can still sit at Fleming's original desk and sip vodka martinis around his private pool. Virgin Holidays (0844 5573 859, virginholidays.co.uk) offers seven nights from £7319 per person, including return flights.



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