

# Welcome To Jamaica and Have A Nice Day!

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## Half Moon Resort Wins Accolades



This is a phrase I have heard many times even though I had never been to Jamaica. Well, I had five nice days while visiting Half Moon Resort in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Half Moon in November received what the Wall Street Journal calls “the Oscars” of the global travel and tourism industry. At the World Travel Market in London, England travel professionals declared Half Moon the Caribbean’s Leading Conference Hotel, Jamaica’s Leading Resort and Jamaica’s Leading Golf Resort. For the sixteen years World Travel Awards have been given out, they have been coveted by the industry and go a long way to increasing tourism in the areas in which they specialize.



Half Moon is situated on over 400 acres and has 398 rooms, suites, cottages and villas. Fifty-four swimming pools enhance the property along with many other amenities. The Equestrian Center also provides horseback riding on the beach.

After an early morning round of golf and lunch at one of the many fine restaurants on the property, one can go to the spa for a treatment or massage or possibly go swimming with the dolphins at their Dolphin Lagoon.

One can follow this up with some croquet, an 18 hole putting course, some basketball or volleyball – beach or pool, table tennis or regular tennis on one of the 13 courts, or workout out at the state of the art fitness center.

After all the incredible meals I had, I certainly should have spent more time at the

fitness center. My favorite dining place was IL Giardino, a high-end fine dining Italian restaurant with a number of outstanding local seafood dishes. However, I didn’t miss a beat at The Sugar Mill and the Seagrape restaurants.

If one ventures off the restaurant, there is a plethora of things to do or tours to take. One can go skydiving, cycling down the mountain through the rainforest, climb the waterfalls of Dunn River Falls, white water rafting or visit the spirit of reggae at the Bob Marley museum.

The history of Jamaica and its involvement in the brutal slave trade for its sugar plantations can be discovered at Rose Hall, adjacent to the resort.

While spending my five days at Half Moon, I came to the conclusion that this highly awarded, employee friendly resort is the perfect place for a corporate getaway, a family vacation with plenty to do for the kids, a girls or guys trip to play tennis or golf, and a romantic place for a wedding or anniversary.

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Dolphin Lagoon

As a golfer I looked forward to the challenging Robert Trent Jones Sr. design and must admit that the undulations in the Bermuda greens got the best of me. But what a great track as was the White Witch course whose first hole starts with a tee shot looking down the fairway at the ocean in the distance.



Seagrape