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HAPPY IN JAMAICA

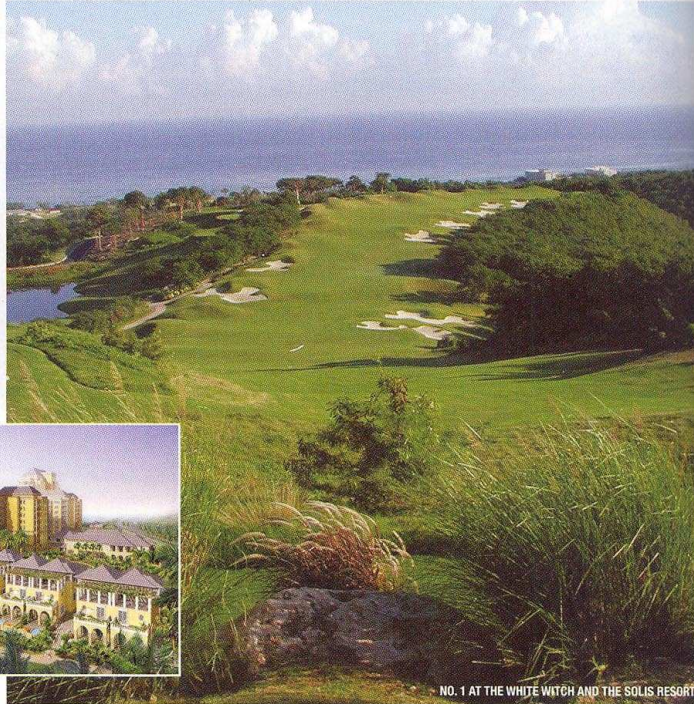
CONSIDERED THE UNSUNG GOLF DESTINATION OF THE CARIBBEAN, JAMAICA'S MUSIC IS NOW BEING HEARD

Jamaica may not be the first place you think of when you're considering a winter golf getaway, but why not? Forget about the all-inclusive mega-resorts at Negril. Your drinks may all have cute little umbrellas and they may be included in your room rate, but you won't find any good golf. Fly into Montego Bay and head east – to the enclave of Rose Hall – where you'll find three outstanding courses and an equal number of luxurious hotels, including Half Moon, the Ritz-Carlton Rose Hall, and the new, five-star Solis.

Solis, which is opening this winter, is a unique destination, with lush tropical gardens, spectacular waterfalls, and even ancient ruins. The elegant hotel and spa, with its panoramic views of the

Caribbean, will be the perfect contrast to the winter you've left behind. The resort includes après-golf interests like snorkeling, deep-sea fishing, jet-skiing, horseback riding, sampling gourmet, tropically-inspired cuisine, or just de-stressing in the world-class spa or one of the resort's inviting infinity pools.

For golf, you have three impressive choices, each offering a uniquely distinct experience. At Half Moon, the Robert Trent Jones Sr.-designed course is a palm-lined masterpiece that will test your game to the maximum, especially in the island's omnipresent winds. Recently renovated by Jones



NO. 1 AT THE WHITE WITCH AND THE SOLIS RESORT

disciple Roger Rulewich, Half Moon stretches to over 7,100 yards and in the wind, it's more than most can handle.

Cinnamon Hill alternately plays through open, former-plantation land, then along the side of a steep hill, and finally down through a verdant valley through which a mountain river runs. You'll be dazzled by both mountain and ocean vistas as you wind your way from one memorable hole to another. The par-3 sixth, hard the sea, is as awe-inspiring as they come.

The White Witch, a course named

for Annie Palmer, a 19th-century sugar plantation owner who, legend has it, used voodoo to control her slave population and wasn't shy about first bedding, and then murdering, her lovers. Today, the White Witch is still said to haunt her plantation, the Great House at Rose Hall, but no sightings of her have been reported on the course. It's a tropical mountain gem, which is a combination rarely found. The holes here are uniformly good and many are great. With the Caribbean as a backdrop, don't forget your camera.