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THE GOLF	Mangroves and sandy dunes set the stage for Norman's design, which makes the most of an exquisite piece of property. Holes eleven through sixteen, set on a peninsula jutting into Emerald Bay, are particularly affecting.	Roger Rulewich revamped the ho-hum Castle Harbour Course in 2002, creating new holes, bunkers and contours. Flanked by water on three sides, the course is adjacent to the acclaimed Mid Ocean Club, and a fine complement to it.	Robert Trent Jones Sr.'s Half Moon was revamped in 2006 by Roger Rulewich, who fitted it with new tees and bunkers. Don't miss the chance to play other Rose Hall-area courses; White Witch and Cinnamon Hill, both by Robert von Hagge.	The Ocean's sixteenth, a par three that parallels the Atlantic, gives the Fazio's course its name. Norman's is the longer of the two but a bit more forgiving. Both are enhanced by views of the sea, the mountains and El Yunque rain forest.
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