

# JAMAICA

She's Jamaican, born and bred. He's a bayou boy from Louisiana. Together, they've traveled to nearly every Caribbean island. Here's how they do Jamaica. BY SARAH GREAVES-GABBADON & ZACH STOVALL

**Best meal SHE:** Trust me, Jamaican KFC is the best in the world (the secret's in the salt). And if I'm in Kingston on a Sunday, fried fish at Hellshire is essential. But whatever I'm eating, you can bet I'm swigging an ice-cold Ting with it. **HE:** This is sacrilege. I don't come to Jamaica to eat KFC (even if it is better). But I will drive her there. My mouth waters for Scotchie's jerk pork and festivals. We can, however, agree to hold Ting to the highest levels of Jamaican culinary sacredness.

**Favorite beach SHE:** Frenchman's Cove in Port Antonio because it's small and understated yet sophisticated — like me.

**HE:** I prefer Reggae Beach, east of Ocho Rios, where the rustic beach bar makes up for its lack of sophistication with plenty of laid-back, irie vibes — like me.



**Best souvenir SHE:** When it comes to mementos, I believe in buying local — and buying often. Like local sculptor Gene Pearson's clay masks, scored for a song in the gift shop at Couples Tower Isle. **HE:** Anytime Sarah disappears while

I'm shooting, I just find the nearest gift shop and wait patiently till she's done. The silver lining: This downtime has allowed the beauty of Gene Pearson's work to sink in. I own three. Sarah has good taste (but I'll never admit it again).

**You couldn't pay me to ... SHE:** Ride the chairlift at Mystic Mountain. Being suspended above the rainforest with nothing but a metal bar between me and the treetops isn't my idea of fun. I'll hitch a ride up to the gift shop in an enclosed four-wheeled vehicle, thanks.

**HE:** Apparently, it's inappropriate to take photos of Sarah crying on the chairlift. I like heights, so I'll take a parasail over Seven Mile Beach while Sarah takes my picture. Then, over a beer, I'll laugh at her for crying on the chairlift. That's always appropriate.

ZACH STOVALL



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