

10-Day Itinerary



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The Cultural Systems Analysis Group

Community Action Anthropology

The UMD-HBCU Graduate Mentoring Fund's **10-Day Rapid Cultural Learning (RCL) Tour of Jamaica, the West Indies** August 28–August 7, 2015

Persons interested in techniques of learning culture quickly should not miss this incredible opportunity to experience the sights, sounds and natural beauty of Jamaica!

The Rapid Cultural Learning (RCL) component of the tour will consist primarily of: Dr. Whitehead (University of Maryland) leading discussions during meals. Topics covered will include Jamaican culture and history, as well as methods of participant observation and conversation for rapidly learning cultural patterns at various social settings: beaches, during meals, in nightclubs and museums, and while attending staged productions, celebrations, and other festive occasions.

The costs of this trip are still under development due to ongoing negotiations with the Jamaican Tourist Board and Jamaica Cultural Development Commission.

If this trip interests you, please e-mail us at tonywhitehead1122@gmail.com or give us a call at 703-620-0515 **by April 1, 2015**

We will respond to all inquiries with more details about costs and a final program via email.

Tuesday, July 28

- Arrive in Montego Bay - Dinner and orientation led by Dr. Tony Whitehead (Don't unpack because off to Kingston the next morning).

Wednesday, July 29 – Montego Bay--Kingston

- Breakfast discussion led by Dr. Whitehead on culture, expressive culture, "Festival", and techniques for reading culture (structure observations and conversational interviews).
- Depart for Kingston (Jamaica's capitol), with a brief lunch stop and tour of Cockpit Country, settled by escaped slaves.
- Arrive in Kingston no later than 5pm, get settled in hotel, have group dinner and off to Festival "Mello'Go Round" Celebrations.

Thursday, July 30 - Kingston

- Breakfast Lecture with Dr. Whitehead
- Lunch on Own

- Afternoon session with panel discussion on Jamaican culture, history, and contemporary life, moderated by Dr. Whitehead, and including invited Jamaican scholars, health and human service professionals, and representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs).
- Attendance at staged event in celebration of Emancipation Day.

Friday, July 31– Kingston

- Breakfast on own
- Tours of Jamaican museums
- Group lunch with discussion led by Dr. Whitehead on tour members' experiences thus far.
- Group dinner with brief lecture by Dr. Whitehead on
- Attend either staged performance or Jamaican night club for those interested.

Saturday, August 1 (Emancipation Day) – Kingston

- Breakfast on own
- Attendance at Festival/Emancipation Day activities.
- Group Dinner
- Attend either Emancipation Day evening event or Jamaican night-club for those interested.

Sunday, August 2 –Departure for Ocho Rios on the northern Jamaican coast, travelers will enjoy natural mountain-view and tropical forest of Fern Gully.

- Lunch and discussion led by Dr. Whitehead on the Ethnography of the Beach and Tourism.
- Explorations of Ochos Rios on own
- Dinner on own

Monday, August 3 – Ocho Rios

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner on your own.
- Trip to nearby Dunn's River Fall with the rest of the day to enjoy Ocho Rios.

Tuesday, August 4 –Depart for Montego Bay.

- Enjoy the two-hour drive along Jamaica's beautiful North Coast.
- Group lunch and discussion led by Dr. Whitehead on tourism and beach ethnography.
- Dinner and night life on your own

Wednesday, August 5– Montego Bay

- Breakfast and the rest of the day on own.

Thursday, August 6 (Independence Day) – Montego Bay

- Breakfast on Own
- If Independence Day activities are happening, those interested elect whether they want to go.
- Remainder of the Day on your own, Beach, etc.
- Closing Group Dinner with discussion recounting trip and what has been learned about Jamaican culture.
- Rest of evening on your own.

Friday, August 7 – End of tour and departure for those leaving Montego Bay.