

JAMAICA



THE BEAUTY AND THE SOUL
OF THE LAND WE LOVE

Ray Chen,

RAY CHEN was born in Kingston, Jamaica in 1939. His roots are deeply anchored in Jamaica's sun-drenched soil. Although he has lived and studied abroad for most of his adult life, this second pictorial continues his tribute to the island's tenacious hold on his heart and mind.

Ray has pursued a career in commercial photography since 1968. He resides in Toronto with his wife, Lin, and their daughter, Stephanie, their son Roderick resides in Montreal with his wife Yvonne. Ray shuttles between Toronto, Canada and Kingston, Jamaica.

In photographing JAMAICA - The Land and The People in 1984, Ray gave back to the island some of the inspiration the land first gave him. Now with his second pictorial essay of the island, JAMAICA - The Beauty and The Soul, Ray takes you deeper, into the very heart of 'the rock', as he continues to paint a picture, through the eye of his camera and the readers' imagination, of a mystic and varied land.

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ABOVE
 The Jamaica Coat of Arms consists of a shield which bears a red cross with five golden pineapples, flanked on either side by a male and female Arawak. The crest is a Jamaican crocodile surmounting the royal helmet and mantlings, with motto 'Out of Many One People' embossed on the banner below.

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TOP

This is a mosaic of four LANDSAT TM satellite images taken from an altitude of 705 km (23,265 ft.) - courtesy of EOSAT.

The island's name, Jamaica, comes from the Arawak name 'Xaymaca', which means 'Land of wood and water'.

The third largest island in the Greater Antilles, Jamaica covers 11,420 sq. km (4,411 sq. miles) and is 260 km (150 miles) long and 70 km (50 miles) at its widest point. It has a population of over 2 million, 750,000 of whom reside in Kingston, the capital.

BOTTOM

THE JAMAICAN FLAG was first flown on August 6, 1962, Jamaica's Independence Day. The colours of the flag are gold, black and green. The gold represents our sunlight and mineral wealth, the black stands for hardships past and those to come, and the green symbolizes agricultural wealth and hope. Coming together to send forth the message, "Hardships there are, but the land is green and the sun shineth".