



# Half Moon: You've Stolen My Heart

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My educational visit in January 2025 with Calliope Collective brought me to the storied shores of Montego Bay and the iconic Half Moon. From the moment I arrived, it was clear why this legendary property has captured the hearts of guests for generations.

A seamless airport experience set the tone, with a friendly guide ushering me through customs to the Half Moon lounge, where I was warmly welcomed by the ever-gracious, Airport Lounge Concierge, Kerry Ann. That first encounter embodied the spirit of Jamaican hospitality and paved the way for an exceptional stay.

After a short 10-minute transfer from the airport, I passed through the gates of Half Moon. Immediately, I felt a sense of tranquility. The setting is refined yet relaxed, discreet yet full of character. Upon arrival, I was handed a refreshing local rum cocktail and soon found myself settling into my suite in Founders Cove. With its colonial-inspired architecture and classic Caribbean décor, the accommodation offered a perfect blend of elegance and comfort (with a gigantic bathroom by the way).

Half Moon presents three distinct accommodation experiences, each catering to a different guest preference. Founders Cove, where I stayed, evokes the charm of the original resort with timeless design and oceanfront views. Eclipse, opened in 2020, introduces a contemporary luxury offering with clean lines and a sophisticated coastal aesthetic. The third option—Cottages and Villas—is currently under development and due to launch at the end of Q1 2026. These fully serviced villas, complete with private butlers and chefs, promise an elevated, private experience ideal for multi-generational families or groups seeking discretion and luxury.

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The breadth of amenities is truly impressive. Half Moon boasts nine floodlit tennis courts, eight pickleball courts, and a championship 18-hole golf course designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. There are 33 swimming pools across the property, including a private pool at every villa, and the resort's two mile long private pristine beach provides the perfect backdrop for sun-soaked relaxation or water-based adventures.

For wellness enthusiasts, the Fern Tree Spa is a haven. My treatment was a highlight—thoughtfully delivered, deeply restorative, and set in an environment that reflects the natural beauty of the island with a true sense of place.



Half Moon's dedication to culture and community is felt throughout the guest experience. One evening featured an open-air beach barbecue—complete with live Jamaican music, local cuisine, dancing, and even crab races that delighted children and adults alike. Meeting local artisans and craftspeople was a wonderful touch, offering an authentic connection to the island's creative heritage.

Dining across the resort is another standout. From sunrise à la carte breakfasts at Hayward's to a spectacular evening at Sugar Mill—where attentive service meets culinary excellence—every meal felt carefully considered. Food lovers will be spoiled for choice.



The resort's history is as captivating as its surroundings. Founded in 1954 by 16 North American families on a former sugar cane estate, Half Moon has grown into a 400-acre property that has hosted royalty, celebrities, and loyal guests who return year after year. The addition of Eclipse brought a new layer of refinement, with its own restaurants, infinity-edge pool, and serene spa garden.

Families are exceptionally well catered to, with a vibrant children's village inspired by Jamaican folklore, and endless activities including an equestrian center which offers horseback riding through the sea, squash, sailing, paddleboarding, and so much more. Art lovers will appreciate the carefully curated collection throughout the resort, including the striking Michael Lester Half Moon Collection.



Half Moon is far more than a luxury resort. It is a place where history, nature, and heartfelt service converge to create a truly unforgettable experience. Whether you're seeking adventure, indulgence, or relaxation, this Jamaican gem delivers at every level.

For those in search of a destination that offers both authenticity and sophistication, Half Moon should be at the top of the list. It certainly stole mine.

Download our fact sheet to learn more about Half Moon.

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