

MAKING WAVES

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A Tourism Bulletin for Caribbean Children

Happy New Year Kids!

Do you love an adventure? In this issue we are going to look at Adventure Tourism and Recreation.

Adventure recreation activities cover a broad range of outdoor events involving interaction with the natural environment away from the tourist's home. The Caribbean is filled with varied experiences both on land and in the water.

In the picture below the children are having a class in the forest. Can you find the many faces of Ziggy in the picture? There are 10.



Picture supplied courtesy of Wildways, Trinidad

Adventure tourism and recreation is divided into six sub categories...

Golf & Tennis



Outdoor Adventure and Recreation



Marine Facilities & Parks



Ski Resorts



Hunting Facilities



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Fun in the sun!



Here are a host of activities that one can do in the Caribbean. YOU decide which one is either 'low' or 'high' risk adventure.

Paragliding

Handgliding

Big Game Fishing

Hiking

Scuba Diving

Snorkelling

Volcano climbing

Water skiing

Camping

River Rafting

Windsurfing

Eating Pizza

Crazy Golf

Road Tennis

Sea/River Kayaking

Bush hikes

Mountain cycling

Bird watching

Nature hikes

Swimming

Sun bathing

River walking

Sailing

Horse Riding

Rock Climbing

Clay Pigeon Shooting

Whale Watching

Squash

Badminton

Beach Volleyball

Cricket

Soccer

Rugby

Baseball

Basketball

Golf

Yachting

Motorcar Rallies

Athletics

Did you note the odd one out?

"INVEST YOUR INTEREST" CORNER

(TO HELP OTHERS GROW THEIR KNOWLEDGE)

Hey Kids! Have you got an unusual adventure type of holiday on your island that we don't know about? Or any unusual food you may have tasted recently. Share your experience with other readers. All information and stories welcomed. Write to 'Ziggy' at Making Waves: CTO, 2nd Floor, Sir Frank Walcott Building, Culloden Farm Complex, St Michael, Barbados. Or email me at ziggy@caribtourism.com

Making Friends!

Interested in making new friends in a French Caribbean island - then sign up for the "Pen Pal" Exchange...

If you are between the ages of 11-15 and are keen to 'parle', then contact

M. Pierre Mansuela ou Mme Darnal
College des roches Gravees, rue
Gerville REACHE 97114 Trois-
Rivieres, Guadeloupe.



This selection of websites can provide you with general information about adventure holidays in and around the Caribbean

www.gorp.com www.ecoturcaribe.com

www.nationalgeographic.com

www.cep.unep.org

www.askjeeves.com www.doitcaribbean.com

www.ajkids.com

www.vistmontserratt.com

wilderness-explorers@solutions2000.net

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER



Wildways –

A Environmental Awareness Project with a difference.

An exciting, innovative and effective environmental awareness programme for school children in Trinidad and Tobago. It all started with Wendy Yawching being horrified

to see the state of Trinidad's environment and realizing that the Islanders were not appreciating what they had. "Ignorance was destroying the environment". So in 1994 'Wildways' was born. A Tour company offering hiking and kayaking adventures on Trinidad and Tobago. After many initial obstacles, Wildways is a thriving concern and the country is convinced that ecotravel is both legitimate and viable. Congratulations!!!!!!

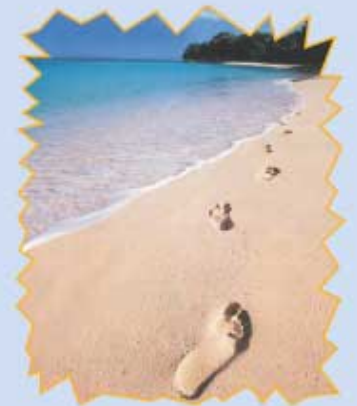
The company now offers quality outdoor experiences in an 'environmentally' sensitive manner. Trips vary in length and their programmes are a series of themes that range from Beauty & Diversity, Rainforest Circle of Life, Air and Water, Holes in the Fabric, Save the Environment: Save Yourself. Each tour is led by trained guides from Trinidad. They provide projects for school children that will allow the students to understand and appreciate the importance of conservation of the environment, with their hearts as well as their heads. If you would like further information, see their website: www.wildways.org



FOLLOW MOTHER NATURE'S CODE

Remember: nature and the environment is for everyone.....FOREVER

- ⚡ Respect fauna and flora and do not disturb their natural habitat. When collecting things, only take what you need and ensure you never pick or uproot rare plants.
- ⚡ Never disturb nesting birds or remove eggs from any nest.
- ⚡ Some species are delicate – be careful what you step on.
- ⚡ Pollution in our waters affects all types of plants and animals. Plants absorb it through their roots. Animals and humans are exposed to this through 'food'.
- ⚡ Avoid stepping on or tampering with live coral
- ⚡ Do not drop litter in a forest or on a beach. Remove everything you bring.



Photos supplied courtesy of Wildways, Trinidad

LET'S TAKE A WALK THROUGH NATURE BUT LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS

COUNTRY PROFILE: MONTSERRAT

Montserrat is a lush green and mountainous island of approximately 39 square miles (101 square kilometers) and lies in the eastern Caribbean, some 27 miles southwest off its neighbour Antigua. The pearl shaped island - 12 miles long 7 miles wide, rises in a series of dramatic mountain slopes to the high point of over 3,000 feet at the Soufriere Hills. English is the native language spoken. It is known fondly as the 'Emerald Isle of the Caribbean', in honour of the Irish immigrants who first settled on this island in the 17th century. Montserrat is a United Kingdom Overseas Territory, one of the last five self-governing British colonies in the Caribbean.



The eruption of the Soufriere Hills volcano in 1995 has led to the evacuation and relocation of residents beyond the 'exclusion zone', stretching from Iles Bay Beach to Mournful Ghaut. Many residents have either moved to the northern half of the island, to other islands, or to Canada and the UK. This has severely reduced Montserrat's population from 11,000 to 4,000. The once pretty Georgian capital Plymouth is now a ghost town lying beneath compacted dust. But the still active volcano continues to attract visitors and facilities are now being restored.

Montserrat is now being repositioned as an adventure destination. It receives over 9,000 tourists per year, the majority originating from the Caribbean, UK and then the USA. All but one of the beaches have black volcanic sand and the diving among coral reefs on the north coast is excellent. Montserrat's forest rangers reveal the diversity of the island's tropical plant and animal life and can take visitors to see the impact of both ancient and recent volcanic eruptions.

Hotel accommodation is limited - mostly villas and guest houses. Getting there involves flights to the nearby islands, then a ferry or a helicopter ride to Montserrat, which, after all, is all part of the adventure.



MY JOB'S AN ADVENTURE!

About the CTO

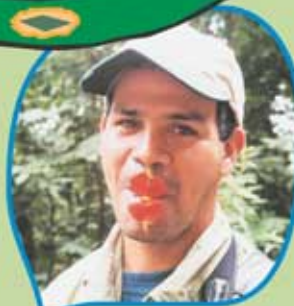
The Caribbean Tourism Organisation (CTO) was established in 1989 and is a regional tourism development agency, with its headquarters in Barbados and marketing offices in New York, London and Canada. The CTO has 33 government member countries comprising the English, French, Spanish and Dutch Caribbean.

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Meet David Ascanio from Venezuela and he is going to tell us a little about his job in the Adventure and Recreation sector.

What exactly do you do in your job?
I take people from all around the world to find and see caymans, snakes, macaws, turtles and a lot more wildlife

What is your normal day of work like?
At about 4:00 am I wake up, have



a cup of tea and drive to the trail. Usually, at around 06:00 am I enter the trails with spotlights and call owls and nocturnal mammals. When the sun comes up, we search for birds such as Tanagers, Flycatchers and Parrots and also for insects such as Crickets, Army ants and butterflies. In the afternoon, we return to our lodge for an early dinner and a lecture about what we have seen that day.

What special skills do you need to do your job well?

You need to be able to identify the voices from the forest, walk long distances chasing monkeys etc. and be able to learn a lot from local people. A special skill is to be part of nature.

Are there things you dislike about your job?
Sometimes waking up at 04:00 am. The rest I love to do.

What do you like most about your job?
Being in nature and learning so much about human nature. Basically learning everything about wildlife.