MONTSERRAT Spectacular by Nature

British Territory | European & African influences | Irish ancestry
| 20-Minute Flight from Antigua or 2-Hour by ferry
The Emerald Isle of the Caribbean

30 Pristine Dive Sites . 8 World Class Hiking Trails . Villas overlooking beautiful black sand beaches
OUR VOLCANO TREASURE

Soufriere Hills Volcano is now one of our major attractions

Montserrat Volcano Observatory (MVO) is pioneering new technology in volcanology studies

Montserrat is one of the top destinations for researchers, volcanologists, and university study tours

Public viewing areas at the MVO and Jack Boy Hill allow you to see the volcano up close while remaining safe
• A popular stop for yachters because of its proximity to Antigua and other destinations
• Montserrat **Yachting** Association has been revived to support this industry
• **Boat Tours** to view the abandoned capital are one of the first requests of visitors
Many visitors and Montserratians alike return to Montserrat just to enjoy our local cuisine.

Our national dish **Goat Water** is top on the list of requests.
Breathtaking views in all directions

“You get off the plane and you just exhale.”

Visitors are always amazed about the quality of drinking water and clean fresh air.

The new Museum in Little Bay was opened March 2012 by HRH Prince Edward.

Museum features some of the oldest artefacts and tells of Montserrat’s rich history

- St. Patrick’s Week - March
- Calabash Festival - July
- Cudjoe Head Day - August
- Deep Sea Fishing - October
- Alliouagana Festival of the Word – Nov/Dec
- Volcano Half Marathon - Nov
Master plan comprises five revenue-generating components:

1. New port at Carr’s Bay
2. New capital town
3. Hotel resort on Little Bay beach
4. Residences on Potato Hill
5. New marina, to be constructed at the site of the existing port
• The vision is to have the new town be both residential and commercial and built out over time.
• 750 new jobs expected to be created.
• A full **Investment Prospectus** will be available for the public next month, in July 2012.
• The main infrastructure and developments should be completed by 2016/2017
• Inviting persons to indicate interest in investing in the proposed Little Bay **Capital Development Fund** towards the development of Little Bay

*Contact Mr John Cox Infrastructure Advisor: [john@jccox.org](mailto:john@jccox.org) 1-664-491-4700*

*Handouts on this project available after presentations*
Come to Montserrat for 50

Montserrat Festival
December 14, 2012 to January 1, 2013
The first Cultural Festival was organized in December of 1962. It quickly became as anticipated as Christmas and has expanded to encompass more than two weeks of celebrations.

*Boxing Day at Sturge Park in 1967 (Vintage Montserrat Photo)*
Masqueraders at Sturge Park in 1967 (Vintage Montserrat Photo)

Emerald Shamiole Masqueraders perform in Little Bay (MTB Photo)
Community Events take place throughout December

- School and Church Christmas Concerts
- Original song competitions
- Alliouagana Festival of the Word (will be held in December this year)
  Publication ‘Fifty Years of Festival’ to be released by Sir Howard
- Emerald Community Singers
- Sir Howard Fergus Scholarship Dinner
- Lectures
- School Reunions
2012 FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Calypso Semi-Finals & Finals - The calypso competitions are without a doubt the most popular events during festival. Calypso lovers all around the world log on to listen and chat. **December 14 | 30**

Pageants – There are several talent and beauty competitions which feature queens, teens, and young women. We are expecting a few of our former queens to make appearances in a Queen of Queens Show. **December 20 | 23 | 29**

Regional Female Calypso Show – Euphony Vibes will be hosting this expanded version of their female show for the second year. **December 21**
St. John’s Day – The St. Johns area will come alive on December 27 starting with an early morning jam session which is not planned to end until well after dark.

Soca Frenzy, Soca Monarch, Soca International – Three major soca shows are planned for Festival 50 and they will be featuring the hottest acts from the island and the region.

December 22 | 26 | 27

Night of Pan – Montserrat loves pan music and our junior and senior orchestras show off their talents. Some of the finest steel pan groups in Caribbean will join with us to make an evening of sheer excitement to be enjoyed by the entire family.

December 16
• **Day Time Fun:** Art Exhibitions, Hiking adventures, Food & Craft Fairs, Children’s Fun Days and a Toddler Derby.

• **Not to be Missed:** Legends of Calypso, King of Kings, Emerald Community Singers, Salem Day, and Festival Day.

**Check Festival Website for Full Programme of Activities**
Market Day in 1967 (Vintage Montserrat Photo)

Market Day is recreated at festival time in the newly built Little Bay Public Market.
Festival Committee in place

Parliamentary Representative - Hon Jermaine Wade

Marketing & Promotions Team

Logistics Team

Festival Productions Team

Sponsorship/Fundraising Team

email: culture@gov.ms
Montserrat’s Future Depends on Diaspora Involvement
It’s about Government doing less and Private Sector doing more!!!!!

It’s about ensuring the Diaspora is a part of Montserrat’s development

Diaspora can provide;
• Technical Assistance on Projects/Programmes
• Public-Private Partnerships
• Investors for hotel and property development in Little Bay

GoM intends to provide;

A Private Sector Financing Capital Package of incentives which would provide opportunities for Montserratians to come back and set up business. *(To include duty free concessions etc)*
Diaspora Survey in progress.
Initiated by DFID primarily for the Little Bay project and supported by GoM to;

- Produce a profile of potential investors for Montserrat
- Identify barriers to persons returning to and investing in Montserrat
- To identify the optimum means of communication with Montserratians and identify their interests and needs.

* Please fill out existing survey.
* Diaspora Investment Survey will be on line within the next 2 weeks.

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PROPERTY OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DIASPORA

Davy Hill Housing Development (Government of Montserrat)
• 20 service-lots (water, electricity, sewer)
• 2 or 3 bedroom homes, Ranging from US$64,000 to US$ 148,000
  Contact Owen Lewis, Director PIU – lewiso@gov.ms

Lookout High End Housing Development (GoM)
• GoM exploring the development of high end properties on a Lookout site
• GoM to provide land as a grant, on condition that construction to start within specified period
• Should the property be sold, GoM to be repaid
• GoM need indication of interest to embark on project
  Contact housingunit@gov.ms

Cathron Housing Development
• 7 Lots (Underground utilities, paved road access)
• Lot sizes start at 9,000 sq. ft./.215 acres and up, Ranging from EC$7.50 to $8.00/sq. ft.
  Contact Ron or Cathy Barzey at Tel: 664-491-3562/ Email: cathron@hotmail.com
Get Involved!

• Come home and support Festival 50 events
• Join a Mas Band!
• Purchase local art and craft
• Sponsor a Festival 50 event
• Purchase Festival 50 merchandise online
• Attend the Diaspora Consultation on December 19, 2012
• Start a business on Montserrat
• Invest in Bank of Montserrat
• Invest in Geothermal Exploration
• Invest in Ferry service (approx $3m)
• Start a Non-Profit Organisation with a Montserrat school, hospital, or group as the beneficiary
• Offer your expertise through volunteer groups such as Visiting Specialists Programmes
Get full details on Festival 50 at www.montserratfestival.com
Listen to interviews, Watch videos and Live Stream of shows

Follow us on Twitter @montserratfest
hashtag - #Festival50

Like us on Facebook.com/MontserratFest

The Montserrat Tourist Board also has information on travel and accommodations at www.visitmontserrat.com

* Few Information Packs available after presentations
50 Years of Feting!
MONTserrat’S FESTIVAL 2012
DEC 14 - JAN 1

Come party with us!

www.montserratfestival.com
Thank you