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And why we love them.

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TRAVELERS’ TALES, FROM NEAR AND FAR

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From Homer on, I figured it our literary desire and of fear, is in our stories, and the texts, both prison and joy. We look to them, still, where we can be reborn, or transformed. Islands, not only thin islands but thin islands, have been the subject of many stories. One reason why is that islands are, by definition, worlds apart. But they are also connected to the rest of the world by the sea. This magic, and their power, this interconnectedness, why islands have often been the focus of stories, and of empires. Is there a need for islands, or places to make us feel connected to the rest of the world? The answer is yes. Sugar cane was first cut and in the Caribbean...
Jamaica, James Bond Style

IN APRIL, special agent Bond will return to the island for the 25th official 007 movie: No Time to Die. It's a great year for travelers to visit overall. At GoldenEye (goldeneye.com; doubles from $175), fans can rent out the cliff top villa from 007's Goldeneye novel in 1955 and 60s-and where Daniel Craig, Lea Seydoux, and Naomi Harris gathered to launch the new movie. And this summer, the property will debut a three-bedroom lagoon villa and two one-bedroom lagoon cottages.

Over in Montego Bay, Half Moon, a member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts (halfmoon.com; doubles from $305), is another place to experience Fleming's Jamaica. Remember the scene in Live and Let Die in which Roger Moore takes down a snake with a can of shaving foam and a lit cigar? It was filmed in Half Moon's Cottage 19. The entire resort, with its seafront gazebos and colonial-style architecture, feels like a throwback to the era of tuxedos at dinner. Which is not to say it's stuck in the past: 57 new cottages will be added this year, just be sure to check the bathroom for snakes.—Flora Stubbs

DOUBLE THE FUN

Been to Bermuda lately? This Atlantic isle -we know it's not in the Caribbean, but it shares a common spirit with the region-is booming, thanks to spilled-up hotels and regular airlift from the States. Here's why it's perfect for both honeymoons and fun-loving families.

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HONEYMOON

Where to Stay

The Rosewood Bermuda recently swept up its formal, wright-style decor in favor of a more youthful look. The Conservatory, a new open-air lounge, is the perfect place for a S&T Rosewood hotels.com; doubles from $405.

Where to Eat

Little Venice is a Hamilton institution with a husbund atmosphere and excellent pastas. Order the linguine with clams (a Bermudian term for black nuts) when they're in season. Little Venice, entrees $29-$57.

What to Do

Couple's massage, anyone?! With Winnow, a Bermudian app that gives access to curated experiences, you can book a 60-minute treatment inside the island's famous crystal cave. Winnow.ltt; $234 per person.

Hot Tip

Friday, not Saturday, is the big night to party on the island. Head to Hamilton when the locals start going out—happy hour begins promptly at 6 p.m.

FAMILY GETAWAY

Where to Stay

Kids love the Hamilton Princess for the free snacks in the Gold Lounge and harbor-front infinity pool. Its Beach Club, a short shuttle ride away, has a pirate-themed playground. hamilton-princess.com; doubles from $399.

Where to Eat

Rustico, in Flatts Village, makes the best pizza in the island. Come evening, the patio is busy with families sipping down perfectly crisp margheritas and $8 frozen strawberry daiquiris. hamilton-princess.com; entrees $28-$54.

What to Do

If you need a break from the beach, take the kids to the small but still informative Bermuda Aquarium, also in Flatts Village, to see sea turtles, baloonfish, grey triggerfish, seals, and more. baa.com.

Hot Tip

A new VIP airport arrival service lets you cut straight to the front of the line—say if you're traveling with multiple children, bags, and strollers, arrange through your hotel or at skyport.com.