

Rainforest Bobsled Jamaica at Mystic Mountain

Natural springs, breathtakingly beautiful tropical foliage, colourful birds, a chairlift which gives you a bird eye view, great dining and shopping— that is Rainforest Bobsled Jamaica at Mystic Mountain, Ocho Rios.

This will provide yet another excellent offering to cruise ship guests and visitors allowing them to view and explore the indigenous seaside tropical forest ecosystem via three exhilarating excursions. The chairlift journey takes you over verdant countryside, where you experience a zip-line canopy adventure through the treetops. You interface with island culture at its best and the heritage center ensures that your information needs are met. It also offers mountaintop dining and great shopping.

Rainforest Bobsled Jamaica at Mystic Mountain covers more than 100 acres stretching from the Coast Road entrance near Dunn's River Falls to more than 700 feet above sea level at the peak of Mystic Mountain. The site supports a diverse ecosystem of natural springs, tropical foliage, native trees and a variety of bird species.

Mystic Mountain's tours and rides have been designed to have minimal environmental impact and physical footprint. According to the developers, Mystic Mountain Ltd, in addition to serving as an example of responsible, sustainable tourism development, the Mystic Mountain complex will have tangible economic benefits, including creating numerous job opportunities for the local community. There are three exciting tour options :

Rainforest Bobsled Jamaica

Custom-designed bobsleds celebrating the Jamaican Olympic bobsled teams of the 1980s and '90s travel on winding, plunging stainless steel rails on a 3,280-foot gravity-driven ride through the forest. The bobsled track was laid out to avoid disturbing the natural landscape, curving around ancient trees, hugging majestic cliff faces and limestone outcroppings through narrow chutes of dense forest. Riders control their rate of descent with an in-sled handbrake, allowing for either a leisurely tour through the forest or a pulse-quickenning ride. At the end of the ride, the bobsled slides to a graceful stop and is slowly pulled back by cable to the top of the mountain, completing the entire circuit in approximately six minutes.

Rainforest Sky Explorer

Located at the park's Coast Road entrance, this state-of-the-art chairlift soars above the treetops through the heart of the tropical seaside forest canopy. The ascent on Sky Explorer skims the top of the trees, providing panoramic views of the picturesque coastline and close-up views of tropical treetops on the way to the centerpiece of the attraction, the 700-foot peak of Mystic Mountain. The return ride on Sky Explorer carries riders just below treetop level, but high above the forest floor to provide a sense of immersion in tropical wilds.

Rainforest Zip-Line Canopy Tour

A series of tree-to-tree platforms sends riders gliding through the coastal forest on this customized zip-line canopy tour. The guided tour covers virgin areas of the mountain, flying through the canopy via a zip line along a series of interconnected tree- and land-based platforms. The tour ends at the mid-station of the Rainforest Sky Explorer chairlift, which returns zip-line riders to the park entrance. At the summit of Mystic Mountain is the Jamaican Railway Station &

Mystic Pavilion.

Designed by acclaimed Jamaican architect Ann Hodges, the traditional three-story building is a replica of an early 20th-century Jamaican railway station. The site provides views of Jamaica's north coast and the hills and valleys of St. Ann. The 9,000-square-foot multilevel rail station features a lookout tower with spectacular panoramic views of Ocho Rios and the harbour, a bar and restaurant, retail outlets, and a photo shop while serving as the boarding point for Bobsled Jamaica.

Adjacent to the Rail Station, Mystic Pavilion features displays and memorabilia celebrating Jamaica's culture, great moments in the country's sporting events and promotion of environmental awareness and conservation of natural resources.

Endeavoring to maintain the pristine beauty of the Jamaican landscape, Mystic Mountain developers paid close attention to minimizing the environmental impact of the various attractions during construction. The chairlift foundations were installed by helicopter to significantly reduce ground disturbance and eliminate the necessity of building a road to transport equipment. The latest design in chairlift towers - the F tower - also was specifically selected to reduce impact on the forest environment. More than 3,400 feet of bobsled track was hand-carried through the forest and laid hugging natural limestone cliffs through the sloping hilly interior.

Sounds like fun? Head to Jamaica for Rainforest Bobsled Jamaica at Mystic Mountain

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