

# Cockpit Country Crossing 3

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A Hidden Place – Dornoch’s Head  
5 hours hike across the centre of the island



The Burnt Hill Road Trail  
From South to North

Degree of Difficulty 6.0/10 Average fitness

**Ash Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

**Itinerary**

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(A 1 day driving/hiking incursion through the Cockpit Country, Jamaica’s largest wilderness wet limestone forest)

Sun Venture Tours cordially invites you to come and experience the excitement and challenge of venturing into Jamaica's largest wet limestone forest. Home to 95 percent of the world’s Black-billed Amazons (*Amazona agilis*) an endemic Jamaican parrot species), this 450 km<sup>2</sup> of uninhabited wilderness is the centre of the island’s water supply and its unique flora and fauna.

Just 5 minutes from Albert Town is St. Vincent. A small yam growing district nestled in the cool hills of Trelawny will be our access point to the Cockpit Country.

## **The Crossing**

Our 12 km. journey from St. Vincent to Clarks Town along the Burnt Hill Road takes us across the centre of Jamaica. En route there will be so much to see though many things are hidden from the casual eye. The fascinating Horse Head rock formation, Barbecue Bottom’s precipitous ravine and giant bromeliads are all part of the kaleidoscopic sights experienced on this trek through this wilderness.

The final stop on our expedition will be at Dornoch's Head, source of the Rio Bueno River and one of Jamaica's hidden places and beauty spots. Take a dip in the cool of the Dornoch's Blue Hole and experience that natural high. Who knows when you may pass this way again?

At the end of the Journey, the Cockpit Forest will still keep much to itself. Its secrets will remain - even of things which are common squawk amongst the Green and Yellow-billed Parrots flying overhead...

## Life is just for Living

The Cockpit Country Expedition provides naturalists and adventure seekers with a real encounter with the wild and some great 'Kodak Moments' .... so don't forget that camera!!

Cockpit Country - Moist tropical limestone forest with its extraordinary landscape of peaks, potholes and caves, and home to 27 of Jamaica's 28 endemic bird species

Bauxite Mining – Applications are now before the government for prospecting licenses in the Cockpit Country

### ITINERARY

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| 5:45 a.m.         | Meet at 32 Russell Hgts, Kingston 8 (Parking available) or pick up as requested   |
| 6:00 a.m.         | Payment, registration, briefing & departure for Albert Town – Trelawny  |
| 9:30 a.m.         | Arrive Albert Town – Rest Stop  |
| 9:45 a.m.         | Depart for Burnt Hill Road entrance to the Cockpit Country via St. Vincent.   |
| 10:00 a.m.        | Arrive Burnt Hill road – Brief presentation on the history ecology & Geology of the area's formation and vegetation of wet limestone Cockpit Forest. – Group will be escorted by the service vehicle. |
| <b>12:00 p.m.</b> | <b>LUNCH "Under the Rock"</b> - (Picnic Meal) — Carry your own food   |
| 1:00 p.m.         | Continue hike to Stonehenge <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photo-stop - Barbecue Bottom</li></ul>  |
| 1:30 p.m.         | Arrive at Stonehenge and board Transport for Dornoch's Head (Hidden Place) Via Clarks Town and Stewart Town, Sightseeing en route.  |
| 2:45 p.m.         | Arrive at the entrance to Dornoch's Head and begin hike to the Blue Hole  |
| 3:00 p.m.         | Arrive Dornoch's Head for swimming and relaxation   |

4:30 p.m. Exit the Dornoch's and board bus to Kingston  
 8:00 p.m. Arrive Kingston

WHAT TO CARRY	WHAT TO WEAR
(a) Sun (hat, shades and block)	(a) Hiking boots (recommended) - sturdy and roomy
(b) Rain gear and extra T-shirt	(b) Thick socks
(c) <b>Camera</b>	(c) Jeans pants and T-shirt
(d) <b>Swimwear</b> & Toiletries & Insect Repellent	
(e) <b>Water bottle</b>	
(f) Any prescribed medication	
(g) <b>LUNCH</b> & Travel Snacks	
(h) Pillow (optional)	

<b>Cover Cost: US\$75.00/person – (4-8 person rate)</b>	<b>R.O.E: J\$87:1US\$</b>
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Includes: \*Transportation, Guide Service, Insurance and Taxes

PAYMENT: Cash (US or JA), Credit Card (Visa/Master Card) and Debit Cards (Local)

**CONFIRMATION:**

- 🟡 Bookings are confirmed only by a 50% deposit **1 week** in advance of tour date
- 🟡 Final payment must be made before departure.

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**CANCELLATION POLICY**

All deposits or payments are fully refundable on cancellation prior to confirmation date. Any cancellations after the confirmation date will attract a fifty percent (50%) service charge on the deposit.

Any cancellation after the agreed on price and group size, will result in an increase in the per person cost for the tour as the price quoted is a Package Rate which is based on group size.

“No shows” – There will be absolutely no refund if clients fail to turn up on day of tour.

CONSERVATION POLICY: Take nothing but photographs and memories and leave nothing but foot prints “let’s protect the places we visit”