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EXPERIENCE THE CULTURALLY COLORFUL TRINIDAD & TOBAGO THIS FALL/WINTER TRAVEL SEASON

The dual-island nation welcomes visitors to explore and celebrate the unique festivals and budget-friendly deals up to 50 percent off

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad – September 6, 2016 – Featuring an eclectic schedule of festivals and events this fall/winter travel season, [Trinidad & Tobago](#) welcomes both seasoned and novice travelers to discover the southernmost Caribbean islands. With hotels on the dual-island nation offering steep discounts up to 50 percent off room rates and direct flights from gateway cities like Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, New York, Orlando and Houston, now is the time to plan travel to the culturally vibrant destination.

Cultural Celebrations and Festivals

Tobago Cycling Classic

September 28 – October 2, 2016

Since receiving its accreditation by the Geneva-based world governing body for cycling, Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI), in 2011, the Tobago International Cycling Classic has made an enduring mark by securing its place among the world's leading sporting events. The world ranked UCI-sanctioned Tour of Tobago features two days of mountain bike races, two days of kids' races and the fun-filled afternoon of festivities at the Classic Rum Punch Beach Picnic. A record-breaking 300 cyclists from 25 countries participated in last year's event. For more information on the Tobago International Cycling Classic, visit <http://www.trinbagowheelers.com/content/>.



Tobago Blue Food Festival

October 16, 2016

Tobago's distinctive 'blue food' cuisine is celebrated at the Blue Food Festival, a culinary showcase featuring dasheen, the Caribbean root vegetable that actually turns blue when cooked. Considered one of the most unique food expositions in the region, the annual festival brings together creative, indigenous chefs to share their knowledge, cooking secrets and tasty blue creations with this commonly-used local ingredient. Guests are treated to cooking demonstrations, competitions, samples of the chefs' creations and entertainment by popular local performers. For more information, visit <http://www.visittobago.gov.tt/>.



Diwali

November 3, 2016

In Trinidad & Tobago, where the population is approximately 40 percent Indian, Diwali—the Hindu Festival of lights—is celebrated by the young, old, rich and poor with colorful events and extravagant light displays. Marked as a national holiday in Trinidad & Tobago since 1966, Diwali celebrations in Trinidad begin nine days before the actual event. During those nine nights there are performances by East Indian cultural practitioners, a folk theatre, an exhibition of Hinduism, nightly worship of Mother Lakshmi (goddess of wealth), lighting of myriad deyas, and a food court of savory Indian and non-Indian vegetarian delicacies. The festival culminates with magnificent fireworks complemented by the thunder of bamboo cannons and the sparkle of “star-lights” in villages across the country. For more information, visit www.gotrinidadandtobago.com.

Airlift

Caribbean Airlines H.U.M. Campaign

Trinidad’s national carrier, Caribbean Airlines, has launched its “Happiest Ultimate Moments” (H.U.M.) campaign, designed to create ‘positive vibes’ and deliver added value to regional and international passengers traveling between June 1 and September 30, 2016. Through this promotion, passengers will be given the opportunity to enjoy special discounts at retail and entertainment merchants throughout Trinidad and other Caribbean destinations. A complimentary H.U.M. pass will be distributed to passengers at check-in. For more information on this and other Caribbean Airlines programs, visit <http://caribbean-airlines.com/Humdeals/>.

Conservation and Preservation

Tobago Water Colours Adaptation Project

The Cropper Foundation, based in Trinidad & Tobago, has implemented a program to combat climate change in Tobago’s popular, tourist-attracting Buccoo Reef. The program, named *Tobago Water Colours Adaptation Project*, will utilize underwater coral sculptures as a method to protect the island’s reefs. Renowned Trinidadian Carnival artist Peter Minshall, who designed the opening awards ceremonies for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics, is creating two Carnival-themed underwater sculptures for the program. A larger project is scheduled, in which Minshall will install a complete band of Carnival sculptures in Buccoo Reef.

Hotel Packages and Specials

Chancellor Hotel, Trinidad

Conveniently situated near the botanical gardens, the zoo and Queen’s Park Savannah, this 30-room property is extending a **25 percent discount** from November 15, 2016 - January 12, 2017. The specials rates start at **\$100 per night** plus tax for stays of three nights or more, based on double occupancy. For more information or to book, email lisa@thechancellorhotel.com or thechancellorpos@gmail.com.

Coblentz Inn, Trinidad

This 17-room boutique hotel is offering **20 percent off** regular rates through December 31, 2016. The discounted rates start at **\$105 per night** for double occupancy including taxes, continental breakfast and Wi-Fi; blackout dates do apply (December 22 – 28). Each room is culturally themed pertaining to Trinidad’s history and includes a fully-equipped kitchenette. Coblentz Inn is conveniently located in Port of Spain

offering guests a relaxing, secluded retreat while offering access to nightlife and activities. For more information, visit <http://www.coblentzinn.com/>.

Kapok Hotel, Trinidad

The 94-room Kapok Hotel is offering guests **50 percent off** rates starting at **\$115 per night** based on double occupancy, valid for travel from September 1 - November 30, 2016. Kapok Hotel is adjacent to the historic Queen's Park Savannah, home to Trinidad's famous Carnival and is close all major attractions. To book, visit www.kapokhotel.com or call (868) 622-5765 and use promo code FALLDEAL.

Castara Retreats, Tobago

A family-run eco-resort featuring 15 lodges, Castara Retreats sits on two acres of lush tropical garden overlooking the Bay of Castara and two sandy beaches. From now - December 20, 2016, guests can **save 10 percent** on stays of six nights or more in the Firefly Studio. The discounted rates start at **\$114 per night** and are inclusive of all taxes and a complimentary cocktail upon arrival at the pavilion restaurant overlooking Castara Bay, based on double occupancy. For more information, visit www.castararetreats.com.

Crown Point Hotel, Tobago

From now - November 30, 2016, guests can **save more than 20 percent** on stays in Apartment 213 at Crown Point Hotel. With rates starting at **\$100 per night**, apartment 213 is a one bedroom self-contained apartment on the compound of Crown Point Hotel. Guest amenities include use of the pool, Store Bay beach and access to the hotel's restaurant and bar. The apartment comes fully equipped with all linens, towels, utensils, Wi-Fi and cable TV, sleeping four people comfortably. For more information, or to book, visit <http://www.isreal.com//?s=apartment+213>.

Grafton Beach Resort and Le Grand Courlan Spa Resort, Tobago

Sister properties, the 106-room Grafton Beach and 79-room Le Grand Courlan are offering **55 percent off** for Gardenview rooms from September 30 - December 20, 2016 starting at **\$99 per night** and **\$135 per night** respectively, plus tax and service, based on double occupancy. Grafton Beach's offer includes return transfers to the airport and a complimentary dessert at Waves Restaurant & Bar with the purchase of a dinner for two. Le Grand's also includes return transfers to the airport and a complimentary appetizer at Waves Restaurant & Bar with the purchase of a dinner for two. These offers are only valid for direct bookings made by emailing reservations@graftontobago.com or calling (868) 639-0191 using the promo code GRWD for Grafton or emailing reservations@legrandtobago.com or calling (868) 639-9667 using the promo code LRWD for Le Grand Courlan.

Rovanel's Resort & Conference Centre, Tobago

Set on five acres of a coconut fringed park and just a few minutes from ANR International Airport and Tobago's most popular beaches, Rovanel's Resort is offering **40 percent off** for guests who stay from September 1 - December 31, 2016, starting at **\$99 per night** including daily breakfast for two, Wi-Fi and taxes, valid for double occupancy. Bookings are non-refundable and non-transferable, must be paid within 24 hours of booking and the offer is based on availability. To book, email reservations@rovanelresort.com or call 1-868-639-9666 using promo code R056.

The Palms Villa Resort, Tobago

Situated on nine acres of lush Tobago rainforest, The Palms Villa Resort features five family-friendly villas, each outfitted with its own pool. Conveniently located near the beach and premier diving spots, the resort has partnered with Undersea Tobago to offer discounts on dive packages. From September 1 - December

15, 2016, guests can **save 20 percent on a seven-night stay** at the Palms Villa Resort for up to **eight people for \$1,960** inclusive of tax. Undersea Tobago is offering guests **15 percent off dive packages**. Guests can save on an open water dive course with all materials included for \$408 per person and an advanced open water dive course for \$327 per person. Guests can also take advantage of a six-dive package including boat, tank and weights for \$225 per person. Those who aren't interested in diving can relax at the pool, explore the rainforest or indulge in their favorite Netflix shows in the open-air living room. For more information, email info@thepalmstobago.com or call (868) 635 1010.

Tobago Plantations, Tobago

From now - November 30, 2016, guests can **save 20 percent** on stays in Condo 29B on Tobago Plantations starting at **\$100 per night**. Condo 29B is a one bedroom studio penthouse located in the compound of Magdalena Grand Beach & Golf Resort. The studio is on the second level with a balcony overlooking the plantation and golf course. The condo is fully equipped with Wi-Fi, cable TV, linens and full kitchen and includes use of the pools. For more information, or to book, visit <http://www.islreal.com/?s=condo+29b>.

About Trinidad & Tobago

Home to the largest Carnival celebration in the Caribbean, Trinidad & Tobago is the southernmost Caribbean nation located seven miles east off the Venezuelan coast. Ranked the happiest nation in the Caribbean by the United Nations' [World Happiness Report](#), in 2013 and 2015, the destination's distinct and harmonious blend of cultures, eclectic cuisine and eco-adventure activities continue to attract travelers of all ages to its shores. Birthplace of the limbo and the world famous steelpan, the only-acoustic instrument invented in the 20th century, as well as a diverse mix of monthly [festivals and events](#), it's little wonder that Trinidad is known as the 'cultural capital of the Caribbean.' Sister island Tobago offers a quintessential Caribbean vibe with secluded beaches, quaint villages, private villas and award-winning environmental treasures. Tobago is home to the largest brain coral in the Western Hemisphere and the oldest protected reserve in the Western hemisphere, The Main Ridge Rainforest. Come explore Trinidad & Tobago - the true Caribbean. For more information on Trinidad & Tobago, visit www.goTrinidadandTobago.com or www.visittobago.gov.tt.

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