



DHTA Fact Sheet 27 July – 3 Aug 2007

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We try to have something which interests everyone! ☺

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The DHTA held its DHTA/Swinging Stars Dance at Springfield on 29 July 2007. It was an activity, which was supposed to have taken place as part of DHTA's Tourism Awareness Month of Activities in MAY 2007. However, due to circumstances beyond our control was unable to take place

The DHTA would like to thank all the members who assisted in one way or another for making the dance the success that it was.

Travel Mole

Safety warning issued after experts predict worse than average hurricane season

Health and safety experts are urging tour operators and agents to check hotel safety procedures before sending holidaymakers to destinations vulnerable to hurricanes.

According to experts at Check Safety First, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecasts that this year's hurricane season will be worse than average, with up to 17 named storms predicted compared to 11 in a typical season... [Full story](#)

The World Bank Caribbean News

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Caribbean Leaders Develop 20/20 Vision

June 26, 2007—Hip-hop and reggae music blaring out across the Potomac River, a succession of stars on stage (Shaggy, Jimmy Cliff, Wyclef Jean), hundreds of fans waving Haitian and Jamaican flags, political leaders unexpectedly letting their hair down (among them, U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Haitian President René Préval, and Jamaican Prime Minister Portia Simpson-Miller)...Read the full story [here](#)

CHA Weekly

Lessons learned from the ICC CWC 2007

A huge positive of hosting the ninth ICC Cricket World Cup will be the elimination of the current WICB financial deficit. Speaking following the 2nd meeting of the Board of Directors, held July 6 in Kingston, Jamaica, ICC CWC WI 2007 Inc Chairman, Kenneth Gordon, confirmed that the tournament profits will contribute heavily to securing the future of West Indies Cricket and in the provision of a direct return to host countries...
[more>](#)

Caribbean News Digital

Antigua & Barbuda Says Local Cruise Sector Ready for New Passport Regulations

The President of the Antigua & Barbuda Cruise Tourism Association (ABCTA), Nathan Dundas, has indicated that the country is ready for immigration changes in the cruise sector due to go into effect in 2008.

As of January 31, 2008, drastic changes will be put into effect for ...[Read more on this story](#)

Caribbean News Digital

Canadian Travel Agents Vote Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB) the Best in the World

More than 4,000 Canadian travel agents have voted the Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB) as the best of its kind across the world.

The findings were announced by Edith Baxter, editor-in-chief of the Canadian-based Baxter Travel Media, which presents the Agents Choice Awards to destinations and tourism entities for excellent

performance, as deemed in the Canadian travel market. Read More [here](#)

Hotelmarketing.com

Eight Steps to Hotel Reservation Sales Success

By Doug Kennedy

Although having an effective hotel reservations sales training program is one key ingredient of a sales development action plan, other essential components will ensure that your hotel is actualizing the full potential of each and every transient reservations inquiry.

Too often managers only implement... Read the [Full Story](#)

E-Turbo News

New Seven Wonders of the World unveiled

By Nelson Alcantara

Voters have picked the new Seven Wonders of the World. Mexico's Chichén Itzá, Brazil's Christ Redeemer, China's The Great Wall, Peru's Machu Picchu, Jordan's Petra, Italy's The Roman Colosseum and India's The Taj Mahal are the new Seven Wonders of the World, according to a recent global poll. Read the rest [here](#)

Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International.

Social Media, eCommerce, Leadership Focus of Hotel Sales Conference

Debut conference on hotel sales leadership to be held in conjunction with HSMAI's Affordable Meetings National®

A content-rich agenda focusing on innovations in sales leadership, e-commerce for sales and marketers, a "voice of the customer" panel discussion, and a special report on "Social Media and Travel" is planned for the first annual Hospitality Sales & Marketing Association International (HSMAI) Hotel Sales Strategy Conference in conjunction with HSMAI's Affordable Meetings® National trade show.

Where: Washington DC Convention Center

When: September 4, 2007, Noon-5:30 PM

Agenda Highlights: ...Find out more about the hotel sales conference [here](#)

NOTICES

➤ **[Caribbean Marketplace 2008](#)**

January 13-15, 2008 | Atlantis Paradise Island, Bahamas.
Early bird deadline: September 28, 2007.

➤ **Caribbean Small Hotels Retreat**

Sept. 26-28, 2007
Click [here](#) for more information.

➤ **30th Caribbean Tourism Conference -**

Click [here](#) for details and registration forms

➤ **Third Tourism Leadership Summit**

19th to 21st of September, 2007
Click [here](#) for more details on this

Links of Interest:

- [Dominican judge Brian Alleyne Knighted by Queen Elizabeth](#)
- [Nelly Starre on Youtube](#)
- [Atherton Martin on Whale Love Seminar on Youtube](#)
- [Sugar Plantation in St. Lucia Site of Boutique Hotel Opening in 2008](#)
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www.dhta.org