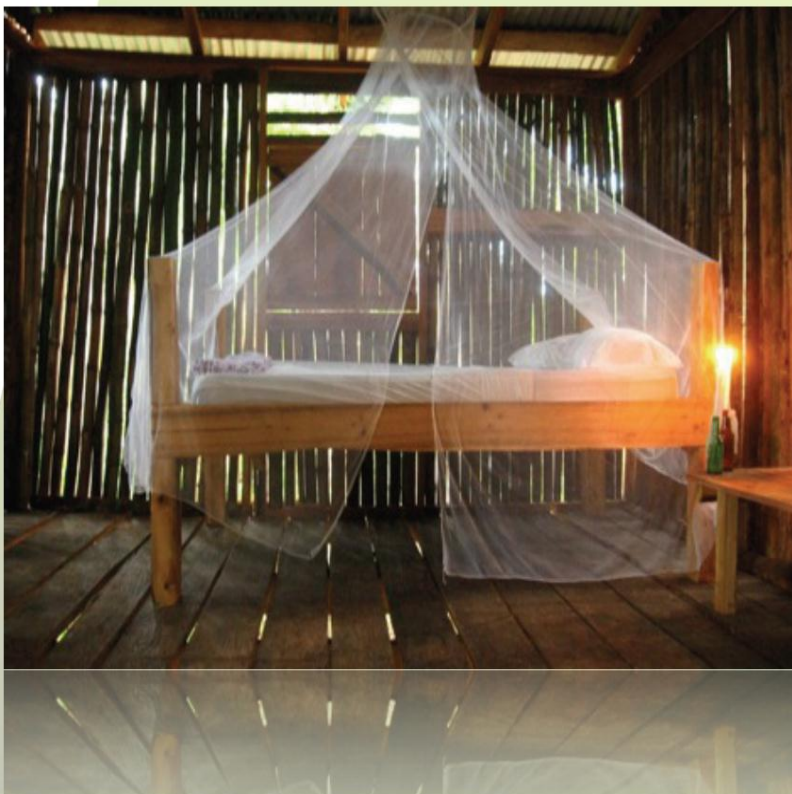


3 Rivers & Rosalie Forest Eco Lodge



3 Rivers & Rosalie Forest Eco Lodge in Dominica is a small lodge situated in the heart of Rosalie rainforest, surrounded by clean rivers and jungle trails, on the edge of the Morne Trois Pitons National Park World Heritage Site.

Their most fundamental aim is to live in harmony with, and have as little harmful impact on, those surroundings as possible.

In keeping with this goal, every aspect of the project has the environment & local community in mind. The ecolodge minimizes their consumption of all resources, using only renewable energy, composting all kitchen and garden waste, shopping locally, recycling and using biodegradable products, and offering a wide range of nature, adventure and community based activities for all.

All employees come from local villages, and are trained in sustainable living. The lodge showcases environmentally sound practices, hosting free school educational visits and giving guided tours and workshops, to all interested parties, explaining renewable energy, organic farming, and the sustainable lifestyle in general.

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Green Getaway cont.

Undiscovered Dominica



Although eco-tourism opportunities abound on the tiny island of Dominica (just 751 sq. kilometers in size), it could easily be called 'undiscovered'. It's a jewel that hides in plain sight in the Caribbean. With no wide, white sandy beaches to attract the jet-setters and no major international airport, Dominica has not been besieged by developers who want to exploit it as has happened with so many of the Caribbean Islands. Dominica is an unspoiled paradise where nature and man co-exist in harmony as the local population begins to awaken to an understanding of the importance of this eco-tourism and the parallel importance of protecting their precious resources. Come, visit, fall in love...

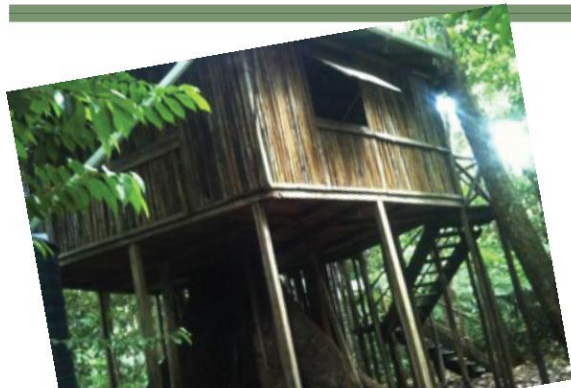


3 Rivers & Rosalie Forest eco Lodge also offers monthly community workshops in renewable energy around the island for the benefit of each community. The lodge has a range of unique community based activities, benefiting the visitor, the community and the lodge alike.

Guests have the opportunity to experience village life through half day programs, including spending time in the village primary school, helping on a coffee farm, or joining a local reggae band practice, among others. The eco Lodge is split into 2 areas. The first is the 3 Rivers eco lodge, which is the original property. It has the cottages, restaurant and bar, and is easily accessed by vehicle from the main road.



The lodge's natural eco cottages, set a short walk from the clean rivers, are fully equipped with kitchen, solar electricity, solar hot showers, and a range of other eco gismos to protect the surrounding environment. Close by are the restaurant and parking area.



The second location of this unusual eco lodge, is reached only after a steep, uphill, rocky, 15 minutes hike, deep into the heart of the Rosalie rainforest.

Here you will find the bamboo tree houses perched high up in the trees in the rainforest, camping and dormitory facilities. Nature surrounds you.

Guests also have the opportunity to spend a night in the local village with a host family. The eco lodge offers an interesting village home stay program.



The 3 Rivers & Rosalie Forest eco Lodge Restaurant and Bar overlook the river. Here you can enjoy fresh local food and drinks completing your eco vacation experience.

Besides showcasing the gorgeous natural setting and providing visitors with a completely eco-friendly vacation experience, 3 Rivers and Rosalie Forest eco Lodge is very involved in supporting community projects.

Computer mission Dominica, has seen the recycling and delivery of 100's of computers from schools in the UK to the classrooms in Dominica, empowering youngsters to develop the skills required for modern life.



They also run a scholarship fund for the local pre-school, and encourage all visitors to use spare luggage space for much needed small items for the village schools, through their partnership with www.packforapurpose.com

The eco lodge' latest project is its mobile Eco bus project, which will see the conversion of a bus into a mobile eco classroom, fitted with solar, wind, composting toilets, and using used veggie oil as fuel. The bus will provide free lessons to schools, and paid lessons to visitors to the island in order to be self sustaining.

Funding towards this project has come mainly from guests, including 2 guests who got engaged at the lodge and recently donated some of their wedding money to the project. More donations are welcome to help see this worthwhile project to fruition.



the rest of the story...

My name is Jem Winston, born & raised in south east England. I built, own and manage, 3 Rivers & Rosalie Forest Eco Lodge. I first discovered Dominica in 1990, during my nearly 6 years of backpacking, in my early 20's, and fell in love with the place instantly. That love has never faded, and I am proud now to also be a Dominican.

After my backpacking days were over, I returned to England to save to buy land in Dominica, to fulfil my dream of living in The Nature Island of The Caribbean. I drove a taxi for a little over 5 years, doing several other little jobs on the side, saving and saving. During this time my brother expressed an interest in joining the project, making it a real possibility. So it began, on an overgrown banana plantation, in a remote part, of a remote island in the Caribbean.

We moved to Dominica at the end of 2001, and work began on clearing the land, in preparation for building. By the end of that year, 3 Rivers Eco Lodge opened with one cottage, Rose, and a small restaurant / bar, as well as foundations for 4 more lodges and what is now the two storey Ocean View Cottage and Lime Apartment. *All of the infrastructure was set, and by the time our money was spent, sometime in 2003, we had 3 cottage accommodation to rent, and the restaurant / bar.* Then my brother left to pursue his teaching career and I stayed to run the Lodge. He became a silent partner.

In 2004, some of the forest behind 3 Rivers went up for sale. To prevent logging (which had begun), and for the feeling, the honour, and the responsibility of owning some real rainforest, I bought a piece of jungle, thus establishing Rosalie Forest Eco Lodge in harmony with the original 3 Rivers, providing bamboo tree houses and Carib Indian Thatch Cabins in the rainforest.

From the beginning, the idea was to create an ideal getaway, respecting the environment and working closely with the locals to create an ambience that is a mixture of cultures. Where people on any budget can enjoy the natural wonders of Dominica, whilst minimizing the environmental impact and aiding the sustainable development of the local community. The project is a mix of ideas from my traveling days, my own initiatives, and thoughts and ideas of our staff and visitors. Together with an excellent team of local workers, 3 Rivers & Rosalie Forest Eco Lodge is now receiving a steadily growing flow of guests and eco awards for our environmental work.

I hope that we meet soon and that you will enjoy 3 Rivers & Rosalie Forest Eco Lodge, and all the wondrous beauty that this incredible island has to offer.

Jem Winston

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