

JAMAICA



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HISTORY

Jamaica is the third largest island of the Caribbean Sea. It was inhabited by Arawak natives when it was first sighted by the second voyage of Christopher Columbus on 5th May 1494.

SPANISH RULE



The first Spanish settlement was founded in 1509 near St Ann's Bay and named Seville. In 1534, the settlers moved to a new healthier site, which they named "Villa de la Vega", which the English renamed Spanish town when they conquered the island in 1655.

BRITISH RULE

Spanish town has the oldest cathedral of the British colonies in the Caribbean.

The Spanish were forcibly evicted by the English at Ocho Ríos in St. Anna. In 1655, the English, led by Sir William Penn and general Robert Venables, took over the last Spanish fort in Jamaica.

LISTEN TO BOB

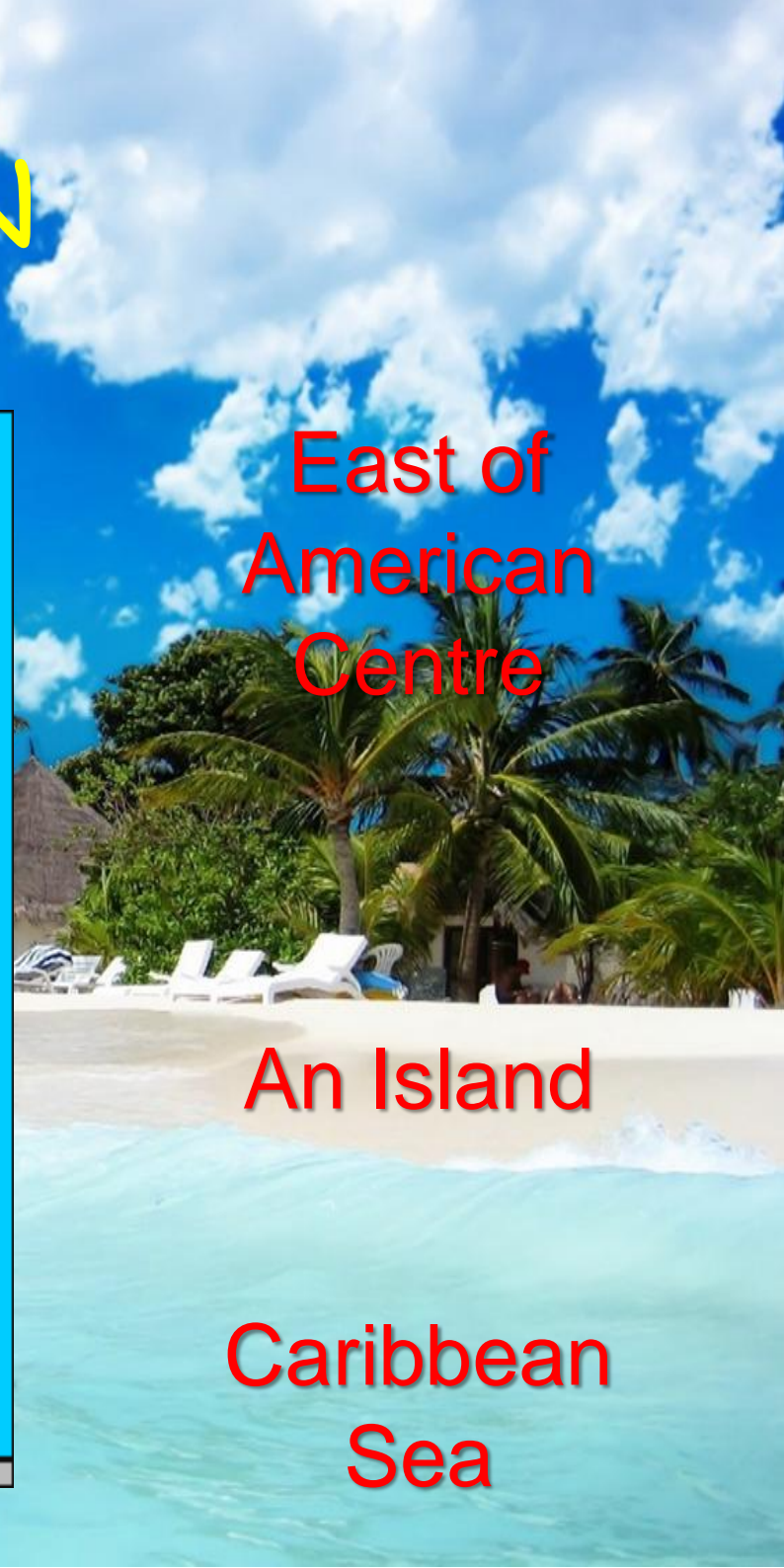
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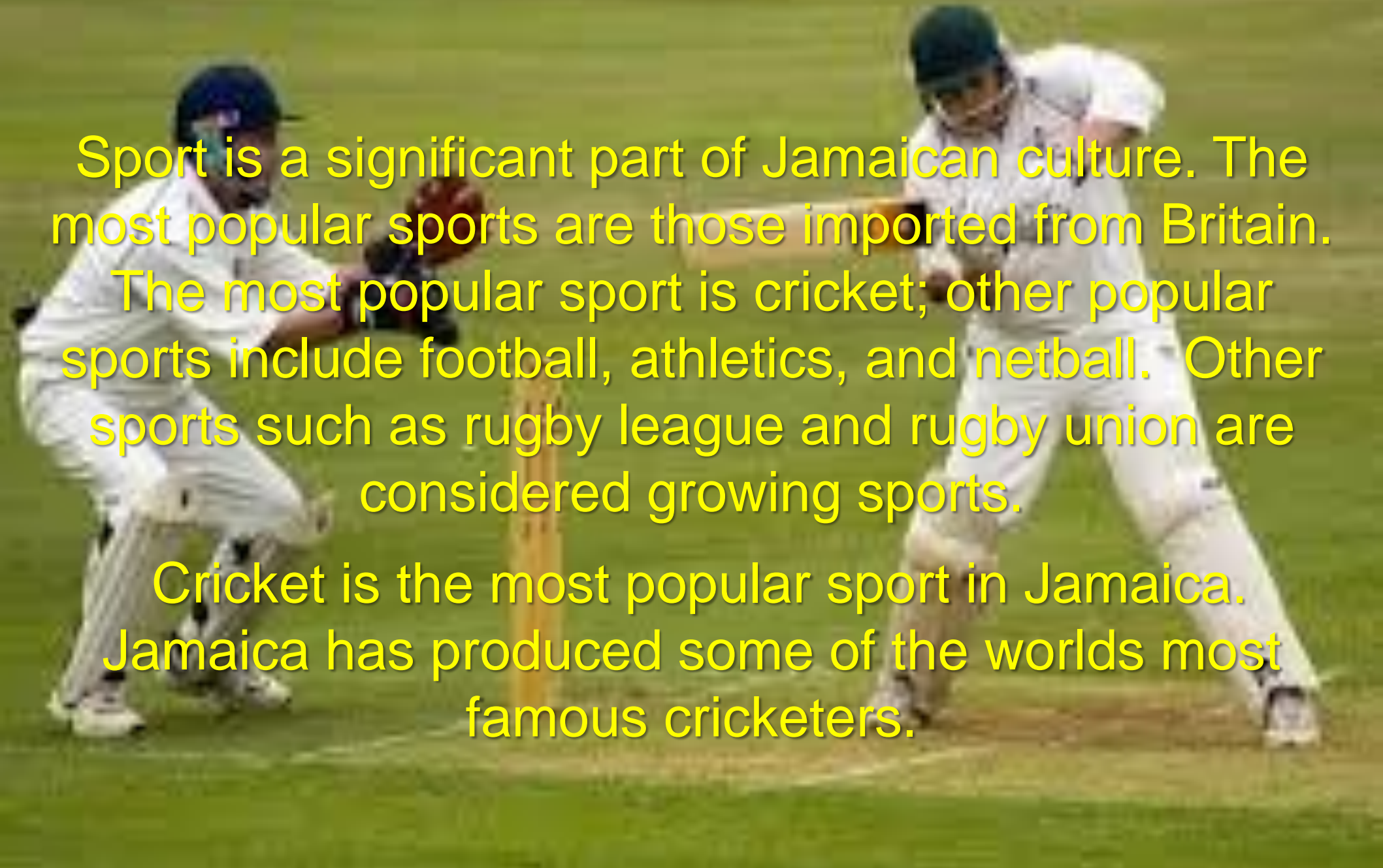


SPORTS IN JAMAICA

Sport is a significant part of Jamaican culture. The most popular sports are those imported from Britain.

The most popular sport is cricket; other popular sports include football, athletics, and netball. Other sports such as rugby league and rugby union are considered growing sports.

Cricket is the most popular sport in Jamaica. Jamaica has produced some of the worlds most famous cricketers.



A photograph of Usain Bolt, a Jamaican sprinter, celebrating a victory. He is wearing a yellow and green Jamaica national team jersey with a bib that says "London 2012 BOLT". He is pointing his right hand upwards and looking towards the sky with a determined expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

USAIN BOLT

Jamaica is one of the leading countries in sprinting with the current world record holder for 100m and 200m. Usain Bolt and the former 100m world record holder, Asafa Powell, both originating from the island.

WHAT TO DO IN JAMAICA

Known as the "**birthplace of reggae**", Jamaica has golden beaches, emerald mountains, turquoise seas, cascades, coral reefs, rainforests, rivers, and mineral springs. Nature lovers will find plenty of things to see and do, from hiking and birding in the jungle to horseback riding along the beach and diving colorful coral reefs. Jamaica is also renowned for its many historic plantations where visitors can sample tropical fruits and tour the grand great houses.

BOB MARLEY'S MUSEUM

The Bob Marley Museum is a museum in Kingston, the capital of Jamaica, dedicated to the reggae and the musician. The museum is Bob Marley's former place of residence.



FAMOUS PEOPLE

Bob Marley is the best Jamaican reggae singer. In Jamaica, there are also other very famous singers.

They are Peter Tosh, Jimmy, Cliff, Bunny Wailer, Black Uhuru, Gregory Isaacs and Inner Circle.

MUSIC IN JAMAICA



Probably the Jamaican most famous is the composer Bob Marley, who became internationally famous in popularising reggae music. This music genre originated in Jamaica in the 60s.

Typical Food in Jamaica

Fried Chicken



Jamaican Patty



Chicken Soup



Festivals in Jamaica

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Bob Marley's Birthday

6th February

(a celebration day)

Independence Day

6th August

(Parade)

Jamaican Carnival

8th April

(Dance contest)