

A nighttime photograph of a modern two-story villa. The villa features a large, curved swimming pool in the foreground with blue mosaic tiles. A second-story balcony with a white metal railing and warm interior lighting is visible. The ground floor has large glass doors and windows, some of which are open, revealing the interior. A large palm frond is in the upper left corner. The overall atmosphere is warm and inviting.

Mais Oui

A Villa Designed for Time Together

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Welcome to Mais Oui

Over the years, we have learned that people rarely remember vacations exactly the way they expect to.

They may forget parts of the itinerary or even some of the places they visited.

But certain moments matter long after the trip is over.

Conversations that lasted much longer than planned.

Laughing so hard at dinner that nobody wanted to leave the table.

The feeling of finally having nowhere urgent to be.

Realizing halfway through the trip that you had stopped thinking about outside pressures for the first time in a very long time.

That is the experience we have always hoped to create at Mais Oui.

Not simply a beautiful place to stay in Jamaica, but a place where people can settle in, slow down a little, and genuinely enjoy being together.

This guide is simply an honest look at what staying here feels like, how the experience works, and why so many guests leave feeling some version of the same thing:

"This was the vacation I never knew I needed."

Welcome to Mais Oui.

Sherry & Darrell





Why Guests Choose Mais Oui

Private. Fully staffed. Designed for time together.

Mais Oui is not a hotel and it is not a typical vacation rental.

It is a private, fully staffed villa in Jamaica designed for families and groups who want to spend meaningful time together without someone carrying the stress of planning, cooking, coordinating, or managing everything.

Here is what feels different:



1. One private property for your group only

No shared spaces, crowded pools, or strangers nearby.

2. A full staff included

Chef, butler/ head of house, housekeeping, grounds support, and concierge assistance before and during your stay.



3. Meals built around your group

No rushing to reservations or trying to satisfy everyone from a restaurant menu.



4. Space to be together without feeling crowded

Time together feels easier when everyone has room to gather, spread out, rest, and reconnect.

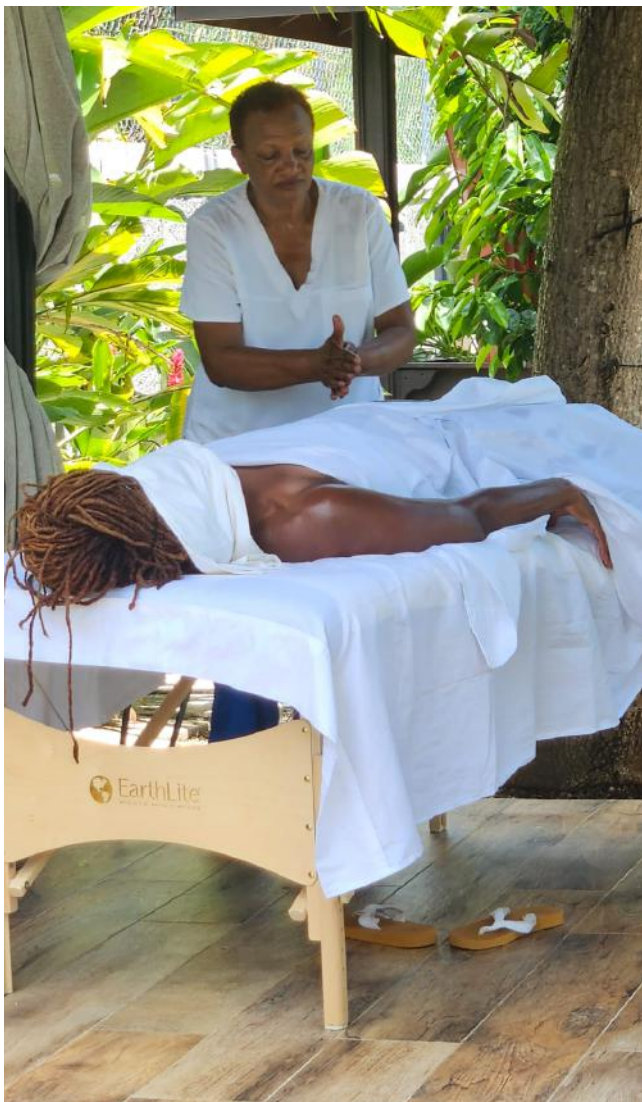


5. Help planning the experience before you arrive

Transportation, excursions, birthdays, anniversaries, massages, and special requests can all be arranged ahead of time.

For many guests, the difference is simple:

You spend less time managing the vacation and more time enjoying the people you came with.





The Hardest Part Is Often Getting Everyone Together in the First Place

At some point, almost every family says it:

“We should all take a trip together sometime.”

And usually, everyone means it.

But somehow the years move quickly.

Children grow up. Parents get older. Calendars fill. Lives move in different directions.

And before long, getting everyone together in the same place for more than a rushed holiday weekend starts to feel surprisingly difficult.

That reality has shaped many of the stays at Mais Oui over the years.

Families gathering for birthdays, anniversaries, retirement trips, graduations, family reunions, or sometimes no occasion at all beyond:

“Everyone was finally available at the same time.”

Families often assume there will always be another year to take the trip.

Sometimes life changes faster than expected.



Once people arrive, something begins to shift.

Nobody disappears into separate hotel floors at the end of the evening.

Nobody spends half the vacation coordinating reservations or logistics.

The group slowly settles into being together again.



Dinner slows down. Stories get repeated. Children drift between the pool and games. Someone unofficially adopts a favorite chair on the terrace.

And somewhere in the middle of all that, many guests realize the thing they had really been missing was not another vacation.

It was simply time together without everyone rushing in different directions.



What the Days Feel Like Here

There is no typical day at Mais Oui.

Some groups head out early for excursions and come back sunburned, laughing, and hungry by late afternoon.

Others arrive with long lists of things they want to do in Jamaica and end up leaving the property far less than they expected.

Not because there is nowhere to go, but because people get comfortable here surprisingly quickly.



The house wakes up gradually.

Someone is usually the first one up for coffee.

Others wander out slowly.

Breakfast stretches longer than planned.

By mid-morning, everyone has settled into their own version of the day.

Some guests head for the pool.

Others find a quiet place to read.



Kids move between games, swimming, and whatever new activity they have invented that afternoon.

Someone usually starts talking about whether the group should actually leave the villa today or not.

By evening, people naturally begin gathering again.

Some nights turn into long dinners around the table.



Others become movie nights, karaoke, games on the terrace, or simply conversations that continue much later than expected.

For groups who want something more elaborate, evenings can also include live music, steel band performances, or even fire shows arranged at the villa.

And before long, the group settles into the kind of rhythm that is hard to create in everyday life.





What We Take Off Your Plate

Planning a group vacation sounds exciting until someone realizes they are the one responsible for coordinating everything.

At Mais Oui, much of that responsibility shifts off your shoulders.



Instead of spending the week:

1. Trying to coordinate meals for a large group
wondering what everyone wants to eat, making reservations, or trying to please different tastes

2. Cooking, grocery shopping, or cleaning up
while everyone else is supposed to be relaxing



3. Managing logistics
transportation, timing, excursions, and all the moving parts that come with group travel

4. Keeping different ages and personalities happy helping grandparents, parents, teens, and kids all enjoy the same trip in their own way



5. Carrying the responsibility of “making sure everyone has a good time” which often falls to one person more than anyone wants to admit



We help make the planning feel easier before you arrive so that once you are here, you can actually enjoy the trip too.

Before arrival, we help guests think through transportation, meals, excursions, celebrations, grocery preferences, spa treatments, and special requests.

Some groups like to plan ahead. Others prefer flexibility.

Both approaches work here.

The goal is simple: to help the experience feel organized without making the trip feel overplanned.



Why Some Families Never Go Back to Resorts After This

Jamaica has some wonderful resorts.

For many travelers, they are exactly the right fit.

Many guests tell us some version of the same thing after staying at Mais Oui for the first time:

“We didn’t realize a vacation could feel this different.”

The difference is not necessarily about luxury.

It is about the experience itself.

At a resort, people naturally separate a little.

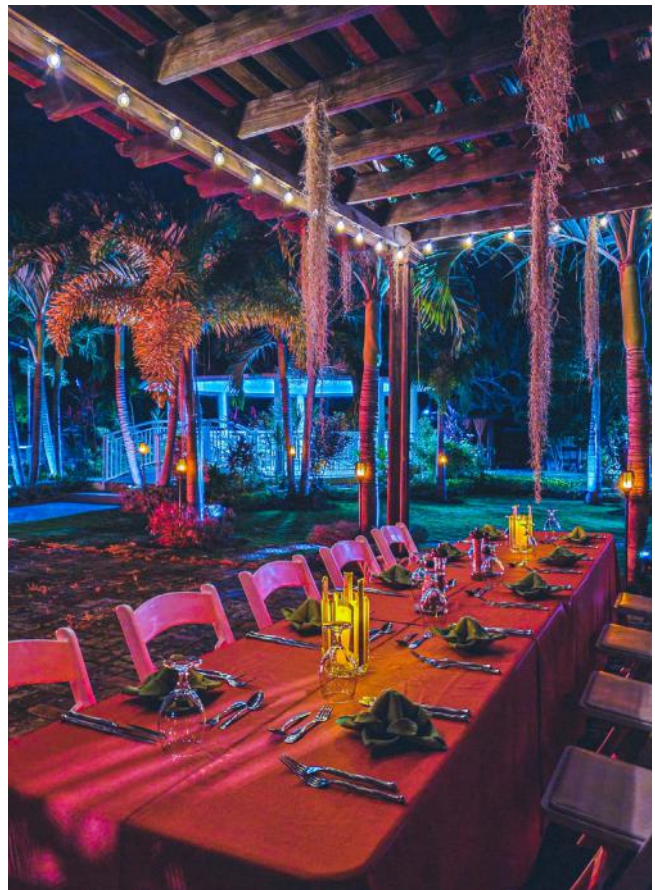
Everyone eventually heads back to different rooms, different floors, different schedules, and different activities.

At Mais Oui, things often unfold differently.

Meals happen around the group instead of around restaurant reservations.

Children stay nearby instead of disappearing across a large property.

Nobody has to coordinate where twelve people are meeting for dinner or whether there will be enough chairs together by the pool.



The trip begins to feel less fragmented.

People stop scattering in different directions quite so much.

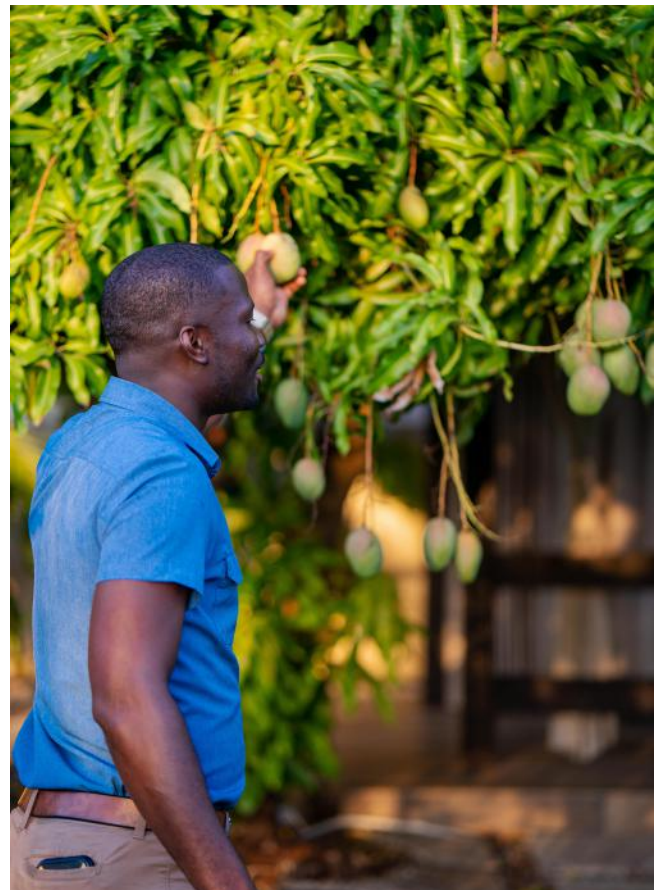
And because the villa is private to your group, the pace naturally adjusts around the people staying there rather than the other way around.

Some mornings become slow breakfasts that turn into conversations lasting half the day.

Other days move quickly because everyone is excited to head out on an excursion.

Both rhythms work here.

Over time, many guests realize they are spending less energy managing the vacation and more time actually enjoying it.





Who Usually Loves Mais Oui Most

We have noticed that certain types of groups connect with the experience at Mais Oui very quickly.

Multigenerational families are probably the most obvious.

Grandparents traveling with children and grandchildren. Adult siblings trying to get everyone together again. Families celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, or retirement milestones.

Some guests want activity. Others want rest. Some want to explore Jamaica every day. Others are happiest staying close to the pool.

The villa allows different kinds of vacations to happen at the same time.

We also host many groups of close friends.

People whose lives have become busy and full, and who rarely get this kind of uninterrupted time in the same place anymore.

At Mais Oui, they are able to settle into the same space for a few days without constantly coordinating where everyone should go next.

Retreat groups often connect deeply with the atmosphere here as well.

Not because the property feels formal or corporate, but because there is room for both togetherness and quiet at the same time.

People can gather when they want to gather. Disappear when they want privacy. And reconnect again later without effort.





That flexibility matters more than most people expect.

And while guests come from many different places and backgrounds, the people who often love Mais Oui most are usually looking for the same thing underneath it all:

Meaningful time together that feels natural instead of rushed.



Is Mais Oui the Right Fit for Your Group?

Mais Oui is a wonderful fit for groups who value:

- Meaningful time together without feeling rushed
- Privacy instead of crowded resort spaces
- Chef-prepared meals shaped around the group
- A trip where different generations or personalities can enjoy the experience in their own way
- Help coordinating logistics, activities, transportation, and celebrations
- A more relaxed, personalized experience of Jamaica

Mais Oui may not be the best fit for groups looking for:

- Large resort entertainment and nightlife every evening
- A heavily scheduled environment
- A trip where most of the time will be spent away from the property

The guests who seem to love Mais Oui most are usually looking for the same thing underneath it all:

Time together that feels easy.





Why the Experience Feels So Different

One of the biggest misconceptions about villa vacations is that people assume they work like large vacation rentals.

Beautiful house. Nice pool. Everyone takes care of themselves.

Mais Oui was never intended to feel that way.

From the beginning, we wanted the experience to feel less like renting a property and more like being genuinely hosted.



What many guests notice quickly is how easy the trip becomes once everyone arrives.

- Breakfast is already being prepared.
- The shared spaces are ready for the day.
- The pool has been cleaned.
- Pool towels are arranged.
- Transportation is confirmed.
- Kayaks and paddleboards are brought to the beach.
- Excursions, spa treatments, tennis lessons, birthday surprises, special dinners, and celebrations can all be coordinated with advance notice.

Everything begins to feel easier.

But what many guests do not immediately see is how much happens behind the scenes to create that feeling.



The day often begins long before guests wake up and continues long after dinner ends.

- Meals are planned and prepared.
- The house is cleaned and reset throughout the day.
- Laundry is done.
- Groceries are purchased.
- Excursions are coordinated.

- The grounds, pool, kitchens, and shared spaces are maintained.
- Plans for the next day are already being thought through.

It takes an entire team, long hours, and genuine care to create the rhythm of a Mais Oui stay.

Some team members are highly visible throughout the week.

Others work more behind the scenes.

But together, they shape the experience in ways guests often remember long after the trip is over.

And despite all of that support, the experience rarely feels overly formal or intrusive.

Someone is always available if needed.

- But there is also space.
- Space to relax.
- Space to reconnect.
- Space to feel like the villa belongs to your group.





At night, while guests linger over conversations, music, games, or one last drink together, the day is still moving forward behind the scenes.

- Beds are turned down.
- The house is secured for the evening.
- Plans for the next day begin taking shape.
- That consistency changes the feeling of the trip in ways many guests do not fully expect.
- The villa begins to feel easy. Relaxed. Thoughtfully taken care of.

What guests often remember most is not just the house itself, but the people who helped make the experience feel so effortless.



Spa Days at the Villa

Spa treatments are pre-arranged, with therapists coming directly to Mais Oui.

Many groups end up making a full afternoon of it, and for some guests, it becomes one of the unexpected highlights of the stay.



Why Discovery Bay Feels Different

When people first begin planning a trip to Jamaica, they often focus on the same few destinations.

Montego Bay. Negril. Ocho Rios.

Discovery Bay surprises people a little.

And honestly, that is part of its charm.

Mais Oui sits in a quieter residential area overlooking the Rio Bueno harbor, close enough to many of Jamaica's major attractions to explore easily, but removed enough to feel calm once you return at the end of the day.



For many guests, that balance ends up feeling exactly right.

Many guests had never heard of Discovery Bay before planning their trip.

By the end of their stay, many tell us they appreciated returning each evening to somewhere more relaxed and residential than Jamaica's busier resort areas.

The villa is close enough for day trips to waterfalls, rafting excursions, horseback riding, beaches, and many of the experiences people come to Jamaica hoping to enjoy.

But when the day is over, guests come back to something quieter and more personal.

Guests still enjoy the sea here, of course.

There is a small beach cove within walking distance of the villa, and guests also have access to Puerto Seco Beach Club nearby, which has become a favorite for many families staying at Mais Oui.





Discovery Bay is not for everyone.

Guests looking for nonstop nightlife or heavily commercialized resort areas may prefer a different part of the island.

But for families and groups looking for a more relaxed, residential, and connected experience of Jamaica, Discovery Bay often turns out to be exactly what they did not realize they were looking for.

How the Experience Actually Works

Many guests staying at Mais Oui are planning this kind of villa vacation for the first time.

What often surprises them is how manageable the process feels once planning begins.

The experience usually starts with a conversation about the group itself and what everyone hopes the trip will feel like.

In the weeks leading up to arrival, we spend time getting to know your group and what matters most for the stay.

How many people are traveling. What ages. Whether the trip will be active, restful, celebratory, or a little bit of everything.

Part of what we do is help the experience feel thoughtfully organized without making the trip itself feel overplanned.

Transportation can be arranged before arrival so guests are not trying to figure things out after a long travel day.

Menus and grocery preferences are discussed ahead of time so the villa is stocked for arrival.

Excursions, massages, birthday dinners, photographers, transportation, and special celebrations can all be coordinated before guests even step onto the property.

Once people arrive, the experience usually feels much simpler than they expected.

Meals are planned with the chef based on the group's preferences, schedule, and budget.

Some groups prefer elaborate dinners each evening.

Others want casual lunches by the pool and relaxed Jamaican breakfasts in the mornings.

Some guests want every day planned. Others prefer deciding things as they go.

Both approaches work here.

That flexibility is one of the advantages of a private villa experience.

Guests often tell us they appreciated having guidance available without feeling overmanaged or locked into a rigid schedule.

Mais Oui is rented to one group at a time.

You are not sharing the property, pool, amenities, or grounds with strangers.

That privacy changes the rhythm of the experience significantly, especially for families and groups traveling together.



Guest Reflections

Guests have described the experience at Mais Oui in many different ways:

"This was the vacation I never knew I needed."

"We spent more real time together here than we had in years."

"The staff felt like family by the end of the week."

"We thought we booked a villa. We didn't realize we were booking an experience."

Sometimes the best trips are not the busiest ones.

Sometimes they are simply the ones where everyone was finally together.



Thinking About Your Own Mais Oui Stay?

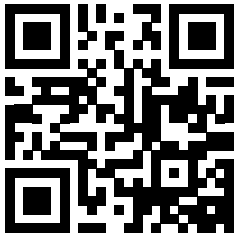
If you are considering a stay at Mais Oui, we would be happy to help you explore whether it feels like the right fit for your group.

Most stays begin with a conversation about the people traveling, what kind of experience you are hoping for, and what would make the trip memorable for everyone involved.

From there, we help the details come together gradually.

For many guests, the planning ends up feeling much easier than they expected.

Start the Conversation



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Planning Through a Travel Advisor?

Your travel advisor can coordinate directly with us throughout the planning process.



Frequently Asked Questions

Is Mais Oui shared with other guests?

No. Mais Oui is rented to one group at a time.

Is the villa staffed?

Yes. The villa includes a full team, including chef, butler/head of house, housekeeping, grounds support, and concierge assistance before and during your stay.

Do guests plan activities before arriving?

Usually yes. About a month before arrival, we begin helping guests shape the experience based on the group's interests, pace, and priorities.

Do we need to plan every day in advance?

Not at all. Some groups prefer detailed itineraries while others decide things gradually during the stay.

How far in advance should we book?

Many groups book at least a month or more in advance, especially for holidays, milestone celebrations, and larger family trips.

Popular dates such as Christmas, New Year's, Thanksgiving, and Easter tend to book much earlier.

That said, if your travel dates are coming up sooner, it is still worth reaching out.

What is the minimum stay?

Mais Oui has a 3-night minimum stay for most dates throughout the year.

For Christmas and New Year's, a one-week minimum stay is required.

Longer stays are always welcome and are often preferred by families and groups wanting time to both relax at the villa and explore Jamaica.

Is Mais Oui better for active trips or relaxed trips?

Both. Some groups spend most of the week exploring Jamaica. Others rarely leave the villa.

Is Mais Oui all-inclusive?

Mais Oui is fully staffed, including a private chef, but meals and groceries are customized separately based on the group's preferences.

Many guests actually prefer this approach because it allows far more flexibility throughout the week.

Some groups prefer more elaborate dinners and cocktails by the pool.

Others prefer lighter meals, Jamaican specialties, children's favorites, or relaxed lunches between excursions.

Menus are planned with the chef before and during the stay so the experience feels personal to the group rather than standardized.

For guests who prefer more structure, meal plans can also be arranged in advance.

Exploring Jamaica Beyond the Villa

Some guests spend most of the week at Mais Oui.

Others use the villa as a home base while exploring more of Jamaica along the way.

Some families want active days filled with excursions and adventure. Others prefer a slower pace with a few carefully chosen outings between pool days, beach time, spa treatments, and long dinners at the villa.

About a month before arrival, we begin helping guests think through what kinds of experiences would feel right for their group.

We realized guests wanted more than a list of activities.

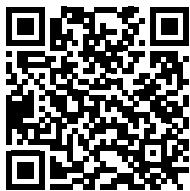
They wanted help understanding what experiences were worth their time and how to enjoy Jamaica without feeling overwhelmed by logistics.

That is where our planning support comes in.

Guests receive a detailed pre-trip planning guide to help make decisions easier. We also connect guests with a trusted van and driver service to help plan days that fit the pace, interests, and priorities of the group.

Whether it is airport transfers, excursions, beach days, spa treatments, restaurant recommendations, birthday celebrations, photographers, or even helping arrange a private yacht charter, we help make the logistics feel manageable so you can focus on enjoying the trip itself.

We have also created Jamaica travel resources online for guests who want more ideas, inspiration, and insider recommendations before arriving.



Explore Jamaica with Mais Oui

[Things to Do in Jamaica at Mais Oui Villa](#)

