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Welcome to Cocoa Cottage

This Cocoa Cottage Handbook contains information in alphabetical order about our guesthouse and its environment, intending to make your stay safe, comfortable and interesting.
For more detailed information please visit our website: cocoacottagedominica.com/guidebook/

1 Airport

The Douglas Charles Airport (DOM), locally known as Melville Hall Airport, is in the north-east of Dominica. It is about 80 minutes ride by car. Currently, all passenger flights arrive there.

There are Taxis at the airport (about 80-100 US$), or you can reserve a taxi by WhatsApp, see Taxi section.

2 Banks

Local currency: Eastern Caribbean Dollar (EC$), which is coupled to the US$ with a fixed exchange rate of 2.7 EC$ for 1 US$.

Banks with ATM in Roseau:

- National Bank of Dominica (sometimes has problems with international cards)
- Republic Bank of Trinidad

3 Check-in and Check-out

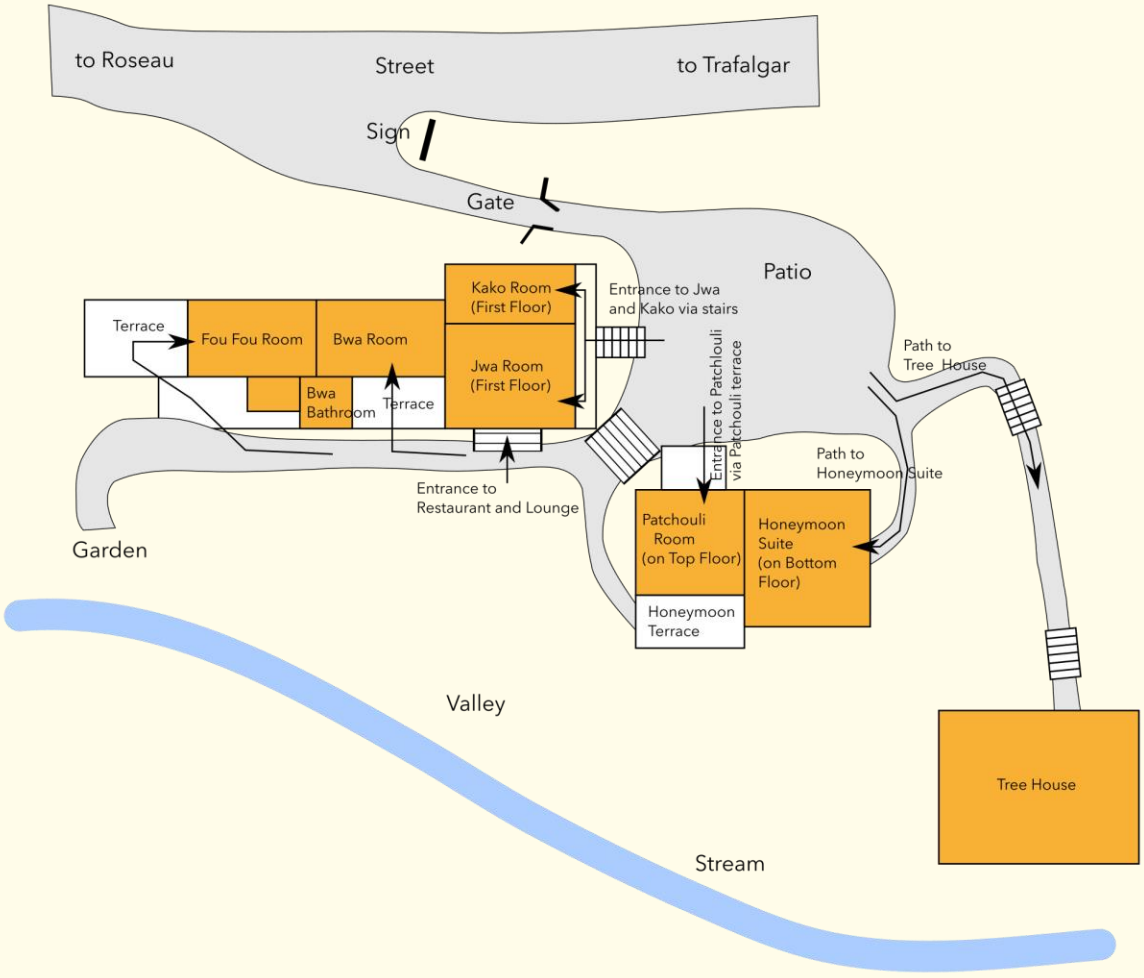
Check-in time:	3pm – 7:30pm
Check-out time:	11am

Please let us know well in advance if you arrive after 7:30pm. We will then supply you with instructions for self-check-in.

Early luggage drop-off is possible, please arrange details with our staff at +1 767 316-8746 (also WhatsApp).

The gate of the property is locked at night. We will supply you with a code if you have to check-in late. Your room key also has a gate key attached to it.

Rooms at Cocoa Cottage



4 Cocoa Cottage Environment and Safety

- There are steep slopes and elevated floors and porches with open railings at Cocoa Cottage. Beware of heights and watch small children!
- There are also uneven paths and steps. - Watch your step and proceed with caution!
- All our structures are built with wood - thus, it is strictly forbidden to use open flames in the rooms or public spaces. This includes mosquito coils, candles. Smoking is also not allowed at Cocoa Cottage.
- Birds, frogs, lizards, and insects are part of the rain forest environment at Cocoa Cottage.
- Rooms are designed for natural ventilation and are not soundproof. Please be considerate towards other guests – especially at bedtime.

5 Electrical Power

230 V, UK socket Type G

6 Ferry

For ferry service between Dominica and the neighboring islands please check the schedule and fares at https://www.express-des-iles.fr/

It is 15 minutes by car from the ferry to us. There are Taxis at the ferry (about 20-30 US$), or you can reserve a taxi by WhatsApp, see Taxi section.

7 Guided Tours

Here are our recommendations for guided tours (most numbers are also WhatsApp). For the Boiling Lake a guide is mandatory.

- Just Go Dominica (https://www.justgodominica.com/)
- Waitukubuli Tours (https://www.waitukubulitours.com/), also fishing tours
- Jason Nayan Bernard – especially Boiling Lake Tour (+1 767-295-8919)
- Elvis – especially Boiling Lake Tour (+1 767-225-1971)
- Geoffrey Charles (+1 767-285-7347)
- Nigel George – also Boiling Lake Tour (in Calibishie, +1 767-285-3179)
- Jahlie Laflouf – boiling lake tour (+1 767 285 4333)
- Bertrand Jno Baptiste (aka Dr. Birdy) – especially Bird Tour (+1 767-245-4768)
- Petra Charles – also native German tours – (https://petra-tours-dominica.com +1 767-285-5550)
- Adnan Laflouf – also full day taxi service (+1 767-277-8360)
- McClean St. Jean (aka Big Mama) – taxi rides or full day taxi service +1 767 225 9344, +1 767 616 5150

For diving, snorkeling, and whale watching we recommend to contact:

- Dive Dominica (https://divedominica.com/
- Nature Island Dive (https://natureislanddive.dm/)
- PH Whale Watch (https://whalewatchdominica.com)
- Waitukubuli Tours (https://www.waitukubulitours.com/), also fishing tours

For canyoning please contact our next-door neighbor:

- Extreme Dominica (https://www.extremedominica.com/)

For Kayaking Tours in Soufriere, please contact:

- Soufriere Outdoor Center (https://soc-dom.com/)

8 Hot Springs

- Ti Kwen Glo Cho (Wotten Waven, +1 767-285-9131)
- Bubble Beach Bar (Soufriere, +1 767-277-4733, simple hot pool at the beach)

9 Laundry

Currently, there is no laundry service at Cocoa Cottage. There are laundromats in Roseau:

- Island Wash**:** (+1 767-448-7865)
- Mr. Clean's Laundromat (+1 767-448-4885)
- Splash Out Laundry Services (+1 767-225-8542)

10 Meals

Please contact our staff for reservation one day in advance. Meals are prepared on request and availability of chef only. Costs of meals and alcoholic beverages are not included in the room rate. Rates are subject to change.
Dinner is served at 6pm, everyone eats at the same time family-style. Monday to Friday dinner is creole-style, Saturday and Sunday we serve a simpler dinner.
Breakfast starts at 8am.

Breakfast	17 US$
Dinner	28 US$ Monday to Friday, 16 US$ Saturday and Sunday
Juice	3 US$
Beer	3 US$
Wine	see our chalkboard

11 Outdoor Activities

Here is a list of recommended outdoor activities:

- Boeri Lake – 3 hour hike, medium difficulty, cloud forest, 25 min drive to trailhead
- Freshwater Lake – 1.5 hour hike, medium difficulty, cloud forest, 23 min drive to trailhead
- Middleham Falls – 3 hour hike, medium difficulty, rainforest, 15 min drive to trailhead
- Scotts Head – great ocean spot, 40 minutes drive
- Titou Gorge – swim-in canyon, 25 minutes drive
- Trafalgar Falls – easy stroll to platform, adventurous option: ‘hot waterfall’, 7 minutes drive
- Victoria Falls – 3 hour hike, 2h drive to trail head in Delices. Southern road is closed!
- Emerald Pool – easy stroll, 1 hour drive to visitor center
- Boiling Lake – 6-8 hours hike, extremely difficult, guide mandatory, 25 min drive to trailhead
- Ti Kwen Glo Cho – hot pools in beautiful garden, 10 minutes drive

For more details see https://cocoacottagedominica.com/category/all/nature/

12 Parking

There is street side parking on the public road only.
Please do not park in the entrance way to Cocoa Cottage.

13 Public Transport

For public transport watch out for vans with an “H” at the start of the license plate number. Stops of the different lines in Roseau can be found at https://www.avirtualdominica.com/project/getting-around/

14 Rental Cars

We recommend that you get a rental car. For rental cars we recommend to contact (most numbers are also WhatsApp):

- Courtesy Car Rental (https://dominicacarrentals.com/ +1 767 448-7763, +1 767 275-7763, +1 767 235-7763)
- Happy Car Rentals (https://www.happycardominica.com +1 767 276-4594)
- Mr. Eric Chambers (+1 767 617-0818)
- Road Runner Car Rental (+1 767 617-5337)
- Mr. Essa Laflouf (+1 767 265-8333)

You can arrange the pick-up and drop-off point with the rental car company.

15 Restaurants and Bars

Brunch'n Munch	Restaurant in Trafalgar (+1 767 617-5912)
Bubble Beach Spa	Bar in Soufriere (+1 767 277-4733)
Chez Wen	Restaurant in Scotts Head (+1 767 615-5452)
Fort Young Hotel	Restaurant and Hotel in Roseau (+1 767 448-5000)
Great Old House	Restaurant in Roseau (+1 767 440-7549)
Hi Rise	Restaurant and Bar in Roseau (+1 767 449-9830)
Ka Tai	Bar and Restaurant in Roseau (+1 767 448-0567)
Lacou	Restaurant in Roseau (+1 767 613-3017)
Le Petit Paradis	Restaurant in Wotten Waven (+1 767 276-2761, +1 767 448-5946)
Ocean's Edge	Restaurant South of Roseau at Dive Dominica (+1 767 616-7077)
Pride De La Dominique	Restaurant in Roseau (+1 767 616-0449)
The Realm	Restaurant complex in Roseau (+1 767 235-6669)
River Rock Cafe and Bar	Restaurant at Trafalgar Falls (+1 767 225-0815, +1 767 448-347)
Ruins Rock Café	Café and Bar in Roseau (+1 767 440-5483)
Starline Ital Kitchen	Vegetarian Restaurant in Roseau, until 5:30pm (+1 767 265-3683)
Ti Kwen Glo Cho	Restaurant and Hot Springs in Watten Waven (+1 767 285-9131)
Time 2 Eat @Shawford	Restaurant in walking distance (+1 767 285-0744)
Zèb Zépis	Restaurant in the middle of Dominica (+1 767 316-3005)

For more details see https://cocoacottagedominica.com/category/all/restaurants-and-bars/

Please reserve well in advance, especially for dinner. Restaurants will close if there are no guests. The only options for dinner on Sunday are either at Cocoa Cottage, or Time 2 Eat, or Ocean's Edge, or Fort Young Hotel.

16 Snorkeling

Recommended snorkeling spots are

- Scotts Head
- Bubble Beach in Soufriere
- Champagne Reef
- Toucari Bay

For more detail see https://cocoacottagedominica.com/category/all/nature/snorkeling/

17 Taxis

For taxi service from and to Cocoa Cottage, or full day taxi tours, we recommend to contact (most numbers are also WhatsApp):

- McClean St. Jean (aka Big Mama), also full day tours, +1 767 225 9344, +1 767 616 5150
- Adnan Laflouf, also full day tours, +1 767 277 8360, +1 767 276-0515
- Ryan Burton (especially for airport pick-up) +1 767 295 7705
- Black Cab Service +1 (767) 277-2463

18 Travel Guide

Paul Crask, Dominica

https://dominicatraveller.com/

https://www.bradtguides.com/destinations/north-america-caribbean/dominica/

19 Water

The tap water at Cocoa Cottage is suitable for drinking. Hot water at Cocoa Cottage is generated by electrical heating – please use environmentally responsibly. The shower heaters have a switch outside the shower.

20 Wifi and Internet

Network: cocoWiFi
Password: c0c02018

Network: cocoWiFiFLOW
Password: c0c02018FLOW

Emergeny Exit Plan

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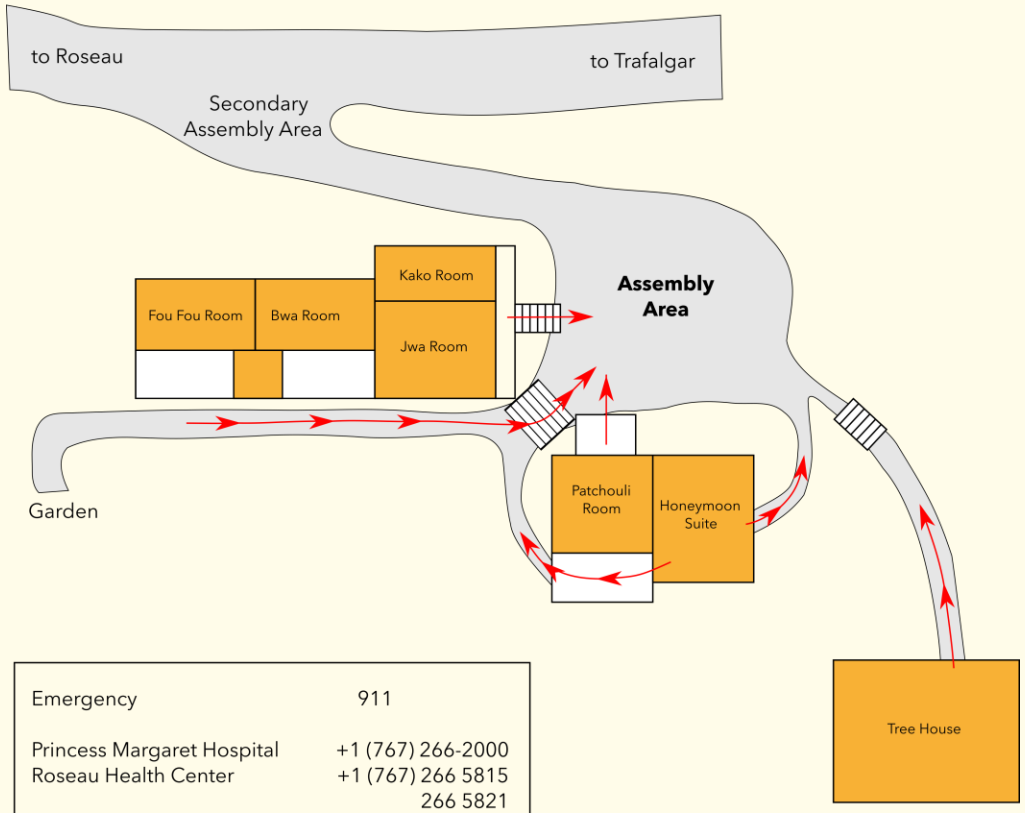

Emergency	911
Princess Margaret Hospital	+1 (767) 266-2000
Roseau Health Center	+1 (767) 266 5815 266 5821
Trafalgar Health Center	+1 (767) 266 4060 266 4067
Manager	+1 (767) 316-8746