In 1905, Dan Mitchell built a Jamaican palazzo for his love—mixing the mortar with seawater. When the walls went, so did Alice.

Old Dan was so smitten that not till his 60-room love nest was all furnished and gardened did he send for Alice.

The child bride arrived. As she stepped onto the patio facing the sea, crash, the story goes, a wall crumbled.

She burst into tears. He collapsed with a heart attack. And home Alice sailed, vowing never to return.

Thus, the legend of Folly. (And a lesson in cement-making.)

Jamaica is and always has been A Romantic Place.

We name spots Lover's Leap, and Virgin Valley and Cuckold's Point.

We paddle through a "Tunnel of Love" rafting the Rio Grande.

We have mountain inns with candlelit terraces, waterfalls, orchids and violins.

And restaurants with atmosphere that's thickly Italian (Terranova) or Chinese (House of Chen) or groovy (Eros).

You can lodge romantically. (In movie-set hotels like Miranda Hill.)

Swim romantically. (At Negril with *nobody* in sight and water the colors of opals.)

You can lavish a girl with carats (see jeweler Cooper).

Marry within 24 hours (apply Ministry of Home Affairs).

Or just fall in love. (Byron observed it: "What men call gallantry and gods adultery...is much more common where the climate's sultry.")

For more of schmaltzy Jamaica, see your travel agent or Jamaica Tourist Board in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, Toronto, Montreal.



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