

Liberatory Leadership Retreat Jamaica 2025



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Why Jamaica?

The strength of Jamaican culture is reflected in its profound impact on Black consciousness worldwide. From the revolutionary spirit of Rastafari to the conscious lyrics of Roots Reggae, Jamaica has birthed influential figures like Queen Nanny, Bob Marley, and Marcus Garvey—Black visionaries who have shaped movements of liberation and empowerment. In these stressful times, stepping away from daily demands and immersing in Jamaica's natural beauty and relaxed culture creates the ideal space for deep reflection, strategic thinking, and visionary planning. This retreat is designed to foster the Praxis retreat objectives and seeks to realign with the mission, strengthen collective strategy, and develop actionable plans for the future. Through intentional engagement with influential Jamaican grassroots leaders, Maroon community principles, and historical insights, participants will gain fresh perspectives, sharpen their focus, and return reinvigorated to lead with clarity and purpose.



CTWO Praxis Retreat Agenda:

Cost: \$2,500pp includes all meals, in-country transportation, activities, local guide, and accommodations.

The cost does not include flights, travelers' insurance, nor passport fees.

Day 1: Kingston

Group arrives to Kingston Norman Manley Airport (KIN)

Transportation to the hotel is provided

3pm check into the [Pegasus Hotel](#) located in New Kingston, an up-and-coming area in the city that has parks, restaurants, and cafes

7pm Group Dinner

Day 2: Kingston

8:00am Breakfast is included and provided at the hotel and/or villa each morning

9:00am Visit with JCADV (Jamaica Coalition Against Domestic Violence) the organization that helped establish the first confidential shelter for survivors of domestic violence. During this exchange the group will learn about the dynamics of gender-based violence in Jamaica and the ways organizers are advocating for change.

11:00am Visit to [Bob Marley's home and museum](#) with viewing of brief film about his life and contributions

12:30pm Lunch

2:30pm Visit to Marcus Garvey's Jamaican headquarters, [Liberty Hall](#) to learn about the efforts to restore this historic space and the community programs offered. Tour the *Marcus Garvey Museum*, which was the first digital museum in the Caribbean to learn more about this Jamaican National Hero and Pan African Liberator

5:00-8pm Praxis Retreat Agenda: Working Dinner

Day 3: Portland Parish, San San

9:00am Early 2-hour drive to Portland Parish to check into Norse Hill Estate

12:00pm Visit to [Winnifred Beach](#), the only public access beach in Portland Parish and one the community maintains and defends against development and government aggression. We will have a brief talk with members of the [Free Winnifred Beach Benevolent Society](#) and enjoy the beach and natural spring

5:00-8:00pm Return to the villa for Praxis Retreat Agenda

Day 4: Maroon Day

9:00 am Depart to "Nanny Town" aka [Moore Town](#) (UNESCO) and then 1:00pm visit to [Charles Town](#) Maroon Community to learn about and experience the African based Maroon culture, history and means for sustaining Black sovereignty and independence for over 150 years. Our visits include a traditional drum and dance lesson, museum visit, and conversations with community. A traditional Maroon lunch with the community provided.

Day 5: San San

8:30am-1:00pm Praxis Retreat Agenda

2:00pm Visit to [Boston Beach](#), known for its beautiful beaches and clear water and the Jerk Center next door where visitors can enjoy local street food

5:00-8:00pm Praxis Retreat Agenda

Day 6: San San

8:00am Drive to KIN airport to return to the U.S.

Who is Global Academics & Dr. Siri Brown (CEO and founder)



The mission of Global Academics is to provide the most in-depth cultural immersion tour-related services to fulfill your organization's objectives in adding Black World travel to your community work. The most unique aspect of our service is that we have years of experience in the countries and local communities you will visit. This depth of experience has resulted in relationships with internationally known Black artists, academics, intellectuals, and community leaders who you will meet, learn from, and enjoy during your time abroad with Global Academics. We specialize in pre-organized groups including organizations who plan annual meetings abroad, college classes with faculty-derived learning objectives, youth organizations who seek globalizing experiences, and more. Examples of groups we have led include taking African American medical doctors to Cuba to learn about healthcare practices, DEI groups who seek a global understanding about race and identity, and college classes that want to deepen their understanding of the African presence in Latin America.



Global Academics is owned and operated by Dr. Siri Brown, a long-time educator in the Bay Area. Dr. Siri Brown is a two-time Fulbright scholar for abroad projects in both Brazil (2012) and South Africa (2019). Dr. Brown has over 20 years of teaching experience as a tenured faculty member in African American Studies at Merritt College, and part-time in Ethnic Studies at UC Berkeley. She recently served as the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs & Student Support Services at Peralta Community College District and was the chair of the Ethnic Studies & Social Sciences department for over 10 years. Dr. Brown holds an M.A. in African American Studies and a Ph.D. in U.S. History with an emphasis in Early American, African American, and U.S. Women's History from The Ohio State University.

Dr. Brown has led students and organizations on cultural immersion tours for over 15 years. Her love for Black/African culture, expertise in history, and immense cultural competence has allowed her to create partnerships with scholars, artists, and community leaders across the globe, which ensures the development of personalized, educational tour itineraries that are also fun and enjoyable. Dr. Brown specializes in uniquely customized tours that align with your organization's objectives.

Dr. Brown's goal is to create "learning that lasts a lifetime," as she sees immersion travel as one of the most powerful ways to learn and connect with the richness of the Black world.

