Farm to Table: Developing and Enhancing Caribbean Culinary Tourism



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Strategic Priorities in Agrotourism



- Economic Recovery post COVID through improved trade linkages between the Agri-Food Sector and Tourism
- Creation of new rural tourism offerings that promote authenticity, food tourism, environmental stewardship, economic diversification and sustainable livelihoods for communities, with a focus on women, indigenous groups, youth and farm families
- Application of Digital technology and innovation, Promotion of Green Business

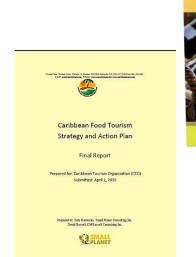
Policy and Institutional Framework

Promoted the strategic opportunity and urgency to better link the local farm to the hospitality sector



Legacy Assets
Chefs for Development
Platform





CTO Food

Tourism Strategy



Strengthening

Agritourism Potential in the Caribbean





Food Tourism And Farm to Table

"Food tourism is the act of traveling for a taste of place in order to get a sense of place. "...Food Tourism will be a critical pillar in the diversification of the industry as it seeks to rebound...Minister Bartlett, Ja"

Benefits of Farm to Table

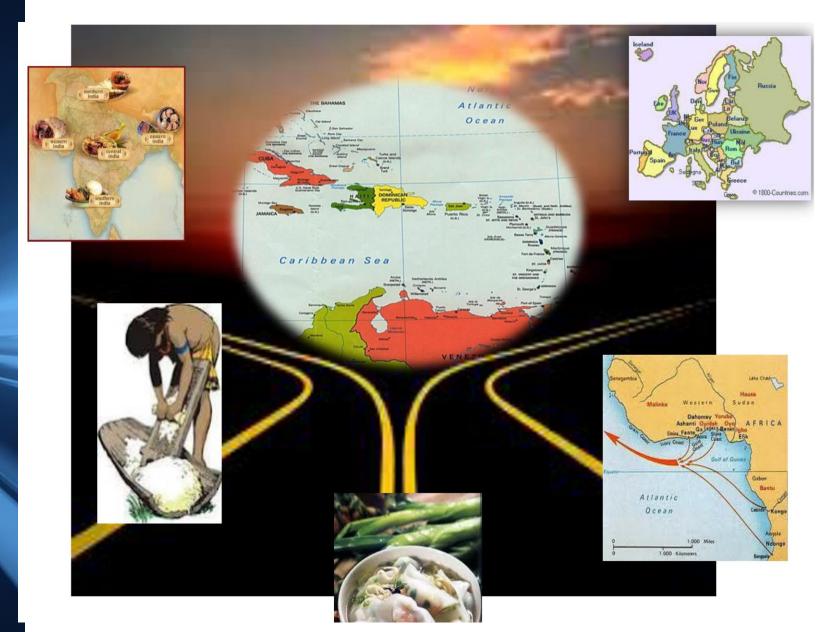
- Reduced travel emissions
- Food safety and quality assurance traceability
- Menu flexibility depending on seasons
- Links with community and local food culture
- Environmentally friendly (low carbon footprint, Bioeconomy Composting, Seed saving)





The Caribbean Culinary Offer "Melting Pot" The Ultimate Fusion Cuisine

The Story of our Food is the Story of our People





Farm to Table



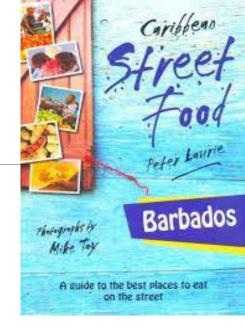
A Range of Options.....

- Home-cooked meals from Backyard Gardens Eat with a Local
- ***** Farm Visits and FarmStay Tourism
- Farm to Table & Forest to Table Restaurants
- Rotating Kitchens and Food Trucks
- Visits to Farmers Markets
- Food Festivals
- Rural Gastronomy
- Heritage Plantation Tours and Trails
 - Coffee, Cocoa, Rum, Banana















Conservation Cuisine "Eat Them to Beat Them"













Culinary Travel and COVID



- > Rebuilding TRUST and CONFIDENCE
- > Focus on Sustainability, Inclusivity and Community
- Renaissance of Traditional Recipes and Food Culture – indigenous people (Maroon, Carib, Garifuna, Mayan)
- > Locals an essential target market
- Minimize carbon footprint
- Clean and Safe Traceability, Wholesome, Nutritious



Bringing the Farm to the Table











BackYard Gardening and Tourism - Ja



Backyard gardening in communities around hotels has the potential to be a very successful venture, reaping financial gains from the tourism sector (March, 2021).









Clean and Safe – Good Hygiene, Food Safety and Insurance

Tools to maintain food safety from Farm to Table

- 1. GAPs & HACCP
- 2. Proper Packaging
- 3. Redundancies for human error
- 4. Clean Chain of Custody for Traceability

VizEat is insured with Lloyds of London, covering hosts and guests for up to £250,000 (e.g. against food poisoning or other problems)

Some Tools for Local Sourcing













Culinary Accreditations You May Want to Consider



United Nations ducational, Scientific and Cultural Organization



Panama, City of Gastronomy Designated UNESCO Creative in 2017

- Culinary Capitals WFTA -Culinary Culture, Culinary Strategy, Culinary Promotion and Culinary Community
- UNESCO Creative Cities of Gastronomy
- ➤ FIBEGA premier international gastronomy tourism fair – Ja finalist in FIBEGA awards
- > Destination Readiness Index



Key Success Factors

MUST BE UNDERPINNED BY INNOVATION IN FOOD CULTURE

- ✓ Commitment of hotels and foodservice to source locally and trust between farming community and tourism sector
- ✓ Solid Agrotourism and Food Tourism Policy and Strategy Whole of Society, Multi-Sectoral Approach
- ✓ Compliance with international SPS measures to ensure Food Safety and Quality
- ✓ Intellectual Property Protection for what is Uniquely OURS