

"All the economic indicators reveal that the tourism sector is growing in Haïti. Tourism positions itself as one of the leading sectors of the Haïtian economy. Today, the decision to invest in tourism in Haïti is strategic."

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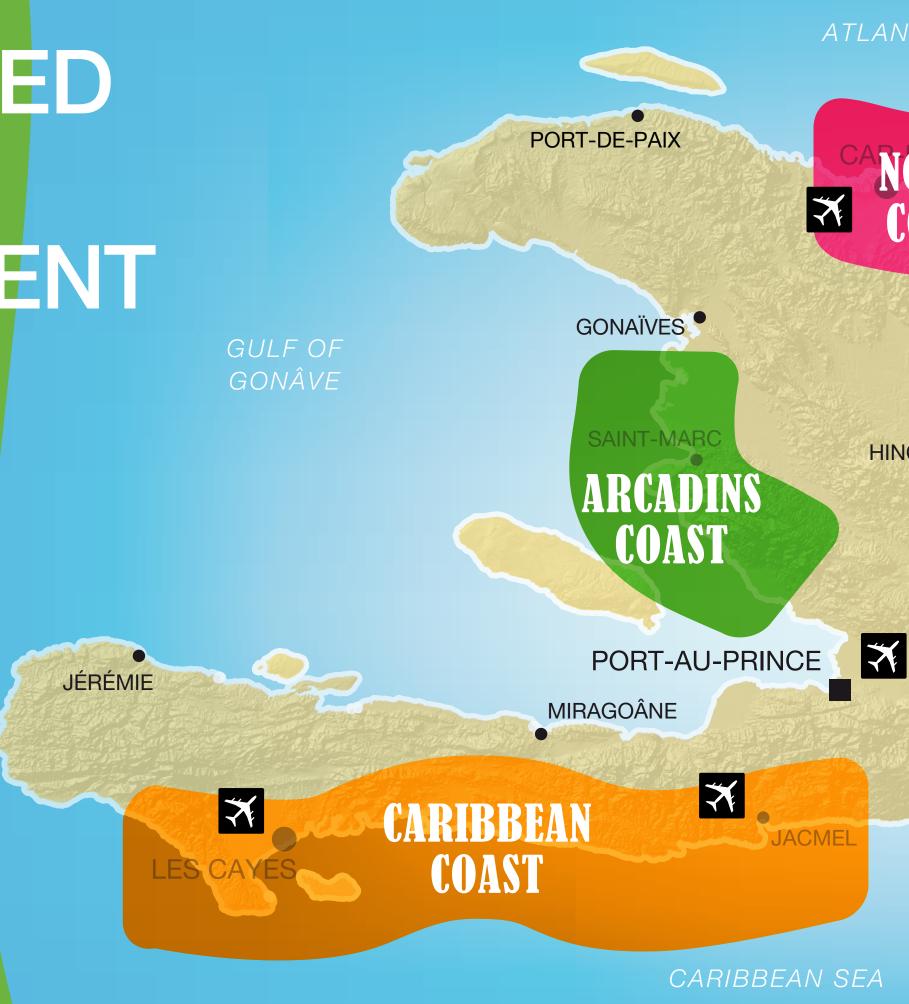
OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION

- Existing tourism clusters: Short-term operation
- Creation of new Integrated Tourism Development Regions (ITDR) in 2014

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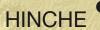
INTERGRATED TOURISM DEVELOPMENT REGIONS (ITDR)

- North Coast
- Arcadins Coast
- Caribbean Coast



ATLANTIC OCEAN







NORTH COAST







NORTH COAST **CURRENT CAPACITY**

350 rooms

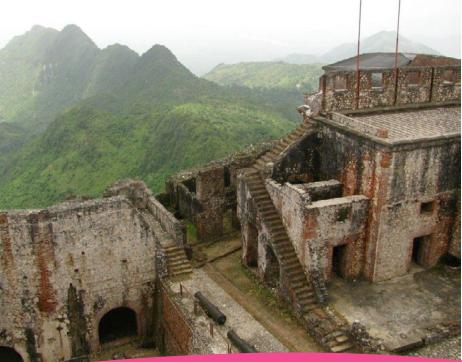
 Hôtel Mont-Joli, Auberge du Picolet, Hôtel Cormier, Hôtel du Roi Christophe



NORTH COAST MAIN ATTRACTIONS

Northern Region history & heritage

 Citadelle, National History Park, communities of Milot and Vertieres, historic downtown district of Cap-Haïtien.





NORTH COAST MAIN ATTRACTIONS

Agrotourism and craft

 Cacao, nuts, sugar cane, guildives, orange fields (for Grand-Marnier and Cointreau liquors), etc.

NORTH COAST TOURISM ROUTE

National History Park

Cap-Haïtien

Labadee



NORTH COAST LABADEE CRUISE PORT

• Over 600,000 cruise ship visitors a year



CAP-HAÏTIEN PORT AND AIRPORT

 Construction of a ferry wharf/tender dock at Cap-Haïtien's Marina and a new international airport in February 2013

NORTH COAST HISTORIC CENTER OF CAP-HAÏTEN

Downtown
 district

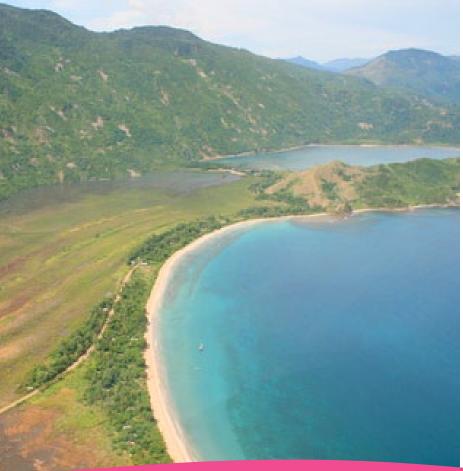






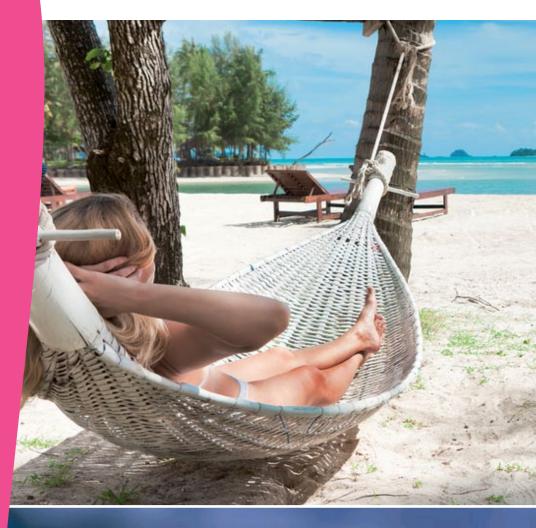
NORTH COAST CHOUCHOU BAY

New tourism destination 2014:
 1,5 kilometer (1 mile) bay



NORTH COAST CHOUCHOU BAY

 Potential planning and projections: Up to 1,000
 rooms and a new
 international airport
 in Cap-Haïtien in
 February 2013



Chouchou Bay

 60 km (37 miles)

Cap-Haïtien International Airport



ARCADINS COAST CURRENT CAPACITY

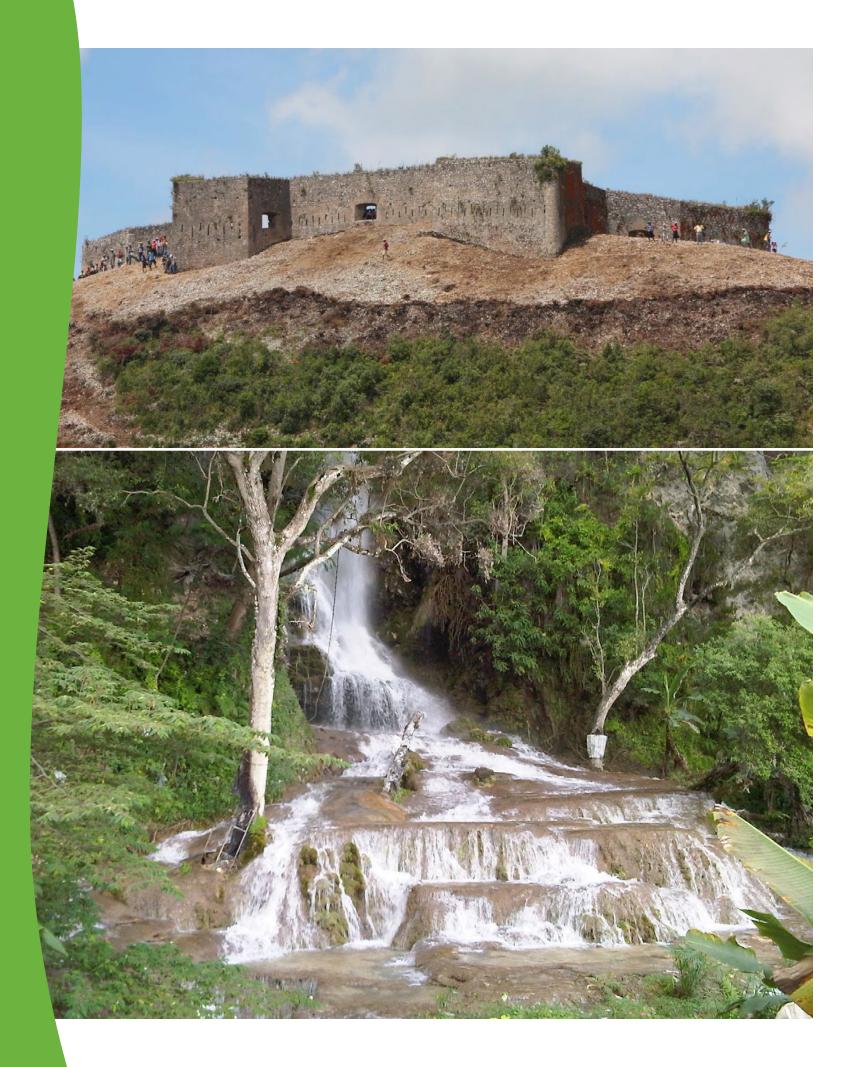
550 rooms



ARCADINS COAST MAIN ATTRACTIONS

The region's history and heritage

 Drouet Fortification, natural sites such as waterfalls at Saut-d'Eau and locality of Marchand-Dessalines





ARCADINS COAST MAIN ATTRACTIONS

The region's history and heritage

• Ogier-Fombrun Historic Museum in Moulin Sur Mer



ARCADINS COAST **SANDY BEACHES**

 Pristine beaches and nautical activities, only 80 kilometers (50 miles) from the Port-au-Prince Airport

infrastructures already committed

150M US\$ in private investments in hotel



ARCADINS COAST **CONNECTED WITH THE MOUNTAINOUS HINTERLAND**

• Forêt des pins, Belot, Furcy, Vallue, Seguin, etc.

100 rooms available in the region





CARIBBEAN COAST

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CARIBBEAN COAST **CURRENT CAPACITY**

850 rooms

 550 in Jacmel and 300 in Les Cayes, Île-à-Vache, Port-Salut, Camp-Perrin, Aquin, etc.



Jacmel, the cultural and artistic town

Historic center, port/marina and artisan district



City of Jacmel

Du Commerce and Ste-Ann streets and The Bolivar boulevard



City of Jacmel

• Village Port Jacmel project



City of Jacmel

Moulin Price, Jacmel Carnival, Bassin Bleu, beaches, etc.



Hotels and accomodations

 Existing hotel infrastructures in Jacmel, Les Cayes, Île-à-Vache, Port-Salut, Camp-Perrin, Aquin, etc.





Southern region

 Natural sites such as Pic Macaya Mountains, waterfalls at Saut-Mathurine, spectacular caverns and beaches



26 kilometers of virgin beaches

CARIBBEAN COAST CÔTES-DE-FER

 New tourism destination 2014: White sand beaches stretching along the coast

Potential of 2,000 rooms, 45 minutes from the future Les Cayes international airport

CARIBBEAN COAST CÔTES-DE-FER

Baie de Losandieux, new tourism destination 2014:
 10 kilometers (6 miles) of white sand beaches

DE-FER tination 2014

CARIBBEAN COAST ÎLE-Â-VACHE

 Île-à-Vache, tourism destination 2014: Sandy
 beaches and
 nautical activites



COAST **PORT-SALUT**

 New tourism destination 2013: 30 acres real estate project





CARIBBEAN COAST **OTHER ATTRACTIONS**

Agrotourism and ecotourism

 Vetiver, Cayes Botanical Garden, Pic Macaya National Park, etc.





SHORT TERM GOVERNMENT ACTION PLAN FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

- Extension of the runway of the Jacmel and Cayes airports and opening of these facilities to international traffic
- Rehabilitation of the Toussaint Louverture International Airport terminal in Port-au-Prince

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- Reconfiguration of the Cap-Haïtien port and marina into a tender dock
- Support of the private sector improvements to existing hospitality and conventions facilities
- Construction of new hospitality training centers/ schools for each tourism development Region



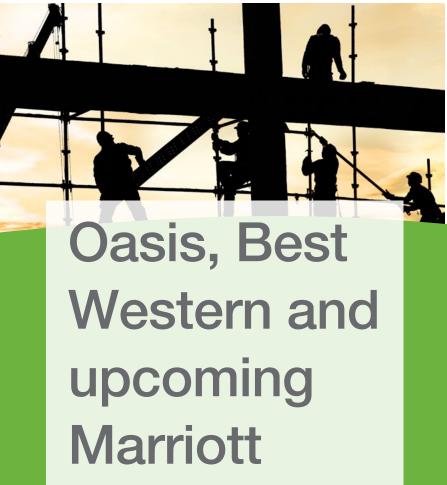
- Working with travel agencies specializing in the Diaspora Market
- Establishment of Integrated Tourism **Development Regions (ITDR)**

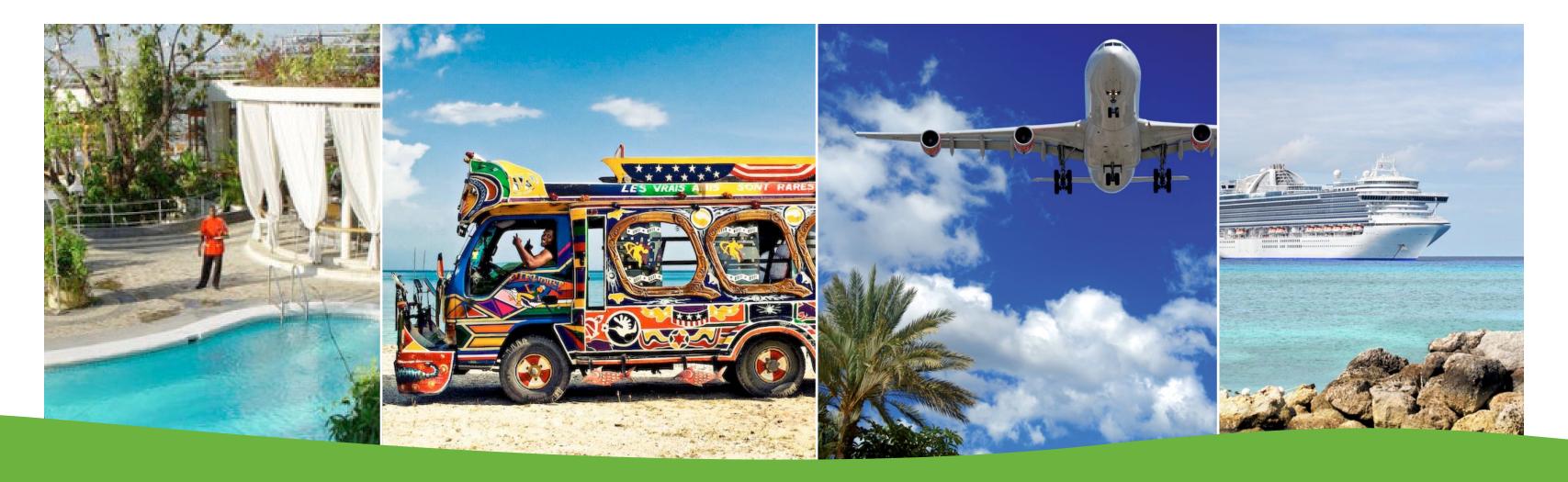


FUTURE PERSPECTIVES OF TOURISM IN HAÏTI

• Hotel infrastructures

- Growth in business tourism
- 2012/2013: 1,250 new rooms
- Investments: approximately 150 M US\$
- 8,000 direct and indirect jobs created





• Transportation

- 3 new touristic ground transportation companies
- Investments: approximately 4 M US\$
- 80 direct and indirect jobs created



GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE GOVERNMENT TOURISM STRATEGY

 Supports and facilitates the development of the tourism industry



A competitive Investment Code:

- **Total exoneration from income taxes** for a period which shall not exceed 15 consecutive years, then gradual tax for five years;
- **Exoneration from local taxes** except the fixed professional • tax for a period which shall not exceed 15 years;
- Accelerated depreciation;
- Fiscal and duties exoneration on the import of equipment goods and materials;
- **Exemption from licensing** of foreign expatriate employees;
- **Possibility of building infrastructures** that are insufficient or inexistent;
- Other incentives.



- Promoting public and private sector partnerships in hospitality and infrastructure projects
- An active National Tourism Development Council
- Based on sustainable development indicators with respect of cultural integrity, protection of the environment, durability of the products, involvement of regional communities in activity programs (attractions)



GOVERNMENT GOALS IN TERMS OF SHORT- AND MEDIUM-TERM ECONOMIC IMPACTS

- More than 3,500 new hotel rooms
- More than 500 M US\$ invested for private-sector hotel/ **convention construction projects**
- More than 400 M US\$ spent in the Haïtian economy

I WELCOME YOUR INVESTMENT IN HAÏTI THANK YOU!

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