



Easton's Nook

Writing Retreats in JAMAICA

June 2 - June 8, 2025
July 27 - August 2, 2025

- ✓ Protected writing time
- ✓ Topical and disciplinary networking and affinity groups
- ✓ Professional development workshops+

<https://eastonsnook.com/workshops/>











EASTON'S NOOK WRITING RETREAT-- JAMAICA

Easton's Nook invites writers and academics in the humanities, arts, social sciences, and STEM disciplines to join us for a 6-night, 7-day writing retreat in Negril, Jamaica. Participants will write on-site in a beautiful and idyllic seaside environment.

What do costs cover and what will you experience during the writing retreat?

Airfare is NOT included in the cost of the retreat. The cost of the retreat covers the following:

	Protected Writing Time: 30 + hours of protected writing time.
	Topical and Disciplinary Affinity Groups: Build professional networks and explore ideas with scholars pursuing scholarship in your areas of interest.
	Professional Development Workshops: Explore questions about pathways to writing productivity, success, and leadership in the academy.
	Group Morning Wellness Activities
	Ground transportation from airport in Jamaica to writing site, and from writing site to airport for return to the US.
	Private cottage with bathroom
	All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
	Professional development and writing consultation

Professional Development Workshop Leaders:



Dr. Jacqueline Mattis is a clinical psychologist, scholar, and seasoned academic administrator. Her scholarship addresses spirituality, love, and positive psychology among urban residing people. She has three decades of experience as a researcher, author, journal reviewer, editorial board member, academic administrator, and leader of intensive writing boot camps and workshops for academics. She has mentored and coached countless scholars through articles, grants, and career advancement. Dr. Mattis is currently the Dean of Rutgers University Newark - College of Arts and Sciences. Jacquie connects to the strengths of each person she meets and inspires them to live to their fullest potential.



Nadine Mattis Knox brings her experiences from 3 decades on Wall Street and nearly a decade running and hosting guests at Easton's Nook, NJ. On Wall Street she was a licensed stockbroker/Director of Operations and licensed securities law representative. Nadine manages Easton's Nook's daily operations and serves as executive chef, preparing cuisine to feed the soul. Her hospitality and cuisine embody the "Nook Experience" and serve as her ministry to scholars and artists. Nadine uses Caribbean-inspired fusion cuisine to elevate the palate, lift the spirits, and inspire the soul. In addition to the culinary magic that she creates, Nadine is an artist.

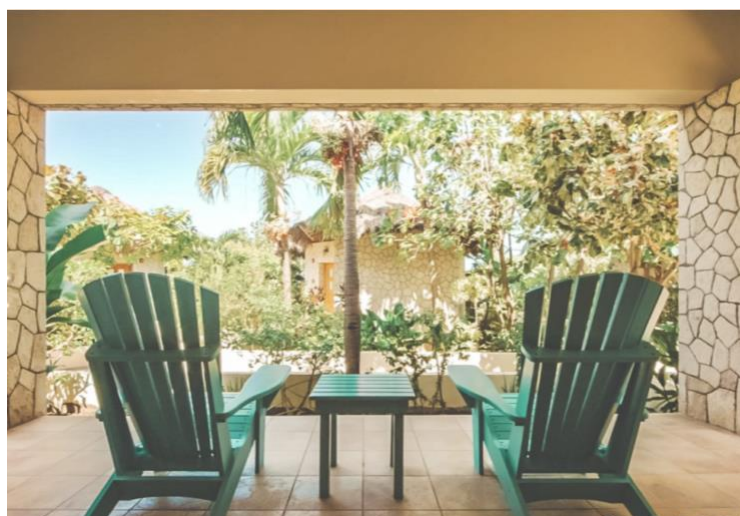


Dr. Deanna Cooke is a community psychologist with a passion for integrating social purpose into scholarship and teaching. Her work includes community-university collaborations, community-based research, and global learning. She thrives in creating meaningful travel experiences that encourage travelers to connect with local people and culture in ways that expand each other's worldviews. Her publications focus on racial identity, community research, and justice. For 10 years Dr. Cooke has been on faculty and served as the Director of Engaged Learning in Liberal Arts at Loyola Marymount University. She challenges individuals to see things from new vantage points and open themselves and their scholarship to new possibilities.

What are the Cottages/Accommodations Like?

Our writing site has 17 private cottages and multiple private and communal spaces where you can write. Three types of cottages are available: garden cottages, rooftop cottages, and seaside cottages. Go to the Easton's Nook RESERVATIONS page to select your cottage.

Garden Cottages (actual view)



Garden Cottages are located on the ground level with a private patio offering endless views of different species of tropical flora & fauna. These suites feature a king-sized bed, a large private bathroom, and view of the lush tropical vegetation.

Rooftop Cottages (actual view)



Rooftop Cottages are located on the second level offering ample space and a private covered balcony. These suites feature a king-sided bed, a large private bathroom, and expansive views of the Caribbean Sea or gardens.

Seaside Cottages (actual view)



Seaside Cottages offer a king-sized bed, full ocean views overlooking an ocean-fed pool and the Caribbean Sea. These cottages have a private open-air balcony, and a large private bathroom.

How many spots are available? Space is limited. Only 17 spots are available for each retreat.

What is the full cost of the Writing Retreat?

- Garden Cottages (garden view, 1 Queen bed) 5 available **\$4050** per person, single occupancy
- Rooftop Cottage (ocean view, 1 King bed) 5 available **\$4350** per person, single occupancy
- Seaside Cottage (ocean view, 1 King bed) 7 available **\$4500** per person, single occupancy

Costs include lodging, all meals, roundtrip ground transportation between airport and writing site, professional development workshops, affinity groups, wellness activities, and all taxes and gratuities. Air fare is not included. **NOTE:** Please consult your tax advisor about the tax deductibility of this writing retreat.

What are the payment options? Hold your space with a \$500 non-refundable deposit. The deposit is applied to the total cost of the retreat.

JUNE RETREAT Balance due by **April 1, 2025.**

JULY RETREAT Balance due by **May 1, 2025**

Payments may be made by credit card, check, money order, or university purchase order. To make payment please go to eastonsnook.com/reservations. Use the dropdown menu to request your room type and make a payment. For questions about the writing retreat options or about options for [payment arrangements](#) please contact us at eastonsnooknj@gmail.com or call 973-494-3339.

What is the refund policy? The Easton's Nook Jamaica Writers Retreat is non-refundable. We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance.

We'll see you in Jamaica!