

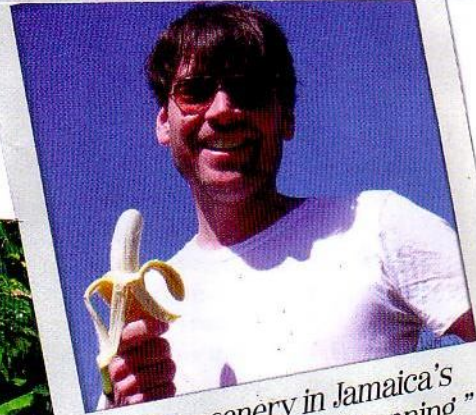
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# Alex James' GREAT ESCAPES

Newly crowned Travel Laureate, Blur bass player Alex James is set to bring his own individual take to the world of travel writing. Here, he reveals his top 10 destinations



*"The scenery in Jamaica's Blue Mountains is stunning."*



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## JAMAICA ISLAND PARADISE

"I was really surprised by Jamaica – I thought it might be a little hairy, but I didn't feel unsafe for a second. And it's the perfect place for children, I'd love to take mine back there. Don't miss the jerk chicken in Boston Bay. I'm a real food tourist – if you're putting on weight, you're on holiday! Also, take a

tour up the mountain roads; hire a car and drive yourself – it's stunning.

We stayed in Strawberry Hill in the Blue Mountains – it used to belong to Chris Blackwell of Island Records and it's so charming and comfortable."

Strawberry Hill ([vhiphotels.co.uk/hotels/caribbean](http://vhiphotels.co.uk/hotels/caribbean)). From £1,896 per person for 7 nights, including flights.