



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**Aftermath of Hurricane Matthew**  
**Haiti continues to receive visitors for business and leisure**  
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The Ministry of Tourism of Haiti, the Haiti Tourism Association (ATH) and the National Network of Solidarity Tourism Operators (RENAPROTS) would like to express their sympathies to all the victims of Hurricane Matthew that severely affected the southern peninsula of Haiti on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2016.

As a nation we are already working relentlessly to bring support to our fellow citizens in this difficult time.

We would also like to inform all international partners, and persons interested in visiting our beautiful and unique destination of the following:

- Port-au-Prince and Cap Haïtien international airports are open and fully operational since Oct 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 90% of our Tourism infrastructure has not been affected and is ready to welcome guests.
- Traveling to Haiti for leisure, business or to visit friends and families is a positive and constructive way to support the economy as it promotes employment and sustainability.

To all Haiti lovers, we urge you to continue to visit us and experience our culture, cuisine, art & crafts, and historical attractions, helping us drive resources to the most needed areas in a sustainable manner.

## **BIENVENUE EN HAÏTI**

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### **Notes to Editor:**

- Haiti is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest Caribbean country, sharing the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic.
- Haiti is sold as a beach and as a touring destination for its unique historic, cultural and natural patrimony.

- Haiti received more than 600,000 cruise ship visitors in 2015.
- Haiti received more than 400,000 overnight visitors in 2015.
- The main tourism areas ready to receive: Port-au-Prince/Pétion-Ville Metropolitan area ; Cote Des Arcadins beach area ; Historic Cap Haitien ; the cool mountains of Kenscoff ; Cultural Jacmel.
- The severely affected areas are located in the Southern Peninsula along the coastline facing Jamaica from Les Cayes to Jeremie, approximately 4 to 6 hours west of Port-au-Prince.
- The two international airports – Port-au-Prince and Cap Haitien did not occur any damage and have been fully operational since the 5th of October 2016. All airlines resumed their regular flights from New York, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Atlanta, Paris, Pointe à Pitre, Providenciales, Panama, Montreal, Santiago de Cuba , Habana , Santo Domingo, Curacao, St Maarten etc.