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Jakes Hotel, the bohemian boutique resort on the south coast of Jamaica, is offering guests free "Way Back When" heritage tours of the town of Black River, capital of St. Elizabeth, when they book seven night stays.

Conceived of and led by 6th generation Bessian (the name given to the inhabitants of St. Elizabeth) Allison Morris, the tour provides an entertaining insight into the rich and

vibrant history of this town. Black River is best known for its beautiful river, but Allison reveals stories from its compelling past – including the fact that it was the first town in Jamaica to be lit by electricity - a fascinating way to get a taste of Jamaica's history as the country celebrates 50 years of independence in 2012.

Allison leads the two hour walking tours with humour and passion for stories that have been passed down from her grandmother and mother, part of a long line of dedicated historians. She tells riveting tales of an intriguing cast of characters – progressive thinkers, plantation owners, merchants, mistresses, soldiers and slaves, from the 17th century on - told as the modern day people of the town go about their everyday business.

Captivating for both adults and children (Allison will tailor the tour to fit her audience), the walk begins at the centuries-old Parish Church and ends at Waterloo Guesthouse, the beautiful 19th century landmark, which was the first house in Jamaica to be powered by electric current.