

Press release

HAITI'S COLOUR, FOLKLORE AND JOIE DE VIVRE

Haiti's participation at Man and His World this summer can be summed up in a few words: customs, traditions, folklore and sunny joie de vivre.

Right at the pavilion entrance, the visitor is introduced to His Excellency and President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier, whose photograph is displayed beside the colourful Haitian Flag.

The ground floor is given over to a display of unique handicrafts, a vital industry in the life of Haiti, the Pearl of the Caribbean. There's a cornucopia of exotic works displayed on this miniature cultural tour.

And if the mysteries of Haiti's legendary rites of the occult grab you, don't miss the pavilion's voodoo corner with its "houngfort" (an authentic voodoo altar).

In the main hall of the floor, the "Haiti Chante" musical group play from Tuesday through Saturday, and will carry you away with their captivating rhythms.

Our tour continues on to an exhibition of Haitian paintings that give us another insight into the country's life. It's a graphic capsule history of its customs and traditions, and an invitation to visit Haiti in person.

But the invitation doesn't stop there. For those that still haven't accepted, the pavilion shows slides and a film entitled "Haiti Chérie", as well as three short films in English, that are almost sure to send the visitor on a flight of fancy for a real flight to sunny Haiti.