

## HOW TO BUY AN ISLAND

Everyone who ever goes on a Caribbean vacation comes back with one question: where's my luggage??? No wait, that's a Hawaiian vacation. Sorry, wrong islands. What Caribbean travelers want to know is: are any of those islands for sale?

The answer, of course, is yes. In fact, although they don't mention this in any of the travel brochures, all of them are for sale. That's right! Every single one!

Wow, I can just hear you thinking, I wonder how much they cost?

This, of course, depends on the island you are thinking about buying as well as your standing on the world's richest people list. I would suggest being #1. Some of the smaller islands can be purchased for not a lot of money. Compared to, say.... buying Mars. The larger ones tend to cost a bit more. Compared to say....buying an entire solar system. I can just see you all out there jumping up and down and saying, "Wow! That's cheap! Where do I send my money?"

Well, you'll want to send your money directly to me, but before you dip into the cookie jar, pack up the kids, dogs and spare socks, there are a few more things you might want to consider.

Let's say, for instance, you want to buy Cuba. Cuba would be a good choice because they have lots of good cigars and coffee and sugar cane there. So you can make rum from the cane, pass out under a palm tree while smoking a fine cigar, drink lots of coffee when you wake up, and then start all over again. Just like any other resort.

Cuba, of course, is not only a large island, it is also inhabited by guerillas. Their leader is very large and has a furry face. His name is King Kong. No wait, that is his twin brother; the leader's name is Castro. His brother is a famous movie star whom you may have seen in the movie, KING KONG. This movie was filmed in Cuba because there were lots of stunt double guerillas available in case the star was injured while eating bridges or climbing large buildings.

So once you decide to buy Cuba you must negotiate a fair price. You would think that because everyone seems to want to leave Cuba that it would be pretty cheap. While this might be the case, the problem is that you must pay for it in rubles. These are small furry animals which school children have as pets. No wait, I may be confused here. Those are gerbals. Rubles are a currency used by guerillas in Cubeckistan, Cuba's sister country.

The problem arises because the only rubles are in Cubeckistan and you can only take out 100 rubels per visit there. Since there are 100,000 rubles to the U.S. penny, it will take you approximately 450 billion trips to Cubeckistan to get enough money together to buy Cuba.

But it would seem that your problems are only beginning. Now you have to have the price approved by the residents of Cuba. This in itself would not be such an overly daunting task if it weren't for the fact that all these people speak Cuban. So first you have to learn Cuban. Here are a few words to get you started: HALT! NOT ALLOWED! BASEBALL! DOLLAR!

After you have mastered the language, converted all your money into rubles, and had several million people sign a Statutory Cuba Warranty Deed Purchase Agreement, you are ready to close on your tropical island paradise. This is an exciting moment and you'll want to have someone along with a camera and a bazooka to record the event. The last time something this exciting happened on Cuba was when someone discovered that Imelda Marcos had stashed fifteen thousand spare pairs of red suede pumps in an old missile silo. Jessie Helms (then just a spry 94 years old) declared Cuba off limits to Wal Mart customers and there was a revolution!

And one more thing: don't forget to read the fine print on the Deed. The last person who bought Cuba found out that he only owned the land ON TOP of the ocean. Lot of good that'll do if someone else goes in and buys the land under you. That's what happened in Atlantis a long time ago and just look what happened there!

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