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COZYING UP TO TOBAGO

In pursuit of my dream to spend my latter years in Tobago, I cozied up to this land of my father's birth, Tobago. With so much punch packed into 116 square miles of splendid, uncrowded beaches, local cuisine of crab and dumplings, the **Blue Food Festival**, hours of snorkelling, partying to old-school music to the wee hours of the morning, relishing exotic steel band music at **Sunday School**, an enigmatic name for a grand nighttime party held on the beach on Sunday evenings and patronized by visitors and the island's best dancers.

Visits to Tobago also meant trips to waterfalls, hikes through the rainforests and the deep, and warm hospitality of my Tobago relatives. Aunt Louise's fresh catch of steamed Kingfish smothered with tomatoes, onions and sweet peppers, with side servings of local provisions (cassava, dasheen, yams, and slices of sweet, boiled plantains), was a standard welcome treat. Cousin Althea and sister Ida welcomed me graciously as the proverbial shipwrecked sailor whenever I found my way to their homes, fatigued from my endless globe-trotting, academic and business projects, mothering, family and community responsibilities, and the fast-paced lifestyle of larger cities.

My daughter Laura Lee, spent a few delightful summer vacations in Tobago with my sister, Ida. While there, she took Mathematics and English lessons from a distant relative and Tobago Icon, Teacher Vida (Ms. Vida Williams), returning to me in the US, sun-drenched and better educated.