Orange Bay has retained its African dance from the Congo. It is known as Dinki Mini or Gerreh, both corruptions of Congolese words. The dance, along with its music, is performed to announce the death of a villager and again at the ninth night (locally called ‘nine-night’ or ‘set-up’) after death; it is sometimes performed at the burial site.

African religious traditions are also retained, but the adherents no longer understand the meanings behind the rituals.

The architecture of the St. Augustine Anglican Church is magnificent and worth being declared a heritage site.

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Orange Bay is situated in Hanover and along with St. James and Westmoreland, they are found in the western side of Jamaica. These three parishes played vital roles in the prosperity of Britain, during the period of history when “sugar was king”.

Oral history says this village got its name from the river that enters the sea in its vicinity. When the river floods in heavy rains, it becomes ‘orange’ -- the colour of the silt it washes from the hills on its way to the sea.

The village that developed along the banks and around the bay where the river enters the sea is called Orange Bay.

The different races that settled in these parishes have retained much of the heritage they brought to Jamaica from Europe and Africa over 500 years ago. Surnames from the different parts of Europe that the plantation owners came from can still be recognized.

The customs and rituals, especially those of the descendants of the enslaved Africans, are still practiced as a way of life.

THE ORANGE BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE TOUR includes:

• Community welcome at the Church Hill Primary School with school entertainment
• Tour of St. Augustine Anglican Church – one of the heritage sites in the community
• Visit to a community bar
• Visit to Vivian’s Beauty Salon and Fashion House
• Lunch at Pamela’s Restaurant to enjoy local country food with personalized community hospitality and Jamaican dancing after lunch with staff and friends
• Enjoy dessert from the local pastry shop near Pamela’s restaurant

US$85 PER PERSON including tour, community/host guide and lunch