

# SYNOPSIS



## Mountains of Freedom - Jamaica's Struggle Against Slavery

### Berge der Freiheit - Jamaikas Kampf gegen Sklaverei

As the last British slave ship, the George, docked in Jamaica on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 1808, a new era began for the native «Maroons». The word Maroon comes from the Spanish «Cimarron», meaning wild, free and untamed. During more than 80 years of war with Great Britain, from 1655 to 1738, the slaves lived up to the name given to them by the slaveholders. As well as winning their freedom, they also forced Britain to sign a peace treaty - an event which is celebrated by their descendants to this day, at the beginning of January each year. At this time the largest Maroon settlement, Accompong, stirs from its usual slumber and becomes the setting for a colourful and lively festival. Many other Jamaicans, over 95 percent of whom are the descendants of African slaves, also take part in exhilarating festivities. Although the majority of Jamaicans these days are Protestants, it's the diverse African religions, which play a central role in these celebrations.

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