



Visiting Tennis Pro Program

One of the benefits for our Certified PTR Professionals is the Visiting Tennis Pro program.

The VTP program is held at Couples Resort and Swept Away Resorts in Negril, Jamaica. We fill every week of the year. The session runs from Sunday to Sunday. Sunday is your travel day and you teach Monday - Friday with Saturday as a free day. You must be a PTR Certified Professional for Swept Away Resort or a minimum of PTR Certified Instructor for Couples Resort, Negril.

In the program, you may bring a spouse/guest along with you. (Couples is opposite-sex only. Swept Away has no restrictions.) The only fee you will incur for you and your guest at this all-inclusive resort is your air travel. One week is a \$3,000 value. You purchase your airline ticket(s) to Montego Bay, Jamaica for you and your guest. All other expenses are covered at the All-Inclusive Resort. Sunday and Sunday are your travel days so you can arrive and depart any time you like those days.

You will begin teaching the tennis clinics Monday - Friday. They are free clinics for which the guests just drop in. Since they do not pre-register you do not know if you will have 2 students or 10 students, but usually about 6 people show up. No matter how many arrive, you are expected to give an excellent clinic emphasizing fun and success for the students. As others walk by during your clinic, you may encourage them to come out for the next day's lesson. You are the tennis ambassador! (The resorts do allow guests to check-out racquets- so encourage everyone to play!)

The scheduled clinics run Monday thru Friday:

- 8am - 8:45am - Advanced
- 8:45 -9:30am - Intermediate
- 4pm - 4:45pm - Beginner
- 5pm - Round Robin Tournament

On Monday thru Friday evenings you will conduct the Round Robin Tournament. You will need to see the Sports Complex desk for details and to get the prizes you will award at the Round Robin Tournaments. Be sure to offer some tips and coaching during the Round Robin but yet don't interfere with the fun, competitive flow of the tournament.

You will need to bring a full case of new tennis balls for the resort & turn them into the Sports Complex Manager on Monday morning and also bring a gift for the Sports Coordinator and for the Tennis Pro. Please discuss this with me in advance as they often are in need of certain items.

You are free to do as you please on your travel days, Sunday and Sunday and also on Saturday. This is an all-inclusive resort. All you can eat buffets will keep your tummy full. Also, enjoy snorkeling, skiing, aerobics, etc. for you and your guest at no charge. Swept Away is the PREMIER Sports Resort of the Caribbean.

As a representative of the PTR, be sure to meet/greet the staff and full-time teaching pros. Be sure to dress in a tennis uniform each day on the court – you should wear your PTR logo uniforms. The weather is humid so be sure to allow for a change of shirt each day. (You may want to bring your own laundry soap if you do not wish to hire their laundry service.)

We do book 52 weeks per year at the resorts and we schedule 6 – 9 months in advance. In order to schedule yourself for one of the weeks, you should come to the Tennis Trade Show at the PTR Symposium. There Swept Away/Couples has a booth and they begin taking signups for the year. If you are unable to come to the Symposium, then you can contact the PTR office after March 1st for remaining dates. Be sure to check with your spouse and boss (or sometimes they are one in the same) before selecting your date as you do need to be exact.

If you confirm a date and you are unable to arrive on time for your Monday AM clinic, you will be assessed a charge by the PTR to compensate the resort for hiring someone to fill in for you. This has happened before in the case of inclement weather causing flight delays. Although we understand this is not your fault, you will be responsible for personnel fees incurred.

Visit the website and check it out at <http://www.couples.com>