



## The Power of Place

Hi there, I'm back with another installment on the power of place. Last time we talked about the sheer potency of the natural world and the potential benefits of consciously tapping into this raw power at places known to exude this potency in a palpable way.

But what about the idea that a place can be charged by devotional activity over a long period of time.

Think about places like Stonehenge or the Cathedrals of Europe, the Pyramids which dot the globe or the sacred sites where initiations and various rites of passages have taken place for millennia. Is there a beneficial deeper-than-normal energetic imprint at these places which we may tap into for our development and growth? The answer is a resounding 'yes!'.

When I was a girl attending catholic boarding school in Italy, I had opportunity to visit and worship in many of the cathedrals. Somehow, these man-made marvels were able to evoke awe, wonder and mystery. The interiors of these spaces seemed to swallow me whole – the buildings were so vast... and



grand. Floor-to-ceiling colorful stained glass, gold standard sculptures and the most exquisite and detailed ornamentation made subduing any youthful restlessness an effortless task. A hallowed Peace prevailed in these spaces. It was easy to pray.

I imagined then -and still do believe- that these sacred spaces were consciously designed to harness and amplify the energy of the prayerful. They were literally centers for recharging our spiritual batteries. In other words, these sacred spaces possess significant spiritual 'charge' due to repeated consistent ritual activity

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I'm from Haiti or Ayiti. This is another country which, from personal experience, carries with it a high

spiritual charge. The eyes of the materialist may see only widespread poverty but the openminded and spiritually inclined will perceive more:

To spend time in Haiti is to bask in the cultural reality of a people who have been able to maintain a high level of humanity in the face of oppressive circumstances. The spiritual riches at the core of my people is profoundly etched into the land and culture of Haiti. There is no escaping it. It is observed in the transcendent decency and resilient glow of happiness on the faces of the people despite external circumstances. It is seen in the art, heard in the music and felt powerfully in our spiritual technology.



Yes! Our resilience is due in large part to our home grown spiritual tradition. Sacred caves, sacred bodies of water and other ritual sites are numerous on the island. These venues, together with hundreds of years of regularly scheduled ritual/ceremonial activity, make Haiti and other similar off-the-beaten path places ideal for adventurous spiritual seekers and vacationers

When I reflect on the power of a venue to influence healing and rejuvenation it makes perfect sense to consider both the quality of raw 'nature power' as well as the long-term consistency (and intensity) of ritual/ceremonial activity which has taken place.

Here at spiritual vacations international we pledge to help you and your group tap into whatever venue you choose for your next upliftment experience.

In future blogs we intend to feature both traditional as well as off-the-beaten-path destinations where you can effectively attune to a higher vibration in your journey towards greater health, love, wisdom and peace.