

Shopping in Haiti for Christmas, Hannukah, birthdays, or yourself!

Support the Haitian economy by purchasing high-quality Haitian products from Haitian companies and non-profits which nurture Haitian enterprise. This list is certified for quality by plenty of first-hand experience, particularly with the Haitian chocolate.

Jewelry: **Papillon** <https://papillonmarketplace.com> Handmade beautiful rainbow-hued bead necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and other crafts including pottery and metal art. For the whole story, see the movie, "Poverty, Inc." Living-wage jobs for Haitians with families.

Moro Baruk www.etsy.com – ThriveArtisanShoppe *Papier mache* earrings available in the U.S. on this Etsy site; much more in his shop in Jacmel which employs Haitian artisans to produce his designs. Friend him on Facebook for other examples of his art, which he can occasionally get delivered to the U.S. Moro is an Egyptian-American married to an Algerian, Pauli Baruk, and they lead the Baha'i community in Jacmel.

Beauty Products: **Kreyol Essence** <https://kreyolessence.com> Haitian ingredients, Haitian owners, Haitian employees. I particularly love the two bar soaps, which do NOT dry the skin. The Haitian Black Castor Bean Oil is great for curly hair.

Coffee/Other Foods: **TiGeorges' Kafe** <https://lakayproduct.com/> In addition to TiGeorge's fantastic Haitian Blue coffee grown on his parents' coffee plantation near Port-de-Paix, TiGeorges offers *manba pikant* (peanut butter with a drop of Scotch Bonnet pepper for a little extra zing) and *pikliz* (pickled cabbage/carrot condiment, with more kick.)

Singing Rooster <https://singingrooster.org/> A fair trade non-profit working with Haitian coffee planters to develop sustainable agriculture practices while Singing Rooster handles the shipping and marketing in the U.S. They also grow chocolate! But you can't get it year-round because it's too hot to ship in the summer. So – get it starting sometime in the autumn. They also sell metal art. Wholesale pricing available for fundraising.

MyaBel <https://www.ayitidepot.com> [UPDATE: Website may not be operating but a search on Facebook, etc. still shows some action.] Ayiti Depot carries yummy Nan Tout Sos (On Everything Sauce) from MyaBel, a terrific restaurant serving locally-sourced organic food in Croix-des-Bouquets.

You can also occasionally find fair trade Haitian products, particularly metal art, in the SERRV International catalogs and at stores such as Ten Thousand Villages.

For high quality Haitian paintings, try friending El-Saieh Gallery on Facebook (my personal favorite) [UPDATE: Sharona and Mano El-Saieh have had to abandon the gallery and their home. We keep them in our prayers and hope that some of the literally thousands of Haitian paintings there representing the sweep of Haitian art history survive.] or go to Galeries Nader, <https://www.naderhaitianart.com>. The Vassar Haiti Project always has paintings for sale at all price levels: <https://www.thehaitiproject.org/>