

JAMAICA[®]

MEETING & INCENTIVE PLANNER





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LET'S MEET IN JAMAICA®

JAMAICA is the place for your groups.

With great access to the destination and a diverse range of properties to meet all budgets, JAMAICA provides planners easy access to a destination that delivers over 150 licensed tours and attractions. With state of the art convention centres, an abundance of shopping, first-class golf courses, great dining, off-site venues and experienced DMC's, JAMAICA is your perfect group destination.

It is no surprise that JAMAICA remains the first choice for planners sourcing warm weather destinations for their programs. With majestic mountains, captivating waterfalls and pristine white sand beaches, JAMAICA forms the perfect backdrop to deliver natural beauty that will uplift your clients and inspire your programs. This historical and cultural mecca will leave them amazed and provide the ultimate venue for your meeting, incentive, event or exhibition.

JAMAICA will always be known for its natural beauty, mesmerising reggae music, delectable jerk cuisine and casual atmosphere, however, the warmth of our professional yet courteous people will positively impact you, leaving an indelible impression in your heart and mind.

Let the experienced team at the JAMAICA Tourist Board help you embrace the very essence of the destination and make your program reach its highest potential in JAMAICA.



PASSPORT

Immigration & Customs Entry Requirements - C5 Card

Clients are required to have a valid passport when travelling to JAMAICA, along with proof of anticipated departure from the island such as a return airline ticket.

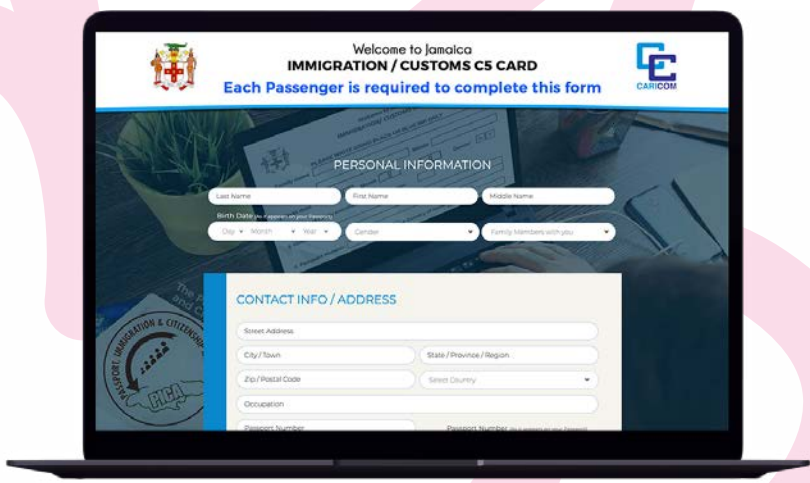
To access additional information regarding entry requirements for JAMAICA, visit our website:



To access additional information regarding visa requirements for JAMAICA, visit the Embassy of Jamaica website:



Arriving passengers are required to complete the Immigration and Customs documents which are conveniently located online. These should be completed prior to arriving in JAMAICA.



Tax Deduction Status

U.S. Public Law 96-608 & JAMAICA's Exemption

On December 16, 1981, the U.S. Senate passed a protocol to the Income Tax Treaty with JAMAICA. According to the protocol, expenses incurred by a citizen or resident of the United States in connection with attendance at a convention, seminar or similar meeting held in JAMAICA shall be deductible for the purpose of taxation in the United States to the same extent as if the convention, seminar or similar meeting were held in the United States.

Contact us for additional information.
For details regarding the latest travel protocols, go to .



VIP AIRPORT LOUNGES

Club Mobay and Club Kingston offer Meet and Greet assistance on arrival at both Sangster International and Norman Manley International airports. Their award-winning lounges have all the conveniences to help you relax during your final hours on the island following your meeting or convention.



DIVERSE RESORT AREAS

Montego Bay is JAMAICA’s tourism capital and second largest city with a diverse assortment of beachfront hotels ranging from charming boutique properties to bigger convention and luxury resorts all conveniently close to the Sangster International Airport (MBJ) which connects to the United Kingdom, the United States, Europe, and Canada. In addition to its beautiful beaches, Montego Bay is backed by picture perfect mountains.

The area is affectionately called “MoBay” and is certain to keep your clients engaged with a plethora of attractions like the Hip Strip, river rafting, and great houses. If you have clients who enjoy golfing, look no further than the pristine world-class courses the area has to offer. Whether your clients love shopping, enjoying authentic Jamaican food, or going on epic eco-adventures, MoBay has you covered.

Your bigger events and conferences can exceed all expectations at the state-of-the-art Montego Bay Convention Centre that boasts approximately 139,302 square feet of meeting and exhibition space. You can also consider taking a small company retreat or large convention to the city that is known for exceeding your highest expectations, provided by a variety of destination management companies (DMC) all eager to deliver amazing programs that will certainly “WOW” your clients.

South Coast offers visitors an escape from the fast-pace with a step into nature and tranquility. An under two-hour drive from the Sangster International Airport (MBJ) at Montego Bay takes your guests through the beautiful tropical countryside with breathtaking views.

South Coast is the perfect place for nature lovers. Your clients can spend the day enjoying breathtaking views of a virtually untouched paradise. They’ll stay busy with natural wonders like the Black River. They might even spot a crocodile! If the beach is more your group’s speed, be sure to check out Treasure Beach. On this beautiful stretch of sand, you can rest and take in the peaceful quiet. To show your guests the local scene, check out a private lunch or dinner on the beach where you can experience freshly caught seafood cooked with Jamaican spices.

South Coast, with its beauty unblemished and natural wonders of flora and fauna, extends a warm invitation to you and your clients looking to do an off-the-beaten path program.

Negril is the “capital of casual.” This laid-back attitude gives the area a charming reputation that makes it the perfect place for groups to form deeper connections. Sitting on the western tip of JAMAICA, and a quick 45 minutes from the Sangster International Airport (MBJ), the easy pace of life in Negril is the perfect balance to a productive trip.

However, despite its relaxing atmosphere, Negril has plenty of activities to keep guests busy. No matter the interest, there’s something for everyone—from watersports and ATV rides to coral reef diving and luxury dining.

One of the location’s biggest attractions is Negril’s Seven Mile Beach, where the water is always a strikingly clear crystal blue. If your guests are feeling more adventurous, we suggest taking them to Negril Cliffs to watch divers practice some of their spectacular jumps. This area combines relaxation and adventure which makes it the perfect place for your client to push themselves to new heights.



MONTEGO BAY



SOUTH COAST



NEGRIL

OCHO RIOS



PORT ANTONIO



Ocho Rios is known for its botanical beauty, widely famous attractions, eclectic mix of shopping options and, of course, its world-class hotels that will exceed the expectations of the most demanding clientele and make this resort area one gem of a destination.

It is located 80 minutes east of the Sangster International Airport (MBJ) in Montego Bay or 60 minutes away from Norman Manley International Airport (KIN) in Kingston. Additionally, the Ian Fleming International Airport (OCJ), which can accommodate small private jets and noncommercial aircraft, is located 20 minutes away in Boscobel.

This captivating resort town was developed around a crescent-shaped beach and is surrounded by majestic mountains and waterfalls. It will appeal to nature lovers with its abundance of natural attractions like the famous Dunn's River Falls or James Bond Beach where Ian Fleming brought 007, the world's most famous spy, to life. Not too far away is Nine Mile, the birthplace of Jamaican legend Bob Marley who helped make reggae music a worldwide phenomenon.

Ocho Rios provides you with an amazing playground for a variety of programs that will help any team create deeper bonds through engaging meetings and thoughtful activities on the island. It can give you the perfect environment to participate in zip line tours, try scuba diving, visit waterfalls, or attend an endless array of events.

Port Antonio is an extremely picturesque location with magnificent rivers, waterfalls, and the popular Blue Lagoon that is certain to leave you spellbound. A quiet haven with beautiful local art, this resort area is located just two hours away from the metropolis of Kingston. It is the right place to take clients sailing down the winding Rio Grande on a bamboo raft or to have them discover secluded, peaceful areas like Frenchman's Cove Beach.

Frenchman's Cove Beach is one of JAMAICA's most recognized attractions. With its bright white sand beach, it is a must-visit for guests looking to relax by the tranquil turquoise waters. After spending the afternoon in the sun, treat your clients to the world famous Jamaican jerk chicken. There's a reason this place was described by many as heaven on earth.

Kingston is the capital city and is the heartbeat of JAMAICA. It is a busy metropolis and a cultural hub for the island. Kingston is a UNESCO Creative City of Music as well as home to some of the world's most influential art, nature, and history.

Once your meetings are completed, Kingston is where your guests can be immersed in JAMAICA's culture. Here your clients can visit and tour the National Gallery of Jamaica then walk through streets that are lined with very intricate and highly sophisticated murals.

Visiting the Bob Marley Museum is a rite of passage in Kingston. Marley is a global music icon, known for his reggae style. Marley originally hailed from JAMAICA and the museum, where he once lived, is still owned by his family. The museum is also located in close proximity to Devon House and the beautiful Hope Botanical Gardens.

If your guests want to explore Kingston-based nature, be sure to take them on a gorgeous hike in the Blue and John Crow Mountains, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On a clear day, they might even see the south coast of Cuba from the summit! After a challenging hike, you can top off your day with a well-deserved visit to one of the local spas where clients can enjoy a one-of-a-kind luxury experience.

KINGSTON



HOTELS, CONVENTION CENTRES & OFF-SITE VENUES

Accommodations

With boutique properties, internationally recognized all-inclusive resorts, convention hotels, luxury resorts and villas that are creative and unapologetically distinctive, we have gone where few have dared to go. JAMAICA can accommodate your small intimate groups, medium size programs and large conventions. The destination is certain to appeal to all budgets and tastes with an endless array of products and services.

Destination Management Companies

JAMAICA has a wide selection of Destination Management Companies (DMC). They provide professional services with the necessary expertise to recommend and guide planners through all aspects of the planning process. They also ensure the delivery of a successful program that will epitomise distinction.

AMSTAR DMC:



GLAMOUR LUXURY DESTINATION CONCIERGE:



ISLAND ROUTES:



JAMAICA TOURS LIMITED (JTL):



CARIBIC VACATIONS:



Golf Courses

Get ready for a spirited and stimulating round of golf. The island has very unique courses located all around its resort areas. In JAMAICA, caddies are mandatory and they will teach your guests how to line up the perfect shot. Our beautiful golf courses are a perfect place to unwind after a meeting, get ready for a meeting, or even hold a meeting on.

MONTEGO BAY

CINNAMON HILL:



HALF MOON GOLF CLUB:



THE TRYALL GOLF CLUB:



THE WHITE WITCH GOLF CLUB:



KINGSTON

CAYMANAS GOLF CLUB:



CONSTANT SPRING GOLF CLUB:



OCHO RIOS/RUNAWAY BAY

RUNAWAY BAY GOLF COURSE:



SANDALS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB:



NEGRIL

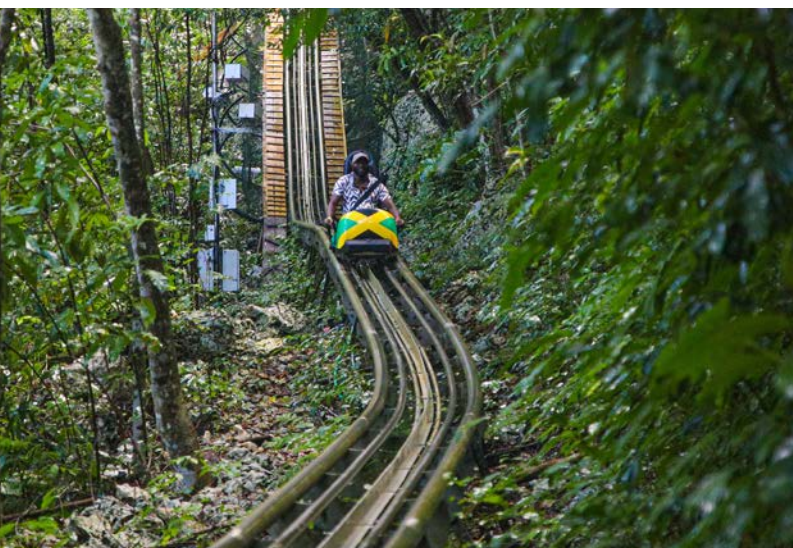
NEGRIL HILLS GOLF CLUB:



SOUTH COAST

MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB:





Unique Venues for Group Events

Great houses, historical sites, underground caves, beautiful white sand beaches, botanical gardens, waterfalls, rivers, mineral springs, bioluminescent lagoons, coffee plantations, rum factories, and farm-to-table experiences.



Tours & Attractions

With over 150 licensed tours and attractions, JAMAICA is certain to deliver experiences that will keep attendees excited as they immerse themselves in the history, culture and spirit of the destination. Guests can choose from a variety of activities, personalising and customising experiences on an individual basis with team-building exercises that conform to your requirements.



CONVENTION CENTRES

Montego Bay Convention Centre

Situated along the elegant corridor of Rose Hall, Montego Bay, the Montego Bay Convention Centre, with its oceanfront location and panoramic views, offers the very best meeting and convention facilities in the Caribbean.

With a combined total of 139,302 sq. ft. of meeting, exhibition and ballroom spaces, this world-class facility will provide you and your guests with our superior event management and personalised first-class service from set-up to move out.

A nine-time recipient of the World Travel Award for being the Caribbean's Leading Meetings and Conference Centre, the Montego Bay Convention Centre is the perfect place to book all your meetings, events, trade shows and special occasions.



Jamaica Conference Centre

The Jamaica Conference Centre, located on the picturesque Kingston Waterfront, in the heart of the downtown business district, is a testament to Jamaican architecture and functional elegance, offering comprehensive facilities and services to meet the most stringent requirements of conference planners.

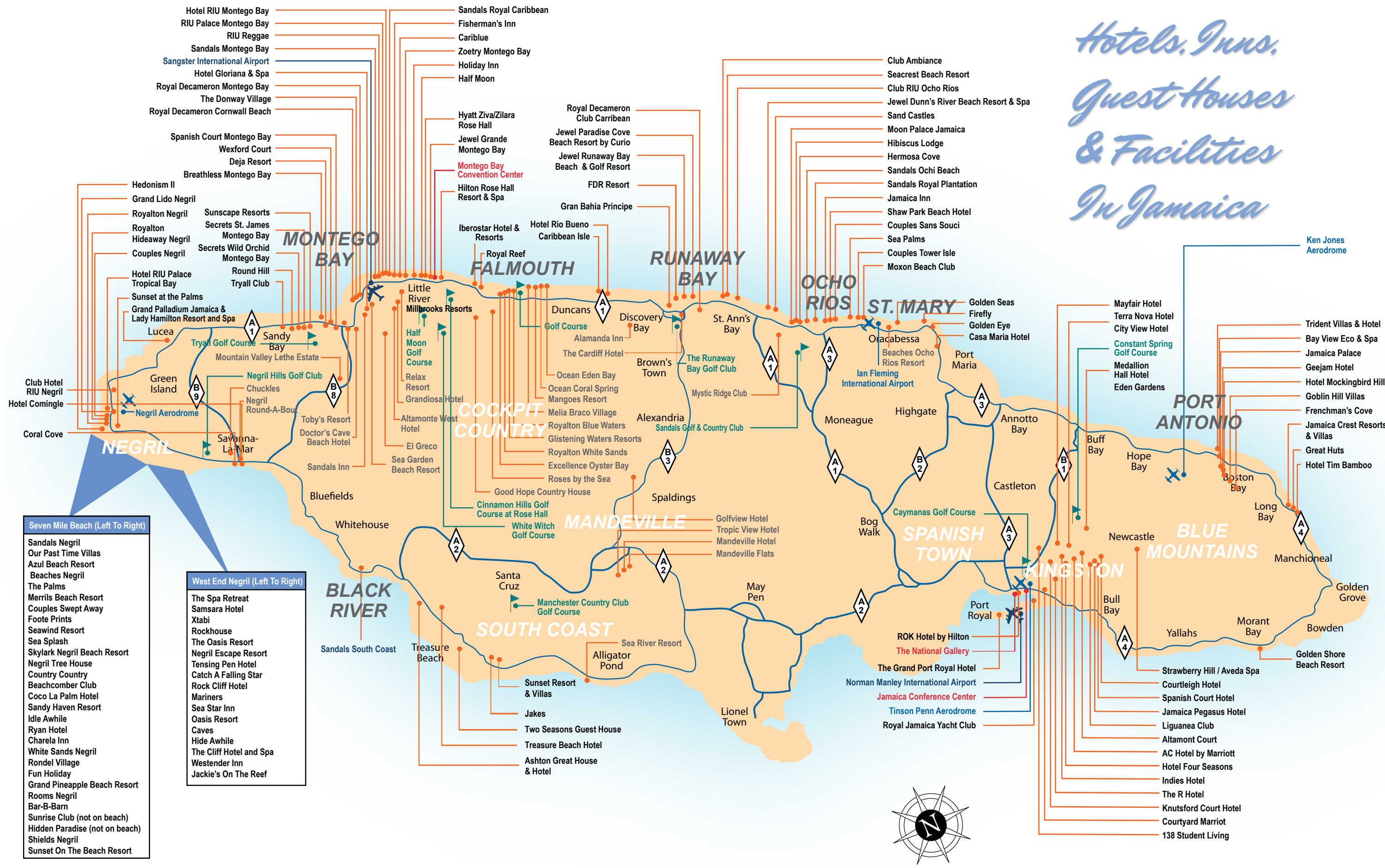
The Conference Centre is located on 220,000 sq. ft. of land, of which buildings account for 210,000 sq. ft. Although the Conference Centre was built to the specifications and standards of the United Nations, it is uniquely Jamaican. Local material and craft items have been used to enhance its magnificent architecture.

The Centre has five (5) conference rooms, three (3) caucus rooms, reception foyer, dining block, and several delegates lounges and offices. Each conference room is equipped with simultaneous translation facilities for six languages.

Conference Room #1, the largest, capable of accommodating up to 1,200 persons has an observers' gallery, as well as public and press galleries. There are major hotels as well as several reasonably-priced small hotels and guest houses within a short driving distance of the Centre.



Hotels, Inns, Guest Houses & Facilities In Jamaica



HOTELS AND CONVENTION CENTRES

Name	# of Rooms	Meeting Space (Sq Ft)	# of Meeting Spaces	All-Inclusive or EP	Location	URL
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KINGSTON

Courtleigh Hotel and Suites	128	2202 sq ft	5	EP	Knutsford Blvd, Kingston, JAMAICA	
Courtyard by Marriott, Kingston	129	594 sq ft	1	EP	1 Park Close, Kingston, JAMAICA	
Hotel Terra Nova	35 suites	8294 sq ft	6	EP	17 Waterloo Road, Kingston 10, JAMAICA	
Jamaica Conference Centre	N/A	57000 sq ft	8	N/A	14-20 Port Royal St, Kingston, JAMAICA	
The Jamaica Pegasus Hotel	300	1300 sq ft	15	EP	81 Knutsford Boulevard, Kingston 5, New Kingston, JAMAICA W.I.	
The Knutsford Court Hotel	143	10087 sq ft	6	EP	16 Chelsea Avenue, Kingston 5, New Kingston, JAMAICA	
R. Hotel	48	N/A (60 people)	1	EP	2 Renfrew Rd, Kingston, JAMAICA	
Spanish Court Hotel	123	1600 sq ft	2	EP	1 St Lucia Avenue, Kingston, JAMAICA	

MONTEGO BAY/FALMOUTH

Breathless Montego Bay Resort	150	8058 sq ft	8	All-Inclusive	Sunset Dr, Montego Freeport, JAMAICA	
Club RIU Montego Bay	681	3012.80 sq ft	1	All-Inclusive	Mahoe Bay, Ironshore, Montego Bay, JAMAICA	
Excellence Oyster Bay Resort	315	0000 sq ft	1	All-Inclusive	Oyster Bay Peninsula, Coopers Pen, Falmouth, JAMAICA	
The Half Moon Resort	419	850 sq ft	13	EP	Rose Hall St James Jamaica WI, Montego Bay, JAMAICA	
Hard Rock Resort Montego Bay	Coming soon!	1500 sq ft	4	EP	Sunset Drive Freeport, Montego Bay, JAMAICA	
Hilton Rose Hall Beach Resort	495	14000 sq ft	28	All-Inclusive	Rose Hall Main Road, Montego Bay, JAMAICA	
Holiday Inn Montego Bay Beach Resort	518	4650 sq ft	2	All-Inclusive	Rosehall Parish, Montego Bay, JAMAICA	
Hyatt Ziva Resort & Hyatt Zilara Resort	621	15000 sq ft	13	All-Inclusive	Rose Hall Road, Montego Bay, JAMAICA	
Iberostar Grande Resort	295 suites	45370 sq ft	3	All-Inclusive	Branch Developments Rose Hall Main Road, Little River, Montego Bay, JAMAICA	
Iberostar Rose Hall	366	2028 sq ft	2	All-Inclusive	Branch Developments Rose Hall Main Road, Little River, Montego Bay, JAMAICA	
Iberostar Suites	325	7991 sq ft	6	All-Inclusive	Rose Hall Main Road Rose Hall, Montego Bay 555, JAMAICA	
Jewel Grande Montego Bay	332	25000 sq ft	13	All-Inclusive	Rose Hall Main Road, Montego Bay, JAMAICA	
Montego Bay Convention Centre	N/A	57525 sq ft	N/A	N/A	Rose Hall, Rose Hall Road, Montego Bay, JAMAICA	
Ocean Coral Spring	513	9042 sq ft	4	All-Inclusive	Mountain Spring Bay, Trelawny, JAMAICA	
Round Hill Resort and Villas	129	20000 sq ft	4	All-Inclusive	John Pringle Drive, Montego Bay, JAMAICA	
Royalton Blue Waters Resort	228	15000 sq ft	1	All-Inclusive	Mountain Spring, Trelawny, A1, Montego Bay, JM, Montego Bay, JAMAICA	
Royalton Whitesands Resort	352	9634 sq ft	1	All-Inclusive	Highway A1 Mountain Spring, Trelawny, Montego Bay, JAMAICA	
S. Hotel	120	6653 sq ft	3	EP	7 Jimmy Cliff Ave, Montego Bay, JAMAICA	
Sandals Royal Caribbean Resort	227	717 sq ft	1	All-Inclusive	Mahoe CI, Montego Bay, JAMAICA	
Secrets St. James & Secrets Wild Orchid	700	16000 sq ft	9	All-Inclusive	Lot 59A, Montego Bay, JAMAICA	
Zoetry Montego Bay Resort	49 suites	430 sq ft	1	All-Inclusive	Mahoe Bay, Ironshore Main Rd, Montego Bay, JAMAICA	

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NEGRIL

Azul Sensatori Negril, by Karisma	285	2079 sq ft	1	EP	Norman Manley Blvd, Negril, JAMAICA	
Grand Lido Negril	28	18588 sq ft	8	All-Inclusive	Norman Manley Blvd, A1, Negril, JAMAICA	
Grand Palladium Jamaica Resort	537	3755 sq ft	3	All-Inclusive	Point Lucea, Lucea, JAMAICA	
Grand Palladium Lady Hamilton Resort	519	12917 sq ft	6	All-Inclusive	Point Lucea, Lucea, JAMAICA	
Royalton Hideaway Negril	166	18588 sq ft	8	All-Inclusive	Norman Manley Blvd, A1, Negril, JAMAICA	
The Royalton Negril Resort	407	3600 sq ft	5	All-Inclusive	Norman Manley Blvd, A1, Negril, JAMAICA	

OCHO RIOS/RUNAWAY BAY

Bahia Principe Jamaica Resort	850	16396 sq ft	5	All-Inclusive	Salt Coopers, Runaway Bay, JAMAICA	
Luxury Bahia Principe Don Pablo	523	12443 sq ft	4	All-Inclusive	Salt Coopers, Runaway Bay, JAMAICA	
Beaches Ocho Rios	223	13484 sq ft	6	All-Inclusive	Old Main Road, Ocho Rios, JAMAICA	
Club RIU Ocho Rios	856	2820 sq ft	1	All-Inclusive	Mammee Bay, Ocho Rios, Mammee Bay Road, Ocho Rios, JAMAICA	
Jewel Paradise Cove	225	3000 sq ft	2	All-Inclusive	Silver Spray, Runaway Bay, JAMAICA	
Moon Palace Jamaica	705	20265 sq ft	16	All-Inclusive	Main St, Ocho Rios, JAMAICA	
Sandals Ochi Beach Resort	525	11000 sq ft	4	All-Inclusive	130-131 Main St, Ocho Rios, JAMAICA	
Sandals Royal Plantation	74	681 sq ft	2	All-Inclusive	Main St, Ocho Rios, JAMAICA	

SOUTH COAST

Sandals South Coast	360	9674 sq ft	5	All-Inclusive	White House, JAMAICA	
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CORPORATE VOLUNTARY PROJECTS

Our office will help match groups with on-island organisations that handle volunteer projects locally. These projects are sure to increase team building and attendance engagement. These activities include painting school visits, homeless services and cleaning beaches, so let our team provide you with CSR assistance.



For more information contact our Groups department.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



JANUARY

Accompong Maroon Festival, Accompong, St. Elizabeth

JAMAICA Jazz & Blues Festival, Kingston

JAMAICA Carnival, Kingston

Cart Fair, Mandeville

Rebel Salute, St. Ann

Dub Club - Every Sunday, Kingston

FEBRUARY

Official Reggae Month, Kingston

Bob Marley Celebrations, Islandwide

Rainforest Seafood Festival, Montego Bay

JAMAICA Fat Tyre Festival, Ocho Rios

Sugar Cane Ball, Montego Bay

Hanover Charities/Chukka Polo Tournament, Hanover

JAMAICA Rum Festival, Kingston

MARCH

Brit Jam Party Series, Montego Bay

Kingston City Run, Kingston

ISSA/Grace Kennedy Boys & Girls Athletic Championships, Kingston

RJYC Spring Tournament, Kingston

MoBay Yacht Club Easter Regatta, Montego Bay

Venus Volleyball, Kingston

Blue Mountain Coffee Festival, Kingston

Earth Hour, Kingston

APRIL

Treasure Beach Jake’s Off-Road Triathlon
Treasure Beach

JAMAICA Frenzy, Negril

JAMAICA Carnival/Road March, Kingston

Destination Experience, Montego Bay

St. Ann Kite Festival, Ocho Rios

Liguanea Art Festival, Kingston

MAY

JAMAICA Observer Food Awards, Kingston

MoBay City Run, Montego Bay

Style Week JAMAICA / Fashion Block, Kingston

Mocha Fest, Negril

Calabash (Biennial), Treasure Beach

JAMAICA Senior Trials, Kingston

JUNE

Caribbean Fashion Week, Kingston

JAMAICA International Ocho Rios Jazz Festival,
Kingston/Ocho Rios

Charles Town Maroon Conference, Portland

RuJohn Foundation Celebrity Sports Camp,
Montego Bay

JULY

International Reggae Day, Kingston

Boston Jerk Festival, Portland

Little Ochi Seafood Carnival, Alligator Pond,
Manchester

Fun in the Son, Kingston

Guardsman Games, Kingston

Reggae Sumfest, Montego Bay

The Seville Emancipation Jubilee, Seville Heritage
Park, St. Ann

AUGUST

JAMAICA Festival/Emanci-Pendence, Celebrations,
Kingston

Montego Bay Jerk Festival, Montego Bay

JAMAICA Festival Series, All island

SPF Weekend, Ocho Rios

Dream Weekend, Negril

Ocho Rios Seafood Festival, Ocho Rios

Unity in the City, Kingston

Plié for the Arts - Amalgamation, Kingston

SEPTEMBER

JAMAICA Product Exchange (JAPEx), Montego Bay

JAMAICA Bridal Expo, Montego Bay
Convention Centre

Port Antonio Marlin Tournament, Portland

Race for Hope 5K, Hope Gardens, Kingston

OCTOBER

Merritone Homecoming & Reunion,
Kingston/Ocho Rios

Fashion Showcase Weekend, Montego Bay

South Coast Hook & Line Canoe Tournament
Treasure Beach, St. Elizabeth

MoBay Marlin Tournament, Montego Bay

JAMAICA Food & Drink Festival, Kingston

Digicel 5K Night Run, Kingston

NOVEMBER

Restaurant Week, Kingston

Misty Bliss, Kingston

Reggae Sunsplash, Ocho Rios

NORCECA Beach Volleyball, Ocho Rios

Collection Moda, Kingston

JAMAICA International Pro-Am Tournament
“Annie’s Revenge”, Montego Bay

JAMAICA Classic Basketball Tournament,
Montego Bay

DECEMBER

JMMC All Stages Rally, St. Catherine

Reggae Marathon, Negril

Milk River Seafood & Jerk Festival, Clarendon

LTM National Pantomime, Kingston

Portland Paradise Weekend, Portland

JAMAICA Open Golf Tournament, Montego Bay

Harbour Fest and Fireworks on the Waterfront,
Kingston

THINGS TO KNOW

Take some time to learn about JAMAICA, its culture and people.

Below is a quick guide to the services and amenities offered on island.

AIRLINES

- Air Canada **876-924-8211**
- Air Europa **844-415-3955**
- Air Turks and Caicos **649-941-5730**
- American Airlines **800-433-7300**
- British Airways **800-247-9297**
- Caribbean Airlines **800-523-5585, 888-359-2475**
- Cayman Airways **800-422-9626**
- Copa Airlines **876-968-5330, 876-926-0326**
- Delta Airlines **800-221-1212**
- Fly Jamaica **855-933-5952**
- JetBlue Airways **800-JET-BLUE**
- Southwest **800-435-9792**
- Spirit Airlines **877-211-1546**
- United Airlines **800-231-0856**
- Virgin Atlantic **876-971-8917**
- WestJet Airlines **800-538-5696**

AIRPORTS

- Norman Manley International Airport, Kingston **876-924-8452-6**
- Sangster International Airport, Montego Bay **876-952-3124**
- Ian Flemming International Airport, Boscobel, St. Mary **(876) 975-3101**

ATMs

Most Jamaican ATMs (called ABMs) accept international bank cards with Visa, MasterCard, Cirrus or Plus logos.

BUSES

The local bus service provides an inexpensive way to travel, though it may provide an unusual experience for many visitors, as bus stands are rarely marked and vehicles do not follow strict schedules. Some resorts offer bus excursions to popular sites.

The Knutsford Express is a privately owned bus service that offers scheduled transportation between the various resort cities and towns via air conditioned vehicles with Wi-Fi included.

Website:
Tel: 1-876-940-0064

Check with your concierge for additional information.

CLIMATE

JAMAICA enjoys a tropical climate, characterised by high temperatures and humid conditions year-round. Average temperature ranges from 66 degrees Fahrenheit (19 degrees Celsius) to 99 degrees Fahrenheit (32 degrees Celsius). Though it’s known for warmth and sunshine, the island sees two rainy seasons from May to June and September to October. Also, hurricanes may pass over the island primarily from June to October. If it rains during your stay, don’t worry. Most times, the short tropical showers provide a welcome break from the afternoon heat.

COMMUNICATIONS

JAMAICA is well connected to the rest of the world. Direct international telephone service operates in all areas, 24 hours a day, and telephone operators will gladly facilitate collect, third-party or credit card calls. E-mail and Internet access is available too, usually at hotels and parish libraries, but also at local Internet cafés. Three daily newspapers and five weekend newspapers will keep you in the know. Some hotels and gift shops receive international editions.

CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard and American Express are accepted throughout the island.

CURRENCY

The currency of JAMAICA is the JAMAICA Dollar, however, the U.S. Dollar is also accepted as legal tender for goods and services. Licensed “cambio” (exchange) centres and commercial banks are accessible in all resort areas. Official currency exchange rates vary daily, so it’s advisable to shop around for the best rate.

CUSTOMS AND DUTY

United States residents who have been out of the country for 48 hours or more may take home items valued up to US\$800 once every 31 days without incurring duty. Adults may include 200 cigarettes, 100 non-Cuban cigars and one litre of alcohol. A second litre of alcohol is allowed duty-free if it is produced by a Caribbean Basin country. Family members who return home together may combine their personal exemptions on a joint declaration.

Visit [www.visitjamaica.com](#) for more information.

Canadian residents who have been out of the country for more than 48 hours can claim up to CAN\$300 worth of goods without paying duty if they carry the goods with them. After each absence of seven days or more, they can claim up to CAN\$800 worth of goods without duty. Except for tobacco products and alcohol, it is possible to send goods through mail but must enter Canada with tobacco and alcohol. Visit [here](#) for more information.

United Kingdom residents 17 or older may take home duty-free two litres of table wine and one litre of spirits or liquor, or two litres of fortified or sparkling wine or other liquors; 200 cigarettes or 100 cigarillos, or 50 cigars or 250 g of tobacco; 60 cc of perfume and 250 cc of eau de toilette; plus other goods worth up to £145. Travellers cannot group their allowances. Visit [here](#) for more information.

DEPARTURE TAX

There is a \$35 departure tax that must be paid upon departure. However, airlines include this tax in their airline tickets.

DRIVING

In JAMAICA, drivers must keep to the left, although some flexibility is required to avoid collisions with pedestrians and domestic animals The speed limit is 30 mph (50 kmph) in urban areas and 50 mph (80 kmph) on highways. Given the mountainous terrain, rural roads are often winding, bumpy and narrow. Tourists can rent cars in most major towns and cities, and, usually, clients must be no less than 25 years old in order to rent. The driver and all passengers are required to wear safety belts, and children under 3 years old must travel in infant carriers or child safety seats. All drivers are required to carry a valid licence. JAMAICA recognizes valid international driver’s licences, but visitors from North America may use their country’s licence for up to three months per visit, and United Kingdom residents may use theirs for up to one year.

DRUGS

In JAMAICA, the use, sale and possession of drugs such as cocaine, crack, ecstasy, heroin and any other controlled substance is illegal. Offenders are subject to severe punishment, including arrest, fines and/or imprisonment. The possession of up to two ounces of ganja (marijuana) has been decriminalised, but it is still not legal.

ELECTRICITY

The electrical supply in JAMAICA is 110 volts/50 cycles standard and electrical appliances use plugs that are two-pronged and flat (as in the United States and Canada). Bring along any adaptors or convertors you might need. Most hotels will provide you with hair dryers, alarm clocks, radios and clothing irons, but make sure this is validated before travelling.

GETTING AROUND

Both JUTA and JCAL taxi operators are based at the hotels and these taxis are the most convenient mode of transportation but they are not always the cheapest. All registered taxis in JAMAICA are required by law to have red “PPV” licence plates. You are advised not to board any taxi operating illegally. Although taxis have metres, drivers will instead negotiate a fare with you. It is best to discuss this fare before boarding the taxi. The fastest and most economical taxis are those used by locals, called “route taxis”—cars that drive a designated course and pick up/drop off passengers at will. These are shared cabs that will usually pack several people willing to go on the same route.

NOTE: Some taxis are compensated separately by businesses in order to bring customers to their doors. If you request a driver take you to a specific location, and the driver attempts to persuade you to visit another place, be insistent that they take you where you want to go.

HOLIDAYS

On public holidays, all government agencies, schools and most private businesses are closed, and much of the country celebrates.

- New Year’s Day
- Ash Wednesday
- Good Friday
- Easter Monday
- Labour Day
- Emancipation Day
- Independence Day
- National Heroes’ Day
- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day

LANGUAGE

The official language of JAMAICA is English, although most locals speak Patois.

SAFETY

As with any place in the world, best practice should be to always remember to follow basic precautions to avoid possible predicaments. Keep all luggage in view at all times and your personal effects close to your body. Don’t carry large amounts of cash and avoid wearing expensive jewellery outside of your resort.

TIME ZONE

JAMAICA falls within the Eastern Time Zone (UTC/GMT -5 Hours) and does not observe Daylight Savings Time. At approximately 18 degrees north of the equator, the island is located within the tropics. As such, it does not experience drastic seasonal changes in sunrise and sunset times. Year-round, the island averages between 11.5 and 12.5 hours of sunlight a day.

TIPPING

It is customary to leave a 10 to 15 percent gratuity at restaurants. Please make sure to check your bill, as some establishments will have already included the gratuity in your total.

TRANSPORTATION AND TOUR COMPANIES

Other reliable modes of transportation are available throughout the island. Contact the following purveyors for shuttles, buses and car rentals. Using a tour company to get around is also a great way to experience JAMAICA.

- Amstar DMC Jamaica
876-971-9887
- Budget Rent-A-Car
876-759-1793
- Caribic Vacations
876-953-9895
- Caribbean and Latin Travel Consultant
876-906-3140
- Caribbean World Enterprises
876-952-6404
- Centro Latino
876-755-0072
- El Sol Vida
876-630-0664
- Fiesta Car Rentals
876-926-0133
- Go! Jamaica Travel Company
876-920-7051
- Great Dane Motorcycle Tours of JA
876-953-3741
- Hola Tours & Travel
876-971-1298
- Holiday Services
876-618-1228
- Island Car Rentals
876-926-8012
- Jamaica Cooperative Automobile Limousine Tours
876-952-7574
- Jamaica Cultural Enterprises
876-549-8570
- Jamaica Tours Limited – DMC
876-953-3700
- Jamaica Union of Travellers Association
876-952-0813
- Jamaica Vacations Limited
876-929-9371

- Kiuki Tours & Transportation
876-940-0521
- Knutsford Express
876-971-1822
- Leisure for Pleasure Holiday & Tours
876-924-7027
- Nexus Tours
876-953-0509
- Prestige Leasing & Tours
876-952-8495
- Rapsody Tours, Cruises & Charters
876-979-0102-4
- Soon Come Jamaica Tours
612-8973-7575
- Sunshine Adventure Jamaica
876-953-2919
- Tourwise
876-974-2344
- Turissimo Jamaica
876-265-0449
- Tropical Tours
876-952-1126

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is always a good idea to have travel insurance, please consult with your preferred broker before travelling to the island.

WATER

All piped water in JAMAICA is treated and purified in accordance with international standards. You may drink it, bathe in it, and brush your teeth with it.



JAMAICA TOURIST BOARD

GROUPS & CONVENTIONS

The JAMAICA Tourist Board Groups and Conventions team is prepared to provide a wide array of services in order to support your planning process, while ensuring that you have an exceptional and seamless program on the island.

Our experienced team is prepared to support you with the following:

- Requests for Proposal (RFP)
- Customised site visits
- Vendor lists to help you identify unique products and services
- Customs clearance assistance for items that will be used on island and taken out of the country, for detailed information please visit:
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- Promotional material including brochures, videos, displays and more
- Product updates on hotels, attractions, tours, off-site venues and services
- Insider tips and the most up-to-date information so you can really “WOW” your clients
- Assist with identifying unique experiences based on the expectations of the group

As your partner, we will make every effort to ensure a successful, memorable and impactful event that is facilitated by a smooth and seamless process, as your needs are carefully shared and communicated to industry professionals who will ensure that expectations are exceeded.

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