

Jamaica

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to Jamaica due to health and safety measures and COVID-related conditions. Exercise increased caution in Jamaica due to crime. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country and during the length of their entire visit. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required for stays of less than 90 days.

US Embassy/ Consulate

[1] (876) 702-6000; US Embassy in Kingston, 142 Old Hope Road, Kingston 6, Jamaica, WI

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Tropical; hot, humid; temperate interior

Currency (Code)

Jamaican dollars (JMD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

110 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): A, B



Major Languages

English, English patois

Religions

Protestant 64.8%, Roman Catholic 2.2%, Jehovah's Witness 1.9%, Rastafarian 1.1%, other 6.5%, none 21.3%, unspecified 2.3%

Time Difference

UTC-5 (same time as Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Yes, but some opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit

If your driver's license doesn't have a stamped photograph, an IDP is required.

Road Driving Side

Left

Tourist destinations

Negril Beach & Negril Cliffs; rafting the Martha Brae River; Dunn's River Falls; Blue &

John Crow Mountains National Park; Port Antonio; Doctor's Cave Beach

Cultural Practices

Men often pat each other's shoulder or arm during greetings or conversation.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping 10-20% is appropriate in nicer restaurants. Before tipping at a hotel, be sure to check if tips are even allowed. In some cases, employees can be fired if caught taking gifts or money.

Telephone Code

876

**Local Emergency
Phone**

Ambulance: 110; Fire: 110; Police: 119

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](#)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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