

Jamaica

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens reconsider travel to Jamaica due to crime and medical services. U.S. government personnel under Chief of Mission (COM) security responsibility are prohibited from traveling to many areas due to increased risk. <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; KingstonACS@state.gov; <https://jm.usembassy.gov/>

Disabled Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/traveling-with-disabilities.html>

LGBTQ+ Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html>

Women Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/women-travelers.html>

Telephone Code

876

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 110; Fire: 110; Police: 119

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Jamaica: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza and COVID-19. <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 types(s): A, B



Type A



Type B

Major Languages

English, English patois

Major Religions

Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jehovah's Witness, Rastafarian

Time Difference

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

Potable Water

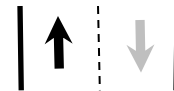
Yes, but some opt for bottled water

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

Major Sports

Soccer, cricket, track and field, netball, rugby

Cultural Practices

Men often pat each other's shoulder or arm during greetings or conversation. Always wait until invited before using someone's first name.

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.

Souvenirs

Hand-loomed, embroidered, and batik fabric; silkscreens and oil paintings, wood carvings; raffia, straw, and wicker items; rum, coffee, pottery and ceramics, bead and shell jewelry

Traditional Cuisine

Ackee and saltfish — boiled ackee (a pear-shaped fruit) and salted codfish sautéed with onions and tomatoes; sometimes served over bammy (deep-fried cassava cakes) with fried plantains

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