

# Jamaica

## Travel Facts



### US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens reconsider travel to Jamaica due to crime. U.S. government personnel are prohibited from traveling to many areas due to increased risk.

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

### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

### US Embassy/Consulate

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

<https://im.usembassy.gov/>

### LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

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

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

### 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

