

# Jamaica

## Travel Facts



### US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens reconsider travel to Jamaica due to crime. Exercise increased caution regarding medical services. <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

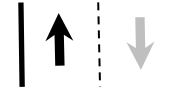
Yes, but some opt for bottled water

### International Driving Permit

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

### Road Driving Side

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### 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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