

Things 2 Know

AIRLINE INFORMATION

Air Canada	
Kingston	(876) 924-8211
Montego Bay	(876) 952-5160-2
Air Jamaica	(888) 359-2475
American Airlines	(800) 744-0006
BWIA	(800) 538-2942
British Airways	
Kingston	(876) 929-9020
Montego Bay	(876) 952-3771
COPA	(876) 926-0326
Cayman Airways	(876) 926-1762
Continental Airlines	(876) 929-3502/929-5470
Cubana	
Kingston	(876) 978-3410
Montego Bay	(876) 952-0527
Delta Air Lines	(800) 221-1212
Dutch Caribbean Airlines	(876) 926-1762
Northwest Airlines	
Montego Bay	(800) 225-2525
Spirit Airlines	(800) 772-7117
US Airways	(800) 622-1015

LOCAL CARRIERS & CHARTERS

Int'l. Air Link	
Montego Bay	(876) 940-6660/940-0195
TimAir	
Montego Bay	(876) 952-2516
Negril	(876) 957-5374

ANIMALS

Animals are not allowed to enter.

CELLULAR TELEPHONES

Cellular phone rentals and several calling plans are readily available through Cable and Wireless offices at 1-800-804-2994. The digital prepaid "Classic Plan" is ideally suited for visitors. Digicel also offers prepaid services on their "Digiflex Plan" available through all Digicel offices islandwide at 1-888-DIGICEL. Mi Phone also offers cellular phone plans. Service is good in all resort areas.

CHURCHES

Most religious denominations are represented in Jamaica. Check the front desk for information on churches nearest you.

CLOTHING

Lightweight tropical clothing is best throughout the year. Swimwear is acceptable on the beaches or around the pool, but not on the streets. A light sweater is suggested for evening, especially in winter.

CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are accepted islandwide. Gasoline can be paid for with cash or credit card.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE

The rate of exchange is subject to fluctuation. Jamaican dollars or foreign currency may be taken into or out of the country; however, currency in excess of US\$10,000 (or the equivalent in foreign currency) must be declared to Jamaican Customs authorities. Purchases may be made in Jamaican currency, except at in-bond stores, where duty-free purchases may be made in U.S. currency, traveler's checks or credit cards. Exception: when purchasing liquor, Jamaican currency is allowed. Currency may be exchanged at any bank or licensed exchange bureau islandwide at an exchange rate of 65.24 JA\$ per US\$ at press time. Jamaican dollars may be reconverted to foreign currency at the Airport Bureau of Exchange upon departure.

CUSTOMS/RETURNING ALLOWANCES

US visitors are allowed US\$800 worth of goods after a 48-hour visit. One liter of liquor per person is allowed duty-free. A second liter can be brought in duty-free if it's locally produced by a Caribbean Basin nation. Other visitors should check with Customs.

Canadian residents, temporary residents and former residents of Canada returning to live in Canada may claim goods free of duties under one of the following exemptions: 7-day absence from Canada, CD\$750 yearly; 48-hour absence, CD\$200 anytime; 24-hour absence, CD\$50. Alcohol and tobacco products are not eligible under these exemptions. Only one of the above exemptions may be claimed on one trip.

UK residents are allowed 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars, one liter of spirits or strong liqueurs, and all other goods including gifts and souvenirs, £145 Sterling value.

Japan residents are allowed up to 200,000 yen (about US\$1,800). Three bottles each 760 ml of liquor per person is allowed duty-free. Those under 20 years old must pay duty on liquor brought into Japan.

DEPARTURE TAX

There is a departure tax of US\$27, but the rate is subject to change. Most airline tickets currently include the departure tax. A contact-information form is required by some airlines prior to departure.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

110 volts/50 cycles is standard; 220 volts is available at some hotels.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Visitors from the U.S. and Canada must carry proof of citizenship in the form of a valid passport. Also valid: Canada — a "Statement of Live Birth" certificate. This certificate must be presented along with a valid, government-issued photo I.D. If there has been a change in name, original supporting documents must be presented. Permanent residents of Canada must travel on a valid passport from their respective countries, plus their landing record; inquire at the Jamaican consulate or embassy for visa requirements.

For Japanese visitors, a passport is required, with visas required for stays of over 90 days. For British citizens, a passport is required. Visitors from other countries please contact the nearest Jamaica Tourist Board office or Jamaican consulate for entry requirements. All visitors are required to travel with a round-trip or onward ticket for entry into Jamaica.

FIREARMS

It is illegal to take arms or ammunition into or out of Jamaica.

GENERAL CONSUMPTION TAX

A 16.5% government tax has been introduced which replaces the accommodations tax and other indirect taxes.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

There are facilities in all major resort areas, as well as drug-stores that provide pharmaceuticals. Private doctors and dentists are available throughout the island. Most large hotels have a resident nurse and doctor on call. MoBay Hope Medical Centre, a medical diagnostic and treatment center located in the Half Moon Shopping Village in Montego Bay (less than 15 minutes from Sangster International Airport),

offers 24-hour emergency service seven days a week. A relationship has been established with South Miami Hospital in Miami, to assist in the areas of referral services and emergency evacuations. Visitors can be assured that MoBay Hope is ready to deal with any emergency. Its patient base extends from Ocho Rios to Negril and Savanna-la-Mar.

TAX-FREE STATUS

Due to a tax treaty between the United States and the Jamaican government made in December 1981, all expenses incurred for holding a meeting or convention in Jamaica are tax deductible.

TIME ZONE

Eastern Standard Time. Jamaica does not observe daylight saving time.

TIPPING

Most hotels have a service charge of 10-15%. The same amount, although not added to most bills, is generally accepted at restaurants.

WATER

All drinking water in Jamaica is purified and filtered by the most modern methods.

MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS

For assistance with your meeting and/or convention needs, contact Jamaica Tourist Board's Group and Conventions Department: U.S.A./Canada: 5201 Blue Lagoon Drive, Suite 670, Miami, FL 33126; Phone: (800) 294-7687, (305) 665-0557, eMail: groups@visitjamaica-usa.com. Jamaica: JTB Kingston: (876) 929-9200. 🍍

WORLDWIDE JTB OFFICES

If there is something you're not sure of, or a question your travel agent can't answer, call the Jamaica Tourist Board or check out the JTB website at www.visitjamaica.com. In the U.S. call toll-free 1-800-233-4582. Find the office listed below that is closest to you.

COUNTRY	TELEPHONE	FAX	E-MAIL	WEBSITE
USA: Groups & Conventions	(305) 665-0557	(305) 666-5536	groups@visitjamaica-usa.com	www.visitjamaica.com
CANADA: Regional Office	(416) 482-7850	(416) 482-1730	jtb@visitjamaica-ca.com	
ASIA: Regional Office	(81) 3-3400-2974	(81) 3-3400-2973	tourist-board@jamaica.co.jp	
EUROPE: Regional Office	(44) 207-225-9090	(44) 207-224-0551	mail@visitjamaica.uk.com	
Rome	(39) 06-4890-1255	(39) 06-4890-7384	sergat@rmnet.it	
Germany	49 (0) 2104-832974	49 (0) 2104-912673	Jamaica@travelmarketing.de	
The Netherlands	(31) 34-843-0829	(31) 34-848-2307	info@ontdekjamaica.nl or jamaica.tb@12move.nl	
Barcelona	(34) 93-4140210	(34) 93-2018657	sergat@sergatspain.com	
JAMAICA:				
Kingston	(876) 929-9200-19	(876) 929-9375	info@visitjamaica.com	www.visitjamaica.com
Montego Bay	(876) 952-4425	(876) 952-3587	info@visitjamaica.com	www.visitjamaica.com
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