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Meeting and Incentive Planner

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More reasons to meet in Jamaica

Let the Jamaica Tourist Board be your guide as you plan your next meeting, incentive program, exhibition, or event. With state-of-the-art convention centres, off-site venues, experienced DMCs, and an abundance of shopping, dining, and golf courses, you'll see why Jamaica is the warm weather destination of choice for planners looking to make the most out of their destination programmes.

We have it all. Over 150 licensed tours and attractions as well as a diverse range of properties offering a wealth of options to suit all budgets and preferences.

Come and experience the natural beauty and warm culture of Jamaica while achieving your business objectives, and let our majestic blue mountains, captivating waterfalls, and pristine, white-sand beaches provide the most inspiring backdrop for your group events.



PASSPORT

Immigration & Customs Entry Requirements—C5 Card

Visitors are required to have a valid passport when travelling to Jamaica, along with proof of anticipated departure, such as a return airline ticket.

To access additional information regarding entry requirements for Jamaica, visit our website.

Learn More

To access additional information regarding visa requirements for Jamaica, visit the Embassy of Jamaica website.

Learn More

Arriving passengers are required to complete Immigration and Customs documents prior to arriving in Jamaica.

Visit the Immigration/Customs C5 Card website: enterjamaica.com

Learn More

Tax Deduction Status

U.S. Public Law 96-608 & Jamaica's Exemption

On December 16, 1981, the U.S. Senate passed a protocol to the Income Tax Treaty with Jamaica. According to protocol, expenses incurred by a citizen or resident of the United States in connection with attendance at a convention, seminar, or similar meeting held in Jamaica shall be deductible for the purpose of taxation in the United States to the same extent as if the convention, seminar, or similar meeting were held in the United States.

Contact us for additional information.

For details regarding the latest travel protocols, go to **visitjamaica.com/groups**





VIP Airport Lounges

Club Mobay and Club Kingston offer meet-and-greet assistance on arrival at both Sangster International and Norman Manley International airports. Their award-winning lounges have all the conveniences to help you relax after your meeting or convention.

Learn More



Resort Areas

Montego Bay

Affectionately referred to as “MoBay,” this plentiful parish is the tourism capital of Jamaica, offering an array of boutique properties, bigger luxury resorts, and convention centres. MoBay will keep your group engaged with epic eco adventures, world-class golf courses, pristine beaches, restaurants, shopping, and great houses, all conveniently situated near Sangster International Airport (MBJ).





Negril

A two-hour drive from Sangster International Airport (MBJ) on the western tip of our island is Negril. Famous for its pristine, 7-mile beach and laid-back reputation, here—among an abundance of activities from watersports, ATV rides, and cliff-diving to coral reef diving and luxury dining—guests can discover the unique sensation of feeling more and more relaxed the more they do.



South Coast

In just under two hours from Sangster International Airport (MBJ), across our breathtaking countryside, visitors can further escape the fast pace on a relaxing drive to Jamaica’s South Coast. This off-the-beaten-path paradise is packed with natural wonders where guests can relish in the tranquility of Treasure Beach, enjoy fresh-caught seafood cooked the Jamaican way, and—if they’re lucky—spot a crocodile lazing among the mangroves.



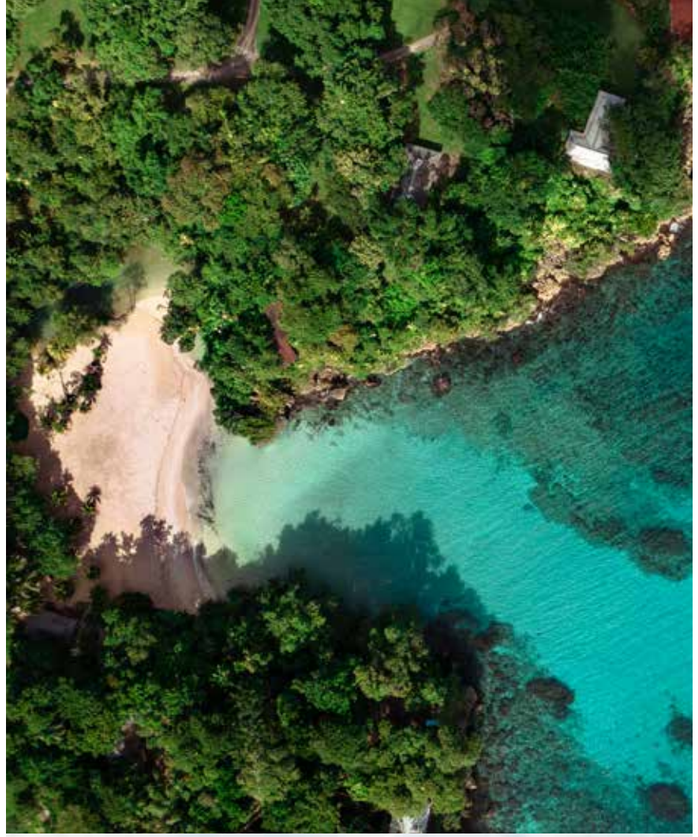
Ocho Rios

Located 80 minutes east of the Sangster International Airport (MBJ) in Montego Bay or 60 minutes away from Norman Manley International Airport (KIN) in Kingston, you'll find Ocho Rios, a captivating resort town surrounded by majestic mountains and waterfalls. This is where Ian Fleming was inspired to bring the world's most famous spy, 007, to life, and it's a stone's throw from the birthplace of reggae legend Bob Marley. Needless to say, Ocho Rios will inspire your group, too, with its beaches, zip lines, scuba diving, and waterfall excursions.

Note: For your convenience, Ian Fleming International Airport (OCJ) is located only 20 minutes away and can accommodate small private jets and noncommercial aircraft.

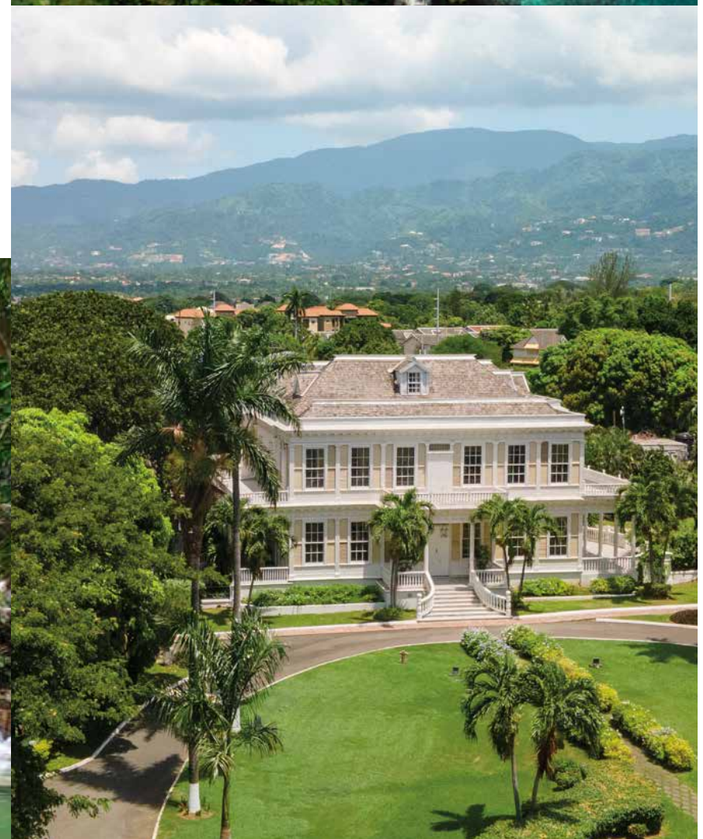






Port Antonio

Just two hours away from Kingston is one of Jamaica's most picturesque resort towns. Known for its magnificent rivers, dramatic waterfalls, and infamous Blue Lagoon, Port Antonio will leave you spellbound from one natural attraction to the next. Described by many as "heaven on earth," this tropical paradise is a haven for sailing, bamboo rafting, secluded swimming spots, beaches, and, of course, Jamaica's famous jerk chicken.



Kingston

For a one-of-a-kind cultural experience, visit Jamaica's capital city. Kingston is a UNESCO Creative City of Music and home to some of the world's most influential art, nature, and history. Once meetings are completed, guests are encouraged to immerse themselves in our rich cultural history at the National Gallery of Jamaica, visit Devon House to taste its famous home-made ice cream, stroll through the beautiful Hope Botanical Gardens, and experience a rite-of-passage by visiting the Bob Marley Museum.

Hotels, Convention Centres & Off-site Venues

Accommodations

With boutique properties, internationally recognised all-inclusive resorts, luxury resorts, villas, and convention centres, Jamaica can accommodate everything from small groups to medium-size programs to large conventions.



Destination Management Companies

Jamaica has a wide selection of Destination Management Companies (DMC). Their professional services and expertise will guide planners through all aspects of the planning process.

Amstar DMC

Island Routes

Jamaica Tours Limited (JTL)

Tropical Tours LTD

Golf Courses

Jamaica's many golf courses provide the perfect place to unwind after a meeting, to prepare for a meeting, or, better yet, to have your meeting while you play. Plus, our caddies know these courses inside and out. They're not just mandatory, they're essential for helping players stay on top of their game.

MONTEGO BAY

Cinnamon Hill Golf Course at Rose Hall

Half Moon Golf Course

The Tryall Golf Course

The White Witch Golf Course

KINGSTON

Caymanas Golf Club

Constant Spring Golf and Country Club

NEGRIL

Negril Hills Golf Club

OCHO RIOS/RUNAWAY BAY

The Runaway Bay Golf Club

Sandals Golf & Country Club

SOUTH COAST

Manchester Country Club Golf Course







Tours & Attractions

With more than 150 licensed tours and attractions, visitors can unleash their adventurous sides and become more connected by choosing from a variety of activities and team-building exercises.









Unique Venues for Group Events

Break free from ordinary meeting rooms and try something out of the box. We have historical sites, caves, white-sand beaches, botanical gardens, waterfalls, rivers, mineral springs, bioluminescent lagoons, coffee plantations, rum factories, and farm-to-table experiences that will inspire and delight.







The Montego Bay Convention Centre is a nine-time recipient of the World Travel Award for being the Caribbean's leading meetings and conference facility.

It's the perfect place to book all your meetings, events, trade shows, and special occasions for its oceanfront location, panoramic views, and combined total of 139,302 square feet of meeting, exhibition, and ballroom spaces. Here, guests can expect superior event management and personalised first-class service from set-up to move out.

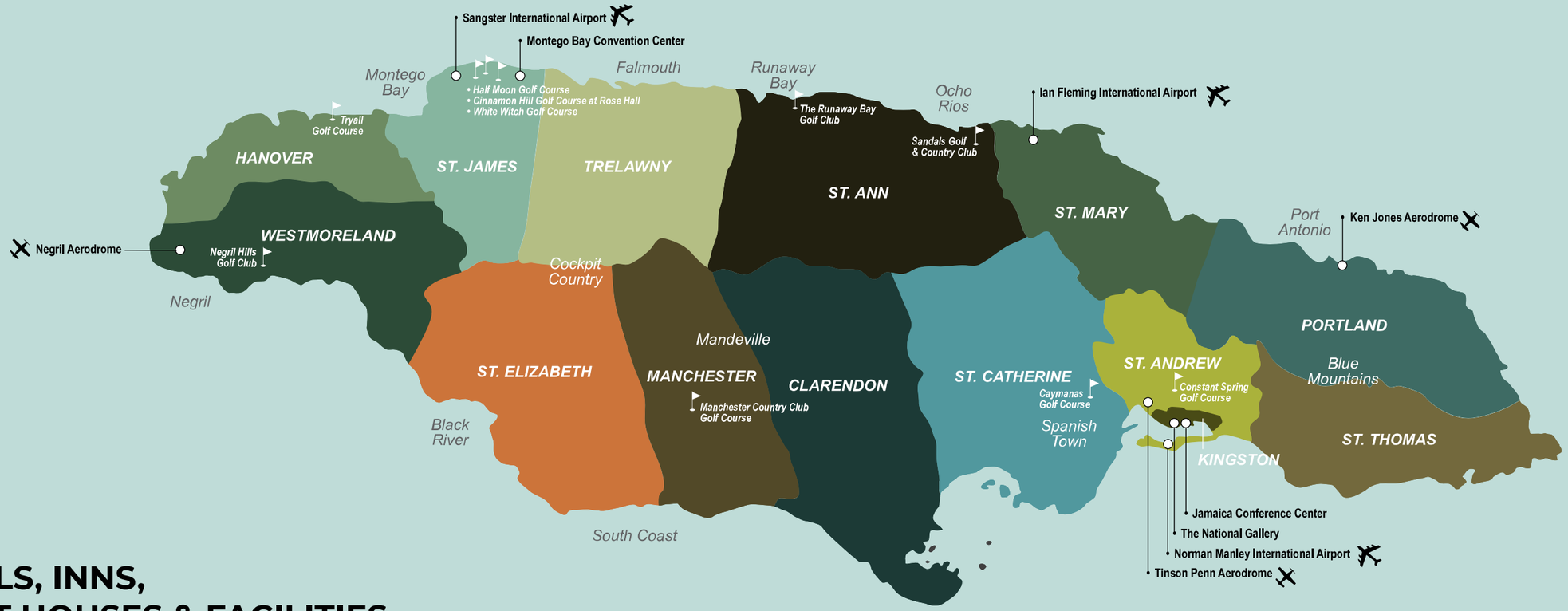
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The Jamaica Conference Centre is a 210,000-square-foot structure located on the picturesque waterfront of Kingston's downtown business district. Built to the specifications and standards of the United Nations, it stands as a testament to Jamaican architecture and functional elegance.

It has five conference rooms. The largest is capable of accommodating up to 1,200 attendees. Each conference room is equipped with simultaneous translation facilities for six languages. Additionally, it offers three caucus rooms, a reception foyer, a dining block, delegates lounges, and offices.

Learn More



HOTELS, INNS, GUEST HOUSES & FACILITIES

WESTMORELAND

- Bar-B-Barn
- Beaches Negril Resort & Spa (all-inclusive)
- Charela Inn
- Coco La Palm
- Coral Cove Resort
- Cotton Tree Place
- Country Country Limited
- Couples Swept Away Hotel
- Foote Prints On The Sand
- Fun Holiday Beach Resort
- Grand Pineapple Beach Resort
- Hidden Paradise
- Hotel Riu Palace Tropical Bay
- Hotel Samsara
- Kibo Hotel
- Legends Hotel
- Luna Sea Hotel Limited
- Merrils 2
- Negril Escape Resort & Spa ("Mariners Inn")
- Negril Palms Hotel
- Negril Tree House Resort
- Rayon Hotel
- Rock House Hotel
- Rondel Village
- Rooms Negril
- Royalton Negril
- Sandy Haven Resort
- Sandals South Coast Jamaica
- Seastar Inn
- Shields Negril
- Sunrise Club Hotel
- Tensing Pen Limited
- The Boardwalk Village Limited
- The Caves/Island Caves 2006 Ltd
- The Cliff Hotel & Spa Limited
- The Commingle Hotel
- The Oasis Resort Hotel
- The Spa Retreat
- Westender Inn

ST. JAMES

- Altamont West Hotel
- Breathless Montego Bay Resort
- Caribiue Beach Hotel
- Catalonia Montego Bay Resort
- Deja Resort
- Doctor's Cave Beach
- Donway - A Jamaican Style Village
- Dreams Rose Hall Resort & Spa
- Grand Decameron Cornwall Beach
- Grand Decameron Montego Beach
- Grandiosa Hotel
- Half Moon Resort
- Hotel 39
- Hotel Gloriana & Spa
- Hotel Montego
- Hotel Riu Montego Bay
- Hotel Riu Palace Jamaica
- Hotel Riu Reggae
- Hyatt Ziva, Hyatt Zilara
- Iberostar Selection Suites
- Iberostar Waves Rose Hall Beach
- Jewel Grande Montego Bay Resort & Spa
- JOIA Rose Hall by Iberostar
- Milbrooks Resort
- Relax Resort
- Sandals Montego Bay
- Sandals Royal Caribbean Resort & Offshore Island
- SeaGarden Beach Resort
- Secrets St. James & Secrets Wild Orchid Resorts
- The S Hotel
- Tobys Resort
- UNICO Hotel
- Verney House Hotel
- Zoetry

HANOVER

- Azul Beach Resort Negril
- Couples Negril (all-inclusive)
- Grand Palladium - Lady Hamilton & Jamaica Resort & Spa
- Hedonism II
- Princess Grand Jamaica
- Princess Senses The Mangrove
- Round Hill Hotel And Villas
- Royalton Negril; Hideaway At Royalton Negril; Hotel Grand Lido Negril
- Sandals Negril Beach Resort & Spa
- Sunset at the Palms
- Tryall Golf & Beach Club

ST. ELIZABETH

- Lashings Villas Limited
- Jakes Hotel Villas & Spas
- South View Hotel
- Treasure Beach Hotel

TRELAWNY

- Excellence Oyster Bay
- Glistening Waters Hotel
- Hideaway at Royalton Blue Waters
- Hotel Rio Bueno
- Ocean Coral Spring
- Ocean Eden Bay
- Royalton Blue Waters
- Riu Palace Aquarelle

MANCHESTER

- Golf View Hotel
- Mandeview Flats
- Mandeville Hotel

CLARENDON

- Bridge Palm Resorts
- Platinum Hotel

ST. ANN

- Bahia Principe Jamaica Resort
- The Cardiff Hotel & Spa
- Club Hotel Riu Ocho Rios
- Franklyn D. Resort
- Grand Muthu Club Caribbean Runaway Bay
- Hermosa Cove
- Hibiscus Lodge Hotel
- Jamaica Inn
- Moon Palace Jamaica
- Mystic Ridge Resort
- Piper's Cove Resort
- Rooms On The Beach
- Sago Palm Hotel
- Sandals Ochi Beach Resort
- Sandals Dunn's River
- Sandals Royal Plantation Hotel
- Sea Crest Beach Hotel
- Shaw Park Beach Hotel & Spa
- Silver Seas Hotel
- Tamarind Tree Resort
- Villa Sonate

ST. MARY

- Beaches Ocho Rios Resort & Golf Club
- Casa Maria Hotel
- Couples Sans Souci
- Couples Tower Isle
- Galina Breeze (was Trade Winds Resort)
- GoldenEye
- Moxons Beach Club

ST. ANDREW & KINGSTON

- AC Hotel By Mariott
- Altamont Court Hotel
- City View Hotel
- Courtyard By The Marriott
- Eden Gardens Wellness And Resort & Spa
- Hotel Four Seasons
- Indies Hotel
- The Jamaica Pegasus
- Mayfair Hotel
- Medallion Hall
- R. Hotel
- ROK Hotel Kingston, Tapestry Collection
- S Hotel Kingston
- Terra Nova All-Suite Hotel
- The Courtleigh Hotel & Suites
- The Prestige Hotel (formerly Sandhurst Hotel)
- Terra Nova All-suite Hotel Limited

PORTLAND

- GeeJam
- Hotel Mocking Bird Hill
- Hotel Tim Bamboo Ltd.
- Jamaica Palace Hotel
- San San Tropez
- Trident Hotel
- Tropical Lagoon Heights Resorts Limited

ST. THOMAS

- Morant Villas
- Whispering Bamboo Cove



Hotels and Convention Centres

KINGSTON

AC Hotel Kingston
219 rooms
3,0634 sq ft
6 meeting spaces
EP
38-42 Lady Musgrave Rd, Kingston

Courtleigh Hotel and Suites
128 rooms
2,202 sq ft
5 meeting spaces
EP
Knutsford Blvd, Kingston

Courtyard by Marriott, Kingston
129 rooms
594 sq ft
1 meeting space
EP
1 Park Close, Kingston

Jamaica Conference Centre
N/A
57,000 sq ft
8 meeting spaces
N/A
14-20 Port Royal St, Kingston

The Jamaica Pegasus Hotel
300 rooms
1,300 sq ft
15 meeting spaces
EP
81 Knutsford Blvd, Kingston 5,
New Kingston, WI

Terra Nova All-suite Hotel
35 suites
8,294 sq ft
6 meeting spaces
EP
17 Waterloo Rd, Kingston 10

R. Hotel
48 rooms
N/A (60 people)
1 meeting space
EP
2 Renfrew Rd, Kingston

ROK Hotel Kingston
160 rooms
3,208 sq ft
6 meeting spaces
EP
2-4 King St, Kingston

Spanish Court Hotel
123 rooms
1,600 sq ft
2 meeting spaces
EP
1 St Lucia Ave, Kingston

MONTEGO BAY/FALMOUTH

Breathless Montego Bay Resort
150 rooms
8,058 sq ft
8 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Sunset Dr, Montego Freeport

Catalonia Hotels & Resorts
518 rooms
4,650 sq ft
2 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Rosehall Parish, Montego Bay

Club RIU Montego Bay
681 rooms
3,012 sq ft
1 meeting space
All-Inclusive
Mahoe Bay, Ironshore, Montego Bay

Dreams Rose Hall Resort & Spa_
495 rooms
44,000 sq ft
9 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Rose Hall Main Rd, Montego Bay

Excellence Oyster Bay Resort
315 rooms
N/A
1 meeting space
All-Inclusive
Oyster Bay Peninsula, Coopers Pen,
Falmouth

Half Moon Resort
210 rooms/27 villas
15,000 sq ft
13 meeting spaces
EP
Rose Hall St James Jamaica WI,
Montego Bay

Hard Rock Resort Montego Bay
Coming soon!
1,500 sq ft
4 meeting spaces
EP
Sunset Drive Freeport, Montego Bay

Hyatt Ziva Resort & Hyatt Zilara Resort
621 rooms
15,000 sq ft
13 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Rose Hall Rd, Montego Bay

JOIA Rose Hall by Iberostar
295 suites
45,370 sq ft
3 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Branch Developments Rose Hall Main Rd,
Little River, Montego Bay

Iberostar Rose Hall

366 rooms
2,028 sq ft
2 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Branch Developments Rose Hall Main Rd, Little River, Montego Bay

Iberostar Suites

325 rooms
7,991 sq ft
6 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Rose Hall Main Rd, Rose Hall, Montego Bay 555

Jewel Grande Montego Bay

332 rooms
25,000 sq ft
13 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Rose Hall Main Rd, Montego Bay

Montego Bay Convention Centre

N/A
57,525 sq ft
N/A
N/A
Rose Hall, Rose Hall Rd, Montego Bay

Ocean Coral Spring

513 rooms
9,042 sq ft
4 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Mountain Spring Bay, Trelawny

Ocean Eden Bay

444 rooms
9,042 sq ft
4 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Mountain Spring Bay, Trelawny

Round HIll Resort and VIllas

129 rooms
20,000 sq ft
4 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
John Pringle Dr, Montego Bay

Riu Palace Aquarelle

753 rooms
N/A
N/A
All-Inclusive
1220 New Court, Coopers Pen Falmouth

Royalton Blue Waters Resort

228 rooms
15,000 sq ft
1 meeting space
All-Inclusive
Mountain Spring, Trelawny, A1, Montego Bay, JM, Montego Bay

Hideaway at Royalton Blue Waters

352 rooms
9,634 sq ft
1 meeting space
All-Inclusive
Highway A1 Mountain Spring, Trelawny, Montego Bay

S. Hotel

120 rooms
6,653 sq ft
3 meeting spaces
EP
7 Jimmy Cliff Ave, Montego Bay

Sandals Montego Bay

272 rooms
6,275 sq ft
5 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Kent Ave, Montego Bay

Sandals Royal Caribbean Resort

227 rooms
717 sq ft
1 meeting space
All-Inclusive
Mahoe Cl, Montego Bay

Secrets St. James & Secrets Wild Orchid

700 rooms
16,000 sq ft
9 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Lot 59A, Montego Bay

UNICO Hotel

451 rooms
N/A
N/A
All-Inclusive. Adults only
N/A

Zoetry Montego Bay Resort

49 suites
430 sq ft
1 meeting space
All-Inclusive
Mahoe Bay, Ironshore Main Rd, Montego Bay

NEGRIL

Azul Beach Resort Negril

285 rooms
2,079 sq ft
1 meeting room
EP
Norman Manley Blvd, Negril

Grand Lido Negril

28 rooms
18,588 sq ft
8 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Norman Manley Blvd, A1, Negril

Grand Palladium Jamaica Resort

537 rooms
3,755 sq ft
3 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Point Lucea, Lucea

Palladium Lady Hamilton Resort

519 rooms
12,917 sq ft
6 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Point Lucea, Lucea

Princess Grand Jamaica

590 rooms
21,254 sq ft
6 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Industry Cove Green Island, Hanover

Princess Senses the Mangrove

415 rooms
21,254 sq ft
6 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive. Adults only 18+
Industry Cove Green Island, Hanover

Royalton Hideaway Negril

140 rooms
N/A
8,094 sq ft
All-Inclusive. Adults only
N/A

The Royalton Negril Resort

407 rooms
3,600 sq ft
5 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Norman Manley Blvd, A1, Negril

OCHO RIOS/ RUNAWAY BAY

Bahia Principe Jamaica Resort

850 rooms
16,396 sq ft
5 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Salt Coopers, Runaway Bay

Beaches Ocho Rios

223 rooms
13,484 sq ft
6 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Old Main Rd, Ocho Rios

Club RIU Ocho Rios

856 rooms
2,820 sq ft
1 meeting space
All-Inclusive
Mammee Bay, Ocho Rios,
Mammee Bay Rd, Ocho Rios

Luxury Bahia Principe Don Pablo

523 rooms
12,443 sq ft
4 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Salt Coopers, Runaway Bay

Moon Palace Jamaica

705 rooms
20,265 sq ft
16 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Main St, Ocho Rios

Sandals Dunns River

260 rooms
3,950 sq ft
3 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive. Adults only
Mammee Bay Box 858, Ocho Rios

Sandals Ochi Beach Resort

525 rooms
11,000 sq ft
4 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
130-131 Main St, Ocho Rios

Sandals Royal Plantation

74 rooms
681 sq ft
2 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
Main St, Ocho Rios

SOUTH COAST

Sandals South Coast

360 rooms
9674 sq ft
5 meeting spaces
All-Inclusive
White House

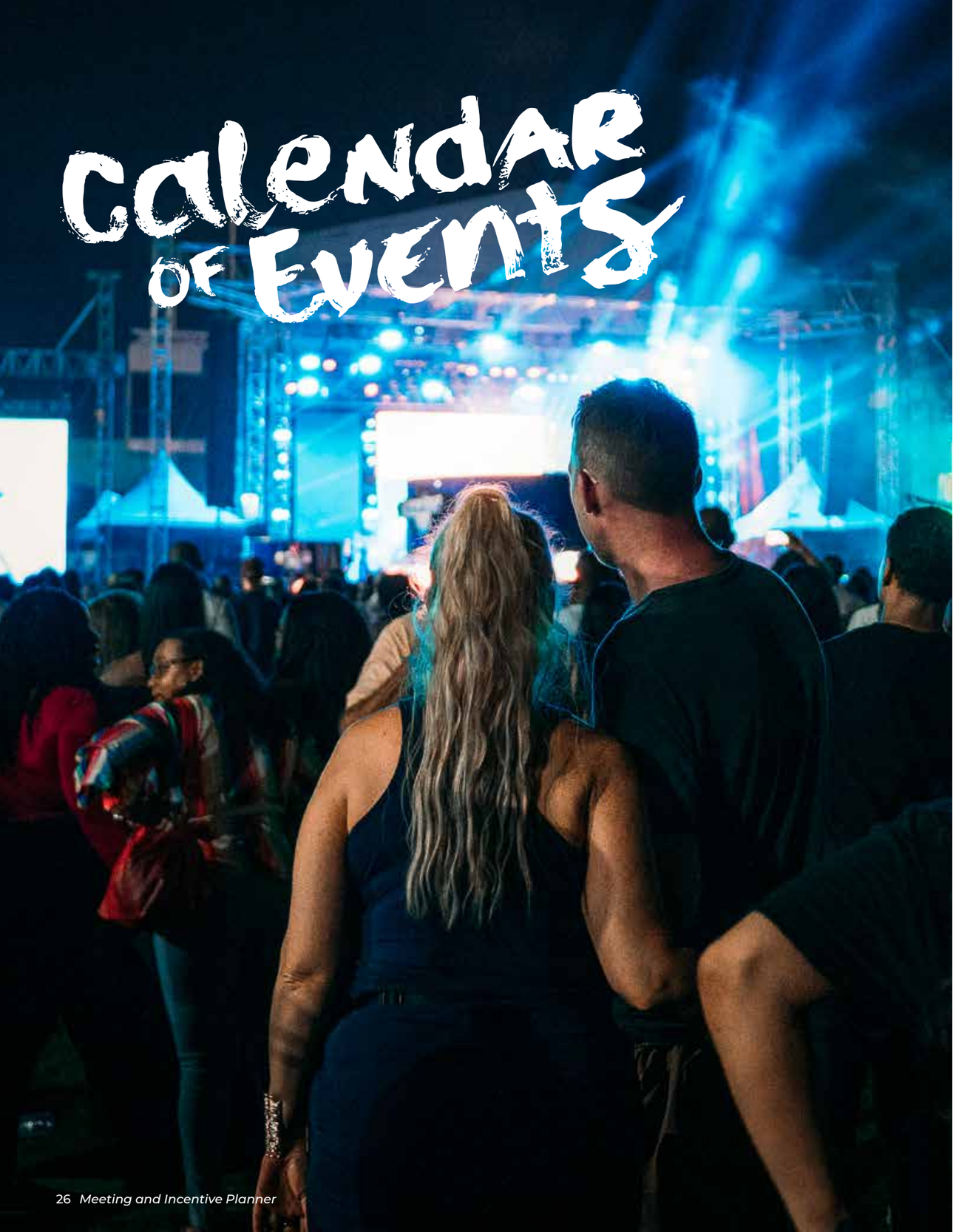
Corporate Social Responsibility

We can help match groups with on-island organisations that handle volunteer projects locally—projects that will increase team building and engagement with activities like painting school, homeless services, and cleaning beaches. Let our team provide you with CSR assistance.

Learn More

For more information, contact our Groups department.





JANUARY

- Rebel Salute, St. Ann

FEBRUARY

- Reggae Month Celebrations, Kingston
- Lost In Time Music Festival, Kingston
- Hanover Charities / Chukka Polo Tournament, Hanover
- Coveside Concert Series, St. Ann *(Feb-May)*

MARCH

- BRT Weekend St. Ann
- Run for Fun Cruise Event, Montego Bay
- The Well Encounter, Kingston
- Jamaica Blue Mountain Coffee Festival, Kingston
- Earth Hour, Kingston

APRIL

- Carnival in Jamaica Series Varied Venues— Kingston & Ocho Rios
- Cycle Jamaica Runaway Bay, St. Ann
- Pan American Air Badminton Championship, St. Catherine
- Expo Jamaica National Arena, Kingston
- Jakes Off Road Triathlon Treasure Beach, South Coast

MAY

- Discover Jamaica by Bike, Kingston, Portland, St. Ann, Westmoreland
- Mochafest Varied Venues, Negril
- Calabash Literary Festival—"for Word" Treasure Beach, South Coast *(Bi-annual)*
- Vinyl Record Collectors—Memorial Weekend Event (Jamaica) Varied Venues, Kingston

JUNE

- Annual Backgammon Tournament, Ocho Rios Email: jigroup@jamaicainn.com
- RuJohn Foundation Celebrity Event, Kingston & Montego Bay
- Jamaica Ocho Rios Jazz Festival, Ocho Rios
- Liguanea Art Festival, Liguanea Plaza, Kingston

JULY

- Boston Jerk Celebration, Boston, Port Antonio
- Amalgamation Little Theatre, Kingston
- Reggae Sumfest Varied Venues— Montego Bay
- Dream Weekend Varied Venues, Negril

AUGUST

- Portland Paradise Weekend Port Antonio, Portland
- Best Weekend Ever! Varied Venues, Ocho Rios

SEPTEMBER

- Jamaica Bridal Expo MBCC, Montego Bay

OCTOBER

- Jamaica Food and Drink Festival, Kingston
- Merritone Homecoming, Kingston, Negril Family Reunion Festival Week

NOVEMBER

- Cycle Jamaica Runaway Bay, St. Ann
- Jamaica Classic NCAA Basketball MBCC, Montego Bay

DECEMBER

- Reggae Marathon Varied Venues, Long Bay Beach Negril



Your quick guide to services, customs, and amenities.

AIRLINES

Air Canada	*876-924-8211*
Air Europa	*844-415-3955*
Air Turks and Caicos	*649-941-5730*
American Airlines	*800-433-7300*
British Airways	*800-247-9297*
Caribbean Airlines	*800-523-5585, 888-359-2475*
Cayman Airways	*800-422-9626*
Copa Airlines	*876-968-5330, 876-926-0326*
Delta Airlines	*800-221-1212*
Frontier Airlines	*720-902-3969*
Fly Jamaica	*855-933-5952*
JetBlue Airways	*800-JET-BLUE*
Southwest	*800-435-9792*
Spirit Airlines	*877-211-1546*
United Airlines	*800-231-0856*
Virgin Atlantic	*876-971-8917*
WestJet Airlines	*800-538-5696*

AIRPORTS

Norman Manley International Airport, Kingston	*876-924-8452-6* **nmia.aero**
Sangster International Airport, Montego Bay	*876-952-3124* **mbjairport.com**
Ian Flemming International Airport, Boscobel, St. Mary	*876-975-3101* **ifia.aero**

ATMs

Most Jamaican ATMs (called ABMs) accept international bank cards with Visa, MasterCard, Cirrus, or Plus logos.

CLIMATE

Jamaica enjoys a tropical climate with high temperatures and humid conditions year-round. Average temperature ranges from 66 degrees Fahrenheit (19 degrees Celsius) to 99 degrees Fahrenheit (32 degrees Celsius). Though Jamaica is known for its sunshine, the island has two rainy seasons: May to June and September to October. Also, hurricanes may pass over the island from June to October. If it rains during your stay, don't worry. Most times, theses short tropical rains provide a welcome break from the afternoon heat.

COMMUNICATIONS

Jamaica is well connected to the rest of the world. Direct international telephone service operates in all areas, 24 hours a day, and telephone operators will gladly facilitate collect, third-party, or credit card calls. Email and internet access is available at hotels, parish libraries, and local internet cafes. Three daily newspapers and five weekend newspapers will keep you in the know. Some hotels and gift shops offer international newspapers as well.

CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards, including Visa, MasterCard, and American Express, are accepted throughout the island.

CURRENCY

The currency of Jamaica is the Jamaica dollar. However, the U.S. dollar is also accepted as legal tender for goods and services. Licensed "cambio" (exchange) centres and commercial banks are accessible in all resort areas. Official currency exchange rates vary daily, so it's advisable to shop around for the best rate.

CUSTOMS AND DUTY
United States residents who have been out of the country for 48 hours or more may take home items valued up to $800 (U.S.) once every 31 days without incurring duty. Adults may take home 200 cigarettes, 100 non-Cuban cigars, and one litre of alcohol. A second litre of alcohol is allowed duty-free if it's produced by a Caribbean Basin country. Family members who return home together may combine their personal exemptions on a joint declaration.

Visit cbp.gov for more information.

Canadian residents who have been out of the country for more than 48 hours can claim up to $300 (CAN) worth of goods without paying duty. Goods must be carried with them. After each absence of seven days or more, they can claim up to $800 (CAN) worth of goods without duty. Except for tobacco products and alcohol, Canadian residents can send goods through the mail. Tobacco products and alcohol must be carried on their person.

Visit cbsaasfc.gc.ca for more information.

United Kingdom residents 17 or older may take the following items home, duty-free: two litres of table wine and one litre of spirits or liquor, or two litres of fortified or sparkling wine or other liquors. 200 cigarettes or 100 cigarillos, or 50 cigars or 250 g of tobacco. 60 cc of perfume and 250 cc of eau de toilette. Plus, other goods worth up to £145. Travelers cannot group their allowances.

Visit hmrc.gov.uk for more information.

DEPARTURE TAX
There is a $35 departure tax that must be paid upon departure. Airlines include this tax on tickets.

DRIVING
In Jamaica, drivers must keep to the left, although some flexibility is required to avoid collisions with pedestrians and domestic animals. The speed limit is 30 mph (50 kmph) in urban areas and 50 mph (80 kmph) on highways given the mountainous terrain (rural roads are often winding, bumpy, and narrow). Tourists can rent cars in most major towns and cities. Clients must be no less than 25 years old to rent a vehicle. Drivers and all passengers are required to wear safety belts, and children under 3 years old must travel in infant carriers or child safety seats. All drivers are required to carry a valid driver's licence. Jamaica recognises valid international driver's licences. Visitors from North America may use their country's licence for up to three months per visit, and United Kingdom residents may use theirs for up to one year.

DRUGS
In Jamaica, the use, sale, and possession of drugs such as cocaine, crack, ecstasy, heroin, and any other controlled substance is illegal. Offenders are subject to severe punishment, including arrest, fines, and/or imprisonment. The possession of up to two ounces of ganja (marijuana) has been decriminalised, but it is still not legal.

ELECTRICITY
The electrical supply in Jamaica is 110 volts/50 cycles standard, and electrical appliances use plugs that are two-pronged and flat (as in the U.S. and Canada). Bring along any adaptors or convertors you might need. Most hotels will provide you with hair dryers, alarm clocks, radios, and clothing irons, but you should check before travelling.

GETTING AROUND
Jamaica is an island of 10,992 square kilometers, and it has so much to offer. If you are keen to explore, you will find the journey just as much a part of your travel experience as the destination. From rental cars to luxury services, discover the many blessings the island has to offer.

All registered taxis in Jamaica are required by law to have red "PPV" licence plates. The fastest and most economical taxis are those used by locals, called "route taxis"—cars or buses that drive a designated course and pick up/drop off passengers at will. These are shared cabs that will usually pack several people willing to go on the same route.

There are also privately owned tour operators and bus companies that offer scheduled travel between a number of vacation towns and cities in air-conditioned buses and taxis that also have Wi-Fi.

Check with your concierge for additional information.

HOLIDAYS
On public holidays, all government agencies, including schools and most private businesses, are closed.

New Year's Day
Ash Wednesday
Good Friday
Easter Monday
Labour Day
Emancipation Day
Independence Day
National Heroes' Day
Christmas Day
Boxing Day

LANGUAGE
English is the official language of Jamaica. However, most locals speak Patois.

SAFETY
As with any place in the world, remember to follow basic precautions. Always keep all luggage in view and your personal effects close to your body.

TIME ZONE
Jamaica falls within the Eastern Time Zone (UTC/GMT -5 Hours) and does not observe daylight saving time. At approximately 18 degrees north of the equator, the island is located within the tropics. As such, it does not experience drastic seasonal changes in sunrise and sunset times. Year-round, the island averages between 11.5 and 12.5 hours of sunlight a day.

TIPPING
It is customary to leave a 10 to 15 percent gratuity at restaurants. Please make sure to check your bill (some establishments will have already included the gratuity in your total).

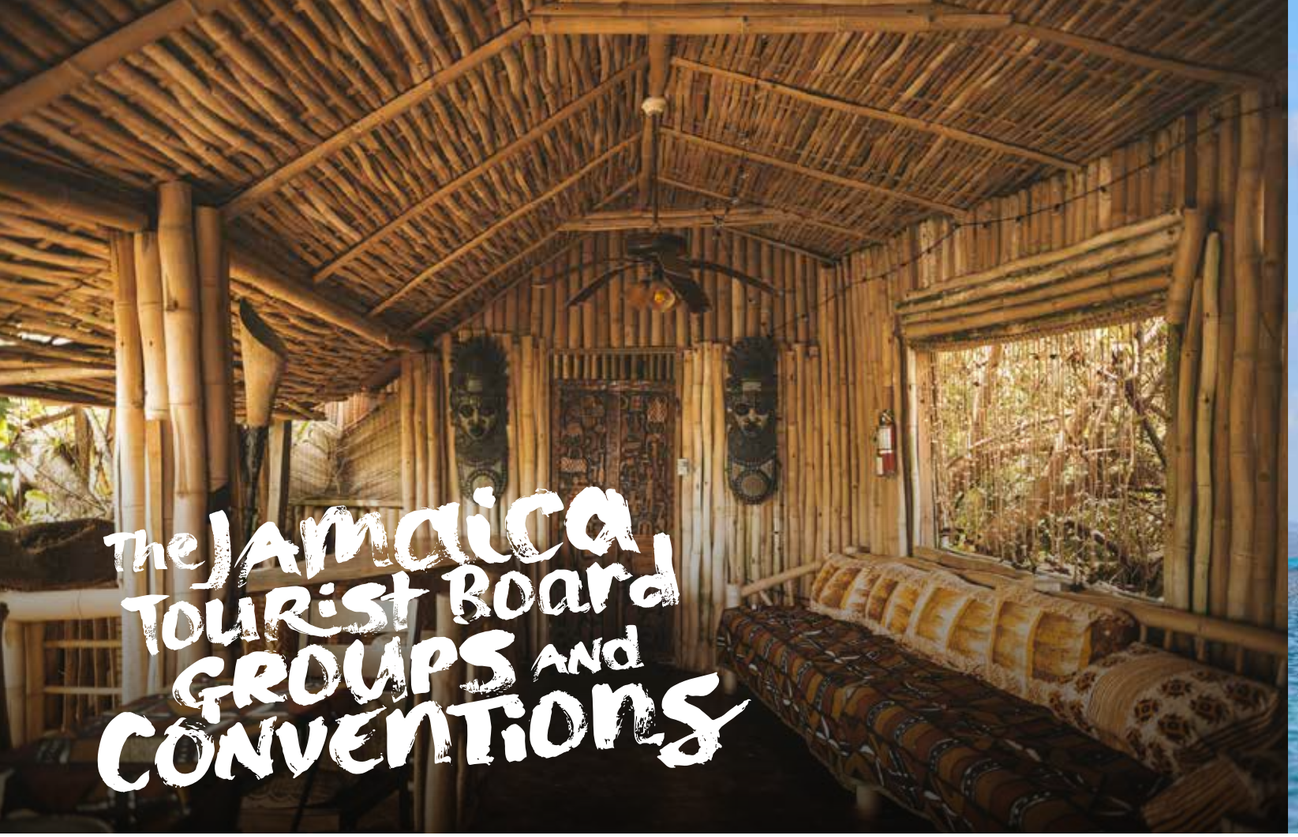
TRANSPORTATION AND TOUR COMPANIES
Other reliable modes of transportation are available throughout the island. Contact the following purveyors for shuttles, buses, and car rentals. Using a tour company to get around is also a great way to experience Jamaica.

Budget Rent-A-Car	*876-759-1793*
Caribbean and Latin Travel Consultant	*876-906-3140*
Caribbean World Enterprises	*876-952-6404*
Centro Latino	*876-755-0072*
El Sol Vida	*876-630-0664*
Fiesta Car Rentals	*876-926-0133*

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Go! Jamaica Travel Company	*876-920-7051*
Great Dane Motorcycle Tours of JA	*876-953-3741*
Hola Tours & Travel	*876-971-1298*
Holiday Services	*876-618-1228*
Island Car Rentals	*876-926-8012*
Jamaica Cooperative Automobile Limousine Tours	*876-952-7574*
Jamaica Cultural Enterprises	*876-549-8570*
Jamaica Union of Travellers Association	*876-952-0813*
Jamaica Vacations Limited	*876-929-9371*
Kiuki Tours & Transportation	*876-940-0521*
Knutsford Express	*876-971-1822*
Leisure for Pleasure Holiday & Tours	*876-924-7027*
Nexus Tours	*876-953-0509*
Prestige Leasing & Tours	*876-952-8495*
Rapsody Tours, Cruises & Charters	*876-979-0102-4*
Sunshine Adventure Jamaica	*876-953-2919*





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- Requests for proposal (RFP)
- Customised site visits
- Vendor lists to help you identify unique products and services
- Customs clearance assistance for items that will be used on island and taken out of the country; for detailed information please visit: visitjamaica.com/groups
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- Product updates on hotels, attractions, tours, off-site venues, and services
- Insider tips and the most up-to-date information
- Identify unique experiences based on the expectations of the group

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