



Country Profile: Jamaica

Jamaica is a developing nation of over 2.6 million people. Facilities for tourists are widely available. International airports are located in Kingston and Montego Bay. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Jamaica for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Jamaica
Continent:	Caribbean
Capital City:	Kingston
Boundary Countries:	
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Kingston: Andrew's Memorial Hospital, Bellevue Hospital, Bustamente Hospital for Children, Kingston Public Hospital, Medical Associates Hospital, Nuttall Memorial Hospital, University Hospital of the West Indies Montego Bay: Cornwall Regional Hospital St. Ann's Bay: St. Ann's Bay Hospital
Main Cities:	Kingston, Montego Bay, Negril, Ocho Rios, Saint Ann's Bay, Port Rhoades, Linstead, Port Antonio, Port Esquivel, Rocky Point, Morant Bay, Black River, Port Kaiser, Spanish Town, Portmore, Mandeville, May Pen, Savanna-la-Mar
Country Size:	10,991 sq km
Population:	2,780,132

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	English, English patois
Currency:	Jamaican Dollar (JMD)
Predominant Religions:	Protestant 62.5%, Roman Catholic 2.6%, other or unspecified 14.2%, none 20.9%.
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 6 August (1962)
Economic Status:	The Jamaican economy is heavily dependent on services, which now account for more than 60% of GDP. The country continues to derive most of its foreign exchange from tourism, remittances, and bauxite/alumina.
Security:	Jamaican Defense Force: Ground Forces, Coast Guard, Air Wing.
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Kingston 142 Old Hope Road Kingston 6 Jamaica, West Indies Tel: 876-702-6000

Major Airports:	Airports: 351, Airports w/paved runways: 11 Kingston – Norman Manley International Airport (KIN/MKJP) Kingston Airport, Jamaica, PO Box 567, Kingston 5, Palisadoe, West Indies, JAMAICA Kingston Airport, Jamaica, 53 Knutsford Boulevard, Palisadoe, JAMAICA Tel: +1 876 836-1622/3 Fax: +1 876 926-0356 Website: www.aaj.com.jm Customs, hours: 24 hours Tel: +1 876 924 8312 Montego Bay – Sangster International Airport (MBJ/MKJS) Montego Bay Airport, Jamaica, MBH Airports Ltd, Montego Bay, JAMAICA Tel: +1 876 952-3124, +1 876 952-3133, +1 876 952-2712 Fax: +1 876 952-6172, +1 876 971-9598 Website: www.mbjairport.com
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