Take Me to Jamaica Travel Guide

Smart Tips for an Unforgettable Trip to Jamaica

QUICK TIPS TO REMEMBER

- Use ATMs (select JMD) better rates than airport exchange
- It's OK to say "No, thanks" be polite but firm
- If the price seems off, ask another local
- Avoid currency exchange at the airport
- Always negotiate taxi fares upfront
- Use licensed taxis (red plates = legit)



MONEY MATTERS

Use ATMs, Choose JMD:

Withdraw cash in Jamaican Dollars (JMD) from bank ATMs. Always select "JMD" to avoid hidden currency conversion fees.

Skip Airport Currency Exchange:

Exchange rates at airports are some of the worst. Wait until you reach a town or hotel area.

in Jamaica:

Tipping is customary and appreciated. Tip in Jamaican Dollars. Restaurants usually include a service charge, but feel free to tip extra for great service.

GETTING AROUND

Book Airport Transfers Early:

Reserve your transportation before arrival for convenience and peace of mind.

Licensed Taxis Only:

Only use taxis with red license plates. Apps like **OnTime** and **Jamaica Union of Travelers Association (JUTA)** can help.

Confirm Prices First:

Jamaican taxis don't use meters. Always agree on the fare before starting your ride.

EATING & DRINKING

Try Local Jerk:

Popular jerk spots:

- Scotchies
- Sweetwood Jerk Joint
- Ask locals for hidden gems!



Water Safety:

Tap water is safe in most areas, but bottled water is a safer bet in rural spots.

Eat Where Locals Eat:

If it's busy with locals — it's probably delicious and affordable.

STAYING SAFE & RESPECTFUL

Be Respectful:

Greet people with "Good morning" or "Respect." Manners matter!

On't Flash Wealth:

Leave expensive jewelry and gadgets behind. Keep cash out of sight.

Stay in Tourist-Friendly Zones:

Especially at night. Always ask locals or your host if unsure.

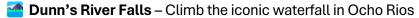
Support Local Vendors:

Buy handmade souvenirs, crafts, and food from small, local businesses.

WHAT TO PACK

- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Water shoes
- Lightweight clothes + rain jacket
- Power adapter (110V)
- · Passport and ID copies





- Blue Mountains Tour coffee farms and enjoy breathtaking views
- Rick's Café (Negril) Sunset views + cliff diving
- 🚣 Martha Brae Rafting Peaceful bamboo raft ride
- **Ŭ** Devon House Ice Cream (Kingston) − A delicious cultural stop
- **Street Dance Party** Ask locals about safe dancehall nights

