

Montego Bay, Jamaica



Only steps away from Montego Bay airport, Montego Bay offers travelers a fantastic opportunity to experience the hustle and bustle of an energetic city set in the midst of absolute paradise with awe-inspiring all-inclusive resorts, myriad golf courses to choose from, wonderful shopping and more. It is the ideal location for 2 people in love, or for a family looking to create new memories.

Package Includes:

- Choice of accommodations
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Roundtrip transfers between Montego Bay airport and hotel
- Luggage handling
- Assistance of a local destination representative

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should go?

Honeymooners

Many romantic resorts, encircled by beauty, create an ideal setting.

Families

A bustling beach town and a Caribbean hub for shopping, dining, and watersports.

Golfers

Home to some of the Caribbean's best championship golf courses.

Singles

Alive both day and night with restaurants, sightseeing spots, nightlife, and shops .

What's the climate like?

	Winter	Spring	Summer	Autumn
Average High	82° F	85° F	88° F	87° F
Average Low	72° F	74° F	77° F	76° F
Average Rainfall	2.7"	3.6"	4.5"	6.3"

The northeast trade winds and mountain breezes keep the temperature pleasant year-round. Water temperature is approximately 78°F.

How do I get around town?

Transfers

Roundtrip transfers between the airport and your hotel are included with your vacation package. Transfer time to the hotel zone is approximately 10-20 minutes.

Taxi

Taxis are the preferred form of transportation in Montego Bay. It's best to agree on the cab fare prior to getting into the taxi and to carry small bills, since drivers are often not able to make change.

Walking

During the day, walking is an option in the Hip Strip area. However, outside of this area, sidewalks are seldom available, making walking less desirable.

What kinds of dining and nightlife are available?

Begin your evening on the beach, watching a beautiful Caribbean sunset over Montego Bay and the distant hills as you enjoy a frosty Red Stripe beer. If you so desire, dance the night away to cool reggae sounds at a beach party.

All-inclusive resorts offer several on-site dining options and many all-inclusive resorts offer on-site discos as well. See the hotel descriptions for more detailed information.

- **Glistening Waters Restaurant and Marina**
A fantastic waterfront dining experience with views of the spectacular Luminous Lagoon at Rock in Falmouth, near Montego Bay.
- **Jamaica Bobsled Bar**
A casual restaurant and bar featuring pizza and dedicated to the famous Jamaica bobsled team. Hip Strip.
- **The Native**
Featuring a gorgeous view from the verandah, The Native serves a variety of local cuisine such as stewed oxtails, curried goat, and jerk chicken and pork, all cooked and served gourmet style. Gloucester Avenue.
- **Pier One on the Waterfront**
Jamaica's best open-air seafood restaurant featuring fabulous sunsets over the Caribbean and panoramic views of the bay. Montego Bay.
- **Royal Stocks English Pub**
A traditional English Pub serving ales, cocktails, and traditional fare. Located in the Half Moon Village Shopping Center.
- **Tapas**
Hard to find and out of the way, but once you get there you'll love this small, romantic restaurant that serves sublime Spanish cuisine accompanied by classical music. Located across the street from Margaritaville.

Nightlife in Montego Bay centers around the Hip Strip and is the place to be to dance the night away. Some popular places for late night action include Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville, Chillin, Jackpot Jungle, The Brewery, Rum Jungle, and many others.

Where should I go shopping?

Good buys in Jamaica include woodwork, straw items, beads, embroidery, and crafts, all offered for sale at the craft markets. Gold, silver, china, and electronic equipment are available in the duty-free stores. And don't forget to pick up some world-famous Blue Mountain coffee.

In Montego Bay, shop Harbour Street, the largest craft market on the island. Be sure to check out the nearby duty-free shops at Half Moon Village and the shopping center in downtown Montego Bay, where you'll find everything from cashmere and perfume to cigars and liquor.

When are the local events?

Air Jamaica Jazz & Blues Festival

January. Held at the Rose Hall Resort & Country Club and features local and international legendary jazz and blues musicians.

Jamaica Carnival

February – April. Held in Kingston, Montego Bay, and Ocho Rios. Flamboyantly costumed groups parade and dance in the streets. Top music performers from Jamaica, Trinidad, and other Caribbean islands play reggae and calypso music.

Spring Break

March – April. Held in Montego Bay and Negril. The Caribbean's most dynamic spring break experience! Montego Bay comes alive with live reggae concerts, beach volleyball competitions, fashion shows, prizes, and surprises.

Get Up, Stand Up Comedy Show

April. Breezes Montego Bay and MTV Networks present the Get Up, Stand Up Comedy Show.

Red Stripe Reggae Sunfest

July. This annual music festival is held at Catherine Hall in Montego Bay. Showcases top local and international reggae artists.

What are my golf and recreation options?

Golf

Customize your vacation with discounted greens fees and gain access to hotel-affiliated golf courses with a stay at select hotels or receive great discounts and advanced tee times at independent golf courses.

Hotel-Affiliated Courses

- **Cinnamon Hill Ocean Course**
Offers an open, windswept front 9 then a tight, trappy back 9 bordered by jungle. Designed by Robert von Hagge and Rick Baril. The following hotel has use of this course when the Platinum All-Inclusive plan is purchased:
 - Rose Hall Resort and Country Club (includes unlimited golf)
- **SuperClubs Ironshore Golf Club at Montego Bay**
Excellent layout with many trees. Holes are dug left and right with a number of sand traps. The variety of the terrain is very challenging. Designed by Robert Moote. The following hotels have use of this course:
 - Breezes Montego Bay by SuperClubs (includes unlimited golf, transfers not included)
 - Starfish Trelawny (includes unlimited golf, transfers not included)
 - Grand Lido Braco (includes unlimited golf, transfers not included)
- **White Witch Golf Course**
Course winds through the mountains of Jamaica's historic 4,000-acre Rose Hall Plantation. Highlights include panoramic views of the Caribbean Sea from 16 of its 18 holes. Designed by Robert von Hagge and Rick Baril. The following hotel has use of this course when the Golf Option is purchased:
 - Ritz-Carlton Golf & Spa Resort, Rose Hall

Sportfishing

Most major hotels offer full- or half-day deep-sea fishing excursions. Blue marlin is the prize but wahoo and tuna are well worth the fight.

Snorkeling

Experience some fun underwater adventures at the Montego Bay Marine Park. Scuba diving and snorkeling can be enjoyed in the protected waters stretching nearly 6 miles along the coast. The Bay's principal attraction is the profusion of sponges in a rainbow of colors.

Scuba Diving

Montego Bay is famous for its wall dives. Airport Reef, considered to be the best dive site on the island, is known for its coral caves, tunnels, and canyons.

Travel tidbits

Take a Walking Tour

Take a leisurely stroll through the streets of Montego Bay to experience the city's rich history. Begin your tour at The Dome, built in 1837 and used to manage the city's water supply, and meander to see St. James Parish Church, Town House Restaurant, Burchell Baptist Church, and end at Sam Sharpe Square, an important sight in the fight to end slavery in Jamaica. In the square, you'll see The Cage, which was used as a temporary prison for slaves, the Civic Centre which houses a museum dedicated to the history of St. James Parish, and the Sharpe Monument, a commemorative sculpture depicting a preacher delivering a sermon to interested listeners.

Maroons

The Maroons make for an interesting story and an educational afternoon. In the early 17th century, the Spanish were under attack and set their slaves free to flee the island. Then, the free slaves became the legendary Maroons, and continued to fight the British to maintain that freedom until a peace treaty was signed in 1739. Today, you can visit this self-sufficient society living high in the mountains, just as they did 300 years ago.

Rose Hall Great House

Tour this beautiful ornate estate, once the home of Annie Palmer, the white witch of Rose Hall. Dead for more than 170 years, her legend still evokes memories of her monstrous reign as the mistress of the Great House. All 3 of her husband's met their death at her hands, while countless slaves suffered as a result of her ruthlessness. Her evil reign ended with her murder in 1831. Be sure to take your camera; many visitors have discovered shadows in the pictures revealing the spirit of the ghost, that legends say still haunts the house today.

Doctor's Cave Beach

A spectacular crescent-shaped beach located in the heart of both tourist and local action. Fees apply to use the public beach area. Hotel guests of Breezes Montego Bay are not charged a fee to access the beach. Doctor's Cave Beach got its unique name when Sir Herbert Baker, an English osteopath wrote an article describing the beach's curative powers.

Good to Know:

Airport Name: 3-letter Code:	Sangster International Airport MBJ
Best Weather:	December – April
Best Values:	May – November
Currency:	Jamaican Dollar (called Jay)
Language:	English
Time Zone:	Jamaica is on Eastern Standard Time and does not adjust to Daylight Saving Time.
Proof of Citizenship:	Government legislation requires all people traveling via air to and from the United States and Canada to have a valid passport. For details on passports, visas, and health requirements, see Entry Requirements .
Tipping:	10-15% is customary, but make sure the tip hasn't already been added to the bill. At many of the all-inclusive resorts, tipping in the restaurants and bars is not allowed. Be sure to tip the guides on excursions such as Dunn's River Falls and rafting tours.
Dress:	Jamaica is very casual. Shorts are allowed at most restaurants, except fine dining establishments. Bring a sweater, since some of the air-conditioned places can be cool at times.