



Do's & Don'ts

Tourism is the number one industry in Jamaica. We are proud of our marvelous tradition of guest hospitality. We regard every single visitor to Jamaica as our special guest. That is why we urge you to remember that when you are away from home, no matter where you go, it makes good sense to take extra care to ensure that your journey is safe and pleasant. Because we care about you, we've prepared suggestions to help make your time with us as enjoyable as possible.

At the Airport

Do

- Use authorized pick-up points for rented cars, taxis & buses.
- Use authorized transportation services & representatives.

Don't

- Pack valuables (cash, jewelry, etc.) in your luggage.
- Leave your baggage unattended.

If you Rent a Car

Do

- Use rental car companies licensed by the Jamaica Tourist Board.
- Ask for a map with directions to your destination before leaving the airport.
- Lock your car doors.
- (If you become lost or require assistance) Go to a service station or other well-lit public place.
- Check your vehicle before heading out on the road each day. If problems develop, stop at the nearest service station and call to advise your rental company. They will be happy to assist you.

Don't

- Leave your car engine running unattended.
- Leave valuables in your car. Store valuables, luggage & packages in your trunk.

On the Road

Do

- Remember to drive on the left.
- Observe posted speed limits and traffic signs.
- Use your seat belts.
- Always beep your horn when approaching a blind corner on our narrow and winding country roads.
- Try to travel with a group at night.

Don't

- Stop on dark roads or in secluded areas.
- Pick up hitchhikers.

While Shopping

Do

- Carry your wallet discreetly (preferably in a front pocket).
- Use major credit cards or traveler's cheques for major purchases, if possible.
- Ladies, keep your handbag closed with the strap over your shoulder and the bag under your arm.

Don't

- Carry your wallet, cash or other valuables in a rear pocket.
- Display large amounts of cash when making simple purchases.

In Your Hotel

Do

- Store valuables in a safety deposit box.
- Report suspicious-looking persons or activity to hotel security or the front desk.
- Lock doors securely whenever you are in your room.

Don't

- Open your door without verifying your caller.
- Draw attention to yourself by displaying cash, jewelry or other valuables.
- Invite strangers into your room.
- Leave purses, wallets or keys unattended or out of sight when at the pool or on the beach.

Police

Please bear in mind that local police and resort patrol officers are easily identified by their uniforms. Members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force wear blue-striped shirts and black pants with red stripes down the side. The Island Special Constabulary Force officers wear the same uniform with blue stripes on their pants or a plain blue uniform. They all wear badges and carry identification.

Drugs

The use, sale or possession of drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, crack, ecstasy, amphetamines, heroin, or any other controlled substance is illegal in Jamaica and violators are subject to arrest, fines and imprisonment. If approached by someone trying to sell you drugs, firmly but politely say no.

Emergency Assistance

Toll free.....0991-9999

Police.....119

Ambulance.....119, 110

Fire.....110

There are eight visitor information booths on the island, conveniently located in Montego Bay, Ocho Rios and Negril. Each one has radio contact with the police and with the Jamaica Tourist Board offices.

Security personnel and front desk managers at hotels are also able to offer assistance in an emergency.

Jamaica Tourist Board offices have personnel on hand to offer assistance when needed.

The offices are located in Montego Bay (876-952-4425), Kingston (876-929-9200/19) and Port Antonio (876-993-3051).