

Safe-stay Guidelines for Jamaica

Taking commonsense precautions in Jamaica as in any big capital will ensure your safety during your stay in the city.

Public transportation

- Use only taxis ordered from hotels and authorized by the Jamaica Union of Travelers Association (JUTA), which are identified by red-and-white “PP” license plates and a lime-green JUTA sticker on the window. Avoid taking unmarked taxis.
- Knutsford Express offers reliable and comfortable bus transportation between major towns, if you want to travel from one city to another.
- Transportation with public means of transportation may entail the risk of pick pocketing because of overcrowding.

Road behavior

- Cautious driving is necessary, due to low road maintenance, poor signage and reckless driving. Be careful when stopping at junctions or traffic lights, as pick-pockets may use techniques, which distract drivers, to steal any items of value.
- Take great care on the street, either as a driver or as a pedestrian. Keep in mind that in Jamaica people **drive on the LEFT SIDE!**

Pick-pocketing, petty crime

Pickpocketing and bag-snatching, are common in major tourist areas.

- Ensure that your personal belongings and travel documents are secure at all times.
- Don't carry large amounts of cash or show signs of affluence
- Carry as little cash as you need and pay attention to your valuables (particularly smartphones)

General safety measures

- Don't open your hotel door to anyone who can't prove their identity
- Carry valid ID at all times and be prepared for various checkpoints
- Avoid outings and visiting beaches and isolated areas **after dark** (especially Cassava Piece, Tivoli Gardens, Trench Town, Arnett Gardens and Mountain View)

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Ambulance: 110

Air Ambulance - 24-hours: Karvin Air 978-8405/Cell. 0995-7745
Wings Jamaica (day) 923-5416/6573 day; 927-9769 night

Fire: 110

Police: 116

Police Control : 927-9910/7681

Police Crime Stop: 927-3507

Tourist Board: 1-888-991-9999/991-4400 toll free