



# Accessible Americas V: Information and Communication Technologies for ALL



Montego Bay, Jamaica  
28-30 November 2018

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

### 1. INFORMATION ON THE HOST COUNTRY



#### 1.1. About Jamaica:

Jamaica is a destination favorite largely because of the gorgeous beaches that are sprinkled all over the island. The warm sun and the turquoise blue water draw more and more visitors each year. Plus, the weather is sunny, warm and tropical. You really won't be disappointed lounging by the ocean in this Caribbean spot!

One of the most popular beaches in Jamaica is in Negril, Seven Mile Beach. Most of the activity in Negril is along this beach. At Negril is on the western tip, so the sunsets at night off the water are spectacular. But, another popular spot in Jamaica is Runaway Bay. Runaway Bay is about 10 miles from Ocho Rios. The beaches here see less traffic, so it's easy to find a quiet spot to spend the day. And if you're in Montego Bay, the beaches there are equally as beautiful! Jamaica is truly a little slice of paradise.

Jamaica is known globally for its fine food and beverage exports such as Blue Mountain Coffee, Appleton Rum, Jerk seasonings and a wide array of fresh produce and processed foods.

**Jamaican Blue Mountain Coffee** is a classification of coffee grown in the Blue Mountains of Jamaica. The best lots of Blue Mountain coffee are noted for their mild flavour and lack of bitterness



#### 1.2. Important indicators of the country:

Jamaica is an island country situated in the Caribbean Sea. Spanning 10,990 square kilometers (4,240 sq. mi) in area, it is the third-largest island of the Greater Antilles and the fourth-largest island country in the Caribbean. Jamaica lies about 145 kilometers (90 mi) south of Cuba, and 191 kilometers (119 mi) west of Hispaniola (the

island containing the countries of Haiti and the Dominican Republic). With 2.9 million people Jamaica is the third-most populous Anglophone country in the Americas (after the United States and Canada), and the fourth-most populous country in the Caribbean. Kingston is the country's capital and largest city, with a population of 937,700. Jamaicans predominately have African ancestry, with significant European, Chinese, Indian, Lebanese, and mixed-race minorities. Due to a high rate of emigration for work since the 1960s, Jamaica has a large diaspora around the world, particularly in Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Jamaica's telephony services are ubiquitous. In terms of subscriptions, the mobile sector is dominant over the fixed services, with considerably higher availability and the ability to control expenditures through prepaid services.

### **1.3. Climate:**

Two types of climate are found in Jamaica. An upland tropical climate prevails on the windward side of the mountains, whereas a semiarid climate predominates on the leeward side. Warm trade winds from the east and northeast bring rainfall throughout the year. The rainfall is heaviest from May to October, with peaks in those two months. The average rainfall is 1,960 millimeters (77.2 in) per year. Since the southwestern half of the island lies in the rain shadow of the mountains, it has a semiarid climate and receives fewer than 760 millimeters (29.9 in) of rainfall annually.

Temperatures in Jamaica are fairly constant throughout the year, averaging 25 to 30 °C (77 to 86 °F) in the lowlands and 15 to 22 °C (59.0 to 71.6 °F) at higher elevations. Temperatures may dip to below 10 °C (50 °F) at the peaks of the Blue Mountains. The island receives, in addition to the northeast trade winds, refreshing onshore breezes during the day and cooling offshore breezes at night. These are known on Jamaica as the "Doctor Breeze" and the "Undertaker's Breeze," respectively.

**Montego Bay average weather in November: from 23°C to 30°C.**

### **1.4. Tourism:**

The **Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB)**, founded in 1955, is Jamaica's national tourism agency based in the capital city of Kingston. The JTB is a public company governed by a Board of Directors, appointed by the Minister of Tourism. The Director of Tourism, also appointed by the Minister, is the administrative head of the organization and is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the JTB.

The JTB is responsible for the worldwide tourism marketing and promotion for Jamaica. The Jamaica Tourist Board is the most preferred point of contact for persons travelling to Jamaica. The organization markets the uniqueness and diversity of destination JAMAICA through creative programmes and advertisements worldwide.

Throughout the years, the JTB has been recognized for its exceptional leadership and outstanding service with accolades from industry and trade partners both regionally and internationally.

**Contact Information:**

**Jamaica Tourism Centre, 64 Knutsford Boulevard, Kingston 5, Jamaica, West Indies**

**Tel: (876) 920-4926-30**

**Website <http://www.mot.gov.jm/agency/jamaica-tourist-board-jtb>**

**2. VENUE OF THE EVENT AND HOTEL RECOMMENDATION:**

**Hyatt Ziva Rose Hall**  
**Rose Hall Road, A1, Montego Bay, Jamaica**  
**Phone: +1 876-618-1234**  
**All-inclusive**

The all-inclusive Hyatt Ziva Rose Hall in Montego Bay, Jamaica, offers recreation and relaxation for the entire family. Nestled along the shores of the sparkling Caribbean Sea, the verdant Blue Mountains of Jamaica offer different types of accommodations that range from elegant, intimate rooms for two to large suites with ample room for families and all include private balconies with gorgeous views.

Exclusive swim-up suites provide direct access to a semi-private pool from your terrace and the resort features two other sparkling pools as well. Here you'll find the best jerk chicken and the only Moroccan-themed rooftop lounge in Jamaica, amidst the 13 restaurants and bars that cater to every taste.



**Special All-Inclusive rates for the Accessible Americas event:**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Single (USD) (Per Person, Per Night)</b>	<b>Double (USD) (Per Person, Per Night)</b>	<b>Shuttle Service</b>
★★★★★	*207	*166	Yes

**\*Please note that the prices mentioned above are special early bird rates and they are subject to change without notice and normal rate will be applied as shown below:**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Single (USD) (Per Person, Per Night)</b>	<b>Double (USD) (Per Person, Per Night)</b>	<b>Shuttle Service</b>
★★★★★	368	230	Yes

Special All-Inclusive rates are applicable for three (3) nights pre and three (3) nights post Event Dates, subject to availability and include all taxes, service charges and gratuities. Taxes are subject to change according to government regulations.

**ALL INCLUSIVE PLAN**

Hotel offers the following services and amenities as part of the All-Inclusive Plan:

- Breakfast, lunch, dinner, room service and snacks (private events not included unless otherwise stated)
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, bottled water, specialty coffees and teas at all of Hotel’s food and beverage outlets during their regular hours of operation
- Wi-Fi in public areas and guestrooms
- Mini bar drinks
- Non-motorized water sports
- Exercise facilities, daytime tennis courts, table games, scheduled stage shows and mini club activities (where applicable)
- Gratuities
- All applicable taxes

All meals and beverages are offered at Hotel’s restaurants and bars and are available during regular hours of operation.

The following services are **NOT** included as part of the All-Inclusive Plan, except as otherwise provided herein:

- Private Group events and meal functions
- Spa treatments and hair salon services
- Concessions-shop products or services such as, but not limited to tours, excursions, car rentals, etc.

- All lessons, i.e., tennis, watersports, scuba, golf, etc.
- Local/long distance calls (800-number service connection fee charges applies)
- Wine by the bottle, sake and imported beer available at specialty outlets (for example, Japanese beer)
- Laundry and dry clean service
- Business center
- Meeting room rental fees
- Audio visual equipment rental fees
- Private events and in-suite hospitality service
- Gift shop purchases
- Room delivery

**To make reservations to attend Accessible Americas V, please visit any the following links:**

Hyatt Ziva - <https://book.passkey.com/go/accessamzv>

Hyatt Zilara - <https://book.passkey.com/go/accessamzl>

## 2.1 Other recommended hotels:

Other suggested hotels in the vicinity of the conference hotel for which complimentary transportation will be provided daily to and from the conference hotel:

<p><b>Hilton Rose Hall Resort &amp; Spa</b>            Rose Hall Main Road,            Montego Bay, St James            Jamaica            Phone: 1 (876) 953-2650            Website: <a href="https://www.rosehallresort.com">https://www.rosehallresort.com</a></p>	<p><b>Half Moon Hotel</b>            Rose Hall,            Montego Bay, St James            Jamaica            Phone: +1 800-626-0592            Website: <a href="https://www.halfmoon.com">https://www.halfmoon.com</a></p>
<p><b>Holiday Inn Resort Montego Bay</b>            Rose Hall Main Road,            Montego Bay, St James            Jamaica            Phone: 1 (876) 953 2484            Website: <a href="http://caribbeanhi.com">caribbeanhi.com</a></p>	<p><b>Iberostar Rose Hall *</b>            Rose Hall Main Road,            Little River, Montego Bay, St James            Jamaica            Phone: 1 (876) 680 0000 or (888) 774 0040            Website: <a href="https://www.iberostarrosehall.com">https://www.iberostarrosehall.com</a></p> <p><i>*Iberostar is 3 hotels on one property: Iberostar Beach, Iberostar Suites and Iberostar Grand.</i></p>

## 3. REGISTRATION AND ACCESS TO THE CONFERENCE VENUE (HYATT ZIVA)

### 3.1 Registration link

All registrations to the event should be made through the ITU registration system no later than 15 November 2018. The Registration desk will be open at the Hyatt Ziva from 10:00 A.M., to 6:00 P.M. on Monday November 26 and then daily from 8:00 A.M. throughout the conference.

**Registration link:** [https://www.itu.int/online/edrs/REGISTRATION/edrs.registration.form?\\_eventid=4000411](https://www.itu.int/online/edrs/REGISTRATION/edrs.registration.form?_eventid=4000411)

### **3.2 Access to the venue of meeting (Hyatt Ziva)**

Over the period **Wednesday November 28 – Friday November 30, 8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M** all registered delegates will receive a Conference delegate band which will allow them access to all the conference activities at the Hyatt Ziva including lunch and coffee breaks. The band will also allow access to the welcome reception to be held on Wednesday November 28, 2018 between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 P.M. at the Hyatt Ziva.

Please note that in all cases reference to the Hyatt Ziva also includes registered guest of the Hyatt Zilara. The hotels share the same property with the only significant difference being that the Ziva is a family hotel and the Zilara is adults only. The meeting facilities are in the Hyatt Ziva.

## **4. GROUND TRANSPORTATION**

There are two (2) international airports in Jamaica, the Donald Sangster International Airport located in Montego Bay and the Norman Manley International Airport located in Kingston. It is recommended that participants arrive at the **Donald Sangster International Airport** as this is closer to the conference hotel. Complimentary return shuttle service will be provided to and from the Donald Sangster International Airport and the Norman Manley International Airport to the conference hotel for arrivals and departures, **only for those participants registered, that provided all the required flight and hotel information through the [ITU online registration system](#).**

Those registered delegates staying at other conference hotels (the Hilton Rose Hall, the Iberostar Beach, Iberostar Suites, Iberostar Grand, Holiday Inn and Half Moon) will be provided with complimentary return shuttle service from the airport to their hotels and daily to and from the conference hotel (Hyatt Ziva). All registered guests at the Hyatt Ziva, Hyatt Zilara, the Hilton Rose Hall, the Iberostar Beach, Iberostar Suites, Iberostar Grand, Holiday Inn and Half Moon will be provided with return shuttle service to the Rose Hall Great House for **“Jamaica Night” on Thursday evening November 29.**

A transportation desk will be established at the Hyatt Ziva to accommodate other transportation requests at the delegate’s own cost. Transportation contacts will also be in place for those staying at the Hilton Rose Hall, the Iberostar Beach, Iberostar Suites, Iberostar Grand, Holiday Inn and Half Moon for similar services.

## **5. REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO JAMAICA**

All visitors are required to be in possession of a national passport or other acceptable travel document establishing nationality and identity, and bearing a photograph. The passport or other travel document must be valid for the period of intended stay in the island. Visitors are also required to show evidence of sufficient funds to support themselves during their stay and be in possession of a return or round trip ticket to another country to which they are admissible. **Nationals of certain countries require, in addition to travel documents, an entry visa.** This is normally issued, on application, by a Jamaican Consular office.

The decision in respect of admission and length of stay in the country rests with the Immigration Officer at the port of entry in Jamaica. This applies whether or not a visa is a prerequisite for entry.

**Visit the following web links for the Requirements for entering Jamaica:**

<http://www.pica.gov.jm/immigration/general-immigration-information/requirements-for-travel-to-jamaica/>

<http://www.congenjamaica-ny.org/visas/requirements-2/>

## 6. ELECTRICITY

In Jamaica the power sockets are of type A and B. The standard voltage is 110 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

- Type A: mainly used in North and Central America, China and Japan. This socket only works with plug A.
- Type B: like type A but with an extra prong for grounding. This socket also works with plug A.



Type A: This socket has no alternative plugs



Type B: This socket also works with plug A

## 7. LOCAL CURRENCY



**The official currency of Jamaica is the Jamaican Dollar.** The currency code for the Jamaican Dollar is JMD and the currency symbol is J\$. The official rate of exchange fluctuates daily depending on the foreign exchange market. Foreign Currency may be exchanged for Jamaican Dollars at banks or licensed exchange bureaus in airports and hotels. The United States Dollar (US\$), The Euro (€), The Pound Sterling (£) can easily be converted into the Jamaican Dollar.

**1 USD = 136.634 JMD (conversion made on 28 August 2018)**

## 8. TIME IN JAMAICA

Jamaica is in the Eastern Time Zone (UTC/GMT -5 hours)

## 9. SHOPPING

Jamaica is truly a shopper's paradise. The national motto – "Out of Many, One People" – is mirrored in the exceptional quality and variety of arts and crafts available at craft markets. Handcrafted mahogany sculptures, paintings, pottery, hand sewn embroidery, straw accessories and fabulous tropical fashions are just a taste of all that is available. An endless variety of local exotic spices are also available. So too is an abundance of our world-famous Blue Mountain Coffee and fine blends of premium Jamaican rums. Jamaica's duty-free shops also carry an extensive array of goods.

## 10. EVENT CONTACT INFORMATION:

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