



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS JAMAICA STATE OF EMERGENCY

Is it safe to travel to Jamaica?

Yes. Jamaica is a safe place for visitors and the statistics reflect this fact. Jamaica's overall crime rate in respect to crimes against tourists is 0.002% (*Jamaica Constabulary Force, 2022*).

Will my holiday in Jamaica be impacted by the State of Emergency?

Visitors can continue to come with confidence to enjoy all that the destination has to offer. Enhanced security measures on the island will in no way prevent tourists from enjoying the country's many tourism experiences and attractions. All business activities will function as normal, including all airports, cruise ports, hotels, attractions, and tours.

What is a State of Emergency in Jamaica?

- A State of Public Emergency is a tool to ensure enhanced security for all entering and leaving a particular geographic area.
- Persons may be stopped at various checkpoints and asked for information to verify identity. Law enforcement agents are trained in human rights and will appropriately interact with all persons.
- There is no need to modify movements as restrictions in the stated areas should not adversely impact law abiding persons.

What areas of the island does the State of Emergency apply to?

As of December 2022, enhanced security measures have been implemented in some Western, Eastern and Central Parishes, as well as certain sections of Kingston and St. Andrew. These locations are concentrated areas that are not typically frequented by visitors. The vast majority of the island's resort areas, attractions and tourism entities are not affected.

How many visitors travel to Jamaica each year?

Jamaica is on track to welcome three million visitors by the end of 2023. The destination is expected to surpass 2019 pre-pandemic arrival numbers next year and projected to reach five million visitors per year by 2025.