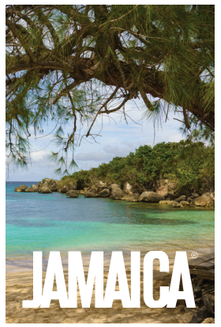
JAMAICA®

Annual Events & Festivals 2025



JAN
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RESET Project

South Coast

Experience RESET Project, a powerful gospel music event at Manchester High School, Mandeville. Celebrate Jamaica's gospel legends, enjoy uplifting performances by artists such as Papa San and Chevelle Franklyn, and support a life-changing cause for the deaf community. Honor the past, embrace the present, and reshape the future through music!

Website:
www.resetthenation.com

JAN
18



Rebel Salute

St. Ann

Enjoy live Jamaican music from dusk 'til dawn. Indulge in a cultural food village and Jamaican art village and explore the famous Herb Curb. Note: Rebel Salute maintains a strict no meat/no alcohol policy.

Website:
www.rebelsalutejamaica.com

FEB
1–28



Reggae Month

Island wide

Celebrate reggae music for the entire month of February with weekly concerts, a lecture series, and so much more organised by the Jamaica Reggae Industry Association (JaRIA) with support of the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sports.

Website:
www.jcdc.gov.jm

FEB
16



Hanover Charities Chukka Foundation Polo Event

Hanover

Come watch the Caribbean's most thrilling polo tournament: with prizes given for each match. Attendees are encouraged to participate in a ladies' hat competition, auctions, and fun activities throughout the event.

Website:
www.hanovercharities.com

FEB
19–23



Island Music Conference

Kingston

Join the Island Music Conference (IMC)—a premier event uniting artists, producers, managers, and industry leaders from around the globe. Engage in over 25 insightful panels, workshops, and showcases covering topics like music monetization, digital strategies, and genre expansion. Don't miss this unparalleled opportunity to network, learn, and shape the future of Caribbean and world music.

Website:
www.islandmusicconference.com

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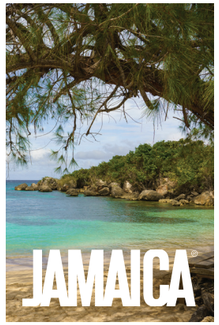
Coveside Concert Series

St. Ann

Experience the magic of Coveside Concerts 2025—a four-part music series set against the stunning backdrop of Plantation Cove in St. Ann, Jamaica. From February through May, enjoy unforgettable performances by legends such as Dionne Warwick, Barrington Levy, Marcia Griffiths, and Etana—each concert celebrating a unique theme from reggae to rocksteady. With breathtaking sunsets, ocean breezes, and world-class music, Coveside Concerts offers more than just a show—it's an immersive cultural escape.

Website:
www.covesideconcerts.com

FEB
23



Poetry in Motion
South Coast

Poetry in Motion (PiM) is one of Jamaica's premier spoken word and performing arts festival, founded by Yasus Afari. Held annually in Mandeville, it showcases poetry, music, dance, and comedy in a vibrant, family-friendly setting. The event blends culture and creativity while supporting local charities.

Website:
www.facebook.com/PiMJamaica

MAR
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Jamaica Blue Mountain Coffee Festival
Kingston

Celebrate the taste and culture of Jamaica at the Blue Mountain Coffee Festival 2025. Enjoy coffee tastings, live music, and culinary delights along the scenic Blue Mountain trail. It's a must-do event for coffee lovers and culture seekers alike.

Website:
www.bluemountaincoffeefest.com

MAR
15



One Love Festival
Negril

Celebrate reggae and unity at the One Love Festival on March 15, 2025, at Woodstock, Negril. Enjoy live performances, cultural tributes, and beach vibes on Jamaica's iconic Seven Mile Beach. It's a soulful day-to-night experience you won't want to miss!

Facebook:
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MAR
22

Earth Hour
Kingston

Join us for Earth Hour, a globally recognized movement that raises awareness on environmental issues. This plastic-free event will feature a concert with sponsored booths, interactive activities, and lots to eat and drink.

Website:
www.earthhourja.com

MAR
25–29

ISSA Boys and Girls Champs
Kingston

Experience Jamaica's premier high school track and field event—the ISSA/Grace Kennedy Boys & Girls Championships 2025, happening March 25–29 at Kingston's National Stadium. Witness the nation's top young athletes compete in a thrilling showcase of speed, strength, and school pride.

Website:
www.athleticsja.org/events/issa-grace-kennedy-boys-and-girls-championships

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APR
3–6

Expo Jamaica
National Arena, Kingston

Expo Jamaica is recognized as the Caribbean's main event for trade, investment, brand building, and product awareness among the local business community, the diaspora, and international partners. Come take part in this year's theme: "Connecting the World to Jamaica."

Website:
www.expojamaica.com.jm

APR
4–6



Grand Slam

Kingston

Be part of history at the inaugural Grand Slam Track Kingston, happening April 4–6, 2025, at the National Stadium. As the first event of its kind in Jamaica, it brings Olympic stars and elite athletes to the island, spotlighting Jamaica's global influence in track and field.

Website:
www.grandslamtrack.com

APR
21–27



Carnival in Jamaica Series

Varied Venues - Kingston & Ocho Rios

Celebrate a week of carnival events in true Jamaican style! Enjoy the spectacle of costumes, music, and overall festive vibe that draws revelers to our island from all over the world.

Instagram:
@carnivalinJamaica

APR
26



Jakes Off-Road Triathlon

Treasure Beach, South Coast

Visit Jamaica's rural South Coast to take part in the world's oldest off-road triathlon. Experience a 350-metre Caribbean water swim, a 25-kilometre mountain bike ride, and a 7-kilometre country run while being cheered on by the local community. Best of all, your participation will benefit BREDS, the Treasure Beach Foundation.

Website:
www.jakeshotel.com/jakes-experiences/jakes-off-road-triathlon-2024

BI-MONTHLY



Kingston Creative Art Festival

Kingston

Immerse yourself in Jamaica's vibrant creative scene at the Kingston Creative Artwalk, a free monthly festival held on the last Sunday of each month in downtown Kingston. Experience live music, dance, fashion, poetry, and a bustling artisan village, all set against the backdrop of colorful murals in the city's emerging art district. Don't miss this dynamic celebration of culture and community!

Website:
www.kingstoncreative.org

MAY
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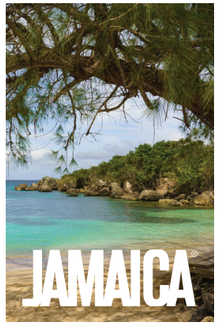
Discover Jamaica by Bike

Islandwide

Discover Jamaica by Bike invites all serious recreational road cyclists who want to see Jamaica as it should be seen—up close and interacting with the local Jamaican "hidden gems," the people, and our famous tourist attractions—to come on the ultimate cycling experience.

Website:
www.discoverjamaicabybike.com

MAY
17



Issa Trust Foundation "For the Children" Event

Ocho Rios

As part of ongoing fundraising efforts to provide quality pediatric healthcare for children in Jamaica, the Issa Trust Foundation's 20th Anniversary "For The Children" event invites patrons to a night of world-class entertainment, fine dining, and giving back. Set against the breathtaking backdrop of Couples Sans Souci, this all-VIP event will feature an electrifying performance by Grammy Award-winning artist Shaggy, with special guest Lila Iké.

Website:
www.IssaTrustFoundation.com

MAY
22–26

Gourmet Getaway Weekend

Negril

Join Chef Cindy Hutson, Chef Jonhoi Reid, and Delius Shirley for a delicious fun-filled five-day-four-night weekend at The Cliff Hotel in the Capital of Casual Negril, Jamaica. We will be tasting and exploring the Caribbean cultures of Jamaica, the Greater Caribbean, and the cuisine that make the islands sing.

Website
www.thecliffjamaica.com

MAY
22–27

Mochafest

Varied Venues, Negril

Escape to Negril for the most liberating five-day, urban vacation, and party series festival. Come and party with some of the most amazing, free-spirited, African American adults from all over the world. Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience!

Website:
www.mochafest.com

MAY
23–25

Calabash Literary Festival - "Bless Up"

Treasure Beach, South Coast

Every other year, the Calabash Literary Festival takes over Treasure Beach for three intense days of readings, interviews, and open-mic sessions featuring diverse literary talents in the Caribbean. Be among the thousands of literary enthusiasts from around the world who attend this festival.

Website
www.calabashfestival.org

JUN
7

Racers Grand Prix

Kingston

Racers Grand Prix Jamaica is a premier international track and field meet held in Kingston, showcasing world-class athletes in an electrifying atmosphere. This annual event combines elite competition with vibrant Jamaican culture, drawing fans from around the globe.

Website:
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JUN
TBD

RuJohn Foundation Celebrity Event

Kingston & Montego Bay

Join us for a 7-day celebrity-driven event and awards ceremony that honours scholars and actors who inspire and motivate at-risk youth in the United States and Jamaica. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in self-esteem, music, and empowerment workshops as a well as a sports camp.

Website:
www.rujohnfoundation.com

JUN
26–29

AfroJam Jamaica

Negril

AfroJam Jamaica is a vibrant, all-inclusive cultural festival taking place in Negril celebrating the fusion of African and Caribbean music, dance, and art. The event features four themed parties—Neon Glow, Retro Bash, Brunch Beach Party, and Golden Noir Affair—set along Negril's iconic Seven Mile Beach, offering guests an immersive experience of unity and cultural exchange.

Website
www.afrojamja.com

JUN
28

Brian McKnight & Dru Hill Live in Performance

Kingston

Live & Direc is a premier live music event in Kingston, Jamaica. On The Lawns of UWI, Mona, it features performances by Brian McKnight, Dru Hill, and more, promising a night of rhythms, passion, and pure magic.

Website:
www.instagram.com/liveanddirec

JUN
27–28

Black River Film Festival

Black River

Discover bold Caribbean storytelling at the Black River Film Festival, June 27–28, 2025, in St. Elizabeth. Enjoy films, panels, and beachside vibes while connecting with local and international creatives.

Website:
www.blackriverfilmfestival.com

JUL
13–19

Reggae Sumfest

Varied Venues - Montego Bay

Experience the heartbeat of Jamaican music at Reggae Sumfest 2025, the Caribbean's premier reggae and dancehall festival, returning to Montego Bay from July 13 to 19. Enjoy a week of electrifying events, including the iconic Street Dance, All-White Party, and Sound Clash, culminating in unforgettable performances by top artists such as Vybz Kartel, Masicka, Sizzla, and Protoje at the Catherine Hall Entertainment Complex.

Website:
www.reggaesumfest.com

AUG
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Mobay Jerk Festival

Montego Bay

The Montego Bay Jerk & Food Festival is a family-friendly celebration of Jamaican cuisine, culture, and music. Attendees can savour a variety of jerk dishes, enjoy live performances from both gospel and secular artists, and participate in activities like eating contests and children's games, making it a full day of entertainment for all ages.

Website:
www.montegobayjerkfestival.com

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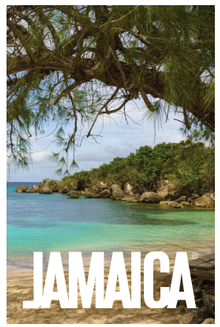
More Than This Concert – Featuring CeCe Winans

Kingston

CeCe Winans brings her acclaimed More Than This Tour to Kingston for an unforgettable evening of worship and inspiration. Set against the historic backdrop of King's House (East Lawn), this special event promises soul-stirring performances from the best-selling and multi-award winning gospel artist.

Website:
www.spurropen.com

AUG
1–3



Denbigh Agricultural, Industrial & Food Show

Clarendon

The Denbigh Agricultural, Industrial & Food Show, the Caribbean's largest agricultural exposition, showcases Jamaica's agricultural excellence with over 100 exhibitors, educational seminars, culinary delights and family-friendly entertainment, highlighting the nation's resilience and innovation in agriculture.

Website:
www.jas.gov.jm

AUG
1–5

Dream Wknd

Varied Venues, Negril

Dream Wknd is an annual week-long getaway in Negril headlined by Jamaica's most popular DJs and entertainers. Enjoy an average of 10 events held on the white sand beaches of Negril.

Website:
www.jamaicadreamweekend.com

AUG
1–5

Best Weekend Ever!

Varied Venues, Ocho Rios

Experience the "Best Weekend Ever" with six unique events curated for the ultimate destination party experience. Join us for the best vibes ever on the white sand shores in Ocho Rios.

Website:
www.yourbestweekendever.com

AUG
9–10

AnimeCom Fest

Kingston

Immerse yourself in the ultimate pop culture experience at AnimeCom Fest 2025, Jamaica's premier anime and comic convention, happening August 9–10 at the National Arena in Kingston. Celebrate your fandom with cosplay competitions, gaming tournaments, K-pop showcases, artist booths, and interactive panels in a vibrant, family-friendly atmosphere.

Website:
www.animecomfest.com

AUG
31

Amalgamation

Kingston

Amalgamation, presented by Plié for the Arts, is an international dance gala held annually in Kingston, Jamaica, uniting world-renowned choreographers and dancers.

Website:
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SEP
26–28

Jamaica Bridal Expo

MBCC, Montego Bay

Join industry experts at this one-day conference to learn how to plan and execute a successful Jamaican destination wedding. Network with peers and gain valuable knowledge in the romance, wedding, and honeymoon industry.

Website:
www.jamaicabridalexpo.com

OCT
3–4

Skylark Film Festival

Negril

Experience the magic of cinema under the stars at the Skylark Film Festival, returning to Negril's iconic Seven Mile Beach from October 3–4, 2025. This free, open-air celebration blends Jamaican and Caribbean films with live music, Q&As, and a vibrant cultural market—making it a must-attend event for creatives and film lovers alike.

Website:
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OCT
22–30

Merritone Homecoming Family Reunion Festival Week

Kingston, Montego Bay

Join the week-long celebration of Merritone Music, attracting Jamaicans, diaspora residents, and foreigners. Enjoy a thanksgiving service and a series of musical events culminating in a five-day, four-night all-inclusive resort gathering over National Heroes Weekend.

Website:
www.merritonemusic.com

OCT
TBD

Tosh Fest

Westmoreland

Celebrate reggae legend Peter Tosh at Tosh Fest Jamaica in Whitehouse, Westmoreland. Enjoy live performances, cultural showcases, and island vibes by the sea.

Website:
www.toshfestja.com

NOV
13–16

Jamaica Food and Drink Festival

Kingston

Experience six days of fine liquors and all-inclusive, gastronomic mastery while enjoying Jamaica's top DJs and live entertainment in Kingston.

Website:
www.jafoodanddrink.com

NOV
TBD

Treasure Beach Food, Rum & Reggae Festival

South Coast

The Treasure Beach Food, Rum & Reggae Festival is a vibrant three-day celebration of Jamaican culture, held in the scenic coastal town of Treasure Beach, St. Elizabeth. Attendees can savor authentic Jamaican cuisine, enjoy rum tastings from renowned producers, and experience live reggae performances, all set against the backdrop of the island's picturesque South Coast.

Website:
www.foodrumreggaefestival.com

DEC
3–5

Tech Beach Retreat

Montego Bay

Tech Beach Retreat (TBR) is a premier technology and innovation conference held annually in Montego Bay, Jamaica, connecting the Caribbean's tech ecosystem with global industry leaders. TBR Jamaica offers immersive experiences including keynotes, workshops, and networking events fostering collaboration among entrepreneurs, investors, and tech executives in a vibrant, no-hierarchy environment.

Website:
www.techbeach.net

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RACEDAY
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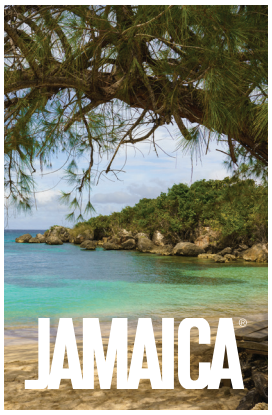
Reggae Marathon

Kingston

Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Reggae Marathon on December 7, 2025, as it makes its exciting debut in Kingston, Jamaica. Choose from the Half Marathon, 10K, or 5K races along a scenic, flat, IAAF-certified course, all set to the pulsating rhythm of reggae music.

Website:
www.reggaemarathon.com

DEC
6



WAVZ 5k Beach Trot

Montego Bay

The WAVZ 5K Beach Trot is a vibrant wellness weekend featuring a scenic beach run. Participants can enjoy beach massages, volleyball, and exclusive local deals, all while celebrating Jamaican culture in a festive atmosphere.

Website:
www.wavzevents.com

DEC
6

MOUTTET MILE

Mouttet Mile

Kingston

Experience the thrill of the Mouttet Mile, the Caribbean's richest horse race, returning to Caymanas Park on December 6, 2025. With a purse of $250,000, this premier event draws top local and international thoroughbreds for an unforgettable day of racing and entertainment.

Instagram:
@themouttetmile.ja
