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Weddings
and
Romance
Guide

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For the LOVE OF ROMANCE

Love comes naturally in Jamaica. With so many white-sand beaches, exotic gardens, romantic rivers, and waterfalls, hearts tend to say “I do” before ever hearing the question. It’s why so many couples come to tie the knot, spend their honeymoon, and renew their vows. Jamaica holds a special place in your love story when you’ve experienced it together.

Another wonderful thing about Jamaica that makes it the ideal destination for weddings is that we’re adept at hosting every type of ceremony. Whether you’re looking for an extravagant event or an intimate celebration, we’ve got you. Consider this guide your first step toward the wedding you’ve always dreamed of.



For those who can't wait to tie the knot, you can be married just 24 hours after arriving. The sooner you provide the Ministry of Justice with your marriage license application, the sooner you can start your new life together. Wedding coordinators at most hotels will make these arrangements for you. However, if you elect to do it yourself, that's OK, too—just submit the application here:

Customer Service Desk Ministry of Justice
61 Constant Spring Road, Commerce Gate
Kingston 10
Tel: (876) 906-4923-31 /279-8199

For more details about obtaining a marriage license, visit:
<http://moj.gov.jm/services-and-information/marriage-licence>.

Courthouse weddings:
<https://apps2.rgd.gov.jm/MarriageAppointment/reserve.aspx>



REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Unlike many countries, Jamaica does not require a blood test before marriage. However, the following documentation is required:

- Proof of citizenship
- Certified copy of your birth certificate, which includes the father's name
- Parents' written consent if under 18 years of age
- Proof of divorce, if applicable (original certificate of divorce)
- Certified copy of death certificate for widow or widower

All documents that are not issued in English must be translated by an official translator and subsequently certified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the country of residence and by the nearest Jamaican Mission or Honorary Consulate.

PROCESSING FEE

The processing fee for the marriage license is \$4,000* JMD (approximately U.S. \$50). This fee is included in the price quoted for most, if not all, hotel wedding packages. Marriage licenses are valid for three months.

*Prices are subject to change without notice.

An Island for Everybody



Everyone has their own idea of a perfect wedding. You may want a traditional event or to go barefoot on the beach. Maybe you require a religious ceremony in one of our many houses of worship or a non-denominational ceremony officiated at your chosen location.

We take pride in making it easy to tie the knot with flights from most major international gateways, year-round summer weather, and enough hotels and properties to fit every guest list and budget. There's no shortage of reasons to say "I do" in Jamaica. The hard part is choosing one of our many beautiful regions.



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Kingston

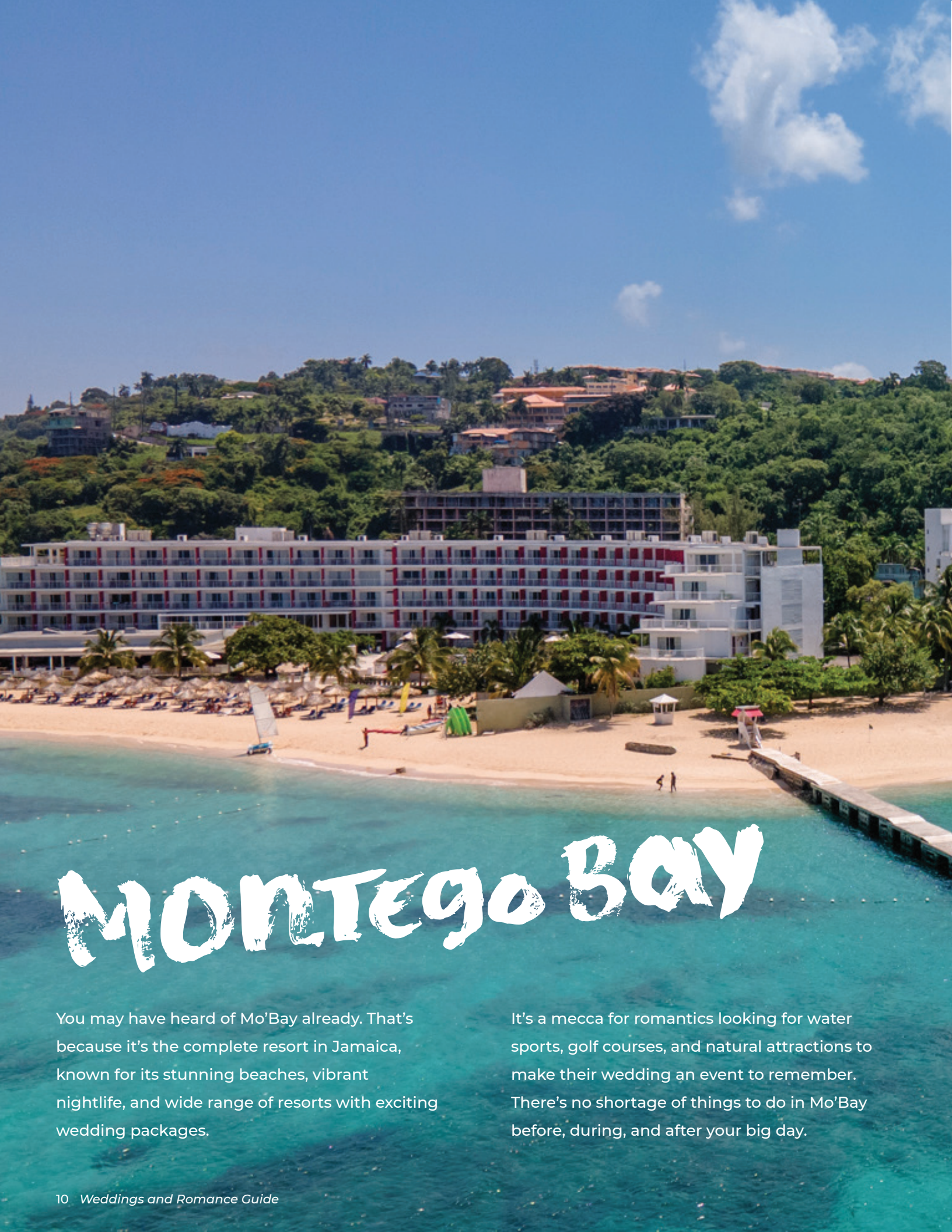
For those seeking a vibrant wedding destination, Jamaica's capital city checks a lot of boxes. Its variety of properties, restaurants, entertainment, museums, and galleries are all tailored to those who crave cultural experiences and are willing to stave off sleep until they get home.

There's no other city quite like Kingston, which means no one will have wedding stories quite like yours if you choose to get married here. One suggestion: Slip away to Hope Botanical Gardens for the perfect wedding photos.



Things to do

The legendary Bob Marley Museum is a rite of passage for music fans. Bring your guests to Marley's former home and recording studio and get some inspiration for your wedding playlist.



MONTego Bay

You may have heard of Mo'Bay already. That's because it's the complete resort in Jamaica, known for its stunning beaches, vibrant nightlife, and wide range of resorts with exciting wedding packages.

It's a mecca for romantics looking for water sports, golf courses, and natural attractions to make their wedding an event to remember. There's no shortage of things to do in Mo'Bay before, during, and after your big day.



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Things to do

Take your guests on a guided tour of the historic plantation home of the "White Witch," Annie Palmer. Get a glimpse of Jamaica's past and, if the stories are true, hold on to your loved ones, because you might experience a sighting of Annie, too.





OCHO RIOS

With its lush rainforests, breathtaking waterfalls, and relaxing beaches, Ocho Rios is probably the Jamaica you think of when you close your eyes and imagine your wedding. It's a vacation haven on the north coast of our island with an array of accommodations from all-inclusive hotels to boutique resorts to luxurious villa rentals. You'll find that Ocho Rios has everything you need to plan the perfect wedding.



Things to do

Dunn's River Falls is one of Jamaica's many natural wonders. Its natural stone staircase offers an enchanting journey all the way to the top. Its cascading waters with natural pools and lagoons make it a destination to remember.



Negril

If soft white sand, turquoise waters, and fiery sunsets are your thing, then this laid-back coastal town is your perfect wedding destination. You may have heard of Negril's seven-mile beach. Needless to say, it's a beach-lover's paradise with enough oceanfront restaurants, bars, resorts, and live reggae music to keep the wedding party going as long as you like.



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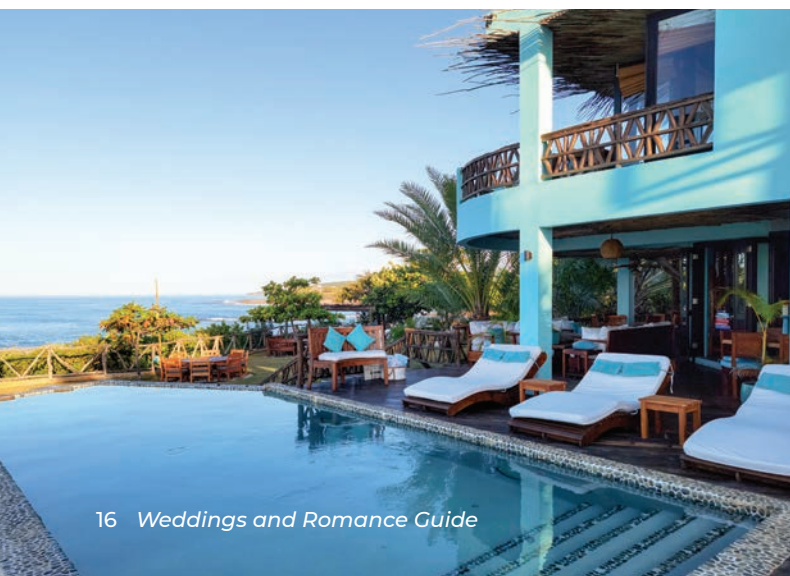
Things to do

Treat your wedding guests to a sunset they've never seen at the famous Rick's Café. It's a popular spot to see cliff-divers plunge and watch your family and friends' jaws drop, too.



SOUTH COAST

Those in search of tranquility should look no further than Jamaica's South Coast, an off-the-beaten-path island oasis that's actually quite easy to get to. It's a paradise known for its six-mile stretch of unspoiled coastline decorated with colorful fishing boats. It's a charmingly remote section of Jamaica just right for your own luxuriously private wedding ceremony.



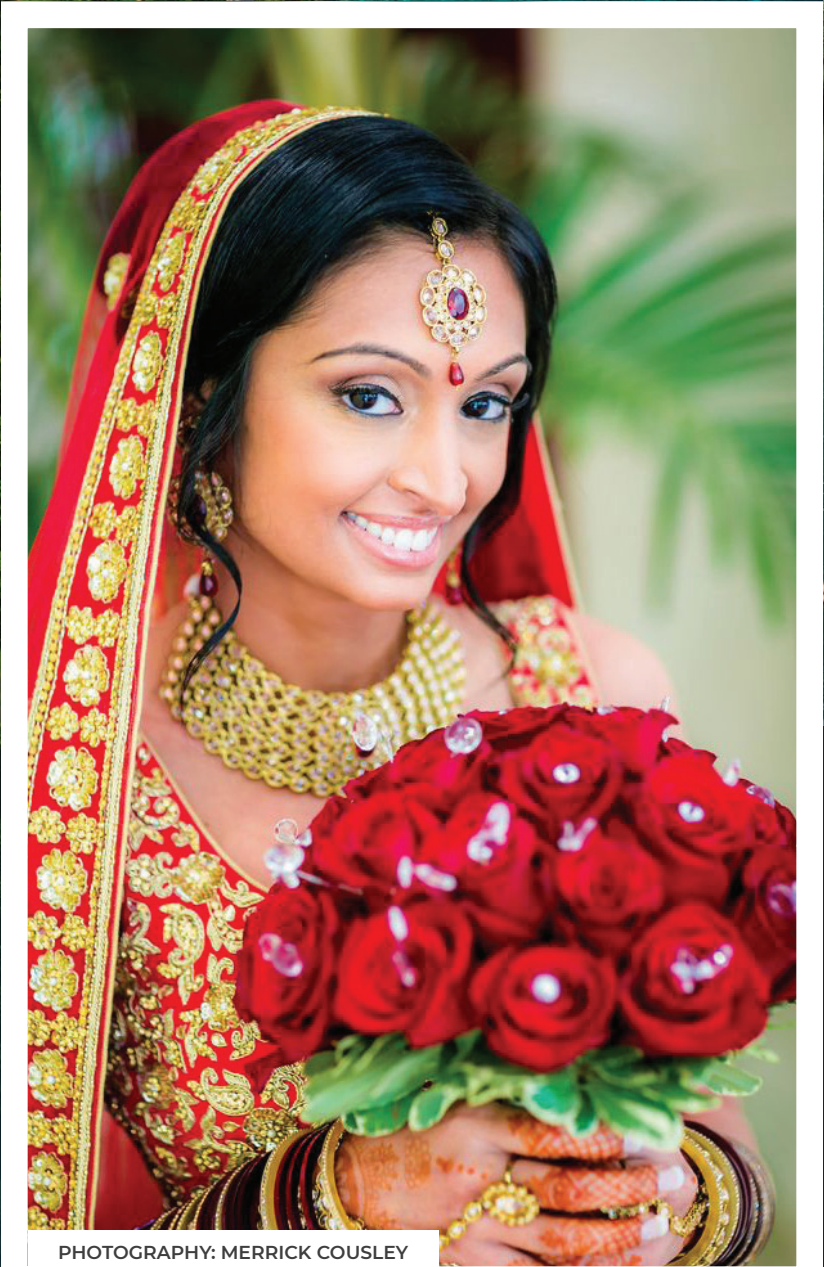
Things to do

Bring your guests on a memorable rum tasting tour at Jamaica's own Appleton Estate. If Jamaican rum isn't your thing, well, just wait until you taste it.



Port Antonio

Port Antonio is a lush, tropical retreat from the Blue Mountains to the turquoise coast. Its natural beauty and remote setting makes it the perfect location for those private celebrity weddings. With so many secluded swimming holes, untampered beaches, and dramatic waterfalls, the wedding of your dreams will feel like an adventure of a lifetime.



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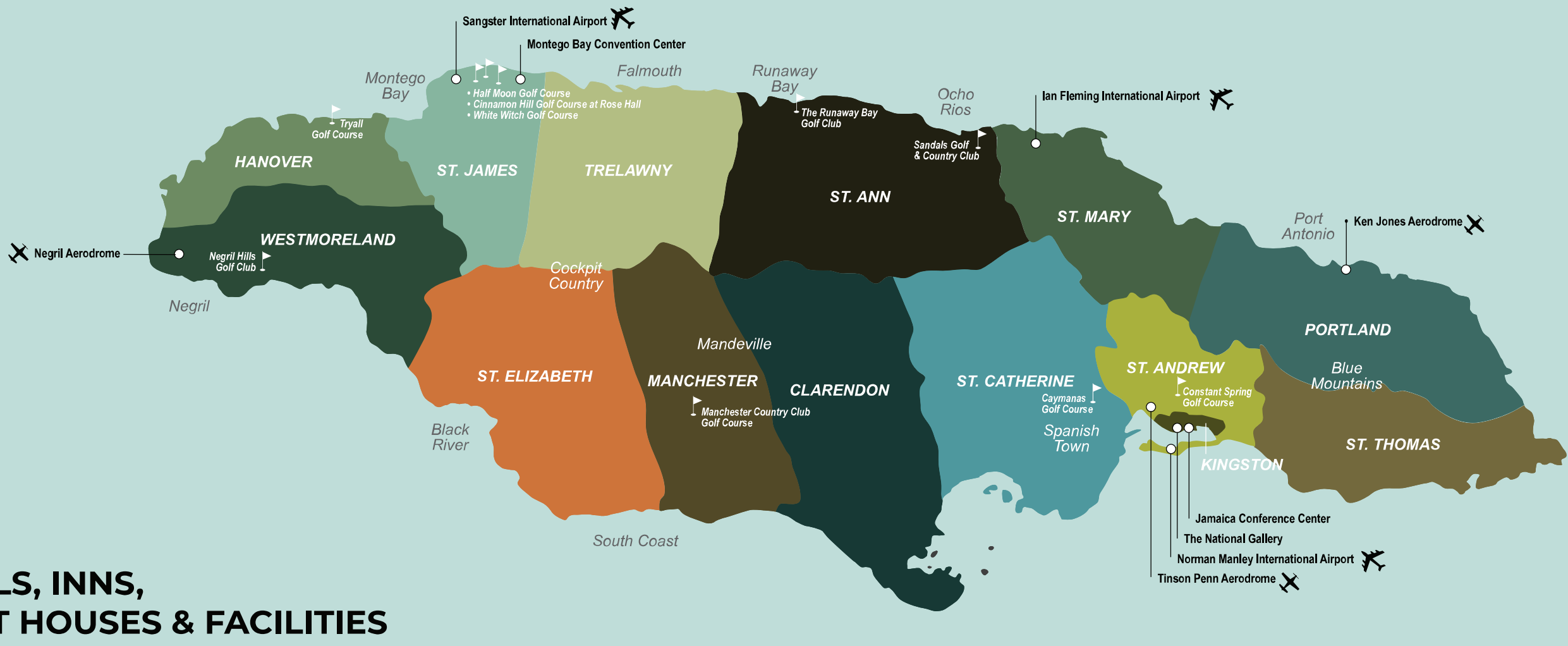
Take your wedding guests on a voyage down the Rio Grande River on a fleet of bamboo rafts and stop for lunch at Belinda's Riverside restaurant to make your wedding adventure the story everyone tells.



When you're not cuddling in a hammock planning your future together, you may want to step outside of the resort and explore more of Jamaica together. We have plenty of recommendations just for two—starting with a tranquil ride on a bamboo raft down one of our many rivers. If you're on the South Coast, you should visit Lover's Leap and take in its 1,700-foot-high panoramic view overlooking the Caribbean Sea. If you want to be closer to the water, we have everything from catamarans to kayaks to snorkel gear, which will feed your sense of adventure.



If you're looking for a more unique experience, go on the Black River Safari, where you'll be surrounded by lush mangroves and wildlife in their natural habitat. It's another good place to hold each other tight because there are crocodiles in these waters! Whatever your pleasure, chances are we have it—because there's something for everybody here in Jamaica. However you choose to fill your days, there's one event that can't be missed. Find a cozy spot to enjoy our sunset. With guaranteed nightly performances, it's always a romantic moment.



HOTELS, INNS, GUEST HOUSES & FACILITIES

WESTMORELAND	ST. JAMES	HANOVER	TRELAWNY	ST. ANN	ST. MARY	ST. ANDREW & KINGSTON	PORTLAND
<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bar-B-Barn• Beaches Negril Resort & Spa (all-inclusive)• Charella Inn• Coco La Palm• Coral Cove Resort• Cotton Tree Place• Country Country Limited• Couples Swept Away Hotel• Foote Prints On The Sand• Fun Holiday Beach Resort• Grand Pineapple Beach Resort• Hidden Paradise• Hotel Riu Palace Tropical Bay• Hotel Samsara• Kibo Hotel• Legends Hotel• Luna Sea Hotel Limited• Merrills 2• Negril Escape Resort & Spa ("Mariners Inn")• Negril Palms Hotel• Negril Tree House Resort• Rayon Hotel• Rock House Hotel• Rondel Village• Rooms Negril• Sandy Haven Resort• Sandals South Coast Jamaica• Seastar Inn• Shields Negril• Sunrise Club Hotel• Tensing Pen Limited• The Boardwalk Village Limited• The Caves/Island Caves 2006 Ltd• The Cliff Hotel & Spa Limited• The Commingle Hotel• The Oasis Resort Hotel• The Spa Retreat• Westender Inn</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Altamont West Hotel• Breathless Montego Bay Resort• Caribblue Beach Hotel• Deja Resort• Doctor's Cave Beach• Donway - A Jamaican Style Village• Grandiosa Hotel• Half Moon Resort• Hilton Rose Hall Resort & Spa• Holiday Inn Resort, Montego Bay Jamaica• Hotel Gloriana & Spa• Hotel Montego• Hotel Riu Montego Bay• Hotel Riu Palace Jamaica• Hotel Riu Reggae• Hyatt Ziva, Hyatt Zilara• Iberostar Grande Resort• Iberostar Suites• Iberostar Rose Hall Hotel• Jewel Grande Montego Bay Resort & Spa• Milbrooks Resort• Relax Resort• Royale Decameron Montego Beach Resort• Sandals Carlyle (all-inclusive)• Sandals Montego Bay• Sandals Royal Caribbean Resort & Offshore Island• Sea Gardens Beach Resort Ltd.• Secrets St. James & Secrets Wild Orchid Resorts• Sunscape Resort & Spa• The S Hotel• Tobys Resort• Verney House Hotel• Wexford Court• Zoetry (formerly Coyaba Beach Resort)</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Azul Beach Resort Negril• Couples Negril (all-inclusive)• Grand Palladium - Lady Hamilton & Jamaica Resort & Spa• Hedonism 11• Round Hill Hotel And Villas• Royalton Negril; Hideaway At Royalton Negril; Hotel Grand Lido Negril• Sandals Negril Beach Resort & Spa• Sunset At The Palms (formerly Negril Cabins)• Tryall Golf & Beach Club</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellence Oyster Bay• Glistening Waters Hotel• Hotel Rio Bueno• Ocean Coral Spring• Ocean Eden Bay• Royalton White Sands</div> <div>MANCHESTER<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Golf View Hotel• Mandeville Flats• Mandeville Hotel</div> <div>CLARENDON<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bridge Palm Resorts• Platinum Hotel</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bahia Principe Jamaica Resort• The Cardiff Hotel & Spa• Club Hotel Riu Ocho Rios• Franklyn D. Resort• Hermosa Cove• Hibiscus Lodge Hotel• Jamaica Inn Limited (spa)• Moon Palace Jamaica• Mystic Ridge Jamaica Ltd.• Piper's Cove Resort• Rooms On The Beach• Royale Decameron/Club Caribbean• Sandals Ochi Beach Resort• Sandals Dunn's River• Sandals Royal Plantation Hotel• Sea Crest Beach Hotel• Shaw Park Beach Hotel & Spa• Silver Seas Hotel• Tamarind Tree Resort• The Village Hotel• Villa Sonate</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beaches Ocho Rios Resort & Golf Club• Casa Maria Hotel• Couples Sans Souci• Couples Tower Isle• Galina Breeze (was Trade Winds Resort)• Goldeneye• Moxons Beach Club</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• AC Hotel By Marriott• Altamont Court Hotel• City View Hotel• Courtyard By The Marriott• Eden Gardens Wellness And Resort & Spa• Hotel Four Seasons• Indies Hotel• The Jamaica Pegasus• Mayfair Hotel• Medallion Hall• R. Hotel• Rok Hotel Kingston, Tapestry Collection• Spanish Court Hotel• The Courtleigh Hotel & Suites• The Prestige Hotel (formerly Sandhurst Hotel)• Terra Nova All-suite Hotel Limited</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hotel Mocking Bird Hill• Hotel Tim Bamboo Ltd.• Jamaica Palace Hotel• San San Tropez• Trident Hotel• Tropical Lagoon Heights Resorts Limited</div> <div>ST. THOMAS<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morant Villas• Whispering Bamboo Cove</div>



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