



## Travel Hints

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When traveling to Jamaica remember these several tips that will help make your trip more fun and less of a hassle.

### **You will need a passport to travel!**

- Ganja is NOW legal in Jamaica, You may possess and smoke in public however please be aware that the sale is still consider illegal.
- Jamaica is safe and the area where the villa is located is very safe. We often walk to the beaches and town without any problems. However like any country I would never carry large amounts of cash with you or a lot of gold jewelry. Think about it, would you do that in any major US city?? "Just be smart and be aware!"
- When possible, pre-book your excursions from home. It will save time at the resort and guarantee availability on the days you want.
- Bring along an insulated mug with lid for keeping drinks cold. The bartenders will gladly fill them and the insulation will help keep the drink from being watered down and wasted.
- All the water in Jamiaca is pre-filtered and pasteurized. The government maintains all the water processing facilities on the island.
- Do not exchange money at the airport; the rate is 20% lower then the rest of the island. We do exchange Jamaican money at the front desk and exchange rates are posted at the lobby. The exchange of money can also be done at the local Cambio shops which maintain the current international rates.
- When heading off the property for excursions and shopping it is good to exchange money before heading out. Local vendors do not always exchange fairly or give proper change, however most vendors will haggle and accept US dollars.
- Remember these vendors make their living off sales and they will seem to bug you to look at every shop. "Please stop and see mine" They are trying to make a living and while it seems like pressure to us this is customary, so don't be offended.
- When shopping set a price in your mind of what you think that item is worth and offer half. Jamaicans love to barter and haggle.
- If you cannot reach a reasonable price, walk away! They will come after you to keep the negotiating process open.