

Montego Bay, Jamaica

Jamaica's second city delivers turquoise bays, reggae rhythms, and colonial plantation history — all from a modern pier that can berth four ships simultaneously, now expanding to become the Caribbean's next major homeport hub.

Docked (Freeport Pier)

Typical call: 7-10 hrs

USD widely accepted / JMD

English (Patois locally)

Tropical year-round

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships dock at Montego Bay Cruise Port (Freeport) — no tendering. Up to 4 vessels simultaneously; major \$1.5B expansion underway through 2027.

Best For: Beaches, plantation history, river rafting, adventure excursions, reggae culture, and authentic Jamaican jerk.

Walk to center: 5–8 km (3–5 miles) to the Hip Strip. Taxi ~\$15–20 USD one-way; the port area itself has duty-free shops and a craft market.

Don't Miss: Jerk chicken at Scotchies, Doctor's Cave Beach, and Rose Hall Great House — all within 25 minutes of the port.

Getting around: **Taxi** USD 5–10 · **Rideshare** Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Doctor's Cave Beach** — MoBay's most famous beach — powder-white sand, calm turquoise water, and a full beach club with chairs, food...
- Rose Hall Great House** — A beautifully restored 18th-century Georgian plantation home, famous for guided tours through period rooms and the...
- Martha Brae River Rafting** — Glide through lush rainforest on a 30-foot bamboo raft, poled by a local guide who shares folklore and points out...
- Jerk Lunch at Scotchies** — The authentic local pilgrimage for MoBay jerk — smoky chicken and pork cooked low-and-slow over pimento wood at this...
- Chukka Adventures — Horseback, ATV & Zip** — Jamaica's leading adventure operator offers horseback-ride-n-swim, ATV backcountry rides, ziplining, river tubing, and...

BEST WALKS

- The Hip Strip (Gloucester Avenue)** 1–2 hrs | Flat | Shopping, food & beach — Montego Bay's main tourist boulevard runs parallel to the coast from the Gloucester Avenue strip down to Doctor's Cave Beach.
- Cruise Terminal Craft Market** 30–60 min | Flat | Shopping — The terminal's own craft market has Jamaican wood carvings, spices, Blue Mountain coffee, and rum — solid souvenir shopping without...
- Sam Sharpe Square (Downtown)** 30–45 min | Flat | History & local life — The heart of downtown MoBay, named after national hero Samuel Sharpe.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	86°	73°	21d
Jun	88°	76°	19d
Aug	89°	77°	22d
Sep	88°	77°	24d
Oct	87°	76°	25d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

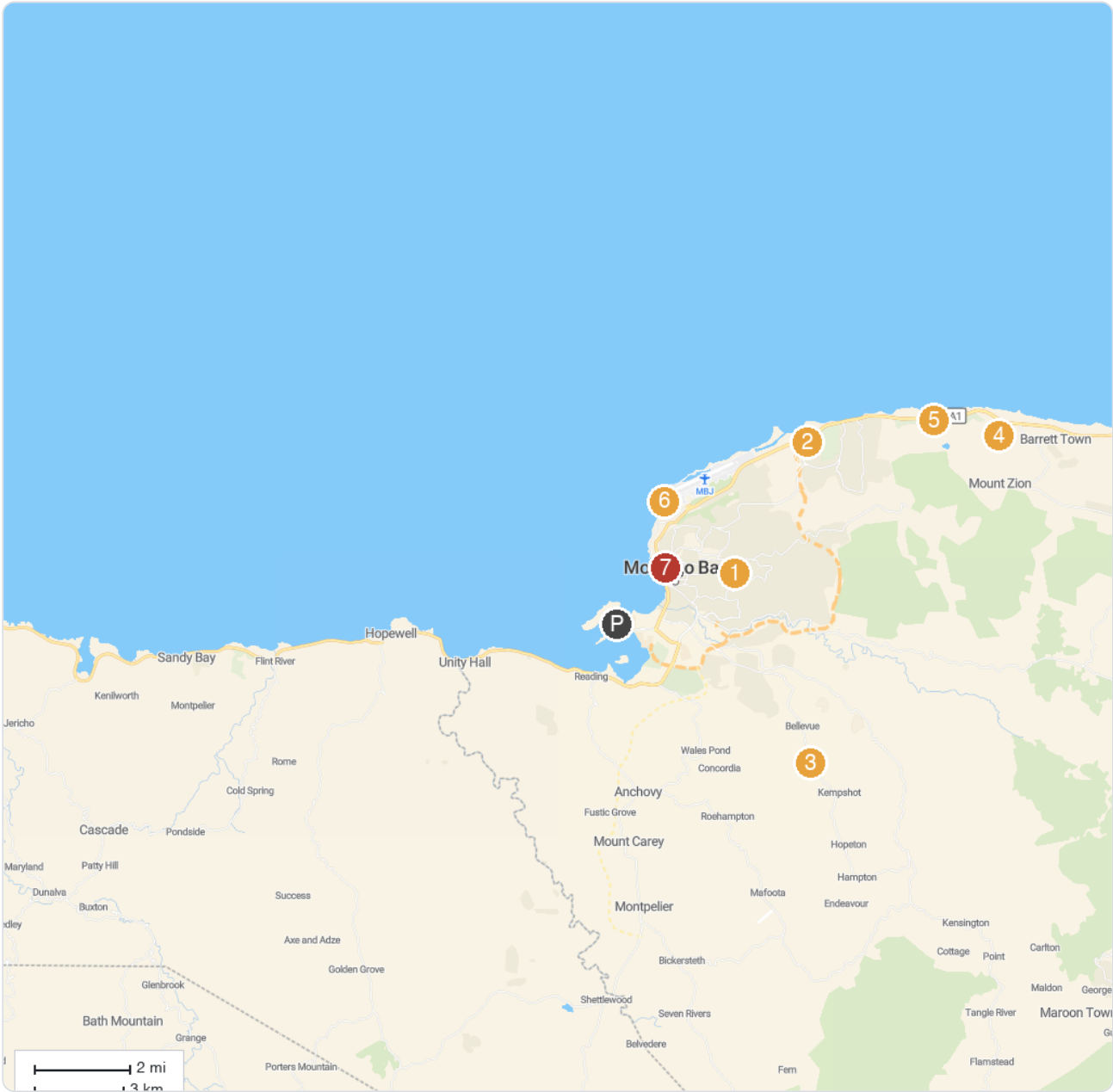
Apr 5:54AM–6:28PM · Jun 5:35AM–6:49PM · Aug 5:53AM–6:38PM · Sep 5:59AM–6:13PM · Oct 6:05AM–5:48PM

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Montego Bay, Jamaica — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 | Jamaica Exquisite Transfer and Tours | Company offering private airport transfers and guided tours. | 2 | Treasure Hunt Gaming | Large casino with slot machines, table games, and sports betting. |
| 3 | Ahhh...Ras Natango Gallery and Garden | Art gallery and botanical garden with stunning city views. | 4 | Rose Hall Great House | Historic 18th-century plantation house known for its ghost stories. |
| 5 | Half Moon Golf Course | Award-winning 18-hole championship golf course designed by Robert Trent Jones. | 6 | Dead End Beach | Small, lively public beach near the airport runway. |
| 7 | Harmony Beach | New public beach park with amenities and calm waters. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |