



Ocho Rios, Port Antonio & North Coast

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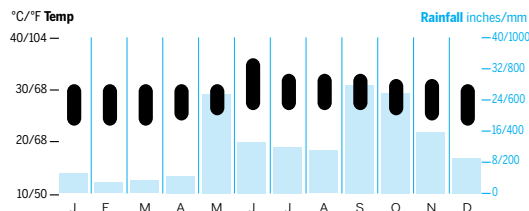
Why Go?

Ocho Rios, Jamaica's third-largest town, dominates the north coast's tourist scene. Cruise ships land passengers in huge numbers here, and if the town can sometimes feel a little like a theme park, visitors are at least drawn for good reason – the surrounding area features some of the most beautiful (and popular) natural attractions on the island. From working plantations to sights unveiling the breadth of Jamaican history, there's plenty to keep you occupied.

By comparison, sleepy Portland is by far the least developed resort area in Jamaica, yet also the most rugged and scenic. Forested mountains with deep gorges and rushing rivers spread their fingers towards fringes of white sand and cool-blue surf that rolls into beach-lined coves. The folks are friendly and the hustle small. From Port Antonio, you can explore gorgeous but untouristed beaches, or head into the mountains and rainforest for hiking and birding.

When to Go

Ocho Rios



Feb The weather is (relatively) dry and you'll have a chance to see the Fi Wi Sinting festival.

Aug–Oct The rains are vicious, but you'll get good wind for serious adventure surfing.

Dec–Mar Even in the high season this region doesn't see as many crowds as the rest of Jamaica.



Ocho Rios, Port Antonio & North Coast Highlights

1 Climbing one of the world's most famous waterfalls, **Dunn's River Falls** (p76)

2 Savoring the jaw-dropping view from author Noël Coward's well-preserved former home, **Firefly** (p87)

3 Exploring Jamaica's first Spanish settlement, **Maima Seville Great House & Heritage Park** (p89), on horseback

4 Admiring panoramic views of the coast from the chairlift and zipping down Jamaica's longest

canopy line at **Mystic Mountain** (p76)

5 Wandering the streets of picturesque **Port Antonio** (p93)

6 Listening to the stories of the elders of the Windward