

JAMAICA

“A lush and beautiful island, Jamaica is struggling to overcome lawlessness which has given it one of the world's highest murder rates and threatens to jeopardise its tourism industry, the source of nearly half of its foreign exchange earnings.

Jamaica's political stability, plentiful bauxite deposits, attractive scenery and rich culture - best known for its reggae music - contrast with widespread crime and poverty.” BBC News

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Embassy of Jamaica at 1520 New Hampshire Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, telephone (202) 452-0660; [the Jamaican consulate in New York](http://www.congenjamaica-ny.org/) or Miami; honorary consuls in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Seattle or Los Angeles; or via the Internet at <http://www.congenjamaica-ny.org/>.

Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country
<http://travel.state.gov/jamaica.html>

Country Profile – BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country_profiles/1190968.stm

Post Report - U.S. Department of State

Covers a wide variety of information provided to foreign service officers and their families prior to embarking to a new country. Includes living conditions, employment issues for spouses, availability of products, and much more.

http://foia.state.gov/MMS/postrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=74

U.S. Embassy and Consulates in Jamaica

Americans living in or visiting Jamaica are encouraged to register at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Kingston and obtain updated information on travel and security within Jamaica. The Consular Section is located on the first floor of Oxford Manor Building, 16 Oxford Road, Kingston, tel. 1 (876) 935-6018. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 7:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and public service is available from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., except local and U.S. holidays. For emergencies after hours, on weekends, and holidays, U.S. citizens are requested to call the U.S. Embassy duty officer through the main switchboard, tel. 1 (876) 929-4850 through 59. The Chancery is located three blocks away in the Jamaica Mutual Life Center, 2 Oxford Road, Kingston 5.

The Consular Agency in Montego Bay is located at St. James Place, 2nd Floor, Gloucester Avenue, tel. (876) 952-0160. Office hours are Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The U.S. Embassy also has consular responsibility for the Cayman Islands, a British dependent territory. [The Consular Agency in George Town](#), Grand Cayman is located in the office of Adventure Travel, Seven-Mile Beach, tel. 1 (345) 946-1511; fax 1 (345) 945-1811; Internet e-mail: consulus@candwky. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Monday-Friday. For additional information on travel conditions in the Cayman Islands, please refer to [the Cayman Islands Consular Information Sheet](#).

The World Factbook: (August 2003)

CIA overview of Geography, People, Government, Economy, Communications, Transportation, Military and Transnational Issues.

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/jm.html>

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“The economic miracle achieved by Japan in the second half of the twentieth century was the envy of the rest of the world.

But the rapid economic expansion of the post-war years - propelled by highly successful car, hi-fi and electronics industries - had by the 1990s run out of steam, and for the last few years Japan has been struggling to recover from the serious recession of 1997.

The country's leadership now faces the task of restoring confidence by tackling the problems of low demand, deflation, a spate of bankruptcies and bad debt burdens in the banking sector.” BBC News

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Embassy of Japan
2520 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008
Tel. (202) 238-6700

In the United States, there are Japanese consulates in the following cities: Agana (Guam), Anchorage, Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Honolulu, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, New York, Portland (Oregon), Saipan (Northern Marianas), San Francisco and Seattle. Additional information is available via the Internet on the Embassy of Japan home page at <http://www.embjapan.org/>.

Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country
<http://travel.state.gov/japan.html>

Country Profile – BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/country_profiles/1258586.stm

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http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=75

The World Factbook: (August 2003)

CIA overview of Geography, People, Government, Economy, Communications, Transportation, Military and Transnational Issues.

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ja.html>

JORDAN

“The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is a small country with limited natural resources, but for years it has played a pivotal role in the struggle for power in the Middle East.

Jordan's significance results partly from its strategic location at the crossroads of what most Christians, Jews and Muslims call the Holy Land. The desert kingdom emerged out of the post-World War I division of the Middle East by Britain and France.” BBC News

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Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, 3504 International Drive, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, telephone (202) 966-2664, [Internet website www.jordanembassyus.org](http://www.jordanembassyus.org).

Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country
<http://travel.state.gov/jordan.html>

Country Profile – BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/country_profiles/828763.stm

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/jo.html>