

Kingston (Port Royal), Jamaica

Once the wickedest city on earth, Port Royal is now your gateway to Kingston's reggae soul, pirate ruins, and the Caribbean's most authentic urban culture.

 SeaWalk floating pier  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  USD accepted / JMD local  English  Reggae capital of the world

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: SeaWalk articulating floating pier at Port Royal — ship secures alongside the pier (walk off, no ship's tender)

Best For: Music history, pirate lore, authentic Jamaican food, beach day at Lime Cay

Walk to center: Port Royal village: 5 min on foot. Downtown Kingston: ~16 miles by taxi or ferry

Don't Miss: Gloria's Seafood for escovitch fish, Fort Charles & the Giddy House

 Getting around:  Taxi  \$35–45 USD ·  Rideshare  Uber ·  Hop-on hop-off  Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Fort Charles & the Giddy House** — Built in 1655, Fort Charles is Jamaica's oldest fort and the heart of pirate-era Port Royal.
- **Bob Marley Museum** — Marley's former home and recording studio at 56 Hope Road in Kingston.
- **Lime Cay Beach Day** — A short water taxi from Port Royal takes you to Lime Cay — a deserted white-sand cay with clear water and good snorkeling.
- **Port Royal Walking Tour** — Explore the sleepy fishing village where 17th-century pirates once ruled.
- **Kingston Food & Culture Tour** — Devon House ice cream (one of the world's best), Chelsea Jerk Centre for authentic jerk chicken, and street-level Kingston — murals, markets, and...

BEST WALKS

- **Port Royal Heritage Walk** 1.5 km · 30-45 min · Easy — From the cruise pier, walk through the Port Royal Cruise Village into the old town.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:55AM–6:20PM · Jun 5:36AM–6:40PM · Aug 5:53AM–6:30PM · Sep 5:59AM–6:05PM · Oct 6:05AM–5:40PM	
Apr	86°	73°	9d	 USD accepted / JMD local	
Jun	88°	77°	6d		
Aug	89°	77°	9d		
Sep	89°	77°	12d		
Oct	87°	76°	16d		

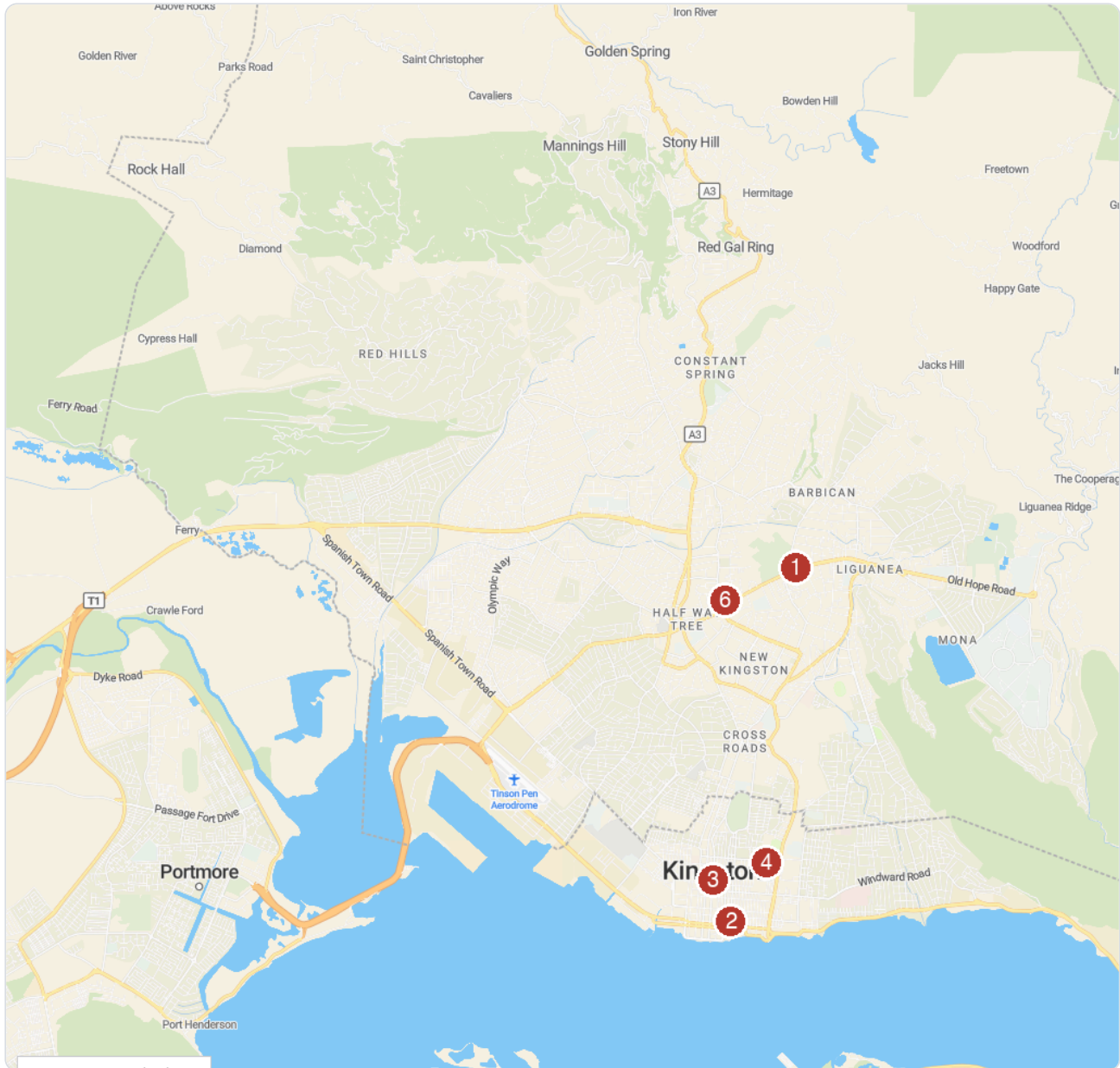
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use JUTA taxis only. Registered JUTA taxis have red license plates. Avoid unlicensed drivers, especially in downtown Kingston. Your cruise director can arrange taxis or recommend operators.
- Leave Kingston early. Traffic on the Palisadoes road and in downtown Kingston can be severe. Build in at least 90 minutes of buffer before all-aboard — missing the ship here is an expensive lesson.
- USD works fine. US dollars are accepted nearly everywhere in Port Royal and Kingston tourist areas. Change may come back in Jamaican dollars. ATMs in Kingston dispense JMD.
- Don't skip Gloria's Seafood. Located just outside the cruise village, Gloria's is world-famous for escovitch fish and curried lobster. It's the best meal you'll have in port — go early before it fills up.
- Lime Cay needs planning. The water taxi runs on demand from Port Royal docks. On weekdays there are no facilities on the cay — bring your own water, snacks, and reef-safe sunscreen.
- Sunday closures. Many Kingston museums and shops are closed on Sundays. Port Royal's outdoor attractions (Fort Charles, waterfront) remain open regardless of day.

Kingston (Port Royal), 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.



- 1 Bob Marley Museum** Bob Marley's former home and studio, now a museum.
- 3 Liberty Hall** Museum and cultural center honoring Marcus Garvey's legacy.
- 5 Fort Charles, Port Royal** A 17th-century fort near the cruise pier at Port Royal, once defending the 'wickedest city on Earth' before it sank in the 1692 earthquake.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 National Museum Jamaica** Jamaica's national museum, preserving its rich history and culture.
- 4 Holy Trinity Cathedral** Kingston's principal Roman Catholic cathedral, an architectural landmark.
- 6 Devon House** A restored 1881 Jamaican Georgian mansion built by the island's first Black millionaire, now a heritage site with gardens.