

Ocho Rios, Saint Ann, Jamaica

Jamaica's most-visited cruise stop blends a waterfall you can literally climb with bobsleds in the rainforest, hidden turquoise swimming holes, and the real scent of jerk smoke drifting off every corner grill.

Docked (cruise pier) Typical call: 7-9 hrs USD accepted / JMD official English Tropical year-round

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Docked — Turtle Bay Pier (primary) or Reynolds Pier when multiple ships in port; no tender required

Best For: Waterfall climbing (Dunn's River), jungle bobsledding (Mystic Mountain), Blue Hole swimming, jerk food

Walk to center: 2 min to Island Village; 10–15 min to Main Street town center

Don't Miss: Climbing Dunn's River Falls — arrive early before tour buses, wear water shoes

Getting around: Taxi \$5–15 USD · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Climb Dunn's River Falls** — Hold hands in a human chain and walk up 180 m of terraced limestone cascades through cool spray — Jamaica's signature shore excursion and one of the...
- **Mystic Mountain Rainforest Bobsled** — Ride a SkyExplorer chairlift above the rainforest canopy, then zoom down a gravity-fed bobsled track through the jungle — directly inspired by...
- **Blue Hole (Secret Falls)** — Swim in brilliant turquoise natural pools, jump from rope swings, and plunge into hidden waterfall caves at this jungle gem 30–45 minutes inland.
- **Beach Club Day Pass** — Several resorts along the coastline — including James Bond Beach and various Sandals-affiliated properties — offer day-pass access with loungers...
- **Bob Marley Nine Mile Birthplace Tour** — Drive into the Blue Mountains to Nine Mile village, where Bob Marley was born and buried.

BEST WALKS

- **Pier to Ocho Rios Bay Beach Loop** ~1.5 km · 30–45 min · Easy · Best in the morning — Walk from the cruise pier through Island Village, along Main Street past craft markets, duty-free plazas, and local restaurants, then cut down to Ocho Rios Bay Beach for...
- **Turtle River Park & Town Walk** ~2.5 km · 45–60 min · Park & town · Easy flat — Extend the Main Street walk to Turtle River Park — a beautifully landscaped urban park with lush gardens, tranquil streams, and small cascades.
- **Coyaba River Garden** ~4 km from pier · 1–2 hrs on site · Botanical · Short taxi ride — Coyaba River Garden & Museum is a meticulously maintained botanical garden with a small waterfall and a museum on Jamaica's Taino indigenous history — an underrated and...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
	Mon	High	Low
Apr		85°	73°
Jun		88°	77°
Aug		89°	78°
Sep		88°	77°
Oct		87°	76°
			Rain
			17d
			15d
			19d
			21d
			25d

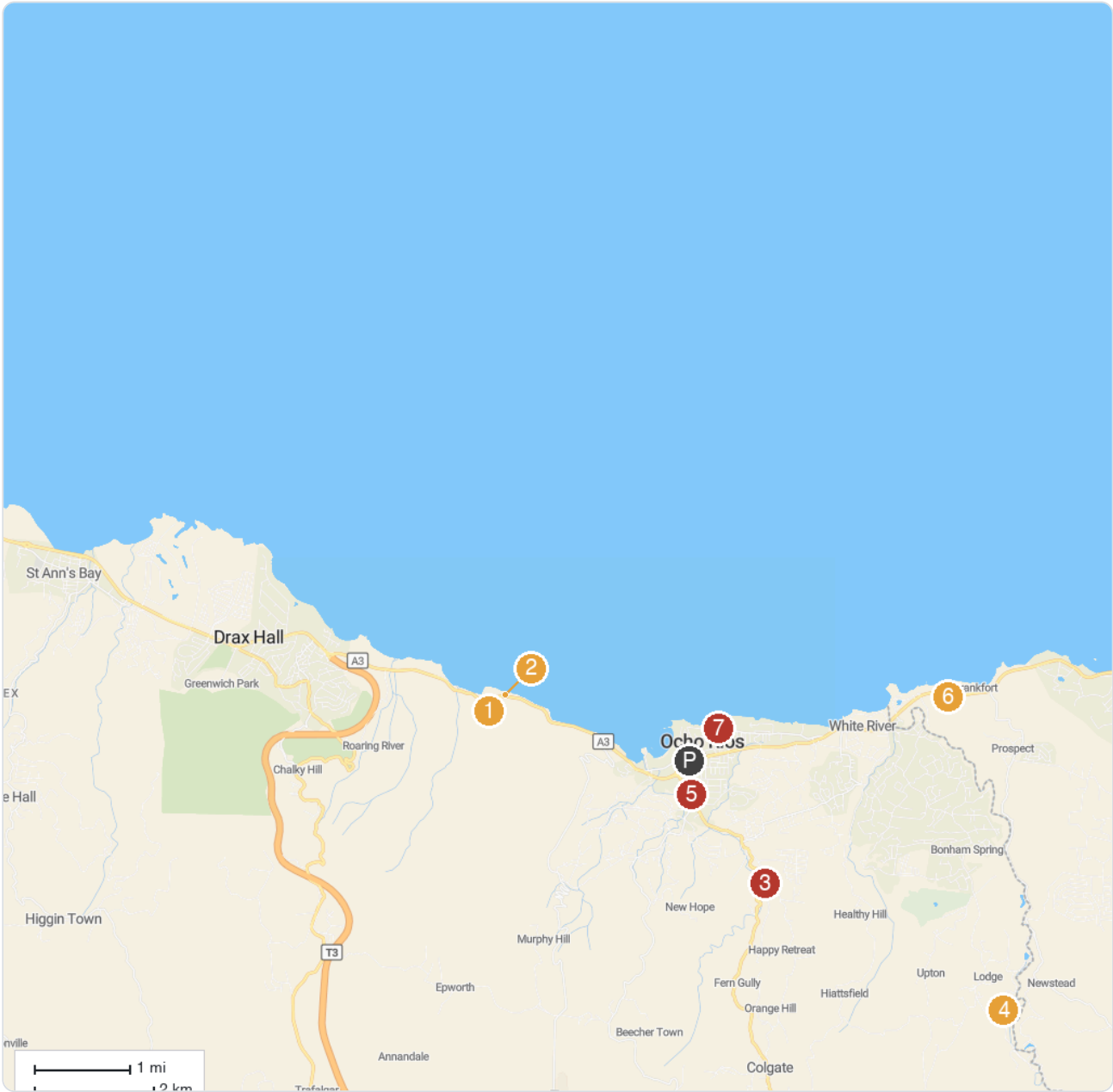
DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Apr 5:51AM–6:25PM · Jun 5:32AM–6:45PM · Aug 5:50AM–6:34PM · Sep 5:56AM–6:10PM · Oct 6:02AM–5:45PM	
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- USD is king here. You don't need Jamaican dollars for most tourist transactions — taxis, tours, shops, and restaurants near the port all quote in USD. Only change small amounts of JMD if you want to buy from street vendors.
- Water shoes are non-negotiable for Dunn's River Falls. The limestone steps are beautiful but slippery. Rental shoes are available at the entrance but are often cheap flip-flops — bring your own if you plan to climb.
- Always negotiate the taxi fare before you get in. JUTA-licensed drivers wear ID badges and drive vehicles with red PPV plates. A round-trip to Dunn's River Falls is roughly \$15–20 USD per person; Blue Hole runs \$25–35 per person for a guided trip including wait time.
- Early beats the crowd at Dunn's River. Gates open at 8:30 AM and it fills dramatically by mid-morning when multiple ships are in port. First ones up the falls get the best photos and calmer pools.
- Scotchies is worth the taxi ride. This open-air jerk centre in Drax Hall, about 15–20 min from the pier, is widely regarded as the real deal — pimento-wood-smoked chicken and festival bread at picnic tables under corrugated roofing. Far better than anything at Island Village.
- Vendor pressure eases fast.

Ocho Rios, Saint Ann, Jamaica — Port Map

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



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| 1 The World Famous Dunn's River Falls & Park | Climb a famous terraced waterfall. | 2 Dolphin Cove Ocho Rios | Swim with dolphins in a natural lagoon. |
| 3 Fern Gully | A scenic road through a lush fern-filled gorge. | 4 Island Gully Falls | Beautiful multi-tiered waterfalls with blue swimming holes. |
| 5 Ocho Rios Baptist Church | A local place of worship for the Baptist community. | 6 Yaaman Adventure Park | Adventure park with ATVs, ziplines, and segways. |
| 7 Our Lady Of Fatima Roman Catholic Church | A local Roman Catholic place of worship. | P Cruise port / terminal | |