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JAMAICAN



FAST FACTS

JAMAICA

Capital: Kingston

Currency: Jamaican Dollar

Motto: "Out of Many, One People"

Anthem: "Jamaica, Land We Love"

Official languages: English, Jamaican Patois

Area: 4,240 sq miles

Demonym(s): Jamaican

DID YOU KNOW?

- ★ Jamaica was named Xaymaca in Arawakan meaning the "Land of Wood and Water" or the "Land of Springs" by the indigenous people known as the Taíno.
- ★ **Jamaica Has the Fastest Runners on Earth**
Jamaica regularly sweeps the board for Olympic sprinting events in both male and female categories.
- ★ **Jamaica is the home of reggae music and Bob Marley.**
Jamaica produces the most music per capita, so it's not surprising that it's also the birthplace of Bob Marley - the legendary singer who became a world ambassador for reggae music and the Rastafari movement.
- ★ Jamaica has the greatest concentration of churches (2.75 churches per square mile) - a fact recognized by the "Guinness World Book of Records."
- ★ **Jamaica Was Once a Spanish Speaking Country** - from 1509 to 1655, the island was under Spanish rule.

FLAG STORY



- **Black** depicts the strength and creativity of the people.
- **Gold** represents the natural beauty of the sunlight and the wealth of the country.
- **Green** signifies hope and agricultural resources.

FAMOUS FIGURES



Koffee
Grammy Award-winning deejay and singer/songwriter



Usain Bolt
Legendary sprinter & Fastest Man In The World

LET'S TALK FOOD!

The country's national dish is Ackee and Saltfish, with jerk chicken, curried goat or mutton, and oxtail with broad beans bringing up the rear.



HOW DO YOU SAY HELLO?



English



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