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JAMAICA

# Pack the Clubs *and Head to Jamaica*

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## 9 REASONS TO PLAN YOUR NEXT GOLF TRIP TO JAMAICA

1. Beautiful geography and stunning sunsets
2. Tryall Golf Club and Aqua Bay Resort
3. Delicious Food and Grand Palladium Resort and Spa
4. Cinnamon Hill Golf Club
5. Half Moon Golf Club
6. White Witch Course
7. World-class beer and rum
8. Perhaps the most addictive laidback vibe on the planet
9. Direct Flights and All-inclusive Resorts

**MANY OF JAMAICA'S RESORTS** are centered in or around Montego Bay, with its British-colonial architecture, while nearby Negril is known for its beautiful diving and snorkeling sites.

The stunning 18-hole, 6,836-yard layout at Tryall Club, designed in 1958 by the renowned Texan golf course architect Ralph Plummer, has long been regarded as the best course in Jamaica.

Tryall combines the island's hilly terrain with other natural elements for a unique golfing experience. The course has a storied history having hosted numerous international tournaments, including the Johnnie Walker World Golf Championship between 1991-1995. In 2005, Tryall Club was voted the Best Golf Course in the Caribbean by Caribbean World Magazine.

Just a few kilometers east of Montego

Bay are three more top-quality golf courses: White Witch, Cinnamon Hill and Half Moon.

Opened in 2000, the White Witch course was crafted on 600 acres of lush countryside, including mountainous terrain. Golfers are afforded panoramic views of the Caribbean Ocean from 16 holes and are advised to be on guard as shifting winds

Cinnamon Hill, revamped by designer Robert von Hagge, features a front nine that makes its way close to a windblown beach while the back nine, which is overlooked by the massive Rose Hall plantation house, snakes up into the mountains.

Half Moon, which like Tryall has a storied history, hosted the Jamaica Open, is a Robert T. Jones design known for its challenging layout, bunkers and a daunting set of bunkers. [www.visitjamaica.com/golf](http://www.visitjamaica.com/golf)