

Global Conference on Jobs and Inclusive Growth: Small and Medium Tourism Enterprises (SMTEs)

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Jamaica Convention Centre

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General Information Note



1. DATES AND VENUE

The United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and Government of Jamaica Global Conference on Jobs and Inclusive Growth: Small and Medium Tourism Enterprises (SMTEs) will be held on **29 January 2019** at the:

Montego Bay Convention Centre

Rose Hall, Montego Bay,
St. James, Jamaica, W.I.

<http://www.mbconventioncentre.com>

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2. ONLINE REGISTRATION

All participants are required to complete online registration prior to the Summit.

To register please visit:

<http://americas.unwto.org/event/2nd-global-conference-jobs-and-inclusive-growth-small-and-medium-tourism-enterprises-smtes>

Registration Deadline: **January 22, 2019**

3. BADGES AND ACCESS TO THE VENUE

Participants may collect Registration Packets at the Registration Desk on the morning of the Conference. Packets will include individual badges, Conference programmes and other important information.

4. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

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5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A. Nationals of the following countries DO NOT REQUIRE a visa to enter Jamaica:

Albania	Guadeloupe	Papua New Guinea
Anguilla	Guatemala	Paraguay
Antigua & Barbuda	Guyana	Peru
Argentina	Honduras	Poland
Australia	Hong Kong	Portugal
Austria	Hungary	Romania
Bahamas	Iceland	Russian Federation
Bangladesh	India	St. Kitts & Nevis
Barbados	Ireland	St. Lucia
Belarus	Israel	St. Vincent & the Grenadines
Belgium	Italy	Independent States of Samoa
Belize	Japan	San Marino
Bermuda	Kazakhstan	Serbia, Republic of
Bolivia	Kenya	Seychelles
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Kiribati	Sierra Leone
Botswana	South Korea	Singapore
Brazil	Latvia	Slovak Republic
Brunei Darussalam	Lesotho	Slovenia
Bulgaria	Liechtenstein	Solomon Islands
Canada	Lithuania	South Africa
Chile	Luxembourg	Spain
China	Macedonia	St. Martin
Colombia	Malawi	Suriname
Costa Rica	Malaysia	Swaziland
Croatia	Maldives	Sweden

Cyprus	Malta	Switzerland
Czech Republic	Martinique	Tanzania
Denmark	Mauritius	Tonga
Dominica	Mexico	Trinidad & Tobago
Dominican Republic	Moldova	Turkey
Ecuador	Monaco	Turks & Caicos Island
El Salvador	Montserrat	Tuvalu
Estonia	Montenegro	Uganda
Fiji	Mozambique	Ukraine
Finland	Namibia	UK of Great Britain & Northern Ireland
France	Nauru	United Republic of Tanzania
Gambia	Kingdom of the Netherlands	United States of America
Germany	Netherland Antilles	Uruguay
Ghana	New Zealand	Vanuatu
Greece	Norway	Venezuela
Grenada	Panama	Zambia

B. Nationals of the following countries REQUIRE a visa to enter Jamaica and should obtain visa prior to arrival by contacting the nearest Jamaican diplomatic or consular mission. Please visit www.mfaff.gov.jm for a list of these offices.

Afghanistan	Guinea	Niger
Algeria	Guinea-Bissau	Nigeria
Angola	Guinea-Conakray	Oman
Bahrain	Haiti	Pakistan
Benin	Indonesia	Palau
Bhutan	Islamic Republic of Iran	Philippines
Burkino Faso	Iraq	Qatar
Burundi	Jordan	Rwanda
Cameroon	North Korea	Sao Tome & Principe
Cambodia	Kuwait	Saudi Arabia
Cape Verde	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Senegal
Cayman Islands	Lebanon	Somalia
Central African Republic	Liberia	Sri Lanka
Chad	Libyan Arab Jamaihriya	North Sudan
Comoros	Madagascar	South Sudan
Democratic Republic of Congo	Mali	Syrian Arab Republic
Cote D' Ivorie	Micronesia	Thailand
Cuba	Marshall Islands	Togo
Djibouti	Mauritania	Tunisia
Egypt	Mongolia	United Arab Emirates
Equatorial Guinea	Morocco	Vietnam
Eritrea	Myanmar, Union of (formerly Burma)	Yemen
Ethiopia	Nepal	Zimbabwe
Gabon	Nicaragua*	

***Holders of Diplomatic and Official passports do not require a visa.**

C. Nationals of the following countries REQUIRE a visa to enter Jamaica and may obtain visa at port of entry:

Andorra	Georgia	Tajikistan
Armenia	Kosovo (Affidavit of identity required)	Turkmenistan
Azerbaijan	Kyrgyzstan	Uzbekistan
British Virgin Islands	Taiwan (Affidavit of identity required)	Yugoslavia

For further information or assistance regarding visas please visit www.pica.gov.jm or send an email to visajamaica@pica.gov.jm.

6. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Jamaica has a travel requirement in place for Yellow Fever. All persons older than one year, who are travelling from a country where there is a risk of Yellow Fever transmission, and persons who are transiting through a country with risk of Yellow Fever transmission for more than twelve hours, are required to show proof of vaccination against Yellow Fever before entering the country.

I. Nationals of the following countries need to show proof of vaccination against Yellow Fever:

Angola, Argentina, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, French Guiana, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan, Suriname, Togo, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda and Venezuela

II. Nationals of the following countries need to show proof of vaccination against measles, rubella and polio:

Albania, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Republic of, Slovenia

III. No travel requirements for Malaria are in place. Persons arriving from countries endemic for Malaria will be interviewed at the Health Desk at the airport. Persons who are arriving from countries with risk for transmission of other Diseases of Public Health concern will be treated as per any restrictions / instructions in place at the time from the Ministry of Health.

NOTE: Travelers should check the International Travel and Health website for updates.

7. TRANSPORTATION

- **BY AIR**

There are two (2) international airports in Jamaica, the **Norman Manley International Airport** located in Kingston and the **Donald Sangster International Airport** located in Montego Bay.

It is recommended that participants arrive at the **Donald Sangster International Airport** as this is closer to the conference venue.

- **GROUND TRANSPORTATION**

Upon arrival in Jamaica, the host country will provide a shuttle bus service to participants from the Sangster International Airport (MBJ) to official hotels and back.

Participants arriving in Kingston may take the Knutsford Express in order to travel to Montego Bay by road. This however would be at the expense of the participant.

During the Conference period, shuttle buses will provide transportation for participants from the official hotels to the Conference venue.

8. ACCOMMODATION

The hotels listed below offer specially discounted rates for the participants. Payment by credit card and bank transfer is acceptable. It is highly recommended that participants reserve accommodation as early as possible.

The following is the list of hotels which have been selected. Shuttle buses will provide transportation from these hotels to the Montego Bay Convention Centre. In order to make bookings, please follow the instructions provided for the respective hotels below:

Excellence Oyster Bay		
Accommodation Date	January 28-30, 2019	
Address	Oyster Bay, Trelawny	
Website	https://www.excellenceresorts.com/resorts/excellence-oyster-bay/	
Additional Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Credit Card and ID information will be required to hold the room, nothing will be charged.• Payment for the stay to be done during check in time at the hotel via cash or credit card. All taxes included <p>All participants interested in booking a room with the rates below, will need to send the request for stay to the email: reservations1.mbj@excellenceresorts.com and CC: mdiaz@grupoexcellence.com.</p>	
	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy
Junior Suite Garden View (king Size bed)	\$461.00 USD per night	\$635.00 USD per night

Royalton White Sands & Blue Waters		
Accommodation Date	January 28-30, 2019	
Address		
Website	https://www.royaltonresorts.com/royalton-white-sands https://www.royaltonresorts.com/royalton-blue-waters	
Additional Notes	For reservations, please email: Royalton White Sands - reservationswhitesands@royaltonresorts.com Royalton Blue Waters - infobluewaters@royaltonresorts.com <u>Booking CODE: UNWTO</u>	
	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy
White Sands	USD 210 per night	USD 280 per night
Blue Waters	USD 225 per night	USD 300 per night

9. LANGUAGES AT THE SUMMIT

The working languages of the Conference are English and Spanish.

10. CREDIT CARD

International credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express etc.) are accepted in most locations (hotels, restaurants, convenience stores, mass retailers) in Jamaica. **However, they may not be accepted by small enterprises, markets, transportation services, and other establishments.**

11. CLIMATE

The average maximum daytime temperature in Jamaica in September is **32°C (90°F)** with high heat & humidity. There are usually 7 hours of sunshine each day, which represents 58% of the 11 hours of daylight.

12. ELECTRICITY USAGE

In Jamaica 110 volts/50 cycles is standard, however 220 volts is used in some hotels.

13. BANKING

Banking hours island-wide are 08:30 to 14:00, Mondays to Thursdays, and 08:30 to 16:00, Fridays.

14. CURRENCY

The official currency of Jamaica is the Jamaican Dollar. The official rate of exchange fluctuates daily depending on the foreign exchange market. Foreign Currency may be exchanged for Jamaican Dollars at banks or licensed exchange bureaus in airports and hotels.

15. MEDICAL FACILITIES

There are several hospitals and clinics within the Montego Bay area and hotels have a nurses or medical station.

16. SHOPPING

Jamaica is truly a shopper's paradise. The national motto – "Out of Many, One People" – is mirrored in the exceptional quality and variety of arts and crafts available.

An endless variety of local exotic spices are also available. So too is an abundance of our world-famous Blue Mountain Coffee and fine blends of premium Jamaican rums. Jamaica's duty-free shops also carry an extensive array of goods.

17. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

All delegates are invited to attend a joint reception for the Opening of the Caribbean Hotel & Tourist Association Marketplace 2019, which will begin at 7 pm at the Montego Bay Convention Centre.