Falmouth, Jamaica Port Review

To get the most from your shore excursion or your self-guided day on shore, ShoreFox provides you with useful information in this port review & port guide.

World Region
Caribbean / Bahamas / Florida

Time Zone
GMT -04:00

International Calling Code
+1 876

Languages
• English (official language)
• Jamaican Patois (widely spoken)

Currencies
• Jamaican Dollar (official currency)
• US Dollar (widely accepted)

Police / Emergency Phone Number
119

Overview
Founded as Martha Brae Point in 1769 by local English planter Thomas Reid, Falmouth became the shipment hub for sugar plantations covering the hills of Jamaica's North Coast. From the wharfs of Falmouth, sugar, molasses, rum and coffee were sent to England, while ships making their way from across the Atlantic dropped anchor in the bustling port town to deliver other necessities of 18th-century life.

Falmouth is noted for being one of the Caribbean’s best-preserved Georgian towns. The town was meticulously planned from the start, with wide streets in a regular grid, adequate water supply, and public buildings. It even had piped water before New York City.

Cruise Ship Pier Location
Cruise ships dock at a new pier terminal built just a few years ago. There is a small shopping area, but to get anywhere on the island you will need to arrange transportation.

Taxi Transportation
Taxis are widely available outside of the shopping terminal at the port. Local service rates are regulated by the Town of Falmouth. All fares are metered at a rate of $3.00 for the first 2/5 of a mile and $0.65 every 1/5 mile thereafter. Waiting time is automatically calculated at the rate of $26.00/hr. A taxi to Montego Bay takes about 30 minutes, and Ocho Rios is about an hour away.
Taxis fares are charged per car, not per passenger. It is recommended to agree on a price before getting into the cab. Look for taxis with red license plates marked “PPV” (Public Passenger Vehicle) – these are the only cabs that are registered and approved by the government. Using a non-approved taxi can be dangerous and should absolutely be avoided. Many taxi drivers display the blue “JTB” sticker on their front window – this means they have been approved by the Jamaica Tourist Board, and are generally associated with the hotels and resorts.

Taxi Companies Contact Data

- **Falmouth Taxi**, Tel.: +1 (876) 548-3100
- **Maxi Taxi**, Tel.: +1 (876) 833-9911

Bus Transportation

For travel between towns minibuses are the way to go, and travel on a Jamaican minibus certainly makes for an interesting experience. Along the way, you will experience the real Jamaica. But prepare to compete with luggage of varying sizes and contents. The prices can vary, and there aren’t published schedules. Since its less reliable from a timing point of view, arranging a private or shared ride with your own taxi or minibus is recommended.

General Store Opening Hours

Most stores are open Monday to Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm and closed on Sunday. Some stores in the cruise terminal may stay open on Sunday.

Service Locations

Free wifi

- **Club Nazz**, 23 Market Street, Falmouth, about ½ a mile from the port
- **Shapes & Flava Bar N' Grill**, 24 Market Street, Falmouth

ATM

- **Scotia Bank**, Trelawny Wharf, Falmouth

Safety Advice

Jamaica can be a dangerous location, due to the history of violence and drugs. It is recommended that you stay in the tourist areas, around other tourists where possible. Do not do business with or travel with strangers that approach you. Do not use ATMs at night.

Nice To Know

- Usain Bolt, the Olympic sprinter champion, hails from Falmouth
Pharmacy / Hospital Contact Data

- Cornwall Regional Hospital, Mt. Salem, Montego Bay, Tel.: +1 (876) 952-5100
- Drug Care Pharmacy, Market Street, Falmouth
- Mo Bay Hope Medical Center, Half Moon Resort, Montego Bay, Tel.: +1 (876) 953-3981

Embassy / Consulate Contact Data

Embassy of the United States of America, 2 Oxford Road, 3rd Floor, Kingston, Jamaica, Tel.: +1 (876) 929-4850

British High Commission, PO Box 575, 28 Trafalgar Road, Kingston 10, Jamaica, Tel.: +1 (876) 936-0700, Fax: +1 (876) 936-0737, email: PPA.Kingston@fco.gov.uk

Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, 10 Waterloo Road, Kingston 10, PO Box 444, Jamaica, Tel.: +1 (876) 631-7935, Fax: +1 (876) 620-5457

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