

# Visit Jamaica to Enjoy a Diverse Calendar of Sport Events in 2023



Photo caption: Discover Jamaica by Bike participants.

**London 13**<sup>th</sup> **March 2023** – Witness the fitness in the home of Usain Bolt at some of Jamaica's sporting events taking place this year. The island invites sport enthusiasts to the island to discover a whole new culture of sport.

## **MARCH**

## **ISSA Boys and Girls Champs**

From 28<sup>th</sup> March - 1<sup>st</sup> April, the <u>Inter-Secondary School Sports Association (ISSA)</u> Boys and Girls Athletics Championships takes place at the National Stadium in Kingston. The annual showcase of track and field excellence at the high school level offers a glimpse of Jamaica's future international athletic stars.

## **APRIL**

### Two-wheel exploration with Cycle Jamaica

<u>Cycle Jamaica</u> is operated by the 37-year-old company, Holiday Services Ltd, a certified and licensed tour operator. On April 13th-17<sup>th</sup>, cyclists can attend with their non-cycling friends, families and partners. If you are an elite cyclist, be prepared to be challenged by the island's top champions and if you are a newbie or intermediate cyclist, know that the experience is

made fun for everyone and there is always full-service support along the way. Rest stops are well planned to ensure everyone experiences the real Jamaica — you can rest at a local fruit stall and enjoy coconut water straight from the nut, the best rehydration ever or enjoy local roasted yams as you pedal through "Usain's country"! If you can't make this date, Cycle Jamaica returns again 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> November.

### Get your race face on at Jake's Off-Road Triathlon

Jake's Off-Road Triathlon is the longest running triathlon in the Western hemisphere and a major event in the small fishing community of Treasure Beach, St Elizabeth. <u>Jake's Off-road Triathlon</u> event is hosted by the world-renowned hotel, Jake's, and attracts top off-road racers and enthusiasts from around the world. It features a 500-meter ocean swim, a 25K (13.7M) off-road biking and a 7K (4.3M) country run which will be taking place on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

#### MAY

## The best cycling vacation – Discover Jamaica by Bike

This <u>4-day ultimate tour</u> starting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, takes you through 13 of the 14 parishes. Riders will start in Portland, and then ride to Ocho Rios, Falmouth, Montego Bay, South Coast and end in the capital city, Kingston. Participants can fully immerse themselves in the sights, scenes and sounds of everything Jamaican. Each day will allow breaks at various iconic refreshment stops such as popular fruit vendors, this way, the event highlights some of the hidden gems and the local way of life, all done on a bicycle.

### Sprint to the finish line at Mobay City Run

The annual staging of this run will consist of a 5K run/walk and a 10K run. The aim of the Mobay City Run taking place on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023, is to provide funding and scholarships to disadvantaged students from Western Jamaica to access tertiary education. In order to continue to engage the usual and new participants, the organisers are giving people worldwide the opportunity to participate virtually too.

## **OCTOBER**

### Get hooked at the Port Antonio International Marlin Tournament

This year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> year of the Port Antonio Marlin Tournament. The annual angling event will take place over three days from 18th - 21st October 2023. Last year over 40 boats registered with a total of 186 anglers, 20 of which were international participants. Registration for the event is now open <a href="here.">here.</a>

#### **NOVEMBER**

### Witness a whole new ball game at Annie's Revenge Golf Tournament

Jamaica's largest international Pro-am, sponsored by Nike Golf, has quickly become one of golf's most popular tournaments with teams consisting of players from the U.S, Canada, Europe and the Caribbean. The field is open to teams consisting of a PGA or LPGA Golf

Professional, Assistant Pro and three amateurs. This year the tournament takes place in Montego Bay from November  $15^{th} - 19^{th}$ .

#### **DECEMBER**

### Dance your way to the Reggae Marathon

This is Jamaica's premier international <u>marathon event</u> in Negril. On 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023, marathoners, sports enthusiasts and beginners will converge in Negril, Jamaica's capital of casual. Participants are encouraged to run the 10k, half marathon or full marathon and log their times. With over 600 runners and walkers, this is one not to miss!

Ready to immerse yourself and take part in Jamaican sporting events? <u>Click here</u> to learn more about the exciting events happening on the island in 2023.

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#### **About Jamaica Tourist Board**

The Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB), founded in 1955, is Jamaica's national tourism agency based in the capital city of Kingston. In 2022 Jamaica became the top Caribbean destination among British travellers. The JTB was declared the Caribbean's Leading Tourist Board by the World Travel Awards from 2006 to 2014. Also in 2014, Jamaica earned the World Travel Award's vote for the Caribbean's Leading Destination and Caribbean's Leading Cruise Destination for the eighth consecutive year. Additionally, the Historic Falmouth Cruise Port was recognised as the Caribbean's Leading Heritage Tour while Ocho Rios was named the Caribbean's Leading Cruise Port and Sangster International Airport was voted the Caribbean's Leading Airport

JTB offices are located in Kingston, Montego Bay, Miami, Toronto and London. Representative offices are located in Berlin, Barcelona, Rome, Amsterdam, Mumbai and Tokyo.

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