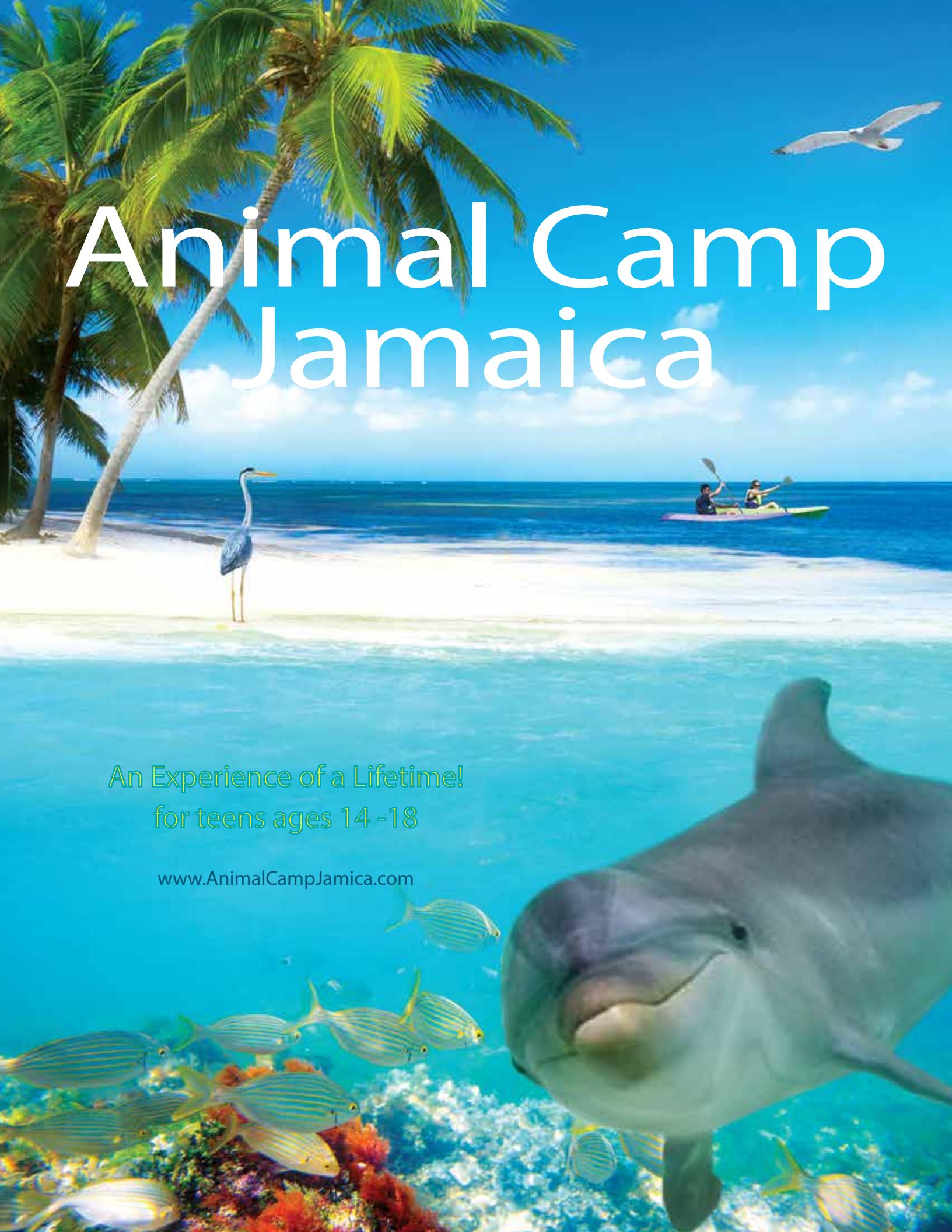


Animal Camp Jamaica



An Experience of a Lifetime!
for teens ages 14 - 18

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Did You Know?

Sea turtles are among the largest living reptiles on earth, second only to the crocodile.

Welcome to Animal Camp Jamaica

Animal Camp Jamaica is a one-of-a-kind marine science and trip adventure camp for teens. OK, ACJ isn't really a camp. It's more of an Educational Adventure. We don't live in cabins. We stay in a luxury villa (with housekeeping). We don't eat your typical camp food. We enjoy delicious home cooked meals with lots of fresh tropical fruit. This teen travel program is definitely not your average trip program. We incorporate marine biology, cultural immersion and island adventures unlike any other program.

Campers spend each morning at the beach, snorkeling, kayaking and wave jumping. We spend each afternoon on a different island adventure; climbing waterfalls, shopping at local craft and fruit markets, tubing down a jungle river and seeing more amazing sites and sounds than you ever thought possible.

Animal Camp Jamaica is the newest addition to the Cub Creek family of programs! Cub Creek Science Camp has more than a twenty year history of providing amazing camp experiences and ACJ was created as a hands-on way to learn about marine sciences.



Our Mission

Just like Cub Creek Science Camp, the goal of Animal Camp Jamaica is to provide every camper with an amazing camp experience. We want each camper to:

- Build great memories to last a lifetime
- Engage their curiosity
- Strengthen their problem solving skills
- Increase their self-confidence
- Gain a better appreciation for the aquatic animal kingdom

All of our activities are designed with these goals in mind. We believe that every part of ACJ should be a learning opportunity, as well as being lots of fun!

A Typical Day In Jamaica

Daily Schedule

7:30am	Rise and Shine
8:00am	Breakfast
9:00am	Beach Time
11:30am	Return to villa to clean up for Lunch
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Afternoon Adventure
5:00pm	Return to villa to clean up for Dinner
6:00pm	Dinner
7:00pm	Crafts and Marine Biology
8:00pm	Relax at Villa
9:30pm	Back to Rooms



Breakfast

Breakfast, like most of our meals, is delicious and home cooked and includes fresh tropical fruit, fruit juice, breads and more. While our meals are usually eaten family style around our dining room table, they may also be enjoyed from a table at the pool or on one of our many porches.

Beach Time

Every morning that weather permits we head to the beach. Snorkeling through beautiful coral reefs is a favorite activity and one of the most memorable ways to learn about the marine ecosystem. Learning to identify fish, coral and invertebrates while you are swimming among them, will help you gain a better appreciation for the marine animal kingdom. You can also choose to stay above the water by taking out a kayak, jumping the waves, exploring the beach for turtle tracks or building sand castles. Just before lunch each day we will head back to the villa to get cleaned up for our afternoon adventure.

Afternoon Adventures

Each afternoon we will explore a different part of the island including waterfalls, jungles, rivers, marketplaces and much more. The goal of these adventures is to give everyone a taste of the beautiful island and a desire to learn more in the future.

Did You Know?

The Jamaican Iguana is the largest native land animal on the island. They were thought to be extinct until one was rediscovered by a local hunter in 1990.



Day 1- Introduction

We meet in St. Louis and prepare for our island adventure, learning the basics of snorkeling, the island and our program overview. We will spend time in the pool, so have your swim suit handy!

Day 2- Jamaica, Here we Come!

As a group we fly to Jamaica, clear customs and then drive to our villa. Once we have arrived we may head to the beach or simply unpack ad relax at Seven Palms, our home away from home for the next 12 days.

Days 3-12, in no particular order

Blue Hole – One of the most breathtaking water falls we have ever seen.

Dunn's River Falls – One of the most famous tourist attractions in Jamaica. We will climb this waterfall from the ocean to its top, more than 200 feet inland!

Dolphin Cove – You will see dolphins, sting rays and sharks up close and personal. We will even go swimming with some of the biggest sting rays you have ever seen. They are absolutely amazing!

Rio Bueno River – Float in an inner tube on beautiful blue water through a lush tropical jungle while you take in the sites and sounds of this tropical paradise.

Beach Party – We host a beach party for local school children. Many of these kids have never looked through a mask to see the beautiful world under the surface of the ocean. Our goal is to teach the kids what a treasure they have on their island and begin their desire to preserve its natural beauty.

Produce Market – This afternoon adventure will give you the chance to buy and sample some of the tastiest, freshest and most unusual fruits you have ever seen.



Fern Gully and Tropical Garden – Don't forget your camera for this sight-seeing day! You will climb a giant banyan tree, tour a botanical garden, and drive through the famous Fern Gully.

Beach Day – What trip to a tropical island is complete without spending an entire day at the beach?! All the essentials of a perfect day at the beach are included: lying in hammocks, eating passion fruit and sugar cane, building sand castles, kayaking, swimming, wave jumping, snorkeling and of course a bonfire with s'mores.

Luminous Lagoon – This is definitively one of the most memorable experiences you will ever have! We will take an evening cruise through a beautiful lagoon, jump into the water for a night swim and suddenly be surrounded by glowing water that seems to "turn on" when you swim. It is magical, breathtaking, surreal and simply amazing.

Trip Day – On this day you will create your own adventure. See pages 13-16 for more details.



Did You Know?

The Killer Whale (also known as the Orca) is actually a type of dolphin.



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Did You Know?

Since their accidental introduction to the south coast of Florida in 1992, Lionfish have become a huge problem and threaten the populations of many other fish species.



Chukka Cove

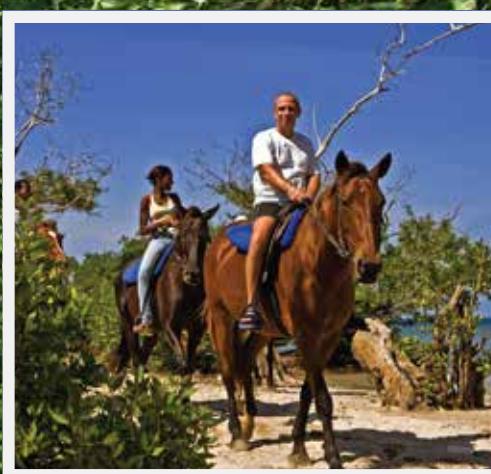
Chukka Cove provides leading-edge tour experiences for Active Adventurer. You choose the type of adventure and Chukka will provide you with an experienced guide trained to ensure an amazing time.

Ultimate Thrill Seeker's Pass – Enjoy awe-inspiring views and thrills as you fly through the rainforest on a Zipline. Then enjoy a river tubing journey from an ancient aqueduct down a natural slide and into the Martha Brae River. Take on our exciting Challenge Course; it's like a fun, thrilling grown-up jungle gym. Climb aboard our ATV Safari, or choose to Dune Buggy and enjoy a taste of undiscovered Jamaica as your guide shares some of Jamaica's amazing history.

Horse Back Riding – Combine trails and waves in this one-of-a-kind adventure. From horseback you see spectacular views of cliff sides and the Caribbean Sea. On our private beach, experience an unparalleled, exhilarating ride through the warm Caribbean waters.

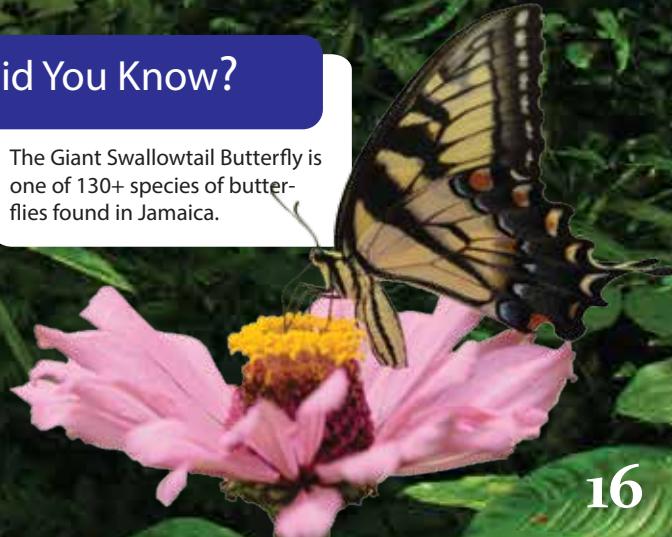
ATV Combo – Then climb aboard your powerful ATV for an amazing tour of undiscovered Jamaica! The ATV is easy to handle and gives you unparalleled access to the untouched hills and plains of this beautiful Caribbean island. Journey around the rugged dirt trails of a colonial-era estate. Explore the scenic mountain terrain. Traverse through local communities and forests. Release your wild side as you explore the real Jamaica!

Canopy Zip-line Tour – Fly through the forest with this breathtaking zip line canopy tour! Get a new perspective as you explore the heart of Jamaica! Starting in the heart of the jungle, you'll fly along zip lines and rappel through the rainforest, over river canyons, and across mountains. Hear the rushing waters as you sail over the various rivers. Then enjoy the silence as you glide through a tunnel of tree leaves. It's the only zip line canopy tour of its kind in Jamaica!



Did You Know?

The Giant Swallowtail Butterfly is one of 130+ species of butterflies found in Jamaica.



More Jamaican Excursions

Mystic Mountain

Want to see Ocho Rios from a different vantage point? Taking a tropical forest adventure tour up to the 700-foot mystic mountain peak will do just that. This environmentally friendly attraction, located in the heart of Ocho Rios, only 5 minutes away from the cruise ship pier on Dunn's River Falls, offers a unique array of adventure tours for all ages. Explore the forest's rich ecosystem, sparkling river streams or simply enjoy the spectacular views. They offer three unique and exhilarating excursions:

Sky Explorer – Positioned prominently at the park's entrance, the Rainforest SkyExplorer is a state-of-the-art chairlift that sends guests soaring above the treetops up to 700 feet to the top of Mystic Mountain. The chairlift carries them through the heart of the canopy, giving them a firsthand glimpse of the wonders of the tropical seaside rainforest.

Bobsled Jamaica – The park's signature attraction, Rainforest Bobsled Jamaica features a 1000 meter long gravity-drive through the rainforest on custom designed, high-tech sleds. Accessible via the SkyExplorer, the Bobsled is a thrilling ride through dense tropical landscapes and coastal features on sleds that evoke Jamaica's Olympic team.

Zip-line – The park's secure zip-line attraction whisks travelers through the verdant rainforest canopy, gliding from one platform to another. Visitors can top it off with a short ride down the Rainforest SkyExplorer.

Tranopy Package – This three in one package offers the Rainforest SkyExplorer, Rainforest Bobsled Jamaica, and the popular Zip-Line. The SkyExplorer carries guests above the trees to the peak, then both the Bob-sled and Zip-line send them speeding through the heart of the forest. For fun, safe adventure, this comprehensive package is the best way to experience all of Mystic Mountain Jamaica's Rainforest wonders.

Did You Know?

Despite popular belief, no species of bat are actually blind!



Why Jamaica?

We are often asked out of all the tropical locations to choose from, why did we chose Jamaica for our marine biology program? The answer is simple: personal preference. We love Jamaica! Jamaica is beautiful! The Caribbean Reefs are breathtaking. The weather is perfect (between 82-86 degrees year round). English is their national language. Their food and water is delicious and the people are very friendly. (The cost of the airfare is also very reasonable.)

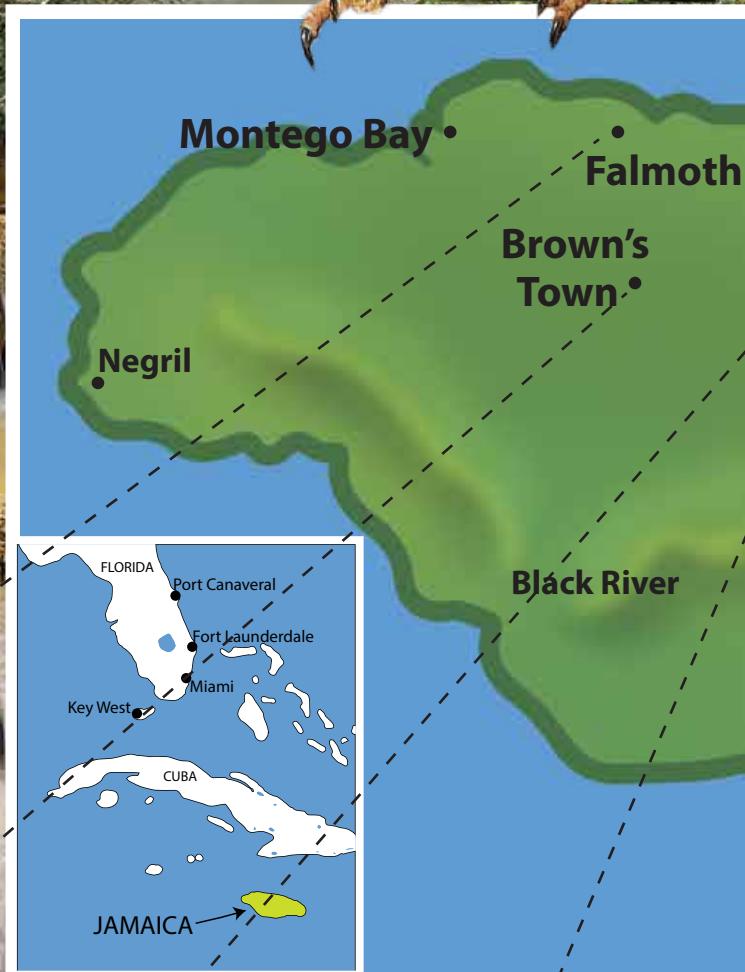
Did You Know?

125 species of birds nest in Jamaica. The Yellow-Billed Parrot is one of 28 species of birds found no where else on earth!



Did You Know?

Three of the five humming bird species in Jamaica are found nowhere else on earth. The Red-billed Streamer tail, also called the doctor bird, is Jamaica's National Bird.



Luminous Lagoon



Brown's Town



Kayaking



Horse Back Riding



Snorkeling



Scuba



Volunteer Work



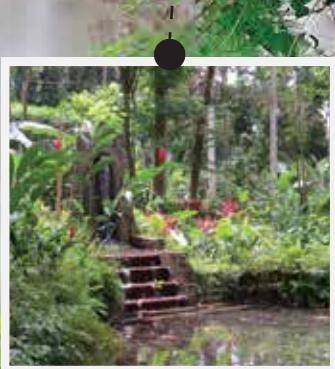
River Rafting



Dunn's River Falls



Mystic Mountain



Coyaba Gardens



Ocho Rios



Blue Hole



Dolphin Cove

Jamaican Excursions

There is no way of showing you everything that Jamaica has to offer in just two short weeks. So we have set aside one day, where the choice of how to spend your day is completely up to you. You can choose to spend your day relaxing by the pool at the villa or enjoying an island adventure. We have put together a few fun filled choices that range in price from free to \$400.

Did You Know?



The Red-Eyed Green Tree Frog is related to the Laughing Tree Frog and Snoring Tree Frog which are both endemic to Jamaica!

More Time with the Ocean

Scuba Diving, 2 Tank Dive** – Spend some more time honing your scuba skills. This is only available for those participants who have completed the PADI course or are already certified.

Beach Adventure – Enjoy a fun filled day on our private beach, snorkeling, building sand castles, eating sea grapes and relaxing in a hammock under a beautiful shade tree. You may also choose to take the kayaks on a short ocean excursion.

A Day of Rest and Relaxation – Would you just like to spend a day just relaxing? You can choose to stay back at the villa and sunbathe by the pool, read a book in the hammocks, drink fruit smoothies, and maybe walk to the Beach Club if you feel so inclined.

* Chaperoned by Animal Camp Jamaica staff

** Chaperoned by the attraction's personnel



Dolphin Cove*

This magnificent property has a natural cove which is surrounded by 5 acres of lush tropical rain forest. Visitors have the opportunity to interact and "Swim With" dolphins. Visitors can also swim, hold, feed and learn about the evolutionary secrets of the Caribbean sharks. Visitors can capture their dream of being a dolphin trainer by taking the challenge of being "Sea Keeper" for the day.

Enjoy snorkeling and interacting with stingrays (barbs removed), glass bottom kayaking, and captaining your own Mini Boat in the Caribbean Sea. Take a stroll and interact with exotic birds, snakes and other animals on the Jungle Trail. Watch the spectacular "SHARK SHOW" and learn about the marine world or just relax.

Did you know that swimming with the dolphins is considered one of the top ten bucket list items? When you come to Dolphin Cove Jamaica, you not only get a chance to live this dream, you have the opportunity to knock off a few more like, swimming with sharks, or even SeaTrek with dolphins. Dolphin Cove is a place you come for the day but remember for a lifetime.

Reef Keeper Program - Have you ever dreamed of working with dolphins, sharks, stingrays and other creatures of the sea? The Reef Keeper program allows you to work along side a professionally experienced animal trainer and discover if a career working with dolphins and other marine animals is for you! You will start your day by going behind the scenes of the secret lives of dolphins. You'll assist in food preparation, intimate feeding and behavior interaction with dolphins, sharks and stingrays, while being educated with hands on training techniques used by the professionals. One of the most memorable parts of the day is the time you will spend in the water with the dolphins; going for a belly swim, sharing a song and dance and allowing the dolphin to use its nose to push you through the water. The Reef Keeper program will also give you the opportunity to learn about other sea creatures and the training techniques of shark and stingrays.



Seven Palms Villa

Seven Palms is the name of the luxury villa that we call home during our Island Adventure. Four of its five bedrooms are converted for group use. Each air-conditioned bedroom offers two bunk beds, a dresser, a TV, and a private bathroom. This villa is set on a two acre manicured estate bordering the Runaway Bay Golf Course. The estate is covered with a wide variety of flowering and fruit trees, including mango, ackee, bread fruit, pomegranate, coconut, sour sap, and neese berry as well as loads of banana and pineapple plants. Seven Palms Villa boasts all of the touches expected of a luxury home: air conditioning throughout each bedroom , in-suite bathrooms, wireless Internet access, flat-screen TV's, DVD players as well as a fresh water swimming pool.



Staff

Animal Camp Jamaica is supervised by three experienced staff. Two of these staff travel back and forth with the campers between the United States and Jamaica. All staff have past experience working for Cub Creek, have had full background checks, and are certified lifeguards. In addition, Seven Palms has five staff; two cooks/housekeepers, two gardeners, and one driver who drives the van each day for our afternoon adventures. The primary job of each staff is to insure that every detail of your stay is as pleasurable and memorable as possible.



Brenda and Tina,
our wonderful cooks!

Food

Delicious meals will be freshly prepared each day by Tina and Brenda, who work full time for Seven Palms Villa. Because of our small group size, meal accommodations are usually no problem.

Did You Know?

There are over 2,500 species of palm trees. Coconuts, dates, betel nuts, palm oil, and acai fruit all come from different palm trees.

Villa Amenities

- Lovely Jamaican Estate with five air-conditioned bedrooms.
- Large freshwater pool
- Clean towels (bath and pool) are provided each day
- Computer and printer
- High speed Internet access with wireless network
- VOIP telephone for free US, Canada and UK phone calls
- Cable television service
- Flat screen TVs in all bedrooms and Great Room
- DVD library
- Large collection of family Board Games
- 5 minute walk to the beach
- Laundry service is provided every few days to each of our guests



Barley is a permanent resident of Seven Palms

Exploring the Culture

Jamaica's National Motto is "Out of Many, One People" as a tribute to the unity of the different cultural minorities inhabiting the nation. During our visit you will have a chance to visit with many Jamaicans, learn about their customs, their language and their history.

Crafts

Jamaica is known for it's plentiful supply of natural resources. With these resources many craftsman make beautiful items such as wicker furniture, hand carved wooden sculptures, paintings, baskets, bowls and more. On one afternoon outing we will visit the famous Ocho Rios Craft market.

Delicious Foods

Here are just a few of the traditional Jamaican foods you will sample while visiting the island.

Patties: Patties are as popular in Jamaica as hamburgers are in the US. This Jamaican pastry contains a variety of filling and spices baked inside a flaky shell (beef is a favorite).

Tropical Fruit: Jamaica is known for its huge selection of fresh fruit. In Brown's Town we will visit a local produce market and purchase a wide variety of fruits to sample. Fruits from all over the world find favorable growing conditions and are readily available at the local produce markets. Many delicious fruits grow right on the Seven Palms estate including: banana, mango, soursop, neese berry, June plum, papaya, coconut, ackee and pineapple.

Jerk: Jerk is a seasoning and style of cooking chicken, pork and fish in Jamaica and must try on our visit.

History

We will visit Coyaba Gardens and tour their museum of Jamaica History. Mystic Mountain also offers a museum of Jamaican Culture and history.

Did You Know?

The Lobster Claw is in the banana family and its nectar is a favorite treat of hummingbirds.



Exploring the Island

Jamaica is the fifth largest island in the Caribbean. The word Jamaica means Land of Wood and Water. During our island adventure we will spend time exploring some of the most gorgeous locations the island has to offer including breathtaking waterfall and lush green tropical rainforests.

Waterfalls

Mahoe Falls located at Coyaba Gardens, Dunn's River Falls and the Blue Hole are three of the water falls that we visit during our stay on the island. All three falls are bordered by lush green vegetation that shades the area from the sun and keeps the area and climber cool. The Blue Hole is by far the most untouched and is the hands-down favorite outing for the majority of our campers.



Nature

Jamaica is known for its natural beauty and we will take several afternoon excursions to enjoy this lush tropical island, including a visit to giant banyan tree, the shady rainforest of Fern Gully and the botanical gardens known as Coyaba Gardens.



Rivers & Lagoons

Bring an inner tube and jump into the cool blue waters of the Rio Bueno River. Begin at a water fall and end in the ocean at Discovery Bay, the place that most people believe was landing point of Christopher Columbus when he discovered Jamaica.



Take a night swim in this magical lagoon and watch everything come to life. The water literally lights up all around you. Even your hair and skin will glow. This is a truly amazing experience and words can not do it justice. The glow is created by the bioluminescence of a micro-organism called dinoflagellates.

Marine Biology

Our oceans are home to the greatest diversity of plants and animals on earth. Oceans cover 72 percent of the Earth's surface, and provide nearly 50 percent of the earth's oxygen. Coral reefs cover less than two percent of the ocean floor, yet they support an estimated 25 percent of all marine life, with more than 4,000 species of fish alone. A coral reef, sometimes referred to as the "rain-forest of the sea", is without question one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world. It is among some of these amazing shallow water coral reefs that we will have the opportunity to learn about marine biology and conservation through hands-on, feet-wet, experiential education.

What better way to learn about the ocean than by jumping right in! We will take you into the ocean, teach you to recognize its inhabitants, and share our knowledge, appreciation and amazement of the diversity of life in the ocean. Weather permitting, we will spend every morning in the ocean dividing our time between snorkeling, kayaking, wave jumping and learning to identify the marine plants and animals that live within the shallow Caribbean reefs near shore.

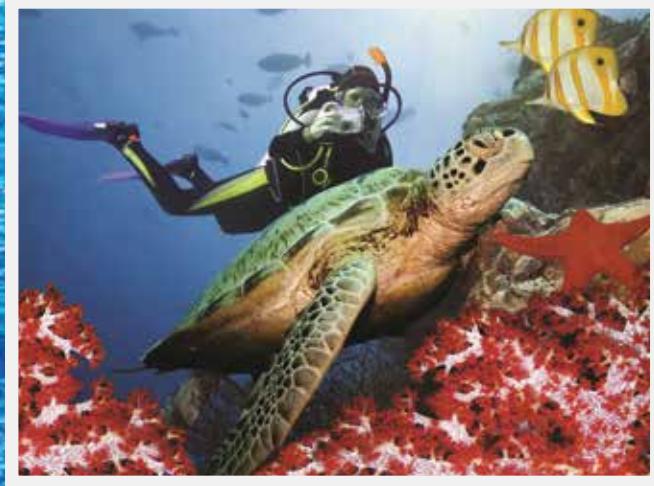


SCUBA Certification

Animal Camp Jamaica offers an amazing opportunity to learn to dive and earn a PADI Open Water Certification in the warm beautiful water of the Caribbean Sea. This is a 3 day course that includes all the instruction, material, equipment and dives. At the end of the course you will be a PADI certified scuba diver!

The only thing you will need to have is a bathing suit, sun screen and a towel. The course will provide all other needed equipment.

This course will be offered in the mornings during our scheduled time at the ocean, as part of our 13 day Jamaican Adventure. After your certification, you will have the opportunity to sign up for an additional 2 tank dive time including a night dive and a ship wreck dive.



**"We conserve what we love.
We love what we understand.
We understand what we
have been taught."**

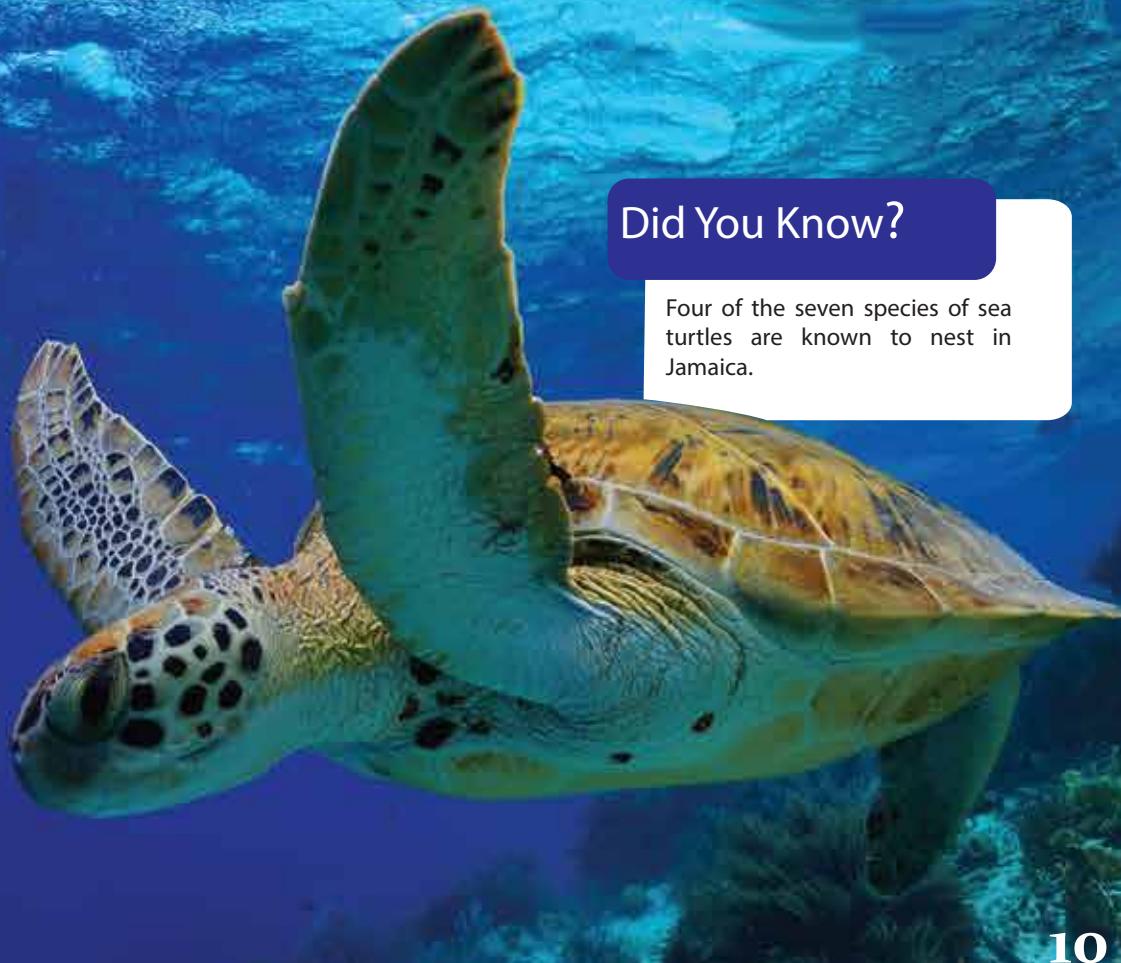
– Baba Dioum

By teaching our youth about the oceans, we are building a generation of people dedicated to its care.



Did You Know?

Four of the seven species of sea turtles are known to nest in Jamaica.



Illness or Injury

The villa keeps a stocked medicine cabinet with many of the most common over-the-counter medications and a pharmacy is only a few minutes away. For major illness or injury, ACJ has arranged with a local doctor in Runaway Bay to see our campers. We are also only 15 minutes from the closest hospital, located in St. Ann's Bay.

How to register

Registering is easy, you can either complete our online registration form or call our office and register over the phone. Because of the extremely limited number of spaces we don't recommend returning a paper registration form. All that is needed is a \$500 deposit to hold a place in one of our sessions.

Did You Know?

Ackee is the national fruit of Jamaica. Ackee and saltfish is the national dish.



More Information

For more information please visit our website. For the most source information, please review our parent handbook, located in the parent section of our website. You are also welcome to call or e-mail us with any additional questions you may have.

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Information for Parents

Staying In Touch With Campers

One very unique feature of our program is our luxury accommodations. Seven Palms Villa is equipped with WiFi, so staying in contact with your camper through e-mail and Facebook is not a problem. Campers are welcome to bring a phone or laptop in order to stay in contact with home.

Safety

Safety is our number one priority. We conduct complete background checks on all employees and hire only experienced staff that have a proven track record with us through their past employment with Cub Creek Science Camp. Each program staff is also a certified life guard.

Food choices

Delicious food is provided at every meal. Don't worry if you have dietary restrictions or need special foods, our grocery store is less than one mile from the villa and stocks a wide variety of foods. Campers are welcome to visit the grocery and purchase any food substitutions that they would like.

Travel to Jamaica

To ensure that our program operates in a safe and orderly manner, ACJ makes all arrangements for campers' international air travel from the time they leave North America until the time they return at the end of a successful adventure. Our program begins and ends in St. Louis and flies out of the St. Louis International Airport. A current passport is required to travel outside of the United States.

Travel Cost

Airfare is not included in the cost of tuition. Participants are expected to travel with us as a group and pay for their airline tickets. Airfare averages \$650 for roundtrip between Jamaica and St. Louis.

Program Tuition

Program tuition includes all meals, accommodations, laundry service, transportation to and from the airport, and to all scheduled activities. It also covers the admission fees for all scheduled activities. Program tuition does not cover the cost of airfare, special trip day selections or additionally selected activities such as SCUBA certification.

Medications

Medications will be turned into program staff upon the arrival at the program and distributed at the appropriate time each day.

Did You Know?

The Cane Toad is an introduced species to Jamaica and is the largest toad in the world. A female Cane Toad can lay between 20,000 to 30,000 eggs at one time.

