

# Jamaica Family Vacation Research

**Date:** 2025-12-28 **Trip Dates:** December 30, 2025 - January 6, 2026 **Travelers:** Dan, Sarah, Rachelle, Ada, Brooklyn (5 people) **Destination:** Ocean Coral Spring Resort, Trelawny, Jamaica

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## Trip Details

Item	Details
<b>Outbound Flight</b>	WestJet 2226, YYC → MBJ, Dec 30, 10:00 AM - 6:24 PM (6h 24m)
<b>Return Flight</b>	WestJet 2227, MBJ → YYC, Jan 6, 2:50 PM - 7:58 PM (7h 8m)
<b>Confirmation</b>	ARZNPO
<b>Hotel</b>	Ocean Coral Spring Resort, Trelawny
<b>Duration</b>	7 nights

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## Ocean Coral Spring Resort

### Overview

- 5-star all-inclusive resort in Trelawny
- 30 minutes from Montego Bay airport (MBJ)
- 513 rooms (junior suites and master suites)
- Recently recovered from Hurricane Melissa (Oct 2025) - fully operational

### Dining (8 Restaurants + Bars)

Restaurant	Cuisine
<b>Buffet</b>	International, show cooking (Breakfast 7-10:30am, Lunch 12:30-4pm, Dinner 6:30-10pm)
<b>La Locanda</b>	Italian
<b>Sakura</b>	Teppanyaki Japanese
<b>Sugar Cane</b>	Jamaican/Caribbean
<b>Thali</b>	Indian
<b>Route 66</b>	American BBQ
<b>Beach Restaurant</b>	Beachfront Caribbean
<b>Privilege Restaurant</b>	Exclusive (Privilege guests only)

**Tip:** Red Snapper beach grill is quieter at lunch than main buffet.

## Amenities

- Large pools + lazy river + water slide
- Despacio Spa Centre
- Kids' club and family activities
- Bowling, kayaking, windsurfing, volleyball
- 24-hour gym with yoga classes
- Private beach

## Dress Code

- No swimwear/flip-flops in restaurants
- Men need sleeved shirts for dinner

## Reviews (2025)

- Positive: Food variety, friendly staff, clean rooms, quick hurricane recovery
- Notes: Occasional Wi-Fi issues, bedding comfort varies by room

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## Top Attractions Near Resort

Attraction	Distance	Description
Luminous Lagoon	10 min	Bioluminescent waters glow blue at night - must-see!
Martha Brae River	15 min	Bamboo rafting, relaxing float downstream
Hampden Estate Rum Tour	30 min	Historic 1750s working distillery
Good Hope Estate	20 min	2,000-acre plantation with zip-lining
Rose Hall Great House	25 min	Haunted plantation, "White Witch" legend
Dunn's River Falls	1 hr	Iconic waterfall climb (day trip to Ocho Rios)
Jamaica Swamp Safari Village	Falmouth	Exotic animals, family-friendly
Rio Bueno River Tubing	30 min	River tubing adventure
Windsor Caves	45 min	Free natural attraction
Silver Sands Beach	Duncans	Public beach near resort

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## Travel Requirements (Canadians)

### Requirement Details

Visa	Not required for stays under 90 days
Passport	Valid for entire stay
C5 Form	Complete online before travel at <a href="http://enterjamaica.gov.jm">enterjamaica.gov.jm</a>
Return ticket	Proof may be requested
Driving	Canadian license valid for 6 months

## **Advisory**

- Exercise high caution outside tourist areas
  - Hurricane Melissa (Oct 2025) caused damage in some parishes - resort area is operational
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## **Weather Forecast (Dec 30 - Jan 6)**

Metric	Value
<b>Daytime High</b>	27-29°C (80-84°F)
<b>Nighttime Low</b>	20-24°C (68-75°F)
<b>Rainfall</b>	7-9 rainy days possible (brief tropical showers)
<b>Sea Temperature</b>	27-28°C - perfect for swimming
<b>Sunshine</b>	~7 hours daily
<b>Humidity</b>	~78%

January is the 2nd driest month - ideal for vacation.

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## **Practical Tips**

### **Money**

- Currency: Jamaican Dollar (JMD), but USD widely accepted
- Credit cards accepted at resort
- Tip in USD (\$1-2 per service is appreciated)

### **Packing**

- Light, breathable clothing
- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Mosquito repellent
- Sleeved shirts for restaurants
- Water shoes for waterfall trips

### **Airport Transfer**

- MBJ airport to resort: ~30 minutes
  - Resort may offer shuttle - confirm with booking
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## Sources

- [Ocean Coral Spring Official](#)
  - [Ocean Coral Spring Restaurants](#)
  - [TripAdvisor Reviews](#)
  - [Government of Canada Travel Advisory](#)
  - [Visit Jamaica Entry Requirements](#)
  - [Trelawny Attractions - TripAdvisor](#)
  - [AccuWeather Montego Bay](#)
  - [Jamaica Weather January](#)
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## Research Conducted By

PAI Multi-Source Research - 2025-12-28

- WebSearch queries for resort, attractions, requirements, weather
- Direct source verification from official sites