

Jamaica Family Vacation Research

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

Trip Details

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

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

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

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

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

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

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