

## Jamaica Travel Events Calendar February & March 2010

Jamaica continues to be the hottest destination for Spring Break, and Spring Break 2010 kicks off from February & March 2010. The exciting party season takes place in Montego Bay and Negril.

Enjoy discounts at Coral Cliff and Margaritaville Montego Bay and Negril; The Groovy Grouper, The Jungle and other exciting attractions. For more information contact the Jamaica Tourist Board in Montego Bay at: (876) 952-4425.

Ensure Valentine's Day is memorable with the ultimate retreat, the Global Wine & Chocolate Show (Feb. 5, 2010), to be held in St. Catherine. This special pre-Valentine's Day event will feature world famous wines and spirits brands, leading chocolate brands such as Ferrero Rocher and Cadbury, as well as over 50 top gift suppliers and exhibitors on show. For more information contact: (876) 362-6445. Join the island as it commemorates the life and works of reggae legend the Rt. Hon. Robert Nesta 'Bob' Marley, O.M. Bob Marley Celebrations (Feb. 2010) will be a series of activities throughout the month, which include a Bob Marley Symposium, a tribute concert to Bob Marley & Dennis Brown, 'One Love' Football Match and a host of other exciting activities. For more information contact the Bob Marley Foundation at: (876) 978 2991/3 or visit their website at: [www.bobmarley-foundation.com](http://www.bobmarley-foundation.com) For the die-hard adventure seekers in search of the ultimate adrenaline rush, the Jamaica Fat Tyre Festival (Feb. 6-13, 2010) is the cure for the winter blues! This year's event, hosted in Oracabessa, St. Mary, is a unique event that can best be described as an exhilarating, yet fun-filled, voyage that's not for the weak at heart. Some of its infamous mountain bike rides include lung-busting climbs, technical trail rides, fast downhill descents, double-track, and single-track, culminating with the Jamaican Bicycle Bash. For more information contact the Island Sports Trust at: (876) 975-3393.

Can't get enough of the island's rich heritage? Fi Wi Sinting, (Feb. 14, 2010) now in its 20th year, is an annual event that celebrates Jamaica's retention of its African heritage. Scheduled to be held at Somerset Falls in Portland, Fi Wi Sinting will feature activities centered around preserving and presenting historical and cultural ties between Jamaica and Africa such as Kumina, Jonkunoo and Anancy story telling. The day will also include poetry, fashion, and dance with special performances by a renowned drum/dance company. For more information visit: [www.fiwisinting.com](http://www.fiwisinting.com). For those yearning to embrace the literary culture of the island, Jamaica's Premier International film event the Reggae Film Series (Feb. 16- 18, 2010) in Kingston, is the place to be. The three-day event is a screening of feature and documentary films as well as music videos that showcase reggae music and Jamaican culture as the central theme. For more information visit: [www.jamaicafilmacademy.org](http://www.jamaicafilmacademy.org) Ecotourists or individuals fascinated by Jamaica's natural beauty will enjoy Misty Bliss (Feb. 28, 2010). This annual event is a traditional, Jamaican cultural festival that celebrates mountain pleasures and treasures - the cool, misty forest of the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park, Maroon culture including Jerk Wild Hog, Crayfish Run-down, 'Blue Drawers', 'Chaklit', Tea, Blue Mountain Coffee, Kumina, Maroon Drummers, Craft, Ring Games at Pickney Sinting, and Environmental Education for Trail Hikers. For more information contact the Jamaica Conservation & Development Trust at: (876) 920-8278-9 or (876) 960-2848. Not in Montego Bay or Negril to celebrate Spring Break? No problem, mon! Kingston has an equally vibrant and intense party scene. Carnival in Jamaica (Feb. 6 & April 11, 2010) is a highly anticipated event for locals and visitors alike. Over the past 22 years, Carnival has grown to unite thousands of Jamaicans and visitors for a ten week 'feel good fest'. Carnival in Jamaica 2010 will offer over a ten week period, twenty-eight high-energy, fun-filled events beginning with Beach Jouvert and ending with the Road March, a costumed street parade where revelers enjoy Soca, Calypso and Reggae music. For more information contact: (876)-923-9138/9 or (876)-922-3840.

**MARCH** Fun in the Son (March 20, 2010) is one of the island's most anticipated gospel events, dubbed The Premier Christian Festival in the Caribbean. Fun in the Son, billed as an alternative spring break, transforms Kingston for one evening of Christian entertainment and ministry that brings together a diverse audience interested in an upbeat, vibrant gospel celebration. The festival will be held on the grounds of Jamaica College, located on Old Hope Road. For more information visit: [www.funinthesonjam.com](http://www.funinthesonjam.com) Bolt to the Trelawny Yam Festival (March 21, 2010), just outside the resort capital of Montego Bay, and discover what many Trelawny residents believe is the secret to the success of its most popular runners & yams! The festival is a celebration of Trelawny's rich culture and heritage, which also involves the production of yams & for which the parish is best known. It has become the standard bearer for all local food festivals in Jamaica and boasts a number of events and attractions culminating in a grand festive occasion on Easter Monday each year. For more information contact: (876) 610-0818. - Jamaica Tourist Board.