

Jamaica Ranks Third In 'World's Best Islands' By TripAdvisor

Jamaica is celebrating its #3 ranking on the TripAdvisor® Travelers' Choice awards' 'World's Best Islands' list.

TripAdvisor, the travel planning and booking website, highlighted the world's top islands based on the quantity and quality of reviews and ratings for hotels, restaurants and attractions. The data was gathered over a 12-month period from destinations worldwide. 'Jamaica is both thrilled and honored to be named the number three island in the world, not to mention the number one island in the Caribbean,' said Jamaica's Director of Tourism, Paul Pennicook. 'I have no doubt that this is based on the joy that travelers feel during their trips to Jamaica. Our accommodations, culture, attractions, culinary offerings and especially our warm-hearted people, make each vacation unforgettable. Congratulations to everyone who was able to make it happen and thank you to our visitors, who we are ready to welcome back again and again.' Jamaica has a large variety of accommodations for travelers looking for a memorable vacation, including boutique hotels, all-inclusive resorts and expansive villas. Some of Jamaica's top accommodation offerings on TripAdvisor include Geejam, The SPA Retreat Boutique Hotel, The Resort at Wilks Bay, The Caves and Jamaica Inn. Jamaica's attractions suit vacationers who want to relax as well as those who want to explore. The island has everything from natural wonders such as Dunn's River Falls and Seven Mile Beach, to thrill-worthy rides like Mystic Mountain's bobsledding and zip lining experiences. Jamaica is increasing its culinary options throughout the island. Families, couples, solo travelers and friends can enjoy top notch meals. Some of the top restaurants on TripAdvisor include Murphy's West End Restaurant, Devon House I-Scream and Scotchie's, all local favorites. 'With common traits like breathtaking beaches, exciting activities and popular hotels and restaurants, the Travelers' Choice Islands are favorites of the TripAdvisor community,' said Barbara Messing, chief marketing officer for TripAdvisor. 'While most of these islands have year-round appeal, TripAdvisor booking data shows that bargain-hunters can save on their hotels when staying at the top islands during the shoulder season rather than the peak.' TripAdvisor offers advice from millions of travelers and a wide variety of travel choices and planning features with seamless links to booking tools that check hundreds of websites to find the best hotel prices. TripAdvisor highlighted the world's top islands based on the quantity and quality of reviews and ratings for hotels, restaurants and attractions. The data was gathered over a one-year period from destinations worldwide. According to www.tripadvisor.com, only if you sprinkle your island vacation with a dash of adventure, there is nothing better than stretching out like a cat in a warm patch of Jamaican sun.

Known fondly as 'the land of wood and water,' Jamaica's forests feature prime hiking and bird watching. It also notes, History buffs can the heritage sites of Trelawny, while reggae and dancehall fans will love the authentic music clubs of Kingston. Accordingly, the travel planning and booking website, says Montego Bay is perfect for snorkeling and shopping, while the spas of Ocho Rios can make any stresses melt away. The Traveler's choice awards complete lists of world's best islands in order are; 1. Maui, Hawaii

2. Santorini, Cyclades
3. Jamaica
4. Providenciales, Turks and Caicos
5. Bali, Indonesia
6. Majorca, Balearic Islands
7. Mauritius, Africa
8. Phuket, Thailand
9. Bora Bora, Society Islands
10. Fernando de Noronha, Brazil