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There's something for everyone! For your convenience we have listed the some activities you can enjoy on your next visit to ocho Rios Jamaica.

If you would like to book a tour, rent an accommodation, [Just email us...](#) your arrival and departure dates, numbers of people in you group.

### **Jamaican Vacations off the Beaten Path: The Blue Hole**



This week's featured "Off the Beaten Path" is one of the most beloved hidden gems in the hills of Ocho Rios. Located along the White River, this spot is visited by locals and vacationers alike. The Blue Hole is an area that consists of the combination of tropical jungle, clear water, and cascading waterfalls.

This destination is a perfect compromise between adventuring and relaxing by the beach. As if you need more reasons besides local recommendations and raving reviews from travelers, here are a few that we found convincing:

- Beautiful waterfalls crashing underneath a verdant tropical canopy make for gorgeous vacation shots.
- Plenty of blue water in the lagoon to swim in. In some areas of Blue Hole, the depth reaches over twenty feet. Definitely only recommended for strong swimmers.
- A fun rope swing. Channel your inner Tarzan and give it a shot!
- Cliffs to jump off into the water, completely safe and perfect for those craving excitement on their vacation.
- A river tubing exploration down the White River is also available.

For visitors looking to explore the island with the least amount of stress, the Ocean View Villa offers those booking lodging friendly transportation to and from attractions to save you time. We want your vacation to be the most rewarding and colorful as possible during your stay. Check out the Ochi travel blog for some of our other Jamaica activity recommendations!

## More Unique Ochi Jamaican Vacation Activities



Explore the island beyond the comforts of your Jamaican villa. There's nothing better than relaxing by the pool with a pina colada after a day of exploring. No matter how large your group there are hundreds of activities within driving distance that will appeal to everyone. Last week we offered some suggestions for the gardener, the spring breaker, the movie buff, the rum *aficionado*, and the history lover in our blog post: <http://www.jamaicoceanviewvilla.com/an-ocho-rios-vacation-has-unique-activities-for-every-person/> This week we will be tailoring another selection of places to visit, shop, and eat for every type of traveler:

- For the partygoer: Did someone say hot tub? **Margaritaville Ocho Rios** has a huge amount of fun water-related activities. On the rooftop, there is a whirlpool hot tub and a two story water slide down to the pool. Not only that, but there is also a swim up bar. Their food, in typical Jimmy Buffet tradition, is absolutely delicious. If you're of legal drinking age and looking for somewhere to party at night, Club Ville comes alive with some of the most talented local DJs. They have hosted many famous talents over the years, including Nelly and Run DMC.
- For the artist: Over 100 talented Jamaican artists have pieces for sale in **Harmony Hall Gallery**. Located only four miles away from Ocho Rios, this is definitely a must-visit for you're looking to purchase some art on your Jamaican vacation. The gallery is happy to provide a certificate of authenticity as well as an artist bio. While you're there, check out the Toscanini Restaurant which is located downstairs. It's a visitor favorite due to their delicious food, relaxing ambiance, and is rated number two out of all restaurants in Ocho Rios on Tripadvisor.

- For the luxury shopper: As you may have read in a previous blog about what souvenirs are available in Jamaica, rum and coffee are two famous choices. Located in Island Village shopping center, **Rum Roast and Royals** sells pretty much what you might expect: delicious local rums and Blue Mountain coffee. However, they also specialize in other local luxury goods including spices, cigars, art, and drafts.

Check out the Ochi Travel blog for our favorite places to eat, shop, and explore. Ocean View Villa offers their guests transportation to and from any activity destination in the area for your convenience. We want your trip to be as stress-free and interesting as possible!

## 1 Bob Marley's Birthday Celebration: February 2015



When many people think of Jamaica—who is the first person to come to mind? Bob Marley, of course! Bob Marley was born on February 6 on his grandmother's farm in Saint Anne Parish. His was a singer-songwriter and musician who touched the lives of many people of all different countries, backgrounds, and religions. He performed over 300 concerts internationally, spreading Rastafari spirituality through his reggae music. Following his death in 1981, Jamaica devotes an entire week in February to celebrate his life and music. Here are a few places where you can mingle amongst locals and other Marley enthusiasts to celebrate his birthday during this month:

- Check out Nine Mile, Bob Marley's birthplace, in Saint Anne Parish on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Even after thirty years following his death, every year hundreds of people gather in the now-museum and grounds of the farm to sing, dance, and celebrate Marley's life.
- If you're going to be around Montego Bay in early February, you could also check out the annual Bob Marley Birthday Bash endorsed by the official Bob Marley Foundation. This year it begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> and runs to the 6<sup>th</sup>. This tribute to the reggae musician is "a true cultural presentation" according to their flyer. It features "the best food, art, music in a tropical paradise."
- Kingston is another choice to visit to celebrate the late "Reggae King." There is a week-long celebration that includes everything from concerts to movies. The event

- also includes work from local artists, food festivals, and craft booths.

What a better way to celebrate the music icon than to spend his birthday in his home country? For more blog posts like this and other information about things to do in Jamaica, check out more posts on the Ochi Travel Blog. If you're looking for local lodging for a group, consider the stunning Ocean View Villa located in central Ocho Rios.

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