



# Comparing our area to a Caribbean island

## Overview

Jamaica is an island country situated in the Caribbean sea.

It's continent is North America.

It's the third largest island in the Greater Antilles.

About 2.9 million people live in Jamaica.

An average of 4.3 million people visit Jamaica every year.

It has a global influence in music (reggae) and sprinting and athletic sports.



## Comparison with the UK

The UK is Europe. Both nations are in the Northern Hemisphere.

The UK is generally much colder than Jamaica. It has a temperate climate whilst Jamaica has a tropical climate.

Jamaica is much smaller than the UK.

More people live in the UK. 67 million compared to 2.9 million.

Both Jamaica and the UK are island countries.

The official language of both countries is English.



## Key Vocabulary

<b>Jamaica</b>	An island in the Caribbean Sea
<b>North America</b>	A continent which includes countries such as USA, Canada, Mexico and Jamaica.
<b>Caribbean</b>	A collection of islands situated in the Caribbean Sea.
<b>Tropical</b>	A place with hot temperatures and usually 2 seasons – a wet season and a dry season.
<b>Kingston</b>	The capital city of Jamaica.
<b>Blue Mountains</b>	The tallest mountains in Jamaica.
<b>Rio Minho</b>	The longest river in Jamaica.
<b>Great Antilles</b>	A group of the largest islands in the Caribbean Sea.
<b>Bauxite</b>	A rock ore that can be used to make aluminium (a strong metal).
<b>Agriculture</b>	Farming crops or rearing animals for wool/food etc.
<b>Tourism</b>	People from somewhere else visit a place for pleasure or a holiday.

## Physical Geography

Jamaica has a mainly tropical climate with high temperatures throughout the year. Rainfall is heaviest from May to October.

Jamaica lies in the Atlantic Hurricane belt and sometimes experiences heavy storm damage.

Jamaica has many sandy beaches.

The longest river is the Rio Minho which is 92km long.

The highest area of Jamaica is the Blue Mountains range.

The highest peak is 2,256 metres.



## Human Geography

Jamaica used to be ruled by the Spanish and British but is now an independent nation.

Nearly half the population live in or around Kingston (the capital city).

Other cities in Jamaica include Portmore, Montego Bay and Mandeville.

The currency is called the Jamaican Dollar.

A great deal of Jamaica's income comes from tourism but Jamaica also has many natural resources including bauxite and it makes money through agriculture.



Jamaica's celebrities! Do you recognise them?



Bob Marley



Usain Bolt



Raheem Sterling

## Recommended websites

<https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/jamaica-facts.html>

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