



Jamaica Global Social Justice Study Abroad, 2023

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Itinerary:

June 7 (Wednesday)

Make sure you have your valid passport and Jamaica Travel Authorization! You cannot board the plane without it!

Arrive at San Francisco (SFO) airport, Domestic Departures for American Airlines (Terminal 1). We will meet and check in together as a group

July 8 (Thursday) Arrive Kingston!

Arrive at 10:45am in Kingston

Arrive at the Kingston (KIN) Normal Manley Airport at 10:45am

Dr. Brown and our local guide and brother, Tony and check in to Pegasus Hotel in New Kingston

Change money, tour Kingston

Hosted Welcome Dinner at the hotel

July 9 (Friday) Kingston

8:30am Breakfast is included at the hotel each morning

9:15am depart from hotel

10am meet with community organizer and Director of Peace Management Initiative, Damian Hutchinson to learn about youth violence, truce, and reconciliation. Walk in the community with neighborhood leaders

1pm Lunch

4pm Talk with Kenneth Wilson, the leading social advocate and worker in August Town at Jamaicans for Justice, an anti-police terror/social justice organization to learn about the similarities and differences in police murder in Jamaica and the strategies used to fight for justice for victims and families

7pm Dinner at Tracks and Records (owned by Usain Bolt)

Critical Thinking Assignment: Social Justice Issues

July 10 (Saturday) Kingston

Tour the University of the West Indies to learn about programs

Lecture on "Social Challenges for Women and Children in Jamaica"

Student to Student Exchange – meet with Jamaican University Students

230pm Visit to Marcus Garvey's Liberty Hall

July 11 (Sunday) Kingston/Charles Town

1100am Reservation at Bob Marley's Home/Museum for tour and film about the life of this legendary artist and the international power of Reggae/Rastafari music

Lunch on the bus – Jamaican Patties

2pm Visit to Tough Gong Studios to learn about Reggae Music and resistance music

Leave for 3-hour drive to Portland Parish

Stop for Jerk Chicken

6pm arrive in Charles Town Maroon Community for a

Community Welcome and to meet your host family. All meals are included for your time with your host family. Breakfast is with the family, lunch and dinner is in the Asafu Yard.

Critical Thinking Assignment: Rastafari and Pan Africanism

July 12 (Monday) Charles Town

Learn about and experience the African based Maroon culture and history this includes,

Traditional Drum and Dance lesson

Charlestown Maroon Museum tour

Afternoon swimming in the river

Critical Thinking Assignment: Who are the Maroons? History, Culture, and Identity

July 13 (Tuesday) Charles Town

10am Day trip to Winnefred Beach for free time in the Caribbean Sea

Visit to Somerset Waterfalls

Free afternoon and evening in the community

Critical Thinking Assignment: Interview a Maroon Community Parent or Elder

July 14 (Wednesday) Charles Town

Early morning hike to former plantation

Mama G's Art Class. Mama G is an elder and spiritual leader in local and international Maroon communities

Learn about traditional herbal and plant healing and visit the garden

July 15 (Thursday)

Community drum and dance celebration by the river

Say Goodbye to your Charlestown Maroon family and give your gift to your new Maroon family

July 16 (Friday) Negril

Leave 7am take 5-hour drive to Negril with stop in Kingston for break at a park

Continue on to Negril for late arrival at the hotel. This will take about 3 and a half hours.

Critical Thinking Assignment: The Mosiah: Marcus Garvey

July 17 (Saturday) Negril

Free day on the beach or in town

5pm to the Negril cliff area for amazing sunset views

Closing Group Dinner and Reflection—What did you learn about yourself? What did you learn about African people in Jamaica?

Critical Thinking Assignment: Your Personal Evolution/Revolution

July 18 (Sunday) Montego Bay Airport

7:30am check-out and drive to the Montego Bay Jamaica Airport and fly back to SFO

Student Cost and Payment Plan:

Only \$500.00 USD Installment Plan: \$200 non-refundable deposit is due April 1, 2022. The remainder must be paid by June 1, 2022.

Costs include R/T airfare from San Francisco to Jamaica, travel insurance while in Jamaica, all hotel and homestay accommodations, all breakfasts and listed hosted meals, all scheduled lectures/ museum/ tour entry fees, in-country transportation, and local guide.

Cost does not include your U.S. Passport (roughly \$100), tuition (for students), tips, nor meals not indicated. Students MUST Plan to bring a minimum of \$400 for free time activities, nights out, gifts to bring back to family and meals not covered on this tour.

Eligibility:

This study abroad program is only open to Peralta students who have taken and passes at minimum of 1 African American Studies Course. All students must enroll in the required summer semester 3-unit course for this class (Afram 27 at Merritt College). Selected students must be in compliance with the Peralta Student Vaccination Policy.