

Ocho Rios, Jamaica

A short walk to town, a five-minute drive to the island's most famous waterfall, and a climb people badly underestimate.

Facts checked against official sources on 24 September 2026

Getting ashore	Ships berth alongside. The Port Authority states "tender service is not available," though a ship's own tender may be used at Berth 2 or the James Bond Pier.
The two piers	Turtle Bay Pier (berths 1 and 2) and the James Bond Pier
Into town	Turtle Bay is central. James Bond Pier is about a 15-minute walk from downtown.
Currency	Jamaican dollar. Cash machines are labelled ABM rather than ATM. Dunn's River charges non-residents in US dollars.

Dunn's River Falls

Five minutes from the port, and the reason most people come. Published admission for non-residents is **\$25 adult and \$17 child**. Opening hours are 8:30am to 4pm daily, and 7am to 4pm on cruise ship days.

The climb is optional, and that matters. The park publishes that "guests who do not wish to get wet are welcome to take the dry walk alongside the falls," and invites less adventurous visitors to watch from the terrace or deck. The park also publishes barrier-free restrooms and barrier-free access to park entry, plus a nurse's station.

Take the climb seriously if you take it. It runs roughly 45 minutes to an hour from bottom to top over wet rock, and once you start there are limited places to leave. Closed-toe water shoes with grip are recommended. No official difficulty rating or minimum age is published.

The beach at the port

Ocho Rios Bay Beach, also called Turtle Beach, is within easy walking distance of the town centre. It is a public beach owned by the Urban Development Corporation, with parking, restrooms, changing facilities, snack shops and a lifeguard on duty. The government beach guide lists entry at J\$200 or US\$3 for adults and J\$100 or US\$1 for children 5 to 11, open

8:30am to 4:30pm. That page is archived, so treat the fee as indicative and expect to pay something.

Getting around

Two kinds of taxi: route taxis, which are shared and cheaper, and charter taxis, which are private. Look for official red licence plates. No official fare table is published, so agree the price first.

Not published anywhere official: which ships use which pier, terminal restrooms or Wi-Fi, any taxi tariff, pier accessibility, and any wheelchair policy for the falls climb itself.

Where these facts come from

- Port Authority of Jamaica, Ocho Rios port details (<https://cruisejamaica.com/ocho-rios-port-details/>)
- Visit Jamaica, Ocho Rios cruise port (<https://www.visitjamaica.com/cruises/ports/ocho-rios/>)
- Dunn's River Falls and Park (operator) (<https://dunnsriverfallsja.com/>)
- UDC, Dunn's River ticket prices (<https://udcja.com/dunns-river-falls-and-park-introduces-online-ticket-purchase-for-jamaican-residents/>)
- Dunn's River Falls visitor FAQ (<https://www.dunnsriverfalls.net/faq/>)
- Celebrity Cruises, Ocho Rios port (<https://www.celebritycruises.com/ports/ocho-rios>)

Ports change their rules and their prices. Check the official pages above before you sail.

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