

Jamaica

Country Profile

2019 Going Global Exchanges



4-H in Jamaica

4-H Jamaica is a youth development organization with more than 104,000 members across the country, aged 5 to 25.

4-H Jamaica aims to educate and train youth to be leaders and capable workers. 4-H clubs are offered through schools, churches, and communities. Members, known as "clubites," work together on many different projects, including school gardens, honey and coffee production, livestock management, and more.



What to Expect

Jamaica is a country of extremes. Along the coast and in the suburbs of Kingston, you will find extravagant resorts and luxurious homes. However, 1 in 5 people live in poverty. In rural communities and the urban center, the side effects of poverty are visible.

Be prepared to experience rural Jamaican family life and explore Jamaican culture from a local perspective.

You will have the opportunity to:

- participate in local 4-H club and community events
- tour 4-H coffee plantations, sugarcane, apiculture operations and local food markets
- learn some of Jamaica's national language, "patois"

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Quick Facts

- Sugar is the biggest Jamaican export. Other exports include bananas, coffee, spices, pimentos, cocoa, citrus, and coconuts.
- Jamaica boasts the most number of churches per capita in the world.
- About 25% of Jamaicans are employed in agriculture.

Learn more about 4-H Canada's Going Global Exchanges at 4-h-canada.ca/goingglobal.

