

Jamaica's Water Parks Cool Off Families And Heat Up The Fun

{mosmodule phpinc=ttpopup.php,Jamaica} has some of the most beautiful and relaxing beaches, but those looking for a water adventure of a different sort will want to visit one of Jamaica's six extraordinary water parks. The island's water parks and beaches are great for families that want to cool off any time of the year.

"Jamaica offers some of the best water parks in the Caribbean," said John Lynch, Director of the Jamaica Tourist Board. "These parks offer something for every age and excitement level, whether it's a kiddie pool or special play area for the younger children, lazy river for those who prefer to take it easy, or tall and zooming waterslides for more adventures children, teens or even adults."

The island's six water parks are found on its most popular resort regions, where every member of the family can splash around and let out their inner child during a day of carefree fun.

Kool Runnings Water Park in Negril features ten exciting water slides, some which tower up to 40 feet tall, and each with a truly Jamaican name; Captain Mikie's Coconut Island, an interactive children's play area; a lazy river and more. Guests who work up an appetite can seek refuge at the one of the park's three restaurants, juice bar or sports bar. www.koolrunnings.com

Sunset Beach Resort & Spa in Montego Bay offers its visitors the Pirate's Paradise Water Park where they can drift along Blackbeard's Lazy River, relax on Buccaneer Beach or explore Caribbean Pirate's Paradise Fort which features a 40-foot high Pirate's Plank Bridge, two rooftop Jacuzzis and two 40-foot tall shooting waterslides. Children can also commandeer a pirate ship, which boasts a kid's section with a swimming pool and slide. www.sunsetresortsjamaica.com

The Lighthouse Waterslide at Sunset Jamaica Grande in Ocho Rios houses two 60-foot tall water slides. An enclosed slide sends guests zooming down into the park's swimming pool, while an open slide deposits riders right into the Caribbean Sea. Additional features include five pools with waterfalls, outdoor Jacuzzis and a rope bridge. www.sunsetresortsjamaica.com

At Sugar Mill Falls, located at Rose Hall Resort & Spa in Montego Bay, visitors can spend the day splashing through cascading waterfalls, a 280-foot thrill slide, relaxing lagoons, a lazy river and three terraced pools. The jungle garden lets adventurers explore a suspension bridge, faux rock formations, and replicas of the aqueducts of the former Rose Hall Plantation. The hotel provides a variety of entertainment, including "dive-in" movies, live music, activities and games, a children's section and poolside food service at two swim-up bars. www.rosehallresort.com

Beaches Negril Resort & Spa's Pirate's Island Water Park is an 18,000 square foot water park that features two exciting water slides spiraling more than 200 feet each. Pirate's Island Water Park features water cannons, arched bridges, whirlpools, a splash deck, misting pool, and a meandering lazy river for smooth sailing. www.beaches.com

Beaches Boscobel Resort & Golf Club's Pirate's Island Water Park includes a 27,000 square foot Pirate's Island themed aqua-playground with six kiddie slides — including one "group" slide — plus three slides just for teens and adults: one tube slide, one body slide and one speed slide. The water park also features a Pirate-themed kid's zone and a zero entry kiddie pool that includes a misting crab, a squirting sea turtle and a splashing seahorse. www.beaches.com