

# Life in Jamaica before moving to the United States (New York)

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# Introduction

My name is Ryland Johnson and I was born in Jamaica St.Elizabeth.Where I grew up 13 years before Moving to the United States (New York).Where I went to high school and then started college.

# Life in Jamaica

Life in Jamaica was fun and full of good memories. Where I laughed a lot and hangout with my friends every time I went to school. I was kinda popular in my school and community where I was from. A good amount of people knew me as a kid that was chill and cool to hang with. I also attended high for a year in Jamaica it wasn't really the full high school experience where you would start from the 9th grade like the United States. High school starts from 7th grade in Jamaica and I only went for 7th grade before moving to the United States. Which was in 2019 where I had to move and leave all my family and friends behind.



# Jamaica

Jamaica is mostly known for its music, food, culture and language. Jamaica is located in the Caribbean close to Haiti and Cuba. It is also known for a good place to take a vacation to enjoy its beaches, bamboo rafting and hotel resorts. Also Jamaica is also known for giving birth to one of the world's best singer and songwriter Bob Marley who was very famous for his reggae music and the positivity he would spread in his songs.



Ackee and Saltfish-Jamaica national dish



Bob Marley-famous artist and songwriter.



Bamboo Rafting-One of Jamaica famous tourist attraction.

# Religion in Jamaica

The religion that is popular in Jamaica is christianity like seventh day adventist,catholic,apostolic and Rastafari.Which is not christianity but is also popular in Jamaica.People would usually go to church mostly on sundays to worship except for seventh day adventists and Rastafri. Seventh day would only go to church on Saturdays which is my religion.



# Language in Jamaica

The language Jamaicans are known for speaking is Patois which is made up of English, Spanish, French, and Portuguese heritage. But people mostly know it as broken English. It is how Jamaicans communicate to each other and they find it easy speaking it than speaking proper English. Even though there are some Jamaicans that think Patois is ghetto and proper English is a better way to speak to someone.

# Example of Patwa

## English vs Patois

Jamaican language



Leave me alone

Take care

Look at that

Thank you

Children

Where are you from?

Lef Mi

Walk good

Coo Deh

Tanks

Pickney

Weh u come fram?



# My cultural shock experience

Moving from Jamaica to live in The United States was really hard for me because everything was new to me and I didn't really know much about the United States. Other than what I saw on the movies and Tv shows but it was actually different than what the movies and Tv show portray it. It's like I had to relearn everything over again because of the environment I was in and I had to adjust to the environment. It was kind of hard because try to speak proper english was exhausting and also the school work they would give me was exhausting as well. But eventually over time I adapted to the environment and could better understand their culture.



# Conclusion

In the beginning, adapting to a new environment and understanding its culture can be challenging, but as you learn and understand the culture, it will become easier.

