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Jamaica & Guyana My Culture





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About

Jamaican Culture

- Jamaica's culture has been influenced by Amerindian, British traditions, and African heritage.
- European influences are still prominent in Jamaica : public institutions, Christian worship, and the arts.
- African influences our culture from religious life, the Jamaican Patios, cuisine, proverbs, drumming, the rhythms of Jamaican music and dance, traditional medicine (herbal and spiritual healing), and tales of Anansi, the spider.

Guyanese Culture

- Guyana's culture reflects Amerindian (10.5 per cent), Portuguese (0.3 per cent) and Chinese (0.2 per cent) populations (2012 Census) and African.
- Guyana is considered a Caribbean nation. Even though, Guyana is apart of CARICOM and is located in South America.
- Guyanese speak English, Hindi/Urdu, indigenous languages





Jamaican Cuisine

- The national dish of Jamaica is Ackee and Saltfish. This dish is made with Jamaica's national fruit the Ackee.
- Jerk chicken with white bread or rice and peas.
- Jamaican patties made with beef, chicken and some with seafood or veggies.
- Oxtail with rice and peas





Guyanese Cuisine

- The Guyanese cuisine consists of Pepper pot. Pepper pot s made with cassareep which is made from cassava root. Add any meat of your choice.
- Dhalpuri is made with dhal also called split peas. is usually eaten with chicken curry.
- Metemgee a thick soup that has provisions.
- Pholourie made with split peas is eaten along with mango or tamarind chutney.



12 PATOIS PHRASES/WORDS

FOR BEGINNERS

A True
It is true

Badda
Bother

Bruk
Break

A Nuh Mi
It is not me.

Bud
Bird

Fass
Nosey

Dun
Done

Bwoy
Boy

Dawta
Daughter

Tyad
Tired

Chaka Chaka
Messy/Untidy

Dutty
Dirty

Jamaica's language and Dialect

- This dialect of Jamaica is known as patois (Pah-Twa), or patwa. (Romer,2009) It is important to note that patois can be called any number of other names such as Jamaican Patwa, Jamaican Creole, black English, broken English, and has even been known to be referred to as baby talk on occasion. Patois is considered an unacceptable official language. This means that it is not to be used in any formal settings and is not fully recognized as its own language. (History of Patois, 2009)



Examples of Jamaican Dialect

- Patois: Suh yuh nah guh badda guh?
- English: So, you are not going to bother going?
- Suh = So
- Yuh = You
- Nah guh = Not going
- Badda = bother



Guyana's language and dialect

- Guyanese creole is widely spoken along with English, urdu, hindi and American dialects.
- [Guyanese Creole \(Creolese by its speakers: or simply Guyanese\)](#) is an English-based creole language spoken by people in [Guyana](#). Linguistically, it is similar to other English dialects of the Caribbean region but has most influences of African and some loan words from Dutch, Arawakan languages, and Indian (East Indian) languages.



Example of Guyanese dialect

- i wuda tek awi lil taim but awi bin go kom out seef –
- English: «it would have taken us a little time but we would have come out safely»



Norms, values, beliefs

JAMAICA

- The most common greeting is the handshake with direct eye contact, and a warm smile.
- Use the appropriate salutation for the time of day: "good morning", "good afternoon", or "good evening".
- Religion is fundamental to Jamaican life, which can be seen in the references to Biblical events in everyday speech.
- The island has the highest number of churches per capita in the world and more than 100 different Christian denominations. Most Jamaicans are Christians; the largest denominations are the Anglicans, Baptists, Methodists, Pentecostals, Brethren and Roman Catholics.

• <https://www.commisceo-global.com/resources/country-guides/jamaica-guide>

GUYANA

- A gentle hand grab on the arm or hand may be used to get attention/when being spoken to. A good slap on the leg happens as well. Innocent touching is common.
- Christianity, Hinduism, and Islam are the dominant religions in Guyana. The majority of the Indo-Guyanese are Hindus, although a substantial number are Muslims.
- A number of folk beliefs continue to be practiced in Guyana. Obeah, a folk religion of African origin, incorporates beliefs and practices of all the immigrant groups.

• <http://countrystudies.us/guyana/37.htm>





National Tree
Blue Mahoe



National Friut
Ackee



Nationaal Symbol
Coat of Arms



National Flower
Lignum Vitae



National Bird
The Docter Bird



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Cultural Symbols

<https://www.traversejamaica.com/the-jamaicas-national-symbols/>

JAMAICA





**HOATZIN
OR
CANJE
PHEASANT**



Cultural Symbols cont'd

- Guyana



Socialization

JAMAICA

- Jamaicans have a healthy distrust of those in authority and prefer to put their faith in those they know well, such as their extended family and close friends who are treated as if they were family.
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- Tipping isn't part of local Jamaican customs and certain venues and all-inclusive resorts prohibit tipping. In some destinations, staff can lose their jobs if they are caught accepting a tip.
- <https://www.commisceo-global.com/resources/country-guides/jamaica-guide>

GUYANA

- Men smoke and drink everywhere. It is not as openly acceptable for women to do so, but they do. Guyanese women are rarely seen smoking or drinking from a bottle in public. If they do drink from a bottle, it will be with a straw (as noted before).
- It is usually unacceptable for women to enter rum shops, but not necessarily beer gardens.
- It is not polite to be seen drunk in public, but nothing will really happen if you are.
- It seems there is not a large international pool of students, and most Guyanese students will attempt to get out of the country to study/live. Most students who stay are also working to support themselves.
- When it comes to dating it is much more acceptable for men to ask women out.
- https://guide.culturecrossing.net/basics_business_student_details.php?id=28&CID=89



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