



SOUTH COAST ROAD-TRIP ITINERARIES

I've curated some of our favourite spots on the Jamaican South Coast and presented four possible road trip options. You can do either one in a single day with enough planning. But you can also make this a two day road trip and overnight on the south coast. Read on to the end where I suggest how to easily convert this to a great 2-day experience!

OPTION1: Lover's Leap and Jack Sprat (maybe Pelican Bar)

Visit the now under new Management [Lover's Leap](#) spot. It is refurbished with breathtaking views and heavenly breezes. Have a drink there. Don't eat there. You'll eat at Jack Sprat. (2 ½ hours drive from Kingston)

Drive for another 40 min to [Jack Sprat](#). Have lunch there. Great, locally sourced food: their specialty pizzas and seafood offerings are great. Fabulous ambience.

Before lunch, if time permits, you can arrange a boat ride to **Pelican Bar** (call them at (876) 354-4218). It's a 45 minute boat ride to and from Treasure Beach. You can *make arrangements via Jake's Hotel*. Don't eat there. Have a beer and swim there. Water is shallow. Great vibe, novel experience.

OPTION 2: Appleton Rum Tour in St. Elizabeth

This fabulous [Appleton Estate Rum Tour](#) can be a stand-alone activity! Lunch can be included and it's a great experience. Make the trip more enjoyable by stopping in Mandeville for coffee and patties along the way. OMG Coffee Bar on Brumalia road is recommended by many. I've never been (was closed when we stopped) and of course Juici in Mandeville for patties.

OPTION 3: Black River Safari tour and then lunch and a swim at YS Falls in St. Elizabeth.

Book this enjoyable river tour Safari Tour with Swaby before heading down so you get the timings correct (call them at (876) 965-2513). The tour is about 1 ½ hours long. I suggest taking as early a tour as possible to allow you to enjoy YS.

You can get lunch to buy at [YS Falls](#). This is a beautiful river and waterfall setting with a swimming pool, restaurant and picnic grounds.

Pro-tip: walk with your own libations and snacks to carry on the Black River tour. Makes the journey way more enjoyable :)

OPTION 4: Black River Safari tour, Pelican Bar trip from Black River and lunch at Cloggy's in Black River.

Travel time from Kingston to Black River is 3 - 2 ½ hours. Plan accordingly.

Black River safari tour is 1 ½ hours

Pelican Bar is a 15 min boat ride from Black River. 1 ½ hours in total for this part of the trip should be sufficient. No need to book in advance. Many operators along the road from Black River to Parotee with signs,

Plan for 2 hours for the best seafood in Black River at Cloggy's. They're always open.

FOR DAY ROAD-TRIPPING:

To make the most of your day call ahead to the spots where you want to go to ensure that they will be open & verify prices.

Depart Kingston early enough. Quickest travel time to any of the suggested destinations will be 3 hours. And in December it gets dark early.

OPTION 5: Convert to a 2-day Road Trip Experience

I suggest you start with Black River safari tour in Black River then a run out to Pelican Bar. Come back and have fish at Cloggy's,

Drive to Billy's Bay near Treasure Beach (there's road (fairly bad, but beautiful scenery) via Parotee which I happen to love) or you can go back the way you came and turn off at the correct spot to get to Treasure Beach.

A new boutique type hotel in Billy's Bay called [77 West](#) is where I recommend you lay your head that night. You can get supper there.

It's small with only 6 rooms. So book early. Lovely views and a great pool deck.

In the morning go have breakfast at [Smurfs](#) in Treasure Beach.
Come back to 77 West and laze around until check out time.

Depart for Kingston. But stop at Lover's Leap on the way home.

Stop for lunch at [Murray's Fish & Jerk Hut](#) in Clarendon on the way in.

Want more road trip inspiration? [Contact me here](#) and let me help!

