

Montego Bay to Maggotty

Sangster is Jamaica's most blinged out airport – a definite display of mass tourism's influence on the Island. After clearing the customs line at the airport you will immediately see the doors to the outside where vehicles are busy picking up the arriving passengers. Those who are going to the all inclusive resorts will stay together and board one of those charter buses, but you plan on traveling Jamaican style so listen up.

After going through the customs line at the airport proceed to the outside and go directly across the road where you should see a group of Jamaicans waiting on rides like you. They will probably offer you a ride for some crazy amount of money, so just tell them that you are going downtown and they will show you the route taxi as it drives by. When you see the airport taxi then just give him a loud “Yo!” and he will stop for you.

After you get off downtown just tell the driver that you need to get a taxi to go to Clock, and he will probably just tell you to keep heading in the same direction the taxi is facing and then hang a left after about a couple hundred yards. You might just get the driver to go ahead and drop you off there for another 50 JMD extra (no more).

When you arrive at the taxi stand, just tell the drivers there that you are going to Clock and they will be kind enough to get you in the right Taxi. It is not a far drive to Clock and once you get there the taxi to **Elderslie** is right in front of the Texaco gas station. It is actually a minibus – probably an old Toyota HIACE.

The drive to Elderslie will be a fun, windy road through the outedge of the Cockpit Country. It will take about an hour or a little more to reach Elderslie, and once you are there then just get off where the bus stops and wait for a taxi that is going to Maggotty or Santa Cruz. When you arrive in Maggotty then you will be able to get a ride to a several points of interest – from Accompong (Maroon Town) or Appleton to YS falls. If you plan on travelling to Back River or Santa Cruz then make sure to get a straight taxi from Elderslie to Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz is a Main Street community that will get you pretty much anywhere you want to go in the Parish – most notably Treasure Beach.

This summary is just a starting point to help you get through the confusion of stepping off the plane and into Jamaican transport culture.
Print off the next sheet of Taxi fares so you don't get overcharged.

Good Luck and Happy Travels.