

Barbados

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Barbados.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[973] 1724-2700; US Embassy Manama, Bldg. 979, Road 3119, Block 331, Zinj, PO Box 26431, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain;

<https://bh.usembassy.gov/>; ManamaConsular@state.gov

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Travelers with Special Needs

When venturing abroad, LGBTQ+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

246

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 115, 119; Fire: 113, 119; Police: 112, 119

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Barbados: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, COVID-19.

<http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Tropical; rainy season (June to October)

Currency (Code)

Barbadian dollars (BBD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

115 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): A, B



Type A



Type B

Major Languages

English, Bajan Creole

Major Religions

Protestant, Roman Catholic, other Christians, Rastafarian

Time Difference

UTC-4 (1 hour ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

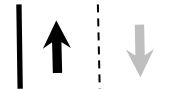
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International Driving Permit

Suggested; additionally, traveler will need to present their US driver's license & IDP to local police to pay a special registration fee

Road Driving Side

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Tourist Destinations

St. Nicholas Abbey; Barbados Wildlife Reserve; Farley Hill National Park; Hunte's Gardens; dozens of excellent white sand beaches; Andromeda Botanic Gardens

Major Sports

Soccer, cricket,

Cultural Practices

The traditional values of the island mean politeness and respect are always valued. Avoid using foul language in public and try to convey respect to all people, particularly the elderly. Keep the swimsuits and cover ups for the beach.

Tipping Guidelines

A service charge of 10-15% is typically added to your bill at hotels and restaurants. Additional tipping is at your discretion. Tip bellhops \$1 (USD) per bag and housekeeping \$2 (USD) per room per day.

Souvenirs

Straw bags and other handicrafts, batiks, paintings/wood works; duty-free luxury items, rum

Traditional Cuisine

Cou-cou (or fungie) — lightly seasoned cooked cornmeal mixed with okra and water; often served with flying fish steamed with lime juice, spices, and vegetables or fried and served with a spicy sauce

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