

Bahamas

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in The Bahamas due to crime. <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 US 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

[1] (242) 322-1181, 328-2206 (after hours); US Embassy Nassau, 42 Queen St., Nassau, The Bahamas; acsnassau@state.gov; <https://bs.usembassy.gov/>

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

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

Telephone Code

242

Local Emergency Phone

911

Vaccinations

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

Climate

Tropical marine; moderated by warm waters of Gulf Stream

Currency (Code)

Bahamian dollars (BSD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

120 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): A, B



Type A



Type B

Major Languages

English, Creole

Major Religions

Protestant, Roman Catholic, other Christian

Time Difference

UTC-5 (same time as Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins second Sunday in March, ends first Sunday in November

Potable Water

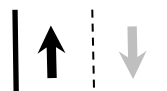
Yes, but some opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Left



Tourist Destinations

Atlantis Paradise Island; Nassau (includes National Art Gallery, Fort Charlotte); Exuma Cays Land & Sea Park; Harbour Island; Castaway Cay; Grand Bahama; Andros Island; Treasure Cay; Elbow Cay

Major Sports

Cricket, American football, soccer, rugby

Cultural Practices

Bahamas are known for being friendly, outgoing and informal.

Tipping Guidelines

Service staff and hotel workers expect to be tipped. The usual tip for service from a taxi driver or waiter is 15% and \$1-\$2 a bag for porters. Most travelers leave \$1-\$3 per day for their hotel maid, usually every morning since the maid may have a day off.

Souvenirs

Conch/seashell jewelry, straw goods, precious-gem jewelry, crystal, leather goods, alcohol, imported luxury items

Traditional Cuisine

Crack Conch (sea snail) with rice and peas

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