

# Barbados

## Travel Facts



### US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department 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 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

[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](mailto:ManamaConsular@state.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

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

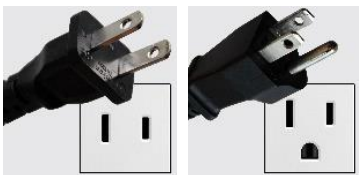
Tropical; rainy season (June to October)

### 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

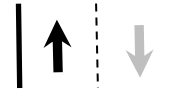
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### International Driving Permit

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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