

Deep Blue Adventures

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR TRAVEL TO BARBADOS

CLIMATE:

Barbados is warm and sunny all year round with an average daytime high of 75 - 85 F. The nights are usually slightly cooler. The prevailing northeast trade winds blow steadily so that although it is bright and sunny, it is not unbearably hot. The rain usually comes in quick showers. The dry season lasts from January to June.

DEPARTURE TAX:

The departure tax of \$55 BBD (approx \$27 U.S. Dollars) is normally included in the price of your ticket. Please check with your airline or ticketing agent for details. If it is not, you must pay it when you check in for your flight home.

DRINKING WATER:

Most of the drinking water in Barbados is piped-in and sanitized and is usually safe to drink. However, the chlorination could cause mild abdominal upsets for people who are not used to it. If you have a sensitive stomach, it is wise to keep to bottled water, which is readily available.

DRIVING LICENSE:

You can obtain a Barbados drivers permit for \$5 USD on producing a valid National or International License. All authorized car rental companies can issue you a drivers license if you have a valid license, otherwise one can be purchased at one of the Barbados Licensing Authority offices. Driving is on the left in Barbados.

ELECTRICITY:

Electricity in Barbados is: 110 volts/50 cycles. There is a reliable electricity supply, with only the occasional outage. Standard plugs found in Barbados are also similar to those in the United States with the exception of one. In addition to the usual 2 flat blades or 2 flat blades with a round grounding pin, there are also some plugs one single flat blade. If traveling from North America, you should be able to bring any appliances and use them without any problems. If traveling from Europe, however, you may need adapters and transformers.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

U.S. and Canadian citizens must have a valid Passport and a return or ongoing ticket.

TOURISM SEASONS:

Temperatures do not vary more than about 5 degrees all year round, but in conjunction with the rainy season, low season is April – October, and hotels often discount their rates by as much as 60% this time of the year. High season can get very crowded and busy, but if you are into a happening and lively scene, November – March may be the right time for you.

VACCINATIONS:

No vaccinations or preventative medications are required for travel to Barbados. However, we always suggest that you speak to your family physician for a personal recommendation.

WATER TEMPERATURES AND WETSUITS:

Water temperatures generally range between 77 – 80°F year round and most people find wearing a 1mm – 3mm wetsuit keeps them comfortable.

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