

TRAVEL BASICS

What form of currency does The Bahamas use?

The Bahamian dollar is maintained at the same level as the U.S. dollar and both are accepted interchangeably on all islands.

ATMs + PLUS and Cirrus are in banks on Nassau/Paradise Island, Grand Bahama Island, and most major Out Islands.

While certain places do take credit cards, it's advised that you carry cash if you're exploring the Out Islands.

What should I pack?

Casual summer wear can be worn during the day at any time of the year, but be sure to bring a jacket or sweater for the cooler evenings from December to February. Most hotels, restaurants, and casinos require jackets for men at night, especially in more cosmopolitan areas, such as Nassau & Paradise Island and Freeport.

Beachwear is inappropriate in churches, restaurants, and casinos. Away from the beach or the pool, you should cover your swimsuit with shorts or a long shirt when walking city streets. In more relaxed and remote areas, the dress code is more flexible.

Will my mobile phone work in The Bahamas?

Visitors and business travellers will find that telecommunication services in The Bahamas are comparable to the services found in most developed countries. A 100% digital switching system allows direct dialing to more than 100 countries. The U.S. and Canada are accessible via a direct call and most hotels offer direct dialing.

BTC also has roaming agreements with 128 companies around the world. To access BTC's GSM roaming system, simply turn on your phone and wait for it to connect to the network. To check if your home service provider is a BTC roaming partner or for country-specific roaming charges, see btcbahamas.com.

What are the rules of the road in The Bahamas?

UK rules apply in The Bahamas, so please drive on the left and be very careful on the roundabouts. Visitors can use their residence permit for up to three months and may also apply for an international driving licence.

To learn more about the road traffic laws, visit www.roadtraffic.gov.bs.

Will I need a voltage converter in The Bahamas?

Electrical outlets in The Bahamas are 60 cycles/120 volts, which is compatible with all American devices. British and European appliances require a two-pin flat adapter and a 220-volt converter.

Can I bring my pet to The Bahamas?

Yes, you can bring your pet to The Bahamas, but you must prepare before you leave home. An import permit is required from the Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources (Nassau) for all animals brought into the country. The permit is valid for one year from the date of issue.

Follow the links below for important information on importing pets and to download the pet import form:

[*Bringing Pets to The Bahamas*](#)

[*Application to Import Domestic Animals*](#)

[*The Bahamas Humane Society*](#)

[*Animal Import Requirements*](#)

[*Application For CITES Import/Export*](#)

[*Application To Import CITES Plants \(Orchids\)*](#)

[*Application To Import Freshwater Fish*](#)

When is Spring Break in The Bahamas?

Spring Break Season in The Bahamas runs from late February to mid-April. This is important information, whether you're aiming to avoid the season altogether or you'd like to land right in the middle of this weeks-long youth fest.

Evenings on the beach, sports meets, and musical entertainment are some events usually organised for the Spring Break calendar.

What time zone is The Bahamas in?

The Bahamas falls in the Eastern Time Zone, and follows Daylight Saving Time.

Is tipping expected in The Bahamas?

Tipping is customary in The Bahamas, and you should tip according to the quality of service you receive. Bellboys and porters usually receive \$1 per bag, while most other servers (waiters, taxis, etc.) receive 15%. Be advised that many establishments include the gratuity in the total.

What to do in The Bahamas?

The Bahamas is a country of 16 major islands, spanning 100,000 square miles. There are countless activities ranging from cultural, leisure, to adventure and ecotourism.

Where is Pig Island?

Big Major Cay, home to a colony of pigs and often called Pig Island, is located in The Exumas. [Learn more](#) about our infamous Swimming Pigs.

What is Junkanoo?

Junkanoo is a traditional Bahamian celebration that has been carried out for thousands of years. It involves intricate costumes, joyful music and carefully choreographed routines, all in the name of a little friendly competition. Catch the celebrations on Boxing Day, New Year's Day, and throughout the summer. Click [here](#) to learn more.

How long does it take to fly to The Bahamas?

The Bahamas is a large country, fly times will vary depending on which island you're heading to. Flights from the US East Coast are as short as 1 hour. Click [here](#) to view flights.

WEATHER

What's the climate like in The Bahamas?

Trade winds bless The Islands of The Bahamas with warm weather year-round. Winter lows average a comfortable 70 °F (21 °C) and summer highs range from 80 to 90 °F (26 to 32 °C).

Does The Bahamas have a rainy season?

Even paradise needs to cool off with a little rain now and then. The Bahamas has a rainy season year-round, which explains our lush vegetation. Squalls and thunder showers pass through quickly, so rain never ruins your plans. May and June typically have the most rain, much of it falling in the northern and southern islands.

Does The Bahamas get many hurricanes?

Although hurricane season is from June through November, we encourage visitors not to cancel their plans as storm predictions can be surprisingly inaccurate. If a hurricane does disrupt your plans, many Bahamian hotels have hurricane cancellation policies that allow you to cancel and receive a full refund.