



## Barbadian Country Guide

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### Passport and Tourist Visa Conditions

Australian ordinary passport holders do not usually require a visa to enter Barbados as a tourist. Travellers may enter Barbados for a period of up to six months (actual period of entry is determined by immigration officials upon arrival and may be based upon the amount of funds that a traveller has at their disposal). It is recommended that passports be valid for at least six months beyond the period of intended stay. Travellers should also be able to show documentation confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves during their stay, as well as tickets and entry documents for their next destination.

Additional conditions apply to minors. Travellers are recommended to contact a Barbadian mission on the details below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to enter Barbados without a visa. Persons travelling via the US are reminded of their obligation to comply with US entry and transit visa requirements.

### Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

*The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade does not issue a travel advice for Barbados at this time. Australians should read [Travel smart](#) for useful travel information to help you prepare for your trip, and advice on what you should do if you run into problems overseas.*

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Barbados at [www.smarttraveller.gov.au](http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au).

### Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Barbados. Frequent or long stay travellers should consider vaccination against hepatitis B. Vaccination against typhoid (particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene) should be considered by travellers to Barbados. As there is a risk of dengue fever and the zika virus, insect avoidance measures may be necessary depending on your itinerary. Barbados is listed as a zika category 1 country. For information on the risks the zika virus poses to pregnancy, including up to 6 months following the exposure of either parent, see [www.who.int/csr/disease/zika/en/](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/zika/en/).

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations including a recent annual influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures.

Australians travelling to Barbados should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas, the zika virus and other issues please visit [www.smarttraveller.gov.au/tips](http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au/tips).

### Barbadian Representation in Australia and Abroad

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Barbados does not maintain a permanent High Commission or other consular presence in Australia.

For information regarding entry requirements for Barbados, please contact their Honorary Consulate in Sydney or the Barbadian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the details listed adjacent.



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### Time Differences between Barbados and Australia

Barbados is Greenwich Mean Time -4 hours. Daylight saving time is not observed. The applicable time zone is called Atlantic Standard Time (AST). The following times in Australia are a day ahead of the time in Barbados, for instance if it's Sunday afternoon in Barbados, it's Monday morning in Australia.

Barbados, 12 noon, June = Perth midnight; Adelaide, Darwin 1:30am; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 2am.

Barbados, 12 noon, December = Perth midnight; Darwin 1:30am; Brisbane 2am; Adelaide 2:30am; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 3am.

### Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Barbados: +1 246

To Dial Australia Call: 011 61 <City> <Number>

Travelex Card Services:  
Call the US on +1 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assistance:  
1 800 847 2911

American Express Travellers Cheques:  
(1) 800 534 0085

MasterCard:  
1800 307 7309

Barbados Tourism Authority:  
1800 221 9831

Emergency Services:  
All - 119  
Police - 211 or 112  
Fire - 311 or 113  
Ambulance - 511 or 115

Hyperbaric Chamber: Barbados Defence Force  
(246) 436 5483 or (246) 436 6185

### Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

#### Passports

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

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#### Credit Cards

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

#### Travel Insurance

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Australian Representation in Barbados

Australian High Commission,  
Trinidad and Tobago

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PORT OF SPAIN

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Australian Honorary Consulate,  
Barbados

Suite G103, The Loft 1st Floor  
Limegrove Lifestyle Centre  
HOLETOWN, ST JAMES

Tel: (+1 246) 434 1130

The Honorary Consulate in St James can only provide limited consular assistance. The Australian High Commission in Trinidad and Tobago is accredited to this country. Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians are encouraged to register their presence and contact details in Barbados with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at [www.orao.dfat.gov.au](http://www.orao.dfat.gov.au).



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### Duty Free Allowances for Barbados and Australia

Duty Free limits when entering Barbados:

Alcohol: 1 litre of wine or spirits.  
 Tobacco: No duty free concession.  
 Other Goods: Other than required personal effects all other items are subject to duty.

Duty Free limits when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 litres of alcoholic beverages.  
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.  
 Other Goods: Up to \$900 (\$450 for minors).

Minors may not claim alcohol products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Barbados and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on Barbadian customs please visit [www.customs.gov.bb](http://www.customs.gov.bb), or for information regarding Australian customs please visit [www.border.gov.au](http://www.border.gov.au).

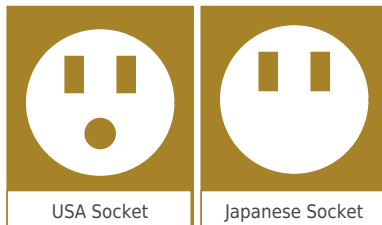
### Electrical Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: USA and Japanese

Voltage: 115 v (different to Australia, travellers will need voltage converters to use appliances designed for Australian voltage).

Modem Plug: USA.

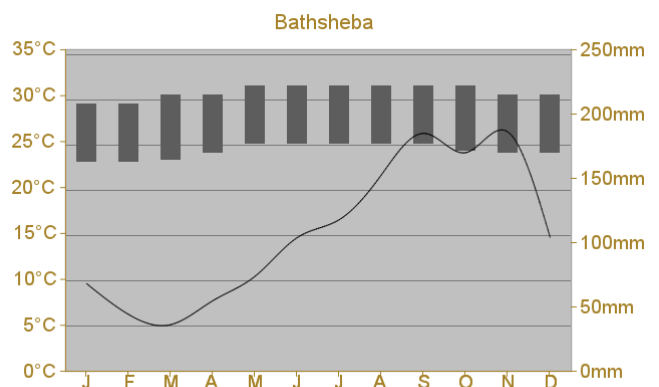
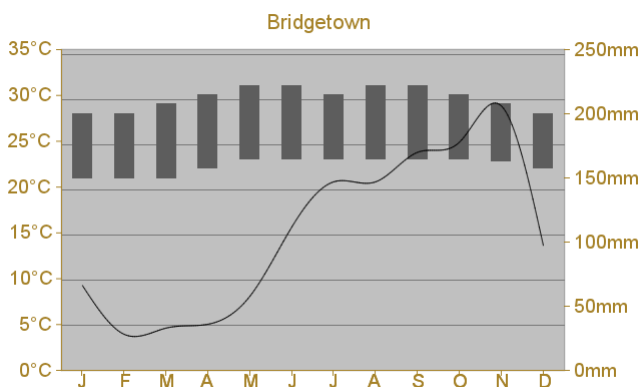
To purchase electrical adaptors, or for further information on travel adaptors, please go to [www.korjo.com.au](http://www.korjo.com.au).



### Public Holidays 2018

01 Jan:	New Years Day	21 May:	Whit Monday
22 Jan:	Errol Barrow Day	01 Aug:	Emancipation Day
30 Mar:	Good Friday	06 Aug:	Kadooment Day
02 Apr:	Easter Monday	30 Nov:	Independence Day
28 Apr:	National Heroes Day	25 Dec:	Christmas Day
01 May:	May Day	26 Dec:	Boxing Day

### Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Barbados



Source: Barbados Meteorological Services. For local forecasts please go to [www.barbadosweather.org](http://www.barbadosweather.org).

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#### Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 1.44 Barbadian Dollars  
 1 Barbadian Dollar (BBD) = 0.70 Australian Dollars

#### With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) buys 1.38 Barbadian Dollars  
 1 Barbadian Dollar (BBD) will cost 0.72 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

### Currency Cheat Sheet

Bds\$0.50 = \$0.36 AUD		This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" of exchange listed above.		Bds\$100 = \$72.34 AUD	
Bds\$1 = \$0.72 AUD	Bds\$10 = \$7.23 AUD	Bds\$100 = \$72.34 AUD			
Bds\$2 = \$1.45 AUD	Bds\$20 = \$14.47 AUD	Bds\$200 = \$144.67 AUD			
Bds\$3 = \$2.17 AUD	Bds\$30 = \$21.70 AUD	Bds\$300 = \$217.01 AUD			
Bds\$4 = \$2.89 AUD	Bds\$40 = \$28.93 AUD	Bds\$400 = \$289.35 AUD			
Bds\$5 = \$3.62 AUD	Bds\$50 = \$36.17 AUD	Bds\$500 = \$361.68 AUD			
Bds\$6 = \$4.34 AUD	Bds\$60 = \$43.40 AUD	Bds\$600 = \$434.02 AUD			
Bds\$7 = \$5.06 AUD	Bds\$70 = \$50.64 AUD	Bds\$700 = \$506.35 AUD			
Bds\$8 = \$5.79 AUD	Bds\$80 = \$57.87 AUD	Bds\$800 = \$578.69 AUD			
Bds\$9 = \$6.51 AUD	Bds\$90 = \$65.10 AUD	Bds\$900 = \$651.03 AUD			
		Bds\$1,000 = \$723.36 AUD			

### Banknotes of Barbados

The currency of Barbados is the Barbadian dollar which has the currency code "BBD" and is abbreviated using the symbol "\$" or "Bds\$" to distinguish it from other dollar denominated currencies. The Barbadian dollar is pegged to the US dollar at the value of US\$1 to Bds\$2, thus some stores may accept US bills. The following banknotes are the most common in Barbados however other versions and denominations are in circulation. Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images before travelling.





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## About Barbados

Independence: 1966 (from the UK).

Size: 430 sq km (20% the size of the ACT).

Population: 288,725.  
 Bridgetown (capital) 122,000.

Ethnicity: black 93%, white 3.2%, mixed 2.6%, East Indian 1%.

Language: English is the official language.

Religion: Protestant 64%, Catholic 4.2%, other Christian 7%, other 5%.

GDP Per Capita: US\$25,800 (Australia US\$40,800).

### Significant Dates:

- Circa 300AD - Arawaks from South America settle in Barbados.
- 1200AD - The Arawaks are conquered by the cannibalistic Carib peoples.
- 1492-1541 - Spanish slavery and disease decimate the Carib.
- 1536 - Portuguese explorer Pedro a Campos names the island Los Barbados (bearded ones) after the island's fig trees.
- 1627 - English settlers establish a colony on the now uninhabited island. Sugar plantations begin.
- 1600's - Both white and black slaves are imported to grow sugar, cotton and tobacco crops.
- 1639 - First parliament established.
- 1640's - English civil war results in many settlers fleeing to Barbados.
- 1816 - Slave rebellions are crushed.
- 1834 - Britain abolishes slavery.
- 1951 - Universal suffrage introduced.
- 1966 - Barbados gains independence.

