

## Bermudian Country Guide

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### Current DFAT Travel Advice

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) does not issue a travel advice for Bermuda at this time.

Australians travelling to Bermuda are advised to read the "[Guide for all travellers](#)" which provides general information.

Travellers are encouraged to subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Bermuda with DFAT at [www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au).

### Passport and Tourist Visa Conditions

Australian ordinary passport holders do not usually require a visa to enter Bermuda provided they have return/onward tickets and entry documents for their next destination. It is recommended that passports be valid for six months beyond intended stay and travellers have accommodation arrangements in place.

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

## 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 Bermuda. 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 Bermuda. As there is a risk of dengue fever, insect avoidance measures may be necessary depending on your itinerary.

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 Bermuda 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 and other issues please visit [www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips).

## Bermudian Representation

Department of Immigration, Bermuda

Government Administration Building  
30 Parliament St  
HAMILTON HM 12

Tel: (+1 441) 295 5151 Ext 1378

Web: [www.immigration.gov.bm](http://www.immigration.gov.bm)

Department of Tourism, Bermuda

Global House  
22 Church St  
HAMILTON HM 11

Tel: (+1 441) 296 9200

Fax: (+1 441) 296 9220

Web: [www.gotobermuda.com](http://www.gotobermuda.com)

Bermuda does not maintain any formal representation in Australia. Those that do require a visa will need to apply for this through the UK Border Agency in Sydney. For their contact details please go to [www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/countries/australia/commonwealth](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/countries/australia/commonwealth).

For further information on entering Bermuda, travellers should contact one of the representatives listed adjacent.



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Bermuda is Greenwich Mean Time -4 hours (-3 during daylight saving). The applicable time zones are Atlantic Standard Time (AST) or Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT). Daylight saving is observed from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November. The following times in Australia are a day ahead of the time in Bermuda, for instance if it's Sunday afternoon in Bermuda, it's Monday morning in Australia.

Bermuda, 12 noon, June = Perth 11pm; Adelaide, Darwin 12:30am; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 1am.

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

### Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Bermuda: +1 441

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

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

Visa Global Assistance:  
 1800 623 0127

MasterCard:  
 1800 307 7309

American Express Travellers Cheques:  
 (1) 800 221 7282

Bermuda Visitor Information Centres:  
 Hamilton - (+1 441) 295 1480  
 Sandys Parish - (+1 441) 542 7104  
 St George - (+1 441) 297 0556

Emergency Services: 911

### 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 Bermuda

Australian High Commission, Canada

Suite 1301, 50 O'Connor Street  
 OTTAWA, ONTARIO K1P 6L2

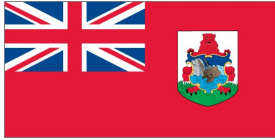
Tel: (+1 613) 236 0841  
 Fax: (+1 613) 786 7621

Web: [www.canada.embassy.gov.au](http://www.canada.embassy.gov.au)

Australia does not maintain a permanent consular presence in Bermuda. The Australian Embassy in Ottawa, Canada is accredited this country.

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians in Bermuda are encouraged to register their presence and contact details 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 Bermuda and Australia

Duty Free limits when entering Bermuda:

Alcohol: 1 litre of wine and 1 litre of spirits.  
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes and 50 cigars and 500g tobacco.  
 Other Goods: All personal effects and articles plus gifts up to a value of BMD \$30.

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).

Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Bermuda and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information regarding Bermudian customs please visit [www.customs.gov.bm](http://www.customs.gov.bm), or for information regarding Australian customs please visit [www.border.gov.au](http://www.border.gov.au).

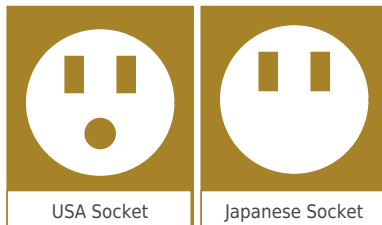
### Electrical Adaptors

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.

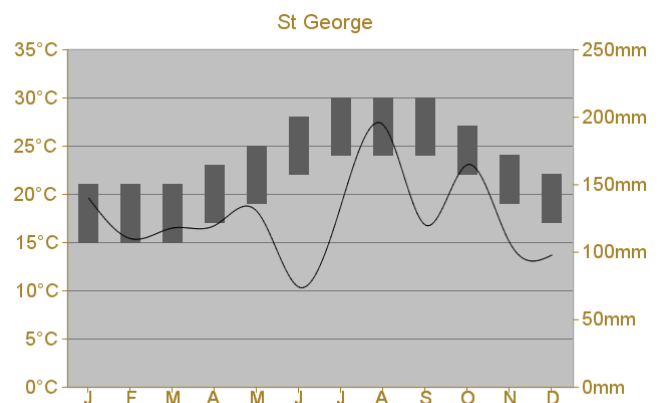
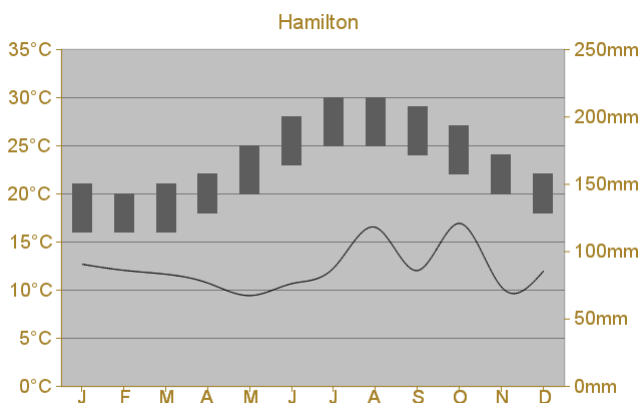
To purchase electrical adaptors, or for further information on travel adaptors, please go to [www.korjo.com.au](http://www.korjo.com.au).



### Public Holidays 2018

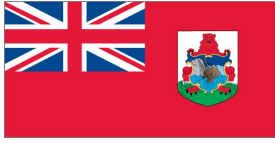
01 Jan:	New Years Day	03 Aug:	Somers' Day
30 Mar:	Good Friday	03 Sep:	Labour Day
25 May:	Bermuda Day	11/12 Nov:	Remembrance Day
18 Jun:	National Hero's Day	25 Dec:	Christmas Day
02 Aug:	Emancipation Day	26 Dec:	Boxing Day

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



Source: Bermuda Weather Service. For local forecasts please go to [www.weather.bm](http://www.weather.bm) or [www.bbc.co.uk/weather](http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather).

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#### Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 0.72 Bermudian Dollars  
 1 Bermudian Dollar (BMD) = 1.39 Australian Dollars

#### With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) buys 0.69 Bermudian Dollars  
 1 Bermudian Dollar (BMD) will cost 1.45 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

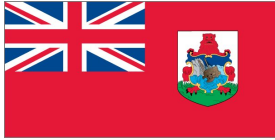
BD\$0.50 = \$0.72 AUD		This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" of exchange listed above.		BD\$100 = \$144.59 AUD	
BD\$1	= \$1.45 AUD	BD\$10	= \$14.46 AUD	BD\$100	= \$144.59 AUD
BD\$2	= \$2.89 AUD	BD\$20	= \$28.92 AUD	BD\$200	= \$289.17 AUD
BD\$3	= \$4.34 AUD	BD\$30	= \$43.38 AUD	BD\$300	= \$433.76 AUD
BD\$4	= \$5.78 AUD	BD\$40	= \$57.83 AUD	BD\$400	= \$578.34 AUD
BD\$5	= \$7.23 AUD	BD\$50	= \$72.29 AUD	BD\$500	= \$722.93 AUD
BD\$6	= \$8.68 AUD	BD\$60	= \$86.75 AUD	BD\$600	= \$867.52 AUD
BD\$7	= \$10.12 AUD	BD\$70	= \$101.21 AUD	BD\$700	= \$1,012.10 AUD
BD\$8	= \$11.57 AUD	BD\$80	= \$115.67 AUD	BD\$800	= \$1,156.69 AUD
BD\$9	= \$13.01 AUD	BD\$90	= \$130.13 AUD	BD\$900	= \$1,301.27 AUD
				BD\$1,000	= \$1,445.86 AUD

### Banknotes of Bermuda

The currency of Bermuda is the Bermudian dollar which has the currency code "BMD" and is abbreviated using the symbol "\$" or "BD\$" to distinguish it from other dollar denominated currencies. The Bermudian dollar is pegged to the US dollar at the value of US\$1 to BD\$1, thus stores may accept US bills interchangeably. The following banknotes are the most common in Bermuda 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 Bermuda

Former Name: Somers Islands.  
 Formed: 1684 (as a British Crown Colony).  
 Size: 54 sq km (2% the size of the ACT).  
 Population: 70,000. Hamilton (capital) 11,000.  
 Density: 1228 people per square kilometer.  
 Languages: English (official) and some Portuguese.  
 Religion: Protestant 50%, Catholic 15%, other 12%.  
 Ethnicity: Black 54%, white 31%, mixed 8%, other 7%.  
 GDP Per Capita: US\$86,000 (Australia US\$40,800).

Significant Dates:  
 1505 AD - Spanish explorer Juan de Bermudez discovers the islands but does not step ashore.  
 1609 - English explorer Sir George Somers and his crew of settlers are shipwrecked in Bermuda on their way to the colony of Virginia, beginning British settlement.  
 1600's - Slaves are brought to the islands to tend crops.  
 1684 - Bermuda becomes an English crown colony.  
 1834 - Slavery is abolished in the British realms.  
 1968 - Bermuda gains internal self-government.  
 1973 - Governor Richard Sharples is assassinated by a Black Power group. His assassins were the last people to be executed under British rule in 1977.  
 1995 - Independence referendum is roundly defeated.

