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Passport and Tourist Visa Conditions

Australian ordinary passport holders do not usually require a visa to enter the Cayman Islands for a period that is determined upon arrival in the islands (up to six months). Passports must be valid for the period of intended stay, but are recommended to be valid for six months beyond. Travellers may also need to show documentation confirming their means of financial support, accommodation arrangements as well as tickets and entry documents for their next destination. Additional conditions may apply to minors.

Travellers are recommended to contact a Caymanian representative on the details below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to enter the islands 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 the Cayman Islands. Frequent or long stay travellers to the Cayman Islands 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 the Cayman Islands. As there is a risk of dengue fever and sporadic/limited transmission of the zika virus in the Cayman Islands, insect avoidance measures may be necessary depending on your itinerary; pregnant women should consider postponing travel to the Cayman Islands.

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 the Cayman Islands 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.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

Cayman Islands Representation

Department of Immigration, Cayman Islands

94A Elgin Avenue
George Town
GRAND CAYMAN

Tel: (+1 345) 949 8344
Web: www.immigration.gov.ky

Department of Tourism, Cayman Islands

PO Box 134
GRAND CAYMAN KY1-9000

Tel: (+1 345) 949 0623
Fax: (+1 345) 949 4053

The Cayman Islands are a dependant territory of the United Kingdom, which has responsibility for all foreign relations, thus the Cayman Islands do not maintain any embassies or consulates worldwide. The Cayman Islands do however administer their own immigration controls. Persons seeking additional immigration information should contact one of the organisations listed above.



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Time Differences between the Cayman Islands and Australia

The Cayman Islands are Greenwich Mean Time -5 hours. Daylight saving time is not observed. The applicable time zone is called Eastern Standard Time (EST). The following times in Australia are a day ahead of the time in the Cayman Islands, for instance if it's Sunday afternoon in the Cayman Islands, it's Monday morning in Australia.

Cayman Is., 12 noon, June = Perth 1am; Adelaide, Darwin 2:30am; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 3am.

Cayman Is., 12 noon, December = Perth 1am; Darwin 2:30am; Brisbane 3am; Adelaide 3:30am; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 4am.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for the Cayman Islands: +1 345

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

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

Visa Global Assistance:
1800 847 2911

MasterCard:
1800 307 7309

American Express Travellers Cheques:
1800 828 0366

Tourism Association Visitors Centre:
(+1 345) 949 8522

Air Ambulance/Decompression Chamber:
(+1 345) 949 8600

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 #: _____
 Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____
 Card Number: _____
 Name: _____ Institution: _____
 Card Number: _____

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____
 Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____
 Name: _____ Institution: _____
 Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in the Cayman Islands

Australian High Commission, Trinidad and Tobago

18 Herbert Street
 St Clair
 PORT OF SPAIN

Tel: (+1 868) 822 5450
 Fax: (+1 868) 822 5490

Web: www.trinidadandtobago.highcommission.gov.au

Australia does not maintain a permanent consular presence in the Cayman Islands. The Australian High Commission in Port of Spain, 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 in the Cayman Islands are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Australian High Commission in Trinidad and Tobago, or online with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances for the Cayman Islands and Australia

Allowances when entering the Cayman Islands:

Alcohol: 1 L of spirits or 4 L of wine or 1 case of beer.
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 250g of tobacco.
 Other Goods: Reasonable amounts.

Allowances when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 L.
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
 Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting the Cayman Islands & Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on Caymanian customs visit www.customs.gov.ky, or for information on Australian customs visit www.border.gov.au.

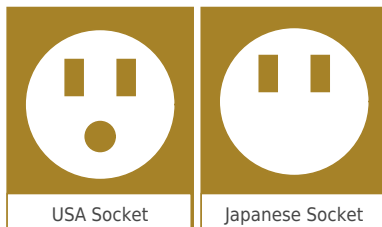
Electrical Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: USA and Japanese

Voltage: 110-120 volts (different to Australia, travellers will need a voltage converter to use appliances designed for Australian voltage).

Modem Plug: USA.

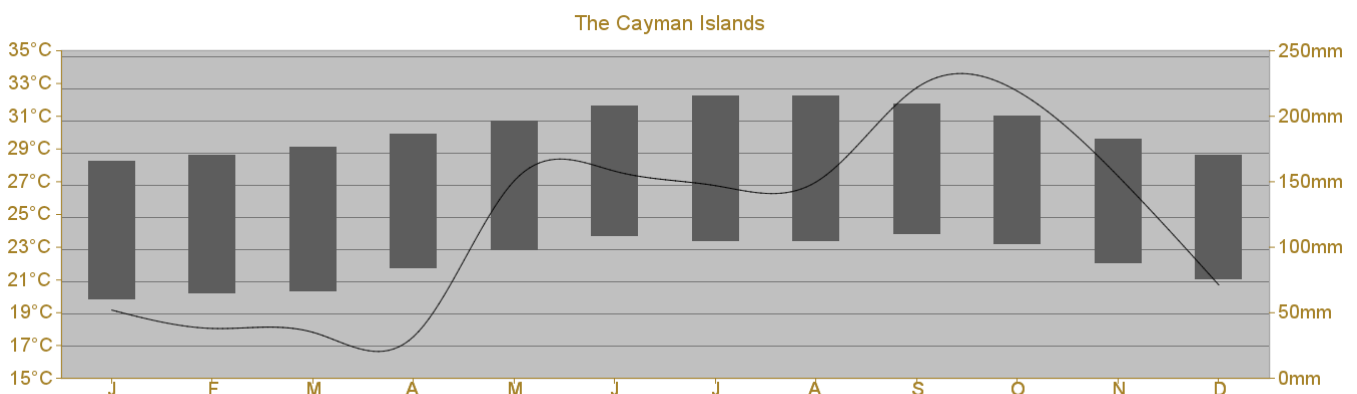
To purchase electrical adaptors, or for further information on travel adaptors, please go to www.korjo.com.au.



Caymanian Public Holidays 2018

01 Jan: New Years Day	11 Jun: Queen's Birthday
22 Jan: National Heroes Day	02 Jul: Constitution Day
14 Feb: Ash Wednesday	12 Nov: Remembrance Day
30 Mar: Good Friday	25 Dec: Christmas Day
02 Apr: Easter Monday	26 Dec: Boxing Day
21 May: Discovery Day	

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in the Cayman Islands



Source: National Weather Service, Cayman Islands. For local forecasts please go to www.weather.gov.ky.

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Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 0.59 Caymanian Dollars
 1 Caymanian Dollar (KYD) = 1.70 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) buys 0.57 Caymanian Dollars
 1 Caymanian Dollar (KYD) will cost 1.76 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 currency rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

Currency Cheat Sheet

CI\$0.50 = \$0.88 AUD		This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.					
CI\$1	= \$1.76 AUD	CI\$10	= \$17.63 AUD	CI\$100	= \$176.32 AUD		
CI\$2	= \$3.53 AUD	CI\$20	= \$35.26 AUD	CI\$200	= \$352.65 AUD		
CI\$3	= \$5.29 AUD	CI\$30	= \$52.90 AUD	CI\$300	= \$528.97 AUD		
CI\$4	= \$7.05 AUD	CI\$40	= \$70.53 AUD	CI\$400	= \$705.30 AUD		
CI\$5	= \$8.82 AUD	CI\$50	= \$88.16 AUD	CI\$500	= \$881.62 AUD		
CI\$6	= \$10.58 AUD	CI\$60	= \$105.79 AUD	CI\$600	= \$1,057.95 AUD		
CI\$7	= \$12.34 AUD	CI\$70	= \$123.43 AUD	CI\$700	= \$1,234.27 AUD		
CI\$8	= \$14.11 AUD	CI\$80	= \$141.06 AUD	CI\$800	= \$1,410.60 AUD		
CI\$9	= \$15.87 AUD	CI\$90	= \$158.69 AUD	CI\$900	= \$1,586.92 AUD		
				CI\$1,000	= \$1,763.25 AUD		

Cayman Islands Currency

The currency of the Cayman Islands is the Cayman Islands dollar which has the currency code "KYD" and is abbreviated using the symbol "\$" or "CI\$" to distinguish it from other dollar denominated currencies. The Cayman Islands dollar is subdivided into 100 cents. The CI\$ is pegged to the US dollar at the value of US\$1.00 to CI\$0.80 (or CI\$1.00 to US\$1.25). US dollars are also widely accepted throughout the Cayman Islands. As prices may be quoted in either currency, travelers are reminded to confirm which currency is being used before making any purchases. The following banknotes are the most common in the Cayman Islands 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 the Cayman Islands

National Status: British overseas territory.

Size: 264 sq km (11% the size of the ACT, one of the smallest nations in the world).

Population: 55,000. George Town (capital) 28,000.

Languages: English (official) 91%, Spanish 4%, Filipino 3.3%.

Religion: Protestant 68%, Catholic 14%, none 9%.

Ethnicity: Mixed 40%, white 20%, black 20%, expatriates of various ethnicities 20%.

GDP Per Capita: \$43,800 (Australia US\$40,800).

Significant Dates:

Pre 1500's - The Cayman Islands are uninhabited.

1503 AD - Columbus discovers the Sister Islands.

1586 - Sir Francis Drake stops at Grand Cayman Island.

1670 - Spain cedes Cayman Islands & Jamaica to England.

1700's - The first permanent settlers arrive in the Caymans.

1794 - Shipwreck of the Ten Sails occurs off East End.

1833-35 - All slaves on the islands are emancipated.

1863 - The Caymans become a dependency of Jamaica.

1937 - The first cruise ship arrives, tourism industry begins.

1962 - Jamaica declares independence. The Cayman Islands remain a British Crown Colony.

2004 - Hurricane Ivan strikes Grand Cayman, causing 2 deaths and CI\$2.8 billion in damage.

