



Saint Kitts and Nevis Country Guide

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Australian ordinary passport holders do not usually require a visa to enter Saint Kitts and Nevis (SKN) as a tourist for a period that is determined by immigration officials upon arrival. Passports must be valid for 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. An airport embarkation tax of approximately US\$22 is payable when leaving SKN (if not included in the ticket cost).

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

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

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade does not issue a travel advice for Saint Kitts and Nevis at this time.

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.

Travellers are encouraged to subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence and contact details in Saint Kitts and Nevis with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.smartraveller.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 Saint Kitts and Nevis. 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 Saint Kitts and Nevis. As there is a risk of dengue fever and sporadic/limited transmission of the zika virus in Saint Kitts and Nevis, insect avoidance measures may be necessary depending on your itinerary; pregnant women should consider postponing travel to this country.

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 Saint Kitts and Nevis 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.

Saint Kitts and Nevis Representatives

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Web: www.stkitts-tourism.com

St Kitts and Nevis does not have any official representation in Australia.

For further information St Kitts and Nevis, please contact their representatives on the details provided.



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Saint Kitts and Nevis (SKN) 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 SKN, for instance if it's Sunday afternoon in SKN, it's Monday morning in Australia.

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

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for St Kitts & Nevis: +1 869

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:
 (1) 800 393 1210

Emergency Services: 911
 Police and Ambulance 333
 Fire 465 2801
 Air Ambulance 465 2551
 JNF General Hospital

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 Saint Kitts and Nevis

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 St Kitts and Nevis. The Australian Embassy 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.

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Duty Free Allowances for Saint Kitts and Nevis and Australia

Allowances when entering Saint Kitts and Nevis:
 Alcohol: Wines or spirits not exceeding 1.5 litres.
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250g of tobacco.
 Other Goods: Reasonable amounts for personal use.

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).

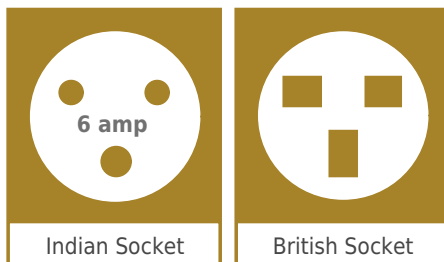
Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Saint Kitts and Nevis & Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For further details on Saint Kitts and Nevis customs go to www.skncustoms.com, or for information on Australian customs visit www.border.gov.au.

Electrical Adaptors

Electrical Socket: British (type G) & Indian (old British, type D).

Voltage: 220-240 volts (same as Australia, no voltage/frequency converter required).

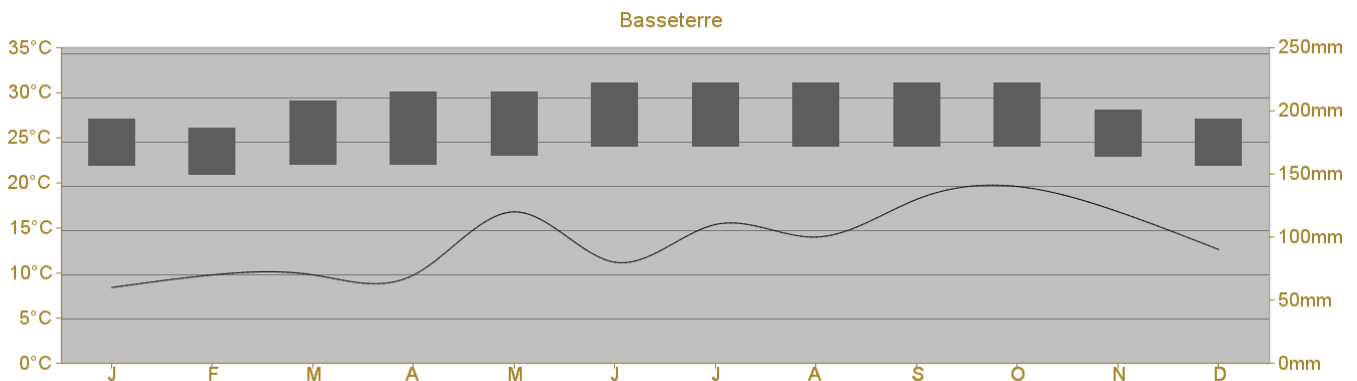
Many hotels also have outlets for North American appliances with US (type A) sockets at 110 volts. Check the electrical info panel on a device before using these sockets.



St. Kitts and Nevis Public Holidays 2018

01 Jan: New Year's Day	06 Aug: August Monday
02 Jan: Carnival Day	07 Aug: August Tuesday
30 Mar: Good Friday	16/17 Sep: National Heroes Day
02 Apr: Easter Monday	19 Sep: Independence Day
07 May: Labour Day	25 Dec: Christmas Day
21 May: Whit Monday	26 Dec: Boxing Day

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Saint Kitts and Nevis



For local forecasts please go to www.theweathernetwork.com or www.worldweatheronline.com.

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Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 1.94 East Caribbean Dollars
 1 East Caribbean Dollar (XCD) = 0.51 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) buys 1.87 East Caribbean Dollars
 1 East Caribbean Dollar (XCD) will cost 0.54 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

EC\$5	=	\$2.68 AUD	This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" of exchange listed above.		
EC\$10	=	\$5.35 AUD	EC\$100	=	\$53.51 AUD
EC\$20	=	\$10.70 AUD	EC\$200	=	\$107.02 AUD
EC\$30	=	\$16.05 AUD	EC\$300	=	\$160.54 AUD
EC\$40	=	\$21.40 AUD	EC\$400	=	\$214.05 AUD
EC\$50	=	\$26.76 AUD	EC\$500	=	\$267.56 AUD
EC\$60	=	\$32.11 AUD	EC\$600	=	\$321.07 AUD
EC\$70	=	\$37.46 AUD	EC\$700	=	\$374.58 AUD
EC\$80	=	\$42.81 AUD	EC\$800	=	\$428.09 AUD
EC\$90	=	\$48.16 AUD	EC\$900	=	\$481.61 AUD
			EC\$1,000	=	\$535.12 AUD
			EC\$2,000	=	\$1,070.24 AUD
			EC\$3,000	=	\$1,605.36 AUD
			EC\$4,000	=	\$2,140.47 AUD
			EC\$5,000	=	\$2,675.59 AUD
			EC\$6,000	=	\$3,210.71 AUD
			EC\$7,000	=	\$3,745.83 AUD
			EC\$8,000	=	\$4,280.95 AUD
			EC\$9,000	=	\$4,816.07 AUD
			EC\$10,000	=	\$5,351.18 AUD

Banknotes and Coins of the East Caribbean Dollar

The currency of Saint Kitts and Nevis is the East Caribbean dollar which has the currency code "XCD" and is abbreviated using the symbol "\$" or "EC\$" to distinguish it from other dollar denominated currencies. The East Caribbean dollar is pegged to the US dollar at the value of US\$1 to EC\$2.70, thus many stores will accept US bills. The following banknotes are the most common in Saint Kitts and Nevis 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 St Kitts and Nevis

Full Name: Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis. (Formally called Saint Christopher and Nevis)

Size: 261 sq km (one of the smallest countries in the world).

Population: 52,000. Basseterre (capital) 12,000.

Ethnicity: Black 93%, mixed 2.2% white 2%.

Language: English (official).

Religion: Anglican 28%, Methodist 25%, Moravian 7.3%, Catholic 6.9%.

GDP Per Capita: US\$16,300 (Australia US\$40,800).

Significant Dates:

- Pre 1493 AD - Carib Indians occupy the islands for several hundred years after displacing earlier groups.
- 1493 - Columbus visits and names St Kitts after his patron Saint.
- 1623 - The first successful British colony in the West Indies is founded at Old Road on St Kitts.
- 1625 - French settlement of St Kitts.
- 1626 - Anglo-French settlers massacre the Caribs after an uprising.
- 1628 - Nevis is settled by the British.
- 1700's - Sugar production makes the islands extremely wealthy.
- 1713 - St Kitts comes under full British control after a treaty with France.
- 1834 - Britain abolishes slavery.
- 1871 - St Kitts, Nevis, and Anguilla are united as a British dependency.
- 1967 - St Kitts, Nevis and Anguilla become internally self governing
- 1971 - Anguilla comes under British rule after a rebellion against St Kitts.
- 1983 - St Kitts and Nevis attain independence from Britain.
- 1998 - A referendum on independence for Nevis fails.
- 2005 - The sugar industry closes after 365 years of production.

