

Bahamas, The

US State Dept Travel Advisory	The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in The Bahamas due to crime. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.
	https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html
Passport/Visa Requirements	US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 2 blank pages in their passport for any entry stamps that will be required. A visa is not required.
US Embassy/Consulate	[1] (242) 322-1181, 328-2206 (after hours); US Embassy Nassau, 42 Queen St., Nassau, The Bahamas; acsnassau@state.gov;
	https://bs.usembassy.gov/
LGBTQIA+ Travelers	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) travelers can face unique challenges when traveling abroad. Laws and attitudes in some countries may affect safety and ease of travel. Legal protections vary from country to country. Many countries do not legally recognize same-sex marriage. Approximately seventy countries consider consensual same-sex sexual relations a crime, sometimes carrying severe punishment.
	https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html
Telephone Code	242
Local Emergency Phone	911
Vaccinations	An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.
	http://www.who.int/
Climate	Tropical marine; moderated by warm waters of Gulf Stream
Currency (Code)	Bahamian dollars (BSD)
Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)	120 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): A, B
	 Type A  Type B
Major Languages	English, Creole
Major Religions	Protestant 69.9%, Roman Catholic 12%, other Christian 13%
Time Difference	UTC-5 (same time as Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins second Sunday in March, ends first Sunday in November
Potable Water	Yes, but some opt for bottled water
International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Left
Tourist Destinations	Atlantis Paradise Island; Nassau (includes National Art Gallery, Fort Charlotte); Exuma Cays Land & Sea Park; Harbour Island; Castaway Cay; Grand Bahama; Andros Island; Treasure Cay; Elbow Cay
Major Sports	Cricket, American football, soccer, rugby
Cultural Practices	Bahamas are known for being friendly, outgoing and informal.
Tipping Guidelines	Service staff and hotel workers expect to be tipped. The usual tip for service from a taxi driver or waiter is 15% and \$1-\$2 a bag for porters. Most travelers leave \$1-\$3 per day for their hotel maid, usually every morning since the maid may have a day off.
Souvenirs	Conch/seashell jewelry, straw goods, precious-gem jewelry, crystal, leather goods, alcohol, imported luxury items
Traditional Cuisine	Crack Conch (sea snail) with rice and peas