

The Bahamas

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to The Bahamas due to COVID-19. Exercise caution in some areas of 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; acs Nassau@state.gov; <https://bs.usembassy.gov/>

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 type(s): A, B



Major Languages

English, Creole

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.

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| 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 | It is common for strangers to wish each other "good morning/ afternoon." |
| 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. |

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.ataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:
from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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