# **Turks and Caicos Islands**

## **Travel Facts**

#### **US State Department Travel Advisory**

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in the Turks and Caicos Islands due to crime.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

#### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html

#### **US Embassy/Consulate**

None (overseas territory of the UK); US citizens may call US Dept of State (202)-501-4444 for emergencies; alternate contact is the Embassy in The Bahamas [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+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html

#### **Telephone Code**

649

### **Local Emergency Phone**

999, 911

#### **Vaccinations**

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for the Turks and Caicos Islands: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza.

http://www.who.int/

#### Climate

Tropical; marine; moderated by trade winds; sunny and relatively dry

#### **Currency (Code)**

Dollar (USD)

#### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

120 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): A, B





Type A

**Major Languages** 

English

#### **Major Religions**

Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jehovah's Witness

### **Time Difference**

UTC-5 (same time as Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

#### **Potable Water**

Yes

#### **International Driving Permit**

Suggested

#### **Road Driving Side**

Left

#### **Tourist Destinations**

Crossing Place trail hike; Mudjin Harbour; Pine Cay; Salt Cay; Conch Bar Caves National Park; Grand Turk Lighthouse; Turks & Caicos National Museum

#### **Major Sports**

Soccer, sailing

#### **Cultural Practices**

Turks and Caicos are home to friendly and welcoming locals, so it's important to show them respect and avoid any behavior that could be considered offensive.

#### **Tipping Guidelines**

Check your bill to see if a 10% service charge has been added. If so, you may supplement it by 5% or even more if service was outstanding. If no service charge has been added, then tip as you would in the US, about 15%. Be aware that when a large party dines together, a hefty service fee may be added at the end. Taxi drivers expect about a 10% tip.

#### Souvenirs

Handmade baskets and plaited straw hats, hand-screened cloth, ocean-themed wood carvings including wooden boats and models, conch shell items, sea glass and other beaded jewelry, wind

chimes, rum, ceramics

#### **Traditional Cuisine**

Cracked Conch — conch meat pounded with a meat tenderizer, seasoned, coated in a flour batter, and then deep fried.



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