

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, the risk of kidnapping, and the arbitrary arrest and detention of U.S. citizens. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting 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

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%, other 0.6%, none 1.9%, unspecified 2.6%

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
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.
Telephone Code	242
Local Emergency Phone	911

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)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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