

BARBADOS

The island of **Barbados** offers a unique Caribbean experience steeped in rich history and colourful culture. and rooted in remarkable landscapes. Barbados is the home of two of the three remaining Jacobean Mansions left in the Western hemisphere, as well as fully functional rum distilleries. In fact, this island is known as the birthplace of rum, commercially producing and bottling the spirit since the 1700s. Each year, Barbados hosts several world-class events including the annual Barbados Food and Rum Festival: the annual Barbados Reggae Festival; and the annual Crop Over Festival, where celebrities such as Lewis Hamilton and its very own Rihanna are often spotted. Accommodations are wide and varied, ranging from picturesque plantation houses and villas to quaint bed and breakfast gems; prestigious international chains; and award-winning five-diamond resorts. In 2018, Barbados' accommodation sector captured 13 awards in the Top Hotels Overall, Luxury, All-Inclusive, Small, Best Service, Bargain, and Romance categories of the 'Traveler's Choice Awards'. And getting to paradise is a breeze: the Grantley Adams International Airport offers plenty non-stop and direct services from a growing number of U.S., U.K., Canadian, Caribbean, European, and Latin American gateways, making Barbados the true gateway to the Eastern Caribbean. Visit Barbados and experience why for two years in a row it won the prestigious Star Winter Sun Destination



and 14 miles wide, with almost 800 miles of hard surface road.

# WELCOME TO BARBADOS

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#### **POPULATION:**

Award at the 'Travel Bulletin Star Awards'

in 2017 and 2018.

About 280,000 people, making it one of the most densely populated countries in the world.



# GETTING TO BARBADOS

#### GAIA (GRANTLEY ADAMS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT) is

Barbados' only airport and the aviation hub of the Eastern Caribbean, handling daily flights to and from the other Caribbean islands connecting to major cities in the US, Canada, UK and Europe. Nonstop flights occur daily to London, Toronto, New York, and Miami as well as to most of our Caribbean neighbours.

From 2004-2006, GAIA undertook a major terminal expansion and renovation project which saw us transform from a single terminal building into a two terminal facility with dedicated departures and arrivals terminals. These buildings are linked by a fresh, tent-themed architectural approach to take full advantage of our tropical climate, yet be totally functional and modern. These changes cater to increased aircraft and passenger arrivals and ensure the comfort of all users of the airport.

# SURFIN BARBADOS SOUP BOWL

Barbados in the town of Bathsheba. Soup Bowl is a Right Break better known for its Heavy right Barrels. But Soup Bowl also has great punchy lefts on the smaller days with perfect little barrels and air sections. Soup Bowl is on the Windy Side of the Island but faces slightly more south and the wind tends to be more side shore making the faces of the wave clean even if the outside looks choppy. The current runs North up the Beach and is right where the channel is to paddle out, The beach is beautiful at Soup Bowl and the rocks are very sharp and full of sea urchins so tread lightly. Before you paddle out ask the locals about the line up and stay safe.



#### THE WAVE @ SOUP BOWL

Type: Reef-rocky

Direction: Right with Short Lefts

**Bottom:** Reef

Normal Length: Short 50m

#### **TIDE, SWELL & WIND**

Good Swell Direction: North East

Good Wind Direction: South West, South

Swell Size: Starts working at 1.0m-1.5m/3ft-5ft

and holds up to 4m/10ft and over

Best Tide Position: All tides

# HOTELS

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

They are options to stay on the east or any other part of the island. The east is a rural place and has a couple of hotels with beach house rentals available. If you wish to stay on any other part of the island it would be recommended to rent a vehicle. It is a 30 min drive from the west or the south of the island to Bathsheba. There is hardly any traffic through the middle and east of the island.

#### **ECO Lifestyle & Lodge**

3-Star Hotel
Tent Bay, Bathsheba BB21054, Barbados
Tel: +1 (246) 433-9450
www.ecolifestylelodge.com

#### **Atlantis Historic Inn**

Tent Bay, St. Joseph, Barbados Tel: +1 (246) 433-9445 www.atlantishotelbarbados.com

#### Santosha Barbados 3-Star Hotel

Windly Hill East Coast Road, St. Andrew BB25031, Barbados Tel: +1 (246) 422-7999 www.santoshabarbados.com

#### **Round House**

Bathsheba, St Joseph, Barbados Telephone:

+1 (246) 433-9678 - Bar & Restaurant

+1 (246) 433-9079 - Office

+1 (246) 433-9079 - Fax
Email: roundhouse@caribsurf.com
www.roundhousebarbados.com
facebook.com/roundhousebarbados
@roundhousebarbados on Instagram

#### **Rest Haven Beach Cottages**

Bathsheba, BB21054, Barbados Tel: +1 (246) 247-0069

#### Sugar Cane Club Hotel

Maynards, St. Peter, Barbados Tel: +1 (246) 422-5026 www.sugarcaneclub.com

#### **Time Out Hotel**

St Lawrence Gap, Oistins, Barbados Tel: +1 (246) 420-5021 www.timeoutbarbados.com

#### **Worthing Court Apartment Hotel**

Worthing, Christ Church, Barbados Tel: +1 (246) 434-8400 www.worthingcourt.com

#### Savannah Beach Hotel

Hastings Main Rd, Bridgetown, Barbados Tel: +1 (246) 434-3800 www.santoshabarbados.com

#### **Naniki Cottages**

Suriname, St. Joseph, Barbados Tel: +1 (246) 433-1300 www.nanikibarbados.com



# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Language: English

**Currency:** Barbados Dollars

**Local Time Zone:** UTC-4

Country Calling Code: +246

Travel

Adaptor: Type A&B

## **RESTAURANTS** IN THE AREA

Lunch available at contest site every day.

#### **Zaccios on the East**

Bathsheba, St. Joseph www.zacciosrestaurant.com/on-the-east Tel: +1 (246)433-1317

#### The Atlantis

Tent Bay, St. Joseph, Barbados Tel: 1 (246) 433 9445 www.atlantishotelbarbados.com

#### **ECO Lifestyle & Lodge**

Tent Bay, Bathsheba, Barbados Tel: +1 (246) 433-9450 www.ecolifestylelodge.com

#### **Dina's Bar**

Main Road, Bathsheba, Barbados Tel: +1 (246) 433-9726

#### **Sea View Bar**

HillCrest, Bathsheba, St. Joseph Tel: +1 (246) 821-4103

#### **Round House**

Bathsheba, St Joseph, Barbados Tel: +1 (246) 433-9678 www.roundhousebarbados.com

#### **PEG Farm and Nature Reserve**

(TRANSPORT NEEDED)
Easy Hall Plantation, Easy Hall, Barbados
Tel: +1 (246) 433-9806
www.pegbarbados.com

#### **Zemi East Coast Cafe**

Community Centre, HillCrest, Bathsheba, St. Joseph Tel: +1 (246) 288-7162

#### **De Garage Bar**

Tent Bay, Bathsheba, Barbados Tel: +1 (246) 433-9521

#### **Uncle Joe's Bar & Grill**

Bathsheba, St. Joseph Tel: +1 (246) 622-5637

### **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

#### **BARBADOS COAST GUARD**

VHF Channel 16, call code 8 PAPA ZULU, or Phone: +1 (246) 427-8819

AMBULANCE - Dial 511 | FIRE - Dial 311 | POLICE - Dial 211

**HYPERBARIC CHAMBER - SCUBA DIVING** 

Phone: +1 (246) 436-5483



## **PHARMACIES**

#### **Market Hill Dispensary**

Highway 3, Barbados Tel: +1 (246) 822-336

#### **Allington Pharmacy**

Canewood Business Centre, Canewood Rd, Barbados Tel: +1 (246) 622-2070

# **HOSPITALS**

#### The Queen Elizabeth Hospital – QEH

Martindale's Road, Bridgetown, Barbados Tel: +1 (246) 436-6450

#### **Bayview Hospital**

Martindale's Road, Bridgetown, Barbados Tel: +1 (246) 436-5446

## **SURF SHOPS**

#### **Surf Shak Barbados**

Surf Shak is the largest Surf/Lifestyle Shop chain in Barbados with five locations: Quayside, Sheraton Mall, Sky Mall, Welches & Speightstown

#### **Smiley's Surf Shop**

Brigade House, The Garrison, St. Michael, Barbados Tel: +1 (246) 289-3559 smileyssurfshop@hotmail.com

#### **NKM Clothing Barbados**

Coconut Walk, Hastings Main Rd., Christ Church, Barbados Open Mon-Fri 9-5pm Sat 9-2pm Tel: +1 (246) 435-8648

#### **Dread Or Dead Surf**

Hastings Main Rd., Bridgetown, Barbados Phone: +1 (246) 228-4785

#### **Paddle Barbados**

Aquatic Gap, Bridgetown, Barbados Phone: +1 (246) 249-2787

## **BOARD REPAIRS**

#### **Dread Or Dead Surf**

Hastings Main Rd., Bridgetown, Barbados Tel: +1 (246) 228-4785

### Rapo Surfboards

Tel: +1 (246) 232-9180

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

# **GOOD TIPS**

#### **Don't Wear Camouflage**

That military pattern may be on-trend in the world of fashion, but you'd better leave any camouflage-wear at home if you're Barbados bound. It's actually illegal for anyone but the Barbados Defense Force to do this style here. Even toddlers in cute pink camo shorts are prohibited. Seriously. Visitors have had contraband camouflage clothing confiscated at the airport and have been denied entry at some attractions for this unwitting offense. You may not be arrested if you're caught in an army fatigue bikini, but you may be asked to change.

#### **Don't Sunbathe Topless**

This isn't the French riviera or Miami's South Beach. Barbados is a modest country where "clothing optional" isn't an option. Public nudism is actually against the law here, so don't try to sneak a full tan job while out by the pool. Furthermore, the locals prefer you to keep beachwear at the pool or beach. Don't go strolling around town or expect to sit at a non-beach restaurant in your trunks or bikini top. Cover up appropriately, please.

#### **Don't Light a Fire on the Beach**

As tempting as it may be to sing "Kumbaya" around a campfire on the beach, toasted marshmallows and all, it's really not permitted in Barbados. You do occasionally see locals doing it for special events (a January Christmas tree burning at Surfer's Bay is popular) but this is mostly on out-of- the-way beaches where the authorities turn a blind eye. Best not to collect drift wood and light a match on the beach outside your hotel, though. You might be able to enjoy a tourist bonfire at the Hilton or Harbour Lights, or see the fishermen fanning the flames on the sands at Oistins.

#### **Don't Forget, They Drive on the Left**

Like their British colonial forefathers, Barbadians drive on the left hand side of the road. American, Canadian and other "right side" tourists might need a day to acclimatize to this when renting a car for their trip. Also, look both ways when crossing the road as your instincts might be a bit off.

#### **Don't Touch the Manchineel Fruit**

Those big shady trees with the little green apples look inviting and harmless enough, but manchineels are toxic. You don't want to touch any fruit on the ground, or even sit under the boughs during a rain shower. These trees contain a milky sap that can blister the skin on contact and cause blindness if rubbed in the eye. In fact, the Caribs used to use this on their poison arrows. Many manchineel trees on Barbados beaches have a warning sign on them or are painted with a red ring, but not all.



## **AIRLINES**

Air Canada • 1 (246) 428-1635 • www.aircanada.com

American Airlines • 1-800-433-7300 • www.aa.com

Avianca • 1-800-284-2622 • www.avianca.com

British Airways • 1 (246) 428-0908 • www.britishairways.com

Caribbean Airlines • 1-800-744-2225 • www.caribbean-airlines.com

**Condor** • 1-866-960-7915 • www.condor.com

Delta · 1-800-221-1212 · www.delta.com

Executive Air • 1 (246) 428-3271 • www.eaairlines.com

**Jet Blue** • 1-800-538-2583 • www.jetblue.com

Liat · 1-888-844-5428 · www.liatairline.com

Virgin Atlantic • 1-800-862-8621 • www.virgin-atlantic.com

West Jet • 1-877-737-7001 • www.westjet.com

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#### **GASTRONOMY**

**Boutique Bed** 

and Breakfast

Villas

- 1 Cuz Fish Shack
- 2 The Cliff
- **3** Oistins Fish Fry
- 4 The Lone Star
- 6 The Fish Pot
- Oaphne's

#### HISTORY

- 1 Nidhe Israel Musuem
- Garrison Clock Tower
- George Washington House
- 4 St. Nicholas Abbey

#### **ATTRACTIONS**

- 1 Andromeda Botanical Gardens
- Harrison's Cave
- Gun Hill
- 4 Atlantis Submarines
- 6 Mount Gay Rum Distillery

#### **GOLF COURSES**

- Apes Hill Club
- Barbados Golf Club
- 8 Rockley Golf and Country Club
- 4 Royal Westmoreland Golf Club
- Sandy Lane Golf Club -

The Green Monkey and Old Nine



# Wellness and Soft Adventure



- · Spa Treatments
- · Paddle Board Yoga

Barbados offers a number of exciting diversions to satisfy even the most adventurous soul.

- Hiking
- Snorkeling
- Biking Trails
- Scuba Diving
- Island Safari
- · Surfing and Kite Surfing

Heal your mind, body and soul with the warm touch of Barbadian white sands under your feet and a gentle tropical breeze playing across your brow.

And at dusk, you'll witness the serene beauty of our everyday miracle as the sun slips into the sea on our western horizon.

The boutique clubs and spas of Barbados increase this balance and harmony, setting you free from the stresses and strains of daily routine and the obligation of being tied to the grid. We offer you a VIP pass to some of the most luxurious and best spa resorts in the world, where you can rejuvenate in nutrient-rich plunge pools, indulge in a massage or hot tub experience, and receive the pampering you deserve to look and feel your very best.

For those with an adventurous side, Barbados offers a number of exciting diversions for you!

Offshore; the ocean beckons with the call of deep sea fishing or a diving expedition. Closer in, you can also enjoy jet skiing, kite & windsurfing, stand-up paddle boarding, snorkeling and swimming with the turtles. And for those who wish to see the marine life without getting wet, dive right in with the Atlantis Submarine!

Inland, the diverse terrain of the island offers a number of activities to enjoy, including hiking & biking trails, exploring our wild side in a safari jeep or spelunking the water carved caverns of Harrison's Cave.

No matter what brings you to our famous Caribbean island, your perfect combination of adventure and relaxation will be just a booking away.

Indulge in your escape and restore your calm. Take all the time you need.



## **FOOD & DRINK**

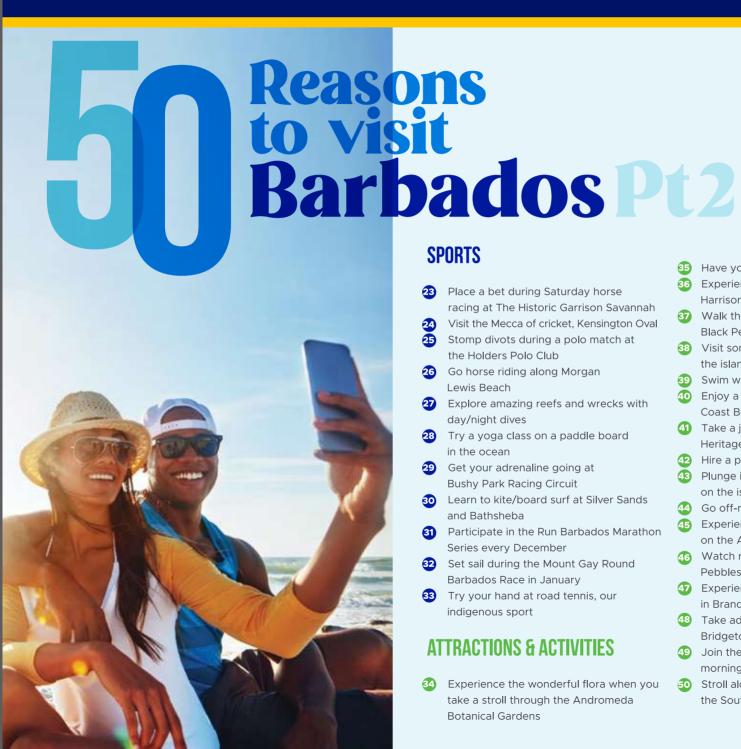
- Visit Oistin's Fish Fry on Friday nights
- Sample locally grown fruit
- Enjoy a traditional 'Cutter' from Cuz's Fish Shack
- Taste local delicacies like 'Bread and Two' (fresh salt bread and fishcakes)
- Quench your thirst with an island brewed, ice cold Banks Beer
- Appreciate the sweet taste of
- Enjoy some Saturday morning Pudding & Souse
- Orink coconut water from a freshly picked coconut
- Sample our national dish, Cou-Cou and Flying Fish
- Tickle your palate with unique flavour of a roasted breadruit from Yelluh Meat!
- Take the Mount Gay Rum Tour and sample the world's oldest rum

#### **HISTORY**

- 12 Learn about Bajan cricket at the Legends of Barbados Cricket Museum
- 13 Visit Bridgetown a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Visit beautifully restored Plantation Houses across the island
- 15 Watch the changing of the guard at the Historic Garrison Clock Tower
- 16 Have dinner with George, at The George Washington House
- 17 Take a selfie at our 50th Anniversary Monument at the Historic Garrison Savannah

#### **CULTURE**

- 18 Visit the childhood home of our International Superstar - Rihanna
- 'Jump' all night at 'Fore Day Morning'
- Then, 'Jump' all day at Grand Kadooment
- 21 Soak up the sounds of calypso music at bars and nightclubs across the island
- Join the locals and other visitors as they give thanks and praise, during Gospelfest 2020



#### **SPORTS**

- Place a bet during Saturday horse racing at The Historic Garrison Savannah
- Visit the Mecca of cricket, Kensington Oval
- Stomp divots during a polo match at the Holders Polo Club
- Go horse riding along Morgan Lewis Beach
- 27 Explore amazing reefs and wrecks with day/night dives
- 28 Try a yoga class on a paddle board in the ocean
- Get your adrenaline going at Bushy Park Racing Circuit
- Learn to kite/board surf at Silver Sands and Bathsheba
- 31 Participate in the Run Barbados Marathon Series every December
- 32 Set sail during the Mount Gay Round Barbados Race in January
- 33 Try your hand at road tennis, our indigenous sport

#### **ATTRACTIONS & ACTIVITIES**

Experience the wonderful flora when you take a stroll through the Andromeda **Botanical Gardens** 

- Have your picture taken with the lion at Gun Hill
- **36** Experience our number one natural attraction, Harrison's Cave
- Walk the plank with pirates on the Barbados Black Pearl Party Cruise
- 38 Visit some of the 1,200 rum shops across the island and join in a karaoke session
- 39 Swim with turtles
- Enjoy a sunset from any of our West Coast Beaches
- 41 Take a journey on the St. Nicholas Abbey Heritage Railway
- 42 Hire a private catamaran for the day
- Plunge in the invigorating Bathsheba Pools on the island's Fast Coast
- Go off-road on an island safari
- Experience a unique underwater adventure on the Atlantis Submarine
- 46 Watch race horses swimming at dawn at Pebbles and Brandons beaches
- Experience a natural hot tub at the Hot Pot in Brandons
- 48 Take advantage of the duty free shopping in Bridgetown and at Limegrove Lifestyle Centre
- Join the locals at an early Saturday morning market
- 50 Stroll along the boardwalk which hugs the South Coast

