



# Caribbean

## Things to Know Before You Go!

- Ensure that passports are valid for at least 6 months beyond your return date.
- If you are taking minor children without both parents, you will need a notarized letter from the absent parent(s) giving written permission for you to take the children out of the country, and also to seek medical attention for them in the case of an emergency.
- Call your credit card companies and let them know when and where you will be traveling to avoid any unexpected holds on your accounts.
- Call your cell phone provider and check to see if you will have service at your destination. Also check to see if you will be subjected to roaming charges or if you can add an international package. You can also keep in touch with mobile apps that work with wi-fi such as Skype or FaceTime.
- Leave a copy of your itinerary and passport with your emergency contact at home.
- Email copies of your passport to your web-based email account so that if you should lose it, you can retrieve a copy virtually anywhere. Also email copies of your travel itinerary to yourself.
- You can bring snacks on the plane but you cannot bring fresh fruit into or out of the U.S.
- Leave valuable jewelry at home. Lock all valuables in the room safe when not in your room.
- If you purchase locks for your luggage, make sure they are TSA approved.
- Any liquids you bring in your carry-on bags must be 3 oz or less. They must all fit in one quart sized zippered plastic bag. 1 bag per traveler.
- Bring all medications with you in your carry-on bag with proper labels. Take a photo of your prescription label and email it to yourself, in case you lose your medications.
- Keep valuables with you at all times! **Never** put jewelry, electronics, medications, money, or passports in your checked luggage.
- Bring your medical insurance card and a summary of your trip insurance (if purchased).
- Electrical converters are NOT required.
- You do NOT need to exchange money. US dollars are accepted everywhere in the Caribbean. Bring plenty of ones and fives for tipping. Tip baggage handlers, housekeeping, and wait staff at your discretion. A little goes a long way!
- Casual dress for daytime and a swimsuit cover up for the buffet. For à la carte restaurants, men will need to wear long pants, collared shirts, and closed toe shoes. For women, no shorts are allowed.
- Always use your credit card to purchase excursions.
- Check your airlines baggage allowances and restrictions.
- Verify your flights 24 hours in advance and again before leaving for the airport.
- Arrive at the airport at least two and one half hours prior to departure.
- Bring sunglasses, sunscreen, bug spray, batteries, chargers, and insulated travel mugs.

**DESTINATION SPECIFIC INFORMATION:** Please check with your travel agent for any special information that may apply to your destination.

**Additional Fees and Information.** This information is current as of 4/26/19

## **CARRIBEAN**

**ANTIGUA:** A departure tax of \$28 is payable at airport upon arrival. Cash only US dollars.

**BARBADOS:** Barbados government levy of \$5.50 - \$10.00 per room per night, based on the rating/ranking attributed to the hotel by Barbados Hotel and Tourism Association. This is collected at hotel check out with major Credit Card or cash.

**COSTA RICA:** Passengers departing Costa Rica (including infants) are required to pay a departure tax of \$29 USD per person at the airport. This tax is payable in cash, or Visa/Mastercard.

**COLUMBIA/CARTAGENA:** Departure tax of approximately \$40 USD must be paid at the airport at the time of departure. This fee is payable in cash only, (Columbian pesos or USD - no \$100 USD bills). Some airlines include this cost in the cost of your ticket. Please check with your travel agent.

**NICARAGUA:** An entry tax of \$10 USD, payable in US dollars or Cordobas, is collected at the airport upon arrival. Passengers departing Nicaragua (including infants) are required to pay a departure tax of \$36 per person, payable in cash, Visa or Mastercard. Most air carriers include this fee in the price of the ticket. Check with your travel agent.

**ST. KITTS, ST. LUCIA, ST. MARTIN/SINT MAARTEN:** If you are traveling to St. Kitts, St. Lucia, or the french side of St. Martin, your electric items such as curling irons and electric razors will not work without a converter. Please note: Calling between the Dutch and the French sides of St. Martin island is an INTERNATIONAL call.

**PANAMA:** When in Panama, American tourists must be able to present, upon request by any local authority, either their passport or a photo copy of the biographical information page. We do not recommend carrying your original passport on your person, so bring a copy. If you cannot provide this information, you may be detained.

## **MEXICO:**

Environmental levy is payable upon hotel check in or check out in the following Mexico Municipalities of Benito Juarez/ Puerto Morelos(Cancun/Riviera Cancun) and Solidaridad(Riviera Maya). Also in Isla Mujeres and Cozumel. Hotels will collect up to 25 Mexican pesos per room per day or night.

## **USA:**

Resort fees for hotels in Hawaii, Las Vegas, and some Florida may apply from \$10-\$50 per room, per night payable directly to hotel.

### ***IMPORTANT NOTE: CAMOUFLAGE CLOTHING:***

Out of respect for the military, camouflage clothing is not permitted in Antigua, Barbados, Bermuda, Grand Cayman, Jamaica, St. Kitts and St. Lucia.