

Reeds House - Barbados Fact Sheet

SHOPPING

There are supermarkets within 5-10 minutes drive away by and can be reached by either taxi or bus. The supermarkets stock a wide and varied selection of foods. It may be prudent that at the beginning of your holiday you visit the supermarket with your maid who will assist you in selecting your purchases.

SECURITY

Barbados is no different to other holiday destinations, it is most important that every precaution is taken to ensure that your holiday is not spoilt by an uninvited visitor. Each home at Reeds House has points of entry from the beach and from the entrance hall, it is vital that all points of entry are securely locked when leaving the apartment. We suggest that the apartment is securely locked even if you are only taking a stroll nearby on the beach to avoid the opportunist striking.

The reception area is attended during the day and for your added security a night watchman is employed.

Reeds House benefits from having a full time maintenance manager on site and the gardens are meticulously cared for by our full time gardener.

CURRENCY

The currency in Barbados is the Bajan Dollar, which fluctuates between \$3.00-\$3.10 to the £ sterling. It is not necessary to take other currencies as the British Pound, Euros and US Dollars can be changed easily at all banks in Barbados. A wide variety of credit cards are accepted at most shops, stores and restaurants. Barbados is a Duty Free port where many interesting purchases can be made. There is a bank in the arrivals hall at the airport in Barbados and the exchange rate offered is uniform throughout the island with no commission payable.

There are many ATM's and cash withdrawals can be made using Visa, Mastercard, Delts, Switch etc.

Visitors are advised not to change currency outside of Barbados as the exchange rate is more favourable on the island. This also applied to Travellers cheques.

CAR HIRE

There are many car hire companies in Barbados with cars ranging from mini mokes to air-conditioned sedans. A full driving licence is required in order to obtain a Barbados visitors licence at a cost of \$10.00 Barbados (approx. £3.00) and is valid for 12 months.

TAXIS

Most taxis belong to a co-operative system, there are fixed fares for most journeys, but it is always advisable to establish the charge in advance.

RESTAURANTS

Within a short driving distance you will find a host of different restaurants all covering the full range of cuisine - both local and international. Barbados benefits from some of the finest restaurants in the Caribbean.

It is recommended that you book your table in advance, but be advised during the winter season, tables at some of the best restaurants need to be booked several weeks in advance.

WHAT TO WEAR

Generally, Barbados is casual, the evenings are warm and you will find cotton garments the coolest, you will not need long sleeves. The dress code varies, most restaurants prefer their guests to be elegantly casual, which actually means no shorts or jeans during dinner. During the winter months, December to April, you may find that some hotel restaurants are a little more formal.

CLIMATE

Barbados is warm and sunny all year round, approximate daytime temperatures are from 79-86 degrees Fahrenheit, 26-30 degrees Centigrade and the nights are a little cooler. Total sunshine for the year is around 3000 hours, but tropical showers, which tend to be short and sharp do occur throughout the year.

TIMES

Barbados is five hours behind GMT during the British summer time, but only 4 hours behind GMT during British winter time. The sun in Barbados sets between 6pm and 6.30pm throughout the year.

INSURANCE

When booking your holiday, we cannot stress the importance of obtaining adequate holiday travel insurance and you should ensure that you are covered for curtailment, medical expenses and theft amongst other things. Insurance can be obtained from most travel agents. The Owner and their insurance company cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to the Clients property during their stay at Reeds House.

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