



BARBADOS

The easternmost Caribbean island, Barbados is fast becoming a preferred low tax destination for international businesses. With more than 600 people per square kilometre, it is also one of the world's most densely populated nations. It has a very stable democracy and still retains a strong British flavour despite having won its independence in 1966. Tourism, manufacturing and financial services have now overtaken sugar production as the island's main earners.

Cost of Living: May be somewhat higher due to having to pay import duty on goods. Local goods like fish & vegetables are relatively cheap and dining out is inexpensive. Salaries reflect the cost of living.

Accommodation: Rental accommodation can range from \$1,200 to \$4,000 per month depending on the type of accommodation. Most expatriates tend to house-share and employers can recommend good local property websites.

Transport: Traffic drives on the left. As well as an international licence, you must get a Barbudian licence which is available for under \$10. There is a frequent and good bus service which is available at a flat fee.

Socialising: Barbados is one of the most social Caribbean islands with cinemas, bars and nightclubs. Sports are the main outlet for recreation especially water-sports, golf, tennis, horseriding and rugby.

Dress Code: The office dress code is professional.

Taxation: The taxation bands range from 20% to 35% but expatriates may benefit from exemptions which the employer applies for on their behalf.

Getting There: Employers generally pay the cost of relocation and 1 return flight a year. There are regular international flights to Miami.

Visas: All non-Barbudians must have a working permit visa which will be applied for by the employer, but documents such as medical certificates, police clearance certificates and notarised copies of qualifications and passports will be required to secure this visa.

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KEY FACTS

Population: 279,000
Area: 431 km²
Capital City: Bridgetown
Languages: English, Bajan
Hindi / Bhojpuri
Currency: Barbadian Dollar (BBD)
Time Zone: UTC/GMT -4 hours

CLIMATE

Constant sea breezes cool Barbados's balmy, tropical climate but the island is still sunnier and drier than the other islands. During the wet season (July to November), some brief rain showers are likely. Average sunshine hours per day are 8-10 (November to March) and 8-9 (April to October).


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