



## Country Profile: Barbados

Barbados is an independent Caribbean island nation with a developed economy. The capital is Bridgetown. Facilities for tourism are widely available. The U.S. Embassy in Barbados has consular responsibility for Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, as well as the British dependent territories of Anguilla, British Virgin Islands and Montserrat, and the French islands of Martinique, Guadeloupe, St. Barthélemy and St. Martin. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Barbados for additional information.

### COUNTRY OVERVIEW

Country Name:	Barbados
Continent:	South America
Capital City:	Bridgetown
Boundary Countries:	
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Bayview Hospital (St. Michael), Queen Elizabeth Hospital (St. Michael)
Main Cities:	Bridgetown, Bathsheba, Holetown, The Crane, Speightstown
Country Size:	431 sq km
Population:	280,946

### COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	English
Currency:	Barbadian Dollar (BBD)
Predominant Religions:	Protestant 67% (Anglican 40%, Pentecostal 8%, Methodist 7%, other 12%), Roman Catholic 4%, none 17%, other 12%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 30 November (1966)
Economic Status:	Historically, the Barbadian economy had been dependent on sugarcane cultivation and related activities, but production in recent years has diversified into light industry and tourism. Offshore finance and information services are important foreign exchange earners.
Security:	Royal Barbados Defense Force: Troops Command, Barbados Coast Guard
US Presence:	<a href="#">U.S. Embassy in Bridgetown</a> Wilkey Business Park St. Michael BB 14006 Barbados, W.I. Phone: (246) 227-4000
Major Airports:	Airports: 1, Airports with paved runways: 1 Grantley Adams International Airport (BGI/TBPB) Bridgetown Airport, Barbados, Seawell, Christ Church, BARBADOS Tel: +1 246 428-4242 Fax: +1 246 420-0957 Email: <a href="mailto:office@gaiainc.bb">office@gaiainc.bb</a> Website: <a href="http://www.gaiainc.bb">www.gaiainc.bb</a>

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