Country Profile: Cayman Islands

The Cayman Islands are a British dependent territory consisting of three main islands with a total area of approximately 100 square miles and located about 500 miles west of Jamaica. There is an international airport located in Grand Cayman, and facilities for tourists are widely available. The U.S. Embassy in Kingston, Jamaica, has consular responsibility for the Cayman Islands. Read thepartment of State Background Notes on the Cayman Islands for additional information.

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COUNTRY OVERVIEW	
Country Name:	Caymen Islands
Continent:	Caribbean
Capital City:	George Town
Boundary Countries:	
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	
Main Cities:	George Town
Country Size:	262 sq km
Population:	49,035

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	English 95%, Spanish 3.2%, other 1.8%
Currency:	Cayman Island Dollar (KYD)
Predominant Religions:	Church of God 26%, United Church 11.8% (Presbyterian and Congregational), Roman Catholic 11%, Baptist 8.7%, Seventh Day Adventist 8.2%, Anglican 5.7%, Pentecostal 5.3%, other Christian 2.7%, non-denominational 5.8%, other 3.8%, none 9.8%, unspecified 1.1%
National Holidays:	Constitution Day, first Monday in July
Economic Status:	With no direct taxation, the islands are a thriving offshore financial center. More than 68,000 companies were registered in the Cayman Islands as of 2003, including almost 500 banks, 800 insurers, and 5,000 mutual funds. A stock exchange was opened in 1997. Tourism is also a mainstay, accounting for about 70% of GDP and 75% of foreign currency earnings. The tourist industry is aimed at the luxury market and caters mainly to visitors from North America. Total tourist arrivals exceeded 2.1 million in 2003, with about half from the US. About 90% of the islands' food and consumer goods must be imported. The Caymanians enjoy one of the highest outputs per capita and one of the highest standards of living in the world.
Security:	The Cayman Islands has no regular military, it is an overseas territory of the UK.
	Royal Cayman Islands Police Force
US Presence:	Americans living or traveling in the Cayman Islands are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy in Kingston, Jamaica through the State Department's travel registration web site, and to obtain updated information on travel and security within the Cayman Islands. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the U.S. Consular Agency in George Town, Grand Cayman or the U.S. Embassy in Kingston, Jamaica. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consular Agency to contact them in case of emergency. The U.S. Consular Agency in the Cayman Islands is located at Cayman Centre, Unit B1, 118 Dorcy Drive, George Town, Grand Cayman. Its phone number is (345) 945-8173. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 08:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (except U.S. and Cayman holidays). American citizens requiring assistance in Cayman may also contact the American Citizen Services Unit of the U.S. Embassy in Kingston, Jamaica at (876) 702-6000. The Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy is located at 142 Old Hope Road, Kingston 6. Office hours are Monday through Friday (except Jamaican and U.S. holidays) from 7:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with window services from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Both the Consular Agency

and Embassy may provide updated information on travel and security within the Cayman Islands.

Major Airports: Airports: 3, Airports- with paved runways: 2

Grand Cayman-Owen Roberts Int'l Airport (GCM/MWCR)

Grand Cayman Airport, Cayman Islands,

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