



Country Profile: Turks and Caicos Islands

The Turks and Caicos Islands are a British Overseas Territory comprising a small archipelago of eight major islands and numerous uninhabited keys 600 miles southeast of Miami. Most tourist facilities are located on Providenciales ("Provo") Island. The U.S. dollar is the unit of currency and the larger hotels and shops accept credit cards. The U.S. Embassy in Nassau, Bahamas has jurisdiction for consular matters in the Turks and Caicos. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on the Turks and Caicos for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Turks & Caicos Islands
Continent:	Caribbean
Capital City:	Grand Turk
Boundary Countries:	
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	None at this time.
Main Cities:	Grand Turk, Bottle Creek, Kew, Providenciales, Cockburn Harbour.
Country Size:	430 sq km
Population:	22,352

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	English
Currency:	US Dollar (USD)
Predominant Religions:	Baptist 40%, Anglican 18%, Methodist 16%, Church of God 12%, other 14%
National Holidays:	Constitution Day, 30 August (1976)
Economic Status:	The Turks and Caicos economy is based on tourism, offshore financial services, and fishing. Most capital goods and food for domestic consumption are imported. The US is the leading source of tourists, accounting for more than three-quarters of the 175,000 visitors that arrived in 2004. Major sources of government revenue also include fees from offshore financial activities and customs receipts.
Security:	Defense is the responsibility of the UK.
US Presence:	The Embassy is located at 42 Queen Street, Nassau, The Bahamas (next to the McDonald's Restaurant and across from the British Colonial Hilton Hotel.) It may be contacted by email or fax (242) 356-7174. Non-emergency services are by appointment (see available appointment slots on website). Walk-ins are seen Mondays and Fridays, 9:00 – 11:00a and Wednesdays, 1:00 – 3:00p (except for US and Bahamian holidays). American citizens in the Turks and Caicos may obtain emergency assistance: by calling (242) 322-1181 during regular business hours or (242) 328-2206 after-hours.
Major Airports:	<p>Airports: 8, Airports w/paved runways: 6</p> <p>Providenciales International Airport (PLS/MBPV)</p> <p>Providenciales Airport, Turks & Caicos Islands, Providenciales, TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS</p> <p>Tel: +1 649 941-5670, (Customs) +1 649 946-2345, (Immigration) +1 649 946-4233</p> <p>Fax: +1 649 941-5558</p> <p>Email: info@provoairport.com</p> <p>Website: www.provoairport.com</p> <p>Grand Turk Airport, Turks & Caicos Islands, Grand Turk Island, TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS</p>

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