



Turks & Caicos

Destination Guide

ARRIVING IN TURKS & CAICOS

- 1) After deplaning which may involved stairs from your plane, you will enter the Immigration line. Present your passport and answer any questions from the officer.
- 2) Claim all your checked bags and proceed through customs.
- 3) Go outside and ask an airport employee about your transfer. They will guide you to an area.

FINDING YOUR HOTEL TRANSFER

Your travel documents provide instructions for how to locate your transfer company.

DURING YOUR STAY

TIPPING

Tipping is normally paid to waiters, taxi drivers, maids and porters at 15%. (Beaches Turks & Caicos has a no tipping policy.)

CURRENCY

The US dollar is the official currency of Turks and Caicos. Most hotels, restaurants and taxi services accept traveler's cheques, which can be cashed at local banks. Most credit cards are accepted and banks offer ATM's as well as cash advances on credit cards.

ELECTRICITY

110 volt/60 cycle, suitable for U.S. appliances.

CLIMATE

The average temperature ranges between 85-90°F from June to October, sometimes reaching the mid 90's, especially in the late summer months. From November to May the average temperature is 80 to 84 degrees. Water temperature in the summer is 82 to 84 degrees and in winter about 74 to 78 degrees. A constant trade wind keeps the climate at a very comfortable level.

TELEPHONE

Local and international telephone, facsimile, internet and cellular services are available through local companies FLOW and Digicel. Country code is 649. If you have cell service in the USA you may enable International Roaming which would allow you to place and receive calls whilst in the Turks and Caicos. You are also able to rent or purchase a chip or a telephone from one of the local services providers.

Public Nudity

This is illegal throughout the islands

CRIME

These Islands boast one of the lowest crime rates and highest crime-solved rates in the Caribbean. We cannot, however, let down the guard against opportunist-type theft. Do not leave valuables unattended. Lock doors and windows. Use the hotel safe for storage of valuables. These simple precautions should prevent the loss of cash, jewelry and identification. Confrontation and violent crimes are extremely rare. Any problems should be reported immediately to the Royal Turks and Caicos Police or call 911.

CLOTHING

Shorts are worn in town as well as the beach during the day, it is advisable to also wear sunhats and sunscreen. In the evenings, light sweaters and jackets may be occasionally needed in the winter. Dinner is usually not a formal affair, most restaurants accept dress shorts while others require pants with a collared shirt for gentlemen and dress slacks or dresses for the ladies.

HEALTHCARE

There is a modern hospital system comprising two state-of-the-art medical centres, managed by InterHealth Canada; Cheshire Hall Medical Centre on Providenciales and Cockburn Town Medical Centre on Grand Turk. Health services provided at the centres include: emergency care, dental, dialysis, internal medicine, surgical, orthopedic, obstetric and endoscopic procedures, physiotherapy and diagnostic imaging.

RETURNING TO THE US

1) You may be given immigration forms to fill out during your flight. Keep a pen, your passports, travel documents, and receipts from anything you purchased during your trip easily accessible from your seat.

2) After deplaning, you will enter the Immigration Line. Have your passport and completed forms in hand, answer any questions from the officer. NOTE: Some airports no longer collect paper forms. They offer automated kiosks to collect immigration and customs information.

3) Go to the luggage carousel and claim all your checked bags.

4) Take all your belongings to the Customs line. You may be asked questions about what you are bringing back into the country, and your belongings may be subject to search.

5) For connecting flights or to reach the final airport exit, you may need to pass your checked luggage back to the airline. This is usually done at a counter outside of the Customs area.

6) DUTY FREE REMINDER: If you have to pass another security checkpoint before proceeding to the next gate or to the airport exit, you will not be able to carry your liquid duty-free purchases with you. These need to be placed in your checked bags before handing them over to the airline.