

## ACCOMMODATION IN BARBADOS

Art Studios | Apartment 14 | Discovery Bay | St James Barbados

### Local information

#### Money

The Barbados Dollar (\$BDS) is fixed to the US Dollar at a rate of 1.98 – at the time of writing you would get an average of 3.2 BDS\$ to the UK£. The local bank is on the left hand side of the road on the way to the supermarket. Credit cards and debit cards are accepted virtually everywhere on the island except local rum shops and smaller Bajan eating places where cash is usually required.

#### Doctor

Dr Persaud's surgery is based at the Trent Medical centre at the entrance to the road that leads to Art Studios. There is also a 24 hour polyclinic at Sunset Crest just south of Holetown. Both are happy to see holiday makers.

#### Power

The voltage in Barbados is 110 volts (2 pin flat prong plug)

#### Water

Is safe to drink from the cold water tap, but does need chilling.

#### Transport

It is not necessary to hire a care. There is an excellent bus service that runs up and down the Highway from Speightstown to Bridgetown all day and quite late into the night. All buses cost BDS \$1.50 per journey. If you do hire a car you need to obtain a Barbados driving permit which can be obtained from the Licensing Authority located next to the Police station for BDS\$10.

There is a taxi rank located in The Discovery Bay Hotel and there are lots of local hire car companies that will deliver the cars to your holiday accommodation.

#### Beaches

All beaches in Barbados are public so all self-catering holiday makers and locals are entitled to use the beaches in front of the hotels. It is not advisable to use their loungers though!

#### Shopping

The shopping mall has a large well stocked supermarket for all your self-catering needs. There are also gift shops, full of Barbados holiday souvenirs, clothes shops and a café located in the mall. It is possible to get duty free prices in some shops, more so in Bridgetown. You need to take your passport and know your flight number to receive the discount. Some goods that you purchase duty free e.g. alcohol, would be delivered to the airport for you to collect on your departure from Barbados. There is 15% VAT charged in stores and restaurants and this is normally added at the time of payment.

For more 'local' cheaper food shopping I would recommend the fruit and veg stall located between Art Studio and Mango House (in high season). Speightstown also has roadside stalls which would be cheaper than the supermarket. There is a fish market located in Speightstown and at Weston's (which is just north of The Lonestar restaurant) where you can buy freshly caught fish at a reasonable price.