

Essential information

OVERSEAS DEPARTURE TAXES

Overseas departure tax is included in the flight ticket **except** when leaving Bequia or St Vincent where a departure Tax of approx. EC\$100 or US\$40 is payable locally. This must be paid in CASH at the airport after checking in - can be paid in EC or US Dollars. Subject to change and should be checked locally.

PASSPORT, VISA & VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

British Citizens, including children and infants, need a full 10-year passport, valid for at least 6 months after their intended return date to the UK, but there are no visa requirements for any of our destinations. If any members of your party are not British Citizens or do not hold a British Passport, they must satisfy themselves as to any visa requirements by consulting the Embassy or Consulate of the relevant country. There are currently no compulsory vaccinations required, however we suggest that you check with your local health centre or GP for the latest medical advice.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Virtually all the thousands of visitors to the islands each year have happy and trouble-free holidays. These are friendly islands who welcome visitors to their shores. However, even in these idyllic surroundings you should not become complacent about safety and security. Isolated incidents, although very rare, can occur here as they can in any part of the world and visitors should exercise common sense wherever they travel. We would advise visitors to use taxis after dark whenever possible. Many restaurants will offer help with taxis to and from their premises – some offer a free pick-up and collection service. We also advise particular caution when visiting isolated beaches and deserted areas at all times of day.

We advise all our clients travelling anywhere in the world to consult the Foreign Office (FCDO) website for detailed up-to-date travel advice. Visit <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice> for information and feel free to talk to our staff for clarification of any information the web page contains.

Travelling during the Covid-19 pandemic

We advise you to check the FCDO Travel Advice 'entry requirements' section for the destination you are travelling to, including any destination you will be transiting through. These may change with little warning so it's a good idea to sign up to travel alerts for your destination.

The FCDO website also has information about what you need to do before returning to the UK: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

TRAVEL INSURANCE

During the Covid-19 pandemic it is more important than ever that you and your party are fully covered by travel insurance. You are free to use any source for this, as long as the following important areas are covered: Personal accident, death, medical and repatriation expenses, loss of baggage and valuables, personal liability, delay, cancellation (please check you are covered for the value of the holiday), curtailment, missed departure and legal expenses.

You should also ensure your policy offers cover for coronavirus-related events, including medical cover, travel disruption and cancellation should you test positive for Covid-19 prior to travel. If you have an existing policy, make sure you check how it covers these issues. If you do not have appropriate insurance before you travel, you could be liable for emergency costs including medical treatment.

CARIBBEAN “TOURIST TAXES”

In recent years many Governments in the Caribbean region have introduced various “tourist taxes” or “levies” which need to be paid locally upon check-out by cash or credit card.

Currently, accommodations on the islands of **Barbados, St Vincent & Bequia, St Lucia and Antigua** all make a local charge. The levy/tax can vary from accommodation to accommodation and in some cases can depend on the rating attributed to the hotel/accommodation by the Government/Tourism Authority.

The tax can range somewhere between US\$3 – US\$17.50 per person per day. We will provide details at the time of booking and will also include this information on your holiday confirmation under each accommodation.