



Quick Facts

Land Area:	430 sq. Km 166 sq. miles
Location:	The most easterly Caribbean island located at 13.1°N, 59.32°W.
Time Zone:	GMT – 4 hours Barbados does not observe daylight saving time.
Capital City:	Bridgetown
Climate:	Tropical Average Daytime High 70°-85°F 21°-30°C Relative Humidity 60-70%
Language:	English
Political Status:	Independent Member of the British Commonwealth
Government:	Parliamentary democracy
Governor General:	Her Excellency Dame Sandra Mason, GCMG, DA, Q.C.
Prime Minister:	The Hon. Mia Amor Mottley, Q.C., M.P.
Literacy Rate:	99.7%
UNDP Human Development Index 2016:	54 th of 188 Countries 5 th in Western hemisphere
Population 2016 (est):	275,400
Population Growth Rate 2016:	- 0.4%
Infant Mortality Rate 2016:	13.5 per 1,000 births
Life Expectancy:	78 years
Labour Force December 2016 (est):	147,000
Unemployment Rate 2016:	9.0%
% Real GDP Growth 2016 (P):	1.6%

Per Capita GDP @ Factor Cost 2016:	US\$14,300
% Annual Inflation Rate 2016:	-0.5%
Major Industries:	Tourism, Financial Services, Sugar, Agriculture & Manufacturing
Major Trading Partners:	CARICOM, USA, UK, Canada, Germany, Japan
Imports (CIF) 2016:	US\$1,623.65 Million (excludes petroleum imports)
Domestic Exports 2016:	US\$262.05 Million (excludes petroleum exports)
Tourist Arrivals 2016:	631,513
Currency:	Barbados dollar which is fixed at Bds\$2.00=US\$1.00
Measures:	Metric system

Public Holidays

There are twelve paid public holidays in Barbados each year. **Note:** Where a public holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday is celebrated on the following day.

Name of Holiday	Date in 2018
New Year's Day	January 1
Errol Barrow Day	January 21
Good Friday	March 30
Easter Monday	April 2
National Heroes Day	April 28
Labour Day	May 1
Whit Monday	May 21
Emancipation Day	August 1
Kadooment Day	August 6
Independence Day	November 30
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26

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