

*We're so glad you're here*

# WELCOME TO LIME TREE HOUSE



3 beds



3 baths



6 guests



Pool



St. James



5 Coconut Grove, Royal Westmoreland, St. James, Barbados

# WELCOME TO BARBADOS

We're sure you are going to have a great holiday but before you crack open the rum punch that we have left you to help settle you in, please take a few minutes to digest this welcome pack. There may be useful information here that will ensure your stay is as enjoyable as possible.

We know you must be looking forward to the holiday that you have booked with us. We hope you have a lovely time and if either the Guest Services Team at Royal Westmoreland or the team at Blue Sky Luxury can be of any service to you throughout your stay, then please let them know.

Best Wishes,  
The Management & Staff of Blue Sky Luxury





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# MEET YOUR HOSTS!

## THE HOLIDAY HOME EXPERTS

With over 40+ years of experience in creating the most unforgettable holidays in Barbados, our team at Blue Sky Luxury delivers on that standard of excellence. We've cultivated the best-of-the-best resources, connections, and experiences on the island, ensuring you get all your client desires without having to go through a destination management company. When you book with us, you're booking with the agent who has the direct relationship with the villa's owner. That's the real difference.

## WEBSITE

[blueskyluxury.com](http://blueskyluxury.com)

## CONTACT INFO

Concierge: 836-2647 - Julie  
PM: 256-8156 - Shene Knight  
(Planned Maintenance)

## EMERGENCY INFO

Police: 211  
Fire: 311  
Ambulance: 511  
Sandy Crest: 419-4911

## OTHER INFORMATION

Visit our office at:  
"Newton House"  
Battaleys  
St. Peter

House Number: 624-3086

Wi-Fi username: #5 Coconut Grove  
Password: isl@ndlife

# ABOUT LIME TREE HOUSE



## Keys

On arrival, you will receive one set of keys from the housekeeper. When leaving, return the keys to the housekeeper or the property manager. If you require additional sets of keys, special arrangements will have to be made. Bedroom keys are located in the bedside drawers in case you need them. Please note that should you lose your keys this must be reported to your Concierge Agent as soon as possible as this creates a security risk. You will be charged for changing the locks and replacing the keys should this occur. A minimum of USD\$50 will be charged for each lost or damaged key, depending on the lock type and USD \$100 for lost or damaged remotes.

# Air Conditioning

We know, we are on a tropical island, however, depending on when you are visiting us, some days are hot and you need some relief. All bedrooms are equipped with air-conditioning units, a remote control and fans are located in the main areas. Mode button on the remote offers auto, cool, dry, heat and fan (auto is recommended). Temperature can be set with up/down buttons (22/24 is recommended). LED light on aircon unit can be shut off using LED button on remote. In the interest of the environment please ensure that all windows and doors are closed when the unit is working and turn off the air condition when leaving your room. Not closing doors and windows can cause the air-conditioning unit to malfunction and leak into the unit.

If you suspect your air conditioning system is not cooling properly or leaking, please inform the housekeeper or Concierge promptly so they can have it addressed.

## First Aid

A basic first aid kit is provided, which is located in one of the kitchen drawers; please ask your housekeeper or Concierge/Property Manager to point out its exact location to you.

## Fire Safety

In the event of a fire, remain calm and evacuate the property immediately.

For a serious fire, Call the Fire Department Immediately ('311') giving the exact location of the fire and the property.

1. Sound an alarm for everyone in the villa. Do not place yourself at risk; Ensure your personal safety first!
2. Assist injured personnel or notify emergency responders of the medical emergency.
3. Assist physically impaired individuals to a secure area and notify emergency responders.
4. Ensure all personnel are out of the building.
5. Use a fire extinguisher only if safe to do so and you have been trained. The Fire extinguisher is located downstairs.
6. Assemble personnel at a remote location noted on evacuation maps.
7. Report hazardous conditions.
8. Stay low if confronted with smoke. Stay as low as possible to the floor and keep a wet cloth over your nose and mouth to avoid smoke inhalation.
9. Check closed doors for heat before opening.
10. Stay away from the building until it is safe to return.

# Kitchen Appliances

The kitchen is fully fitted with modern appliances and equipment. There are copies of the user manuals and instructions on how to use all the appliances in the drawers in the kitchen.

**Please note that the Hob is a modern induction hob that provides instant heat when used.**

Please familiarise yourself with the instructions before cooking on the hob. All the pots and pans provided are suitable to use on the induction hob.

Please feel free to use any of the ingredients in the cupboards, but we would ask that they are replaced when they run out.

**Ice:**

There is an Ice Machine under the sink on the Patio. The machine is programmed to continuously make ice to fill the ice tray. It is important that the door to the Ice Machine is closed properly.

**Wine Fridge:**

Please feel free to use the wine fridge. The temperature on the lefthand side is set for red wines with the lefthand side set for white & rose wines.

Should you require a wine delivery, one of the best wine merchants in Barbados is Trident Wines who will deliver to the villa. Their website is [www.tridentwines.com](http://www.tridentwines.com) or telephone number is 1 (246) 228-5261.

**Cool Bags:**

Please feel free to use the cool bags and ice blocks provided for trips to the beach.

# Barbecue

Please feel free to use the BBQ. Please let the Housekeeper know when you have used it so it can be cleaned ready for your use again. There is a spare gas cylinder under the BBQ should you need it. If you require a replacement gas cylinder, please ask the Housekeeper. Please replace the BBQ cover after use and at night.

## Concierge Services

So you're all checked in and need stuff (Bajan for pretty much everything)- groceries, alcohol, laundry, or to book a tour. Our Concierge Can arrange any services or goods requested by guests staying in this villa. All guests are required to leave a credit card on file with your contact at Blue Sky Luxury or with your Tour Operator/Agent.

At Blue Sky Luxury we guarantee a convenient, premium concierge service that saves you time, affords you the finest quality and ensures optimum value for your money. Concierge can arrange anything to make your holiday nothing short of amazing. Our team is knowledgeable, experienced and committed to serving your needs.

Our Concierge team can create unique authentic local experiences to help make your holiday special.

For a list of some of our many recommendations, contact your Concierge Agent or any of the numbers as follows; 836-2647/622-3265.

Some examples are:

- Spa Services
- Authentic Local Experiences
- Baby Equipment (crib, highchair, etc.)

These are subject to a 10% Administrative fee, plus applicable taxes. Should you have any miscellaneous bills to settle prior to your departure, such as food and beverage, they may be paid either by Cash, MasterCard, Visa or American Express credit card. All bills for items directly ordered or purchased with a supplier are to be settled on receipt.

Feel free to contact your Concierge should you wish an update of your account during your stay. If you are checking your credit card statement charges made on your card to cover the cost of damages will be reflected as Bajan Services Ltd. (our registered company) OR Blue Sky Luxury our trading name.

## Grocery Shopping (food/alcohol/wine)

Our Concierge can arrange for groceries to be purchased and delivered to your property. There is a 10% Administration Fee plus V.A.T. They will require 2 full working days to arrange for placing and delivery of order. A credit card authorization will be required before any items can be purchased on your behalf and there is a minimum charge for each order.

The staff at this property are prepared to accompany you to the grocery to purchase groceries. Or alternatively, the staff are prepared to purchase your groceries if you provide transportation to and from the grocery along with cash to purchase the items. This can be arranged during their working hours.



# Gratuities /Tips/Service Charge

There is no service charge added to accommodation costs and a gratuity is at the discretion of the guests and is always greatly appreciated by the staff. You are welcome to discuss with your Concierge Agent.

## Hurricanes

The hurricane season runs from June to November. Barbados, as the most easterly of the islands, has been very fortunate and has not had a major hurricane since 1955. However, the possibility does exist and following are the procedures in case of a hurricane. A hurricane is an intense storm with strong winds of over 121 kilometers per hour (75 miles per hour). Heavy rain and high seas accompany it.

When Barbados is under a Storm Watch or Warning, the Government can call for an island “SHUT DOWN”. This means that only essential services in the private and public sectors should stay open.

According to the Policy Framework and Standard Operating Procedures for the Systematic Shutdown and Reactivation of Barbados, essential services in the private sector are utility companies, supermarkets, mini-marts, shops, pharmacies, general stores including hardware stores and lumberyards, companies that provide public transportation and telecommunication providers. Transportation for staff will not be available after the set times given, therefore staff will need to depart early to allow them to get to their homes.

In the public sector, the essential services include the Department of Emergency Management, the Barbados Meteorological Service, the Barbados Fire Service, the Barbados Defence Force, the Ministry of Health and associated medical facilities, the transportation network and agencies involved in telecommunications, electricity, water and natural gas and other services that are essential for life.

After a Storm or Hurricane has passed the Government will give the “ALL CLEAR”, which means that it is safe to come out of your home. However, everyone should proceed with caution as trees and power lines may be down. Torches are in bedrooms incase of need. Additionally, staff will be late coming in to work as it will take some time before public transportation can resume.

# Meal & Entertainment

## Restaurants

There is a vast selection of restaurants to choose from in Barbados. Please see the latest edition of 'Ins & Outs' of Barbados for the most up to date list of restaurants and bars. Below is a selection of some of our favourite restaurants on the West Coast.

### Sea Shed:

Very popular modern, lively beach bar ideal for lunch or dinner. Food is very good but service can be a bit hit & miss!

### The Lone Star:

Very popular seafront restaurant, good for lunch or dinner.

### Paul Owen at The Beach House:

Outstanding food, great for lunch or dinner. Ex Chef from The Cliff.

### The Tides:

Great for dinner – our favourite restaurant on the island at the moment.

### Fusion:

Modern fusion cooking with excellent sushi menu. Great for dinner.

### Champers:

A bit of a taxi ride from the west coast but well worth it. Best for dinner.

### La Cabane:

Very cool beach bar. Good for lunch or for drinks to watch the sun go down!

### The Fish Pot:

Great for lunch.

### Cala Roca:

Modern innovative 'tapas' style food. Very good!

Please see 'Ins & Outs' of Barbados for contact details. These are all very popular restaurants and should be booked well in advance. Blue Sky Luxury's Concierge can also help you with restaurant bookings.

# Things to do and places to see!

There are so many activities to enjoy during your stay in Barbados, below are some of our favourite things we enjoy doing while we are here. Should you need any help whatsoever booking any activities please contact Julie Boyce at Blue Sky Luxury who will be happy to help you.

## **Boat Trip:**

If you enjoy sailing, you may wish to charter a small Catamaran (up to 12 people) and sail around the west coast enjoying a traditional Bajan lunch with some swimming and snorkeling thrown in. One of the best company's that offer this is Small Cats. [Info@smallcatscruises.com](mailto:Info@smallcatscruises.com) or +1 (426) 421 6419. Alternatively, you could join the party on their main Catamaran Cruise EL Tigre, which offers everything as above, but it is not a private charter. [info@eltigrexcruises.com](mailto:info@eltigrexcruises.com) or +1 (246) 417 7245.

## **Snorkeling with the Turtles:**

In our opinion, one of the best beaches to snorkel from is Carlisle Bay, near Bridgetown. If you snorkel out from opposite the band stand on the beach you will swim over a shipwreck. The shipwreck attracts lots of tropical fish and the turtles. Depending on the tide, it can be a good 10-minute swim before you reach the shipwreck and the currents can be quite strong, so it is important that you are swimming fully equipped with flippers and snorkel with a buddy. Alternatively, you can arrange to snorkel from a boat on an organised trip. One of the best companies that offer this service is Team Baywatch. [teambaywatch@hotmail.com](mailto:teambaywatch@hotmail.com) or +1 (246) 249 5115.

## **Visit to Bathsheba on the East Coast:**

It is best to hire a car or arrange a private tour with a taxi driver to visit Bathsheba. A stop off at Crane Beach on the way is worthwhile. Bathsheba is a beautiful, traditional uncommercialised, unspoilt Caribbean village with spectacular scenery. The surf is very impressive too as the Atlantic Ocean hits the rocky coastline. Unfortunately, you can't swim here but can enjoy a picnic or even have lunch at one of the small rum shacks in the village. On the way back, be sure to drive via Ermy Bourne Highway as the views of the sea & countryside are stunning.

## **Visit to Hunte's Gardens:**

If you enjoy gardening and have an interest in tropical plants, then we would recommend a visit to Hunte's Gardens. Hunte's Garden is probably the most impressive tropical garden in Barbados and can be visited on the way to or from Bathsheba.

**Visit to St. Nicholas Abbey:**

Probably the best and one of the oldest Plantation House on the island is St. Nicolas Abbey. Apart from enjoying the heritage of the old house, there is also a rum distillery there with rum tours and tastings, as well as a 100-year-old steam train that still works to this day. Well worth a visit if you have time.

**Watching Racehorses Swim in the Sea:**

This is a wonderful sight but requires an early start as the stable lads take the racehorses for a swim or 'sea bath' from 6.00am to 7.00am at Pebbles Beach most mornings. Pebbles Beach is located between the Hilton and the Radisson hotel near Bridgetown.

**Cricket:**

Watching cricket in Barbados is one of our real passions. If you enjoy watching cricket and the West Indies are playing at The Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, or a local CPL match is being played it is a real must in our opinion! There is normally a great atmosphere with good hospitality facilities for food, wine, beer and of course rum! Alternatively, if there is no cricket being played you can tour the ground and have your picture taken under the statue of Sir Garfield Sobbers.

Tickets: [www.windiescricket.com](http://www.windiescricket.com) or local events and tours: [www.kensingtonoval.org](http://www.kensingtonoval.org)

## Remote Controlled Items

The air condition units, the television and some fans located in the bedrooms are remote-controlled. Please ask your Housekeeper for directions on use.

## Maintenance Issues

All maintenance issues are to be immediately reported to the housekeeper or your concierge agent so corrective action can be taken.



## Safes

Each bedroom has a safe for valuables. The code to open the safes is 1234 then # in bedrooms one & two and 1234 then A in the master bedroom.

## Security

There are very few security issues on Royal Westmoreland, however we would recommend that you do not leave valuables and cash unsecured. Though our island is relatively safe, robberies occasionally occur, especially if people have left valuables out in the open, on the beach, by the pool or in unlocked vehicles. Please also ensure that you lock all windows and doors when vacating the property.

## Smoking

We ask that you please do not smoke or vape in the villa, but feel free to smoke or vape outside.

## Television, Cable & Music

To use the TV, turn on the TV with the large remote control and then use the small remote controls to turn on the satellite receivers. If one of the receivers is not responding, re-boot it by unplugging the power cable from the receiver and replacing it after a couple of minutes.

### Flow

Gives you access to local channels and some American channels.

### Sky

Gives you access to most UK channels plus Sky Sports & BT Sports channels.

### Bose Wireless Speaker

Please feel free to use and connect to the Bose Wireless Speaker. It simply connects via Bluetooth. Please respect our neighbours if listening to music outside or with the doors open. The charging adaptor is kept in the sideboard in the dining area.

*Just a few things to remember*

# HOUSE RULES

- We're not, nor have we ever been big fans of house rules! All we would ask is that you treat our home as if it were your own. Below are a few guidelines that we ask all our house guest to respect when staying at Lime Tree House.
- Most importantly enjoy yourselves and have fun!
- Please do not flush feminine or sanitary products, wet wipes or nappies etc down the toilet.
- Please try to ensure all the lights are switched off, all the doors are locked, and all the windows are closed whenever you leave the villa.
- Please try to ensure that all patio furniture cushions are brought under cover if it rains.
- Please turn off the air-conditioning and electric fans when you leave the property.
- Please only use plastic glasses when drinking in or near the swimming pool.
- If you are staying with children, please ensure that children under 12 are always supervised in the pool.
- Please No smoking nor vaping inside the house.
- Please respect our neighbours by NOT playing loud music outside after 11.00pm.
- Please keep the villa clean and tidy as you would your own home. In particular, the kitchen and cooking areas to avoid the attraction of insects.
- Please don't feed the monkeys or leave food out for them.
- Only use bedrooms that are needed for the number of guests staying.
- The maximum number of guests allowed in the villa is 6 at any one time.
- Sorry but No parties are permitted.
- We hope you enjoy your stay!

# HOUSE RULES

## Health and Safety

Outdoor surfaces, especially around the pool can become slippery when wet. Please take care and do not run in these areas.

Children should be supervised at all times – around the pool, on the patio, in the room and whenever they are outside and, in the grounds, or beach.

Please use the plastic wine, beer and cocktail (rum punch) glasses provided.

## Furniture & Fittings

Please do not sit on upholstered furniture if you are wearing a wet bathing suit or have Aloe or P20 on your body. Damages or stains to furniture or fittings can result in a security fee charge.

### **Riemann P20 - it's a no from the judges**

Riemann P20 is not on our list of environmental or property-friendly sunscreens. This particular sunscreen damages linens and towels as it cannot be removed. We don't charge for spilt Prosecco, which can be washed out, however, we do charge for damage due to sunscreen. It's a no-brainer, choose Prosecco. Make sure that you check the ingredients of your sunscreens carefully. Reef-safe sunscreen is available for purchase at Massy Stores and other convenience shops on the island. This one is a sneaky offender...you can't see the P20 stain the linen until we wash them and then trust me...it isn't pretty and we get very sad...

## Check Out Times

Check Out time is 12 PM. Yes, we will miss you!

One day prior to departure, we will be able to offer notification if a late departure at the property will be possible.

Late Departure supplement if available:

Up to 5 pm – 50% of one night's charge

After 5 pm – 1 full night's charge

# Royal Westmoreland Facilities:

**Important Notice:** If you wish to walk on the golf course you need to vacate the front nine holes by 7.00am and the back nine holes by 8.30am. Additionally, you are required to register and sign a disclaimer at the Reception Desk at the Clubhouse.

**Please take your guest passes, which you should have received on arrival with you when using any of the Royal Westmoreland Facilities.**

Please obtain the Access codes for The Gym and The Beach Club from Guest Services as these are regularly changed.

## **Golf:**

Royal Westmoreland is probably the best golf course on the island! Should you wish to play during your stay and haven't already made arrangements, please contact guest services who will be happy to help you.

## **Gym:**

All our guests have access to the gym, which is in Sanctuary opposite the Club House. The gym is open from 5.00am until 9.00pm.

## **Pool & Jacuzzi:**

All our guests have access to the pool & jacuzzi, which is in the Sanctuary.

## **Tennis:**

All our guests can use the tennis courts. However, these need to be booked prior to use via Guest Services.

## **Beach Club, Mullins Beach:**

All guests have access to the Beach Club at Mullins Beach. Sun Beds and towels are provided free of charge. The Beach Club also has an excellent restaurant and bar too. There is a 'free' shuttle service to and from the Beach Club each day. Please check times of the shuttles with Guest Services as these change at different times of the year.

## **The Rum Shak:**

The Rum Shak is an extremely popular casual dining restaurant only open in the evening used by the residents of Royal Westmoreland. Would highly recommend for a relaxed, casual meal one evening.



**The Club House:**

The Club House serves a limited lunch menu geared around playing golf. Would highly recommend it for drinks in the evening the watch the sun go down around 5.30pm. The sunsets can be amazing!

**Delivery Menu:**

Royal Westmoreland operates a delivery meal service up until 8.00pm. The food is normally very good. There is a delivery menu in one of the drawers in the kitchen.

**Taxi Service:**

Although not part of the Royal Westmoreland services, we use a dedicated taxi driver who knows us well. He is extremely helpful and accommodating and always provides an excellent service. Should you wish to use his services his contact details are:

Kemal Thompson +1 (246) 258-0262

# SERVICES

## Internet

Wireless internet is provided complimentary at this property and can be used by guests. The wireless connection is labelled #5 Coconut Grove and the password is located in the welcome letter. Please note that this is supplied by a third party and there may be fluctuations or no connectivity at times. Should you have a problem please contact your Concierge Agent.

## Laundry & Dry Cleaning

The housekeeper here will launder all your personal clothing used on holiday. Laundry will be collected from the designated laundry baskets in the guest bathrooms. The property does not accept liability for any damages to the laundered clothing. All special care items are to be separated by the guest and sent out for dry cleaning. The Housekeeper is called Vashti and works (unless other arrangements have been made) from 9.00am until 4.00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

## Beach Towels

We know you are anxious to get to the main attraction, beach towels are provided for the maximum number of guests allowed in the villa. We ask that you not use raw Aloe Vera or P20 as you know cause pretty nasty stains in your clothes and towels. That P20 is a sneaky one, you won't see it, until we wash and the damage is done! A fee will be charged for lost or damaged towels.

Beach towels are provided at The Royal Westomreland Beach Club, but if you wish to visit other beaches, please use the beach towels provided (colour striped with tassels).

## Drinking Water

The kitchen is fitted with a water filter. Tap water in Barbados is very safe to drink. We have drunk it all of our lives. However, if you prefer bottled water our Concierge Department has access to many imported brands at wholesale prices and it is also readily available in the grocery stores. Do not drink the water from the garden pipes, outdoor taps and showers-trust us on this one!

## Property Management

Your Staff is dedicated to delivering excellent service and attention to all your needs of the property or staff during your stay. For all your Holiday or Guest Services needs, please contact your assigned Concierge Agent. You may also contact your concierge for any after-hour emergencies. Their contact number is in your Welcome Letter. The person that manages Lime Tree House is Shenee Knight of Planned Maintenance Inc. She can be contacted on [shenee@plannedmaintenanceinc.com](mailto:shenee@plannedmaintenanceinc.com) or on her mobile +1 (246) 256 8156.

## Staircase & Chandelier Lighting

The lights on stairs and chandelier are dimmable from the light switch at the bottom of the stairs. If these lights are turned off upstairs, they need to be turned back on upstairs in order that the dimmer switch will work.

## Bedrooms

Each bedroom has a dimmable bedside radio alarm clock with USB charging ports, electric adaptors and a hair dryer.

## Bathrooms

There are white bath towels provided in each bathroom. Should you require additional towels please speak with the Housekeeper, Vashti.

## Toilets

The toilets all run into a septic tank system, so please DO NOT flush any feminine / sanitary products or baby wipes, nappies etc down the toilet as the toilets easily get blocked up. Please use the sanitary bins provided in each bathroom.

## Hot Water

Hot water is generated by the solar panels on the roof. There are 4 large tanks that supply the villa with hot water. The best time to enjoy a hot shower is in the evenings around 5.00-6.00pm. Please allow 3 -4 minutes for the hot water to run through.

## Outdoor Furniture

Please bring the sunbed cushions under cover at night.

## Outdoor / Garden Lighting

The garden can be lit up at night. The switch to turn these lights on and off is situated at the rear of the dining area on the righthand side. Please ensure the lights are turned off when going to bed or going out in the evening.

## Garden

The Gardener comes every Thursday to maintain the garden. He is very good and keeps himself to himself.

The irrigation system will start up each evening from around 7.30pm and will last for an hour or so as it waters the different parts of the garden.

# Emergency Contacts

<b>POLICE</b>	<b>211</b>
<b>AMBULANCE</b>	<b>511</b>
<b>FIRE</b>	<b>311</b>
<b>DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>411</b>
<b>OPERATOR</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Blue Sky Luxury Concierge After office hours</b>	<b>826-6209</b>
<b>Property Management After office hours</b>	<b>836-8469</b>
<b>Get Help Ambulance Service</b>	<b>438-4357</b>
<b>Island Care Ambulance Service</b>	<b>435-9425</b>
<b>Queen Elizabeth Hospital - Martindale's Rd, St. Michael</b>	<b>436-6450</b>
<b>Bay View Hospital - St. Paul's Ave, Bayville, St. Michael</b>	<b>436-5446</b>
<b>Sandy Crest Medical Centre - Sunset Crest, St. James</b>	<b>419-4911</b>

<b>EMBASSY &amp; CONSULATES in Barbados</b>	
<b>US EMBASSY - Wildey Business Park, Wildey, St. Michael</b>	
<b>U.S. Citizens with emergencies, please call (246) 227-4000 (BARBADOS – POST 1 will action accordingly) or (+1 473) 407-2495 (GRENADA)</b>	
Main Switchboard:	<b>246-227-4000</b>
Consular Section (questions):	<b>246-227-4399</b>
Public Affairs Section Fax:	<b>246-227-4177</b>
<b>BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION - Lower Collymore Rock, St. Michael</b>	
Chancery:	<b>246-430-7851</b>
Management / Consular:	<b>246-430-7860</b>
Trade & Investment / Information:	<b>246-430-7826</b>
<b>If you are in Barbados and you need urgent help (for example, you've been attacked, arrested or someone has died), call + 1 246 430 7800</b>	
<b>THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION - Bishop's Court Hill, Bridgetown, St. Michael</b>	<b>246-429-3550</b>
<b>DELEGATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION - Hastings Main Rd, Christ Church</b>	<b>246-434-8501</b>



# Beach Safety

## Flags on the beach

You may see flags on the beach indicating dangerous currents. Here's what they mean:

YELLOW FLAG: means proceed with caution

RED FLAG: is a strong warning that you should stay out of the sea

## Manchineel trees

Ok, so Barbados has many fruit trees that you can enjoy, ladies and gents, the Manchineel tree is NOT one of them. Beware of the caustic Manchineel trees that line the West Coast beaches. They have small dark green leaves and fruit that resemble small yellow/green apples. Picture the size as compared to the size of a golf ball. Contact with the sap of the tree or apples will cause blistering and crying (yes, it's that bad). Also, even rainwater dripping off the leaves can have the same effect; so, do not shelter under them during rainfall. Dance in the rain instead. You'll thank us.

Manchineel trees are usually, but not always, marked with a red ring around the trunk. Extra care should be taken with small children, as the "small apples" are fairly prevalent. You often see lots of the green fruit on the ground – please seek immediate medical advice if consumed.

## Mosquitoes & Sand Flies

Yea, they are pesky wherever you go and these insects "make themselves known" at sunset and throughout the evening. We do treat our properties regularly, but as a tropical island, Barbados will have mosquitoes and sand flies, especially in the wetter summer months. We do treat Martangie, however you can bring a can of insect repellent with you or grab some at the local supermarket along with that reef-safe sunscreen (gentle reminder folks.)

## Sea Urchins/Cobblers

Oh, another item that we can't joke about, we feel the pain just mentioning this. As you know, Barbados is surrounded by series of coral reefs. As a result, sea urchins (commonly referred to as cobblers) can be found on rocks close to shore. They resemble a black tennis ball with long black spines or short white spines. Should you happen to step on one while exploring:

- DO NOT try to remove the spines from beneath the skin as this will possibly lead to infection.
- They will dissolve and disappear, however it is wise to soak the area with antiseptic. If spines are protruding from the skin, you may try to remove them carefully.
- Don't step on them, even if snorkelling, wear protective reef shoes.

## Sea Safety

Now, although our waters are super calm for the most part and perfect to relax with a float and a cold beverage, this is NOT the case for every beach. Please heed local warnings, we are locals and we certainly take heed. There are strong undercurrents on the East Coast of the island (in some places on the South Coast too) so swimming outside designated beaches (those protected by offshore reefs) can be extremely dangerous. More serious stuff.

- Be careful when swimming at any beach where water sports are offered. Always keep an eye out for jet skis and speedboats, especially when snorkelling.
- Don't have bonfires on the beach- Having a bonfire on the beach is not only illegal but dangerous. As tempting as it may be, please refrain. If this is indeed something you would like to do, please contact your Concierge agent to assist with legally organizing a beach bonfire.

## Sun

As a general rule, once that good old Barbados sun is a shinin' – wear your sunblock.

Apply sunblock whenever you are exposed to the sun, especially when on the beach, at the pool or engaging in outdoor activities. We suggest that for the first few days of your visit you spend only short periods in the direct sun and apply sunscreen every 30 minutes. Avoid sunbathing at the hottest time of the day between 1200 and 1400 and do not remain in the sun for more than 30 minutes until you see how sensitive your skin is. Additionally, whenever possible we recommend you wear a hat to protect you from the direct rays of the sun.

It is essential to understand the following information about sunscreen and other harmful chemicals. Oxybenzone, octinoxate, octocrylene, octisalate, avobenzone and homosalate – have been identified as being particularly dangerous for ecosystems. They make coral more susceptible to bleaching, deform baby coral and also degrade its resilience to climate change. Sunscreens with these chemicals can also stain your clothing, sheets and towels.

# Currency & Credit Cards

At the time of printing the Barbados dollar was tied economically to the United States dollar at \$1.00US: \$1.98BDS. This rate never fluctuates, and many establishments will give the rate of 2:1 when paid in US cash. When exchanging foreign cash at local banks the daily exchange rates are well posted for all currencies such as Pounds Sterling, Canadian, and Euros. You must present your passport or picture ID when changing money.

All major credit cards are accepted. Visa and MasterCard can be used widely and to a lesser extent American Express. Some operations, like Massy Grocery will also ask for picture ID when paying with a Credit Card.



# Environmental

Blue Sky Luxury prides itself on providing a superior service to our guests. In addition, we are also aware of our impact on the environment and to protect our island, we wish you to practice some of the “green tips” below. Help us to keep our island beautiful and clean.

## Green Tips

- Please use your discretion on the amount of water used while showering.
- We suggest that you have towels and linens changed only when needed to preserve water and energy.
- Single-use Plastic Bags and Styrofoam containers have been BANNED in Barbados. Please reuse plastic bags for shopping or buy reusable bags. Millions of plastic bags end up in our landfills every year.
- Lastly... recycle, recycle, and recycle! Before disposing of any plastics, metals or paper, ask staff to place them in the appropriate bins for recycling if available at your property



# Laws

## SMOKING

On October 1, 2010 a no smoking law in public places was made effective. Locals and visitors can be prosecuted if found smoking in public areas. Just so we're clear:

The definition of a public place includes a building, place, structure, or facility that is owned or occupied by the Crown or a statutory board; a place, site, building, factory, plant, workplace, or other structure that is fully or substantially enclosed; and a hotel lobby, hotel room, restaurant, library, museum, auditorium, historic or other site of archaeological or national significance. That's a mouthful, but in case you forget, there are usually signs that act as a guide.

Violation of this law is subject to a fine, imprisonment or both.

Compliance - There will be a fine of \$500 or a term of imprisonment for 12 months or both for individuals and a fine of \$5000 or 12 months or both for the occupier.

**Smoking is only allowed outside and on open terraces of Caprice. Charges will apply if indoor cleaning is required.**

## SUNBATHING:

Although we embrace the inner Adam and Eve principles, topless or nude sunbathing is illegal on any beach on the island. When you are in your villa however, commune with nature as you like...well, maybe when the staff isn't around.

## DRESS CODE:

Please ensure that you are covered when entering a place of business such as a bank or grocery store after you come up off the beach. A wrap, beach cover-up, and shirt are required when in public. Please do not walk around the street in only a swimsuit. Many consider this to be offensive. When dining in Restaurants in Barbados, it is generally expected that gentlemen wear long trousers, generally, flip-flops and sneakers are not allowed. A jacket and tie are not required.

## CAMOUFLAGE:

It is an offence for anyone, including children, to dress in camouflage clothing in Barbados. So leave that cute camo swimsuit and onesie in the suitcase! We're not the fashion police, but it is the law!

## **CELLPHONES**

This is pretty straightforward, although we're tempted to text, it is illegal to drive or operate a vehicle while holding and using a cell phone. To place or receive a call while driving, Bluetooth technology requiring minimal operation must be used. If you do not have access to one-touch or voice-activated Bluetooth devices, you must pull your vehicle safely off the road to take or make calls. Please also note that Bluetooth earpieces are prohibited. Persons found guilty of violating this law could face a \$2,000 fine, 18 months in jail, or both.

## **EARPHONES:**

As in many other countries in the world, an ear piece (unless suffering from hearing issues) and headphones are not permitted while driving a vehicle.

## **NOISE POLLUTION:**

After 11 pm in the evening, there should be no audible noise such as radio or stereo outside your villa. However, in the event, you are entertaining into the evening discuss with your Concierge as special permission needs to be acquired from the authorities in order to have outdoor speakers, bands or DJs.

## **MARIJUANA:**

Unlike many parts of the world, marijuana is an illegal substance in Barbados. It is against the law to possess it, purchase it, or consume it. There's hope yet for the medical community as legislation for the medical use only. (yes, we bolded that for you) is being put into place however it is not yet in place at this time and still deemed an illegal offense.

# Nearby

## Holetown

- This was the first settlement in Barbados and was originally named Jamestown after King James I of England. The Holetown Monument commemorates the first English landing in Barbados in 1625.
- In Holetown, you will find a post office, public library, supermarket, banking facilities and a wide variety of restaurants and cafes in Chattel Village, West Coast Mall and Sunset Mall.
- Limegrove Lifestyle Centre is an addition to this area and offers upscale shopping, Italian and Asian cuisine as well as movie theatres.
- 1st and 2nd Second Streets, Holetown is filled with a wide variety of intimate restaurants and bars lining the narrow streets. Friday and Saturday nights are extremely popular

## Speightstown

- Located along the northwest coast of Barbados, Speightstown is one of the Barbados' major towns and boasts a long and rich history with its historic buildings still exhibiting detailed architecture.
- Every day is market day in Speightstown with the sidewalk vendors offering fresh fruits and vegetables daily.
- You will find all conveniences in Speightstown – banks, small shops, supermarket and pharmacy – as well as beach-front restaurants, quaint bars and coffee shops, an art gallery and an inter-active museum.
- A bandstand and boardwalk add to the picturesque charm of this compact little town!

# Sunrise & Sunset

There is little fluctuation in the length of Barbados' daylight throughout the year. Below is a guide to when are sunrises and sunsets at different times of the year.

### Winter:

Sunrise between: 6am – 6.30am

Sunset between: 5.30pm – 6pm

### Summer:

Sunrise between: 5.30am – 6am

Sunset between: 6pm – 6.30pm

## Time Zone

Barbados is 4 hrs behind GMT and so during the winter it is four hrs behind the UK (five behind rest of Europe) and an hour ahead of the Eastern US. Barbados has no daylight saving time in the summer so the island is then five hours behind the UK (six hrs behind the rest of Europe) and on the same time as EST in the US.

## Transportation

Contact our Concierge department for our preferred taxi services contact details. Your Concierge can arrange a hired car for you. Please remember in Barbados we drive on the left side of the road, just as they do in England, which may take some getting used to for North American drivers. Also, take extra care crossing the street – out of habit, you may find yourself looking where cars are going instead of coming.

## Turtles

One nearly bit my toe one time...sorry, we digress. Two of the world's rarest sea creatures make their nests on the beaches of Barbados . . . the Hawksbill and the Leatherback Turtles. The Hawksbill nests between April and November mainly on the west and south coasts of the island, whilst the mighty Leatherback (nickname for my uncle as well), the largest of all turtle species, nests between February and July on the windswept beaches of the east coasts and south coasts. We implore you, don't disturb nesting sea turtles if you happen to spot one nesting on the shore. Watch from a distance if you enjoy the miracle of nature, inform your Concierge so the information on the nesting site can be passed on to the correct authorities.

The Barbados Sea Turtle Project provides a 24-hour Sea Turtle Hotline (230-0142) year-round. The public and visitors can use this number to call in information on turtles nesting, hatching of eggs, or lost or injured turtles

Do not leave trash on the beach as it can harm the turtles.

All sea turtle species are protected by law in Barbados. The Fisheries Regulations state that:

- No person shall have in his possession; sell or expose for sale or; purchase any turtle or part thereof or turtle eggs.
- No person shall fish for or ensnare a turtle.
- No person shall disturb or endanger any turtle nest or remove from a nest any turtle eggs.
- Any person who contravenes these Regulations is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term of 2 years or both.

# Voltage

Electricity in Barbados is 115 Volts, alternating at 50 cycles per second. If you have travelled with a device that does not accept 115 Volts at 50 Cycles all is not lost, let the house staff and/or your Concierge know and they will assist in finding an adapter. Outlets in Barbados generally accept a FLAT BLADE type of plug.



Flat blade plug



