



“Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SOMOA Pathway in Small Island Developing States– SIDS: Equipping Public Institutions and Mobilizing Partnerships”

21-23 February 2017
Nassau, The Bahamas
Meliá Nassau Beach Resort

General Travel and Hotel Information for The Bahamas

Entry Requirements:

For general requirements for entry into The Bahamas please visit <http://www.bahamas.com/entry-requirements>

Vaccination Requirements:

There are no required vaccinations for entry to The Bahamas, however, travellers over age one must provide a Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate if arriving from countries with risk of Yellow Fever, including countries within Latin America and Africa. This requirement also applies to travellers having transited more than 12 hours through an airport of a country with risk of Yellow Fever transmission.

More information regarding Vaccination Requirements can be found on in Annex I or on the following sites: www.cdc.gov/travel or the World Health Organization ([link 1](#) and [link 2](#)).

General Information:

For general information about The Bahamas, please visit: <http://www.bahamas.com/about-bahamas>

Weather:

For weather, please visit: <http://www.bahamas.com/weather>

Hotels:

The Symposium Hotel is Meliá Nassau Beach Resort (All Inclusive Resort), Cable Beach, Nassau Bahamas, www.melia.com/en/hotels/bahamas/nassau/melia-nassau-beach/index.html

SYMPOSIUM HOTEL

Meliá Nassau Beach Resort (All Inclusive Resort)
Cable Beach, Nassau Bahamas

www.melia.com/en/hotels/bahamas/nassau/melia-nassau-beach/index.html

Hotel Amenities

- Unlimited Dining Experience and selected Brand Liquors, Wines, Bottles Water and Soft Drinks (Starbucks and Black Angus restaurant not included)
- All food & Beverage Gratuities for Plan inclusions
- Complimentary use of PressReader
- Concierge service, recruiting trips and tickets
- Services loungers / hammocks in the garden, pool and beach area
- Private security throughout the Resort
- Nightly Live Entertainment
- 24 –Hour Fitness Center

Hotel Activities

- Expansive beach
- 3 outdoor swimming pools
- Garden, poolside and beachside chaise lounges and umbrellas, wet bar service
- Daily entertainment program
- 2 Whirlpools
- Water sports– motorized and non-motorized

Dining Options

Black Angus Steakhouse* +
Contemporary décor, modern and contemporary jazz offer guest the courts of highest quality and the freshest ingredients style restaurant.

The Market Place - International buffet serves salads, pastas, rice vegetables, fish, meat and taste tempting desserts.

O’Grille - Beachside dining with spectacular ocean view while enjoy a Brazilian rodizio buffet.

Aqua *- Resort’s signature restaurant Aqua is an Italian trattoria serving a la carte selections.

Cilantro* _ Take a gastronomic journey to Mexico.

Estavida^- An upbeat tapas lounge located in hotel lobby specializing in innovative tapas and wide selection of cocktails.

Nikkei - Experience the fusion of traditional Japanese and Peruvian Cuisine*

* Open for dinner. Reservation required
+ Additional Charge
^ Open late morning to midnight.

Excerpts taken from:
<https://www1.melia.com/en/hotels/bahamas/nassau/melia-nassau-beach/index.html>

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Meliá Beach Resort Accommodation Rates

* Rates are subject to change.

| Room Type | Single Rate (pp) | Double Rate (pp) |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Deluxe Pool View | \$270.00 | \$199.00pp |
| Premium Ocean View | \$330.00 | \$245.00 pp |
| The Level | \$500.00 | \$310.00 pp |
| The Level Jr. Suite | \$480.00 | \$340.00 pp |
| 1 Bedroom Ocean Front Suite | \$840.00 | \$440.00 |
| 2 Bedroom Ocean Front Suite | \$870.00 | \$540.00 |
| Presidential Suite | \$1,340.00 | \$740.00 |

pp: per person

Alternative Accommodation Options

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| <p>ATLANTIS BEACH RESORTS Paradise Island Tel: (242) 363-2000 Tel: (242) 363-3703 Website: www.atlantis.com Distance from Airport: 32 min. Distance to Symposium Venue: 27 min Rates: \$\$\$ Medium –High</p> | <p>COMPASS POINT BEACH RESORT LTD. Gambier, West Bay Street Tel: (242) 327-4500 Website: www.compasspointbeachresort.com Distance from Airport: 7 min Distance to Symposium Venue: 12 min. Rates: \$\$ Low –Medium</p> |
| <p>SUPERCLUBS BREEZES (All Inclusive Resort) Cable Beach Tel: (242) 327-5356 Tel: 1-800 –BREEZES (273-3937) Website: www.breezes.com Distance from Airport: 14mins Distance to Symposium Venue: 6 min. Rates: \$\$\$ Medium –High</p> | <p>WESTWIND II CLUB (Timeshare/Hotel) Cable Beach Tel: (242) 327-7211 Website: www.westwindii.com Distance from Airport: Distance to Symposium Venue: 1min Rates: \$\$ Low- Medium</p> |
| <p>BRITISH COLONIAL HILTON (Business Hotel) #1 Bay Street, Nassau Tel. Tel: (242) 322-3301 Tel. 1-877-GO-HILTON Website: www.hiltoncaribbean.com/nassau Distance from Airport: 23 min. Distance to Symposium Venue: 18 min. Rates: \$\$\$ Medium –High</p> | |

****Rooms are subject to availability.***

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General Information on Nassau, Bahamas:

Nassau, the capital of The Bahamas, is located on New Providence Island and is a bustling island city filled with culture and modern amenities. To the north of New Providence is Paradise Island which is connected to Nassau by a short bridge. Alternatively visitors can take a water ferry over to the island. Nassau is the seat of government and the center of life in the Bahamas. There are numerous things to do during your stay here, from shopping, beach excursions, boating, fishing, diving, ecotourism excursions, sightseeing, and golf and other sports.

For a full list of activities please visit the Ministry of Tourism Information page at <http://www.bahamas.com/things-to-do> or the Dupuch Publication http://digital.bahamasnet.com/go/whattodonassau_july2016/

For additional information or general queries please contact us at UNSID2017@bahamas.gov.bs

Climate

The average high temperature in Nassau, Bahamas in February is 71 °F -75° F (22°C-24°C).
The average low temperature is 25° C (77°F).

Currency

The Bahamian dollar is on par with the US dollar; however, expect to pay a small commission when converting local currency into US dollars.

Taxes

There is no sales tax in The Bahamas. There are however, several taxes and charges which include hotel room taxes and surcharges and restaurant service charges. Additionally a 7.5% value add tax (VAT) is charged on goods and services in the Bahamas.

Immigration

Upon arriving in The Bahamas, everyone must fill out and sign an immigration form. Visitors are required to keep a portion of the card in hand until departure.

Taxi Fares

General Rates:

Taxi fares are generally charged at \$3 for the first ¼ mile and 40¢ for each additional ¼ mile. Additional passengers over two are levied an additional \$3 fee each. The following are some standard routes and rates:

Lynden Pindling International Airport &:

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| Cable Beach | \$18 | Downtown | \$27 |
| Montagu foreshore | \$34 | Paradise Island..... | \$32 |
| Prince George Dock | \$27 | South Ocean | \$22 |

Cable Beach &:

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| Downtown | \$15 | Paradise Island..... | \$22 |
| South Ocean | \$28 | | |

Paradise Island &:

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| Downtown | \$11 |
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Traffic Rules

The Bahamas practiced the British custom of driving on the left. If you rent a car, most have steering wheel on the left. Speed Limit through the city Cable Beach and congested areas is 25 mph/40kmh unless otherwise indicated. The wearing of a seat belt is mandatory.

Car Rentals

There are a number of car rental agencies in The Bahamas.

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Annex I:

| Vaccination Requirements for The Bahamas (Updated October 3rd 2016) | | |
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| Country | Disease | Requirement |
| AFGHANISTAN | Malaria | |
| ALGERIA | Malaria, Coronavirus | |
| ANGOLA | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| ARGENTINA | Chikungunya virus disease | |
| AZERBAIJAN | Malaria | |
| BANGLADESH | Malaria | |
| BARBADOS | Zika Virus | |
| BELIZE | Malaria | |
| BENIN | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| BHUTAN | Malaria | |
| BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF) | Malaria, Yellow Fever, Zika Virus | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| BOTSWANA | Malaria | |
| BRAZIL | Malaria, Yellow Fever, Zika Virus, Influenza due to identified avian or animal influenza virus | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| BRUNEI DARUSSALAM | Malaria | |
| BURKINA FASO | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| BURUNDI | Malaria, Yellow Fever, Cholera | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| CABO VERDE | Malaria | |
| CAPE VERDE | Zika Virus | |
| CAMBODIA | Malaria | |
| CAMEROON | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC | Malaria, Yellow Fever, Monkeypox, Cholera | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| CHAD | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| CHINA | Malaria, H7N9, Coronavirus | |
| COLOMBIA | Malaria, Yellow Fever, Zika Virus | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| COMOROS | Malaria | |
| CONGO | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| COSTA RICA | Malaria | |
| CÔTE D’IVOIRE | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF KOREA | Malaria | |

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| DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| DJIBOUTI | Malaria | |
| DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | Malaria, Chikungunya | |
| ECUADOR | Malaria, Yellow Fever, Zika Virus | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| EGYPT | Dengue Fever, H9N2, Coronavirus | |
| EL SALVADOR | Malaria, Zika Virus | |
| EQUATORIAL GUINEA | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| ERITREA | Malaria | |
| ETHIOPIA | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| FRANCE | West Nile Virus | |
| FRENCH GUIANA | Malaria, Yellow Fever, Zika | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| GABON | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| GAMBIA | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| GEORGIA | Malaria | |
| GERMANY | Coronavirus | |
| GHANA | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| GREECE | Malaria | |
| GUADELOUPE | Zika Virus | |
| GUATEMALA | Malaria, Zika Virus | |
| GUINEA | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever. |
| GUINEA-BISSAU | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| GUYANA | Malaria, Zika Virus | |
| HAITI | Malaria, Cholera, Zika Virus | |
| HONDURAS | Malaria, Zika Virus | |
| INDIA | Malaria | |
| INDONESIA | Malaria | |
| IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF) | Malaria, Coronavirus | |
| IRAQ | Malaria, Cholera | |
| JORDAN | Coronavirus | |
| KENYA | Malaria, Yellow Fever, Chikungunya virus disease | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| KUWAIT | Coronavirus | |
| KYRGYZSTAN | Malaria | |
| LAO PEOPLE’S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC | Malaria, Poliomyelitis | Proof of vaccination of Polio |
| LIBERIA | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| MADAGASCAR | Malaria, Yellow Fever | |

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| MALAWI | Malaria | |
| MALAYSIA | Zika Virus | |
| MALI | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| MARTINIQUE | Zika Virus | |
| MAURITANIA | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| MAYOTTE | Malaria | |
| MEXICO | Malaria, Zika Virus | |
| MOZAMBIQUE | Malaria | |
| MYANMAR | Malaria | |
| NAMIBIA | Malaria | |
| NEPAL | Malaria | |
| NICARAGUA | Malaria | |
| NIGER | Malaria, Yellow Fever, Meningitis, Acute Haemorrhagic Fever Syndrome, Rift Valley Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| NIGERIA | Malaria, Yellow Fever, Poliomyelitis, acute paralytic, wild virus, indigenous | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| OMAN | Malaria, Coronavirus | |
| PAKISTAN | Malaria | |
| PANAMA | Malaria, Yellow Fever, Zika Virus | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| PAPUA NEW GUINEA | Malaria | |
| PARAGUAY | Malaria, Yellow Fever, Zika Virus | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| PERU | Malaria, Yellow Fever, | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| PHILIPPINES | Malaria, Coronavirus | |
| PORTUGAL | West Nile Virus | |
| QATAR | Coronavirus | |
| REPUBLIC OF KOREA | Malaria, Coronavirus | |
| RUSSIAN FEDERATION | Malaria | |
| RWANDA | Malaria | |
| SAINT MARTIN | Zika Virus | |
| SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE | Malaria | |
| SAUDI ARABIA | Malaria, Coronavirus | |
| SENEGAL | Malaria, Yellow Fever, Chikungunya | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| SIERRA LEONE | Malaria, Yellow Fever, Ebola | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever Persons not admitted into country unless they have passed their 21 day waiting period for Ebola |
| SINGAPORE | Malaria | |
| SOLOMON ISLANDS | Malaria | |
| SOMALIA | Malaria | |
| SOUTH AFRICA | Malaria | |

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| SOUTH SUDAN | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| SRI LANKA | Malaria | |
| SUDAN | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| SURINAME | Malaria, Zika Virus | |
| SWAZILAND | Malaria | |
| SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC | Malaria | |
| TAJKISTAN | Malaria | |
| TANZANIA | Cholera | |
| THAILAND | Malaria, Coronavirus | |
| TIMOR-LESTE | Malaria | |
| TOGO | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| TURKEY | Malaria | |
| UGANDA | Malaria, Yellow Fever | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | Coronavirus | |
| UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA | Malaria, Cholera | |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (the) | Zika virus disease, Influenza due to identified avian or animal influenza virus | |
| UKRAINE | Poliomyelitis | Proof of vaccination of Polio |
| UZBEKISTAN | Malaria | |
| VANUATU | Malaria | |
| VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF) | Malaria, Yellow Fever, Zika Virus | Proof of vaccination for Yellow Fever |
| VIET NAM | Malaria | |
| YEMEN | Malaria, Coronavirus | |
| ZAMBIA | Malaria | |
| ZIMBABWE | Malaria | |