



**“Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SAMOA 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](http://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](http://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

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**Hotel Amenities**

- Unlimited Dinning 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-mortised

**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**

<p><b>ATLANTIS BEACH RESORTS</b> Paradise Island Tel: (242) 363-2000 Tel: (242) 363-3703 Website: <a href="http://www.atlantis.com">www.atlantis.com</a> Distance from Airport: 32 min. Distance to Symposium Venue: 27 min Rates: \$\$\$ Medium –High</p>	<p><b>COMPASS POINT BEACH RESORT LTD.</b> Gambier, West Bay Street Tel: (242) 327-4500 Website: <a href="http://www.compasspointbeachresort.com">www.compasspointbeachresort.com</a> Distance from Airport: 7 min Distance to Symposium Venue: 12 min. Rates: \$\$ Low –Medium</p>
<p><b>SUPERCLUBS BREEZES</b> (All Inclusive Resort ) Cable Beach Tel: (242) 327-5356 Tel: 1-800 –BREEZES (273-3937) Website: <a href="http://www.breezes.com">www.breezes.com</a> Distance from Airport: 14mins Distance to Symposium Venue: 6 min. Rates: \$\$\$ Medium –High</p>	<p><b>WESTWIND II CLUB</b> (Timeshare/Hotel ) Cable Beach Tel: (242) 327-7211 Website: <a href="http://www.westwindii.com">www.westwindii.com</a> Distance from Airport: Distance to Symposium Venue: 1min Rates: \$\$ Low- Medium</p>
<p><b>BRITISH COLONIAL HILTON</b>_(Business Hotel) #1 Bay Street, Nassau Tel. Tel: (242) 322-3301 Tel. 1-877-GO-HILTON Website: <a href="http://www.hiltoncaribbean.com/nassau">www.hiltoncaribbean.com/nassau</a> 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/](http://digital.bahamasnet.com/go/whattodonassau_july2016/)

For additional information or general queries please contact us at [UNSID2017@bahamas.gov.bs](mailto: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 &:

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

### Cable Beach &:

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

### Paradise Island &:

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:**

<b>Vaccination Requirements for The Bahamas (Updated October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016)</b>		
<b>Country</b>	<b>Disease</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
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	