



### 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:	His Excellency Elliot Belgrave Ag.
Prime Minister:	The Honourable Freundel Stuart, M.P.
Literacy Rate:	99.7%
UNDP Human Development Index 2011:	47 <sup>th</sup> of 187 Countries 5 <sup>th</sup> in Western hemisphere
Population 2010 (est):	276,302
Population Growth Rate 2010:	0.2%
Infant Mortality Rate 2010:	10.1 per 1,000 births
Life Expectancy:	77.7 years
Labour Force June 2010 (est):	142,300
Unemployment Rate 2010:	10.8%
% Real GDP Growth 2010:	0.2%

Per Capita GDP @ Factor Cost 2010:	US\$13,300
% Annual Inflation Rate 2010:	5.8%
Major Industries:	Tourism, Financial Services, Sugar, Agriculture & Manufacturing
Major Trading Partners:	CARICOM, USA, UK, Canada, Germany, Japan
Imports (CIF) 2010(P):	US\$1,401.8 Million
Domestic Exports 2010(P):	US\$236.25 Million
Tourist Arrivals 2010(P):	532,180
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. The list of holidays for November 2011 through December 2012 is below. **Note:** Where a public holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday is celebrated on the following day.

<b>Name of Holiday</b>	<b>Date in 2011</b>
Independence Day	November 30
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26

<b>Name of Holiday</b>	<b>Date in 2012</b>
New Years Day	January 1
Errol Barrow Day	January 21
Good Friday	April 6
Easter Monday	April 9
National Heroes Day	April 28
Labour Day	May 1
Whit Monday	May 28
Emancipation Day	August 1
Kadooment Day	August 6
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