## **DESTINATION GUIDE 2022**

NASSAU, BAHAMAS

## GRADWEEK

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#### **Need GradWeek On-Site Assistance?**

Do not hesitate to call. GradWeek Staff are here to help! If you have an issue or a situation during your trip, you must call us so we can assist. Do not hesitate to call or text. If you cannot contact us, have a friend call.

ON-SITE 24-HOUR GRADWEEK NUMBER IS: PROVIDED TO TRAVELERS UPON ARRIVAL AT THE DESTINATION

#### **Need To Call Home?**

Upon arriving we strongly encourage that you take a minute and call home. We often get calls from parents saying they have not heard from their son or daughter. To avoid unnecessary calls and worrying, take few minutes and call or message your parent(s) to let them know you made it to the Bahamas safely. The easiest way to call home is to use the pay phones in the lobby. This will help you avoid costly hotel surcharges the hotel will charge when you call from your room. Simply dial the number listed on the pay-phone and a U.S. operator will place a collect call. Please note that calling to the U.S. from another country can be expensive and we recommend that you keep your call brief to avoid large phone charges. \*Please Note: If using your cell phone to call home, typical rates are \$2.00 per minute. Please keep calls brief! In addition, those with Data Plans, you can incur enormous cell phone bills by leaving your Data Connection on while in the Bahamas to avoid this we recommend keeping your phone in airplane mode.

#### **Need Medical Attention?**

GradWeek staff members are not doctors and thus will not make any judgment calls on whether or not medical attention is necessary for any reason. This decision is entirely up to the traveler and his or her parents. If you are in doubt as to whether medical attention is needed, we strongly recommend you contact your parent(s) and/or guardian(s) and ask for advice. If you are in need of medical attention and it is a non-emergency, you can locate a GradWeek Staff member for directions to the nearest medical facility. If you cannot find a GradWeek Staff member, simply go to your hotel's front desk for assistance or call the number above. If it is an emergency, dial 919 or 911 and have your friend notify a GradWeek Staff Member.

Local Urgent Care Facility: Walk-In Clinic | 35 Collins Ave, Nassau Phone: (242) 328-0783 | E-mail: contactus@walkinclinicbahamas.com

#### **Helpful Safety & Travel Tips**

- Hydration DRINK PLENTY OF WATER!! After many hours of travel, combined with laying
  in the sun and lack of sleep, it's critical that you stay hydrated. Be sure to drink lots of
  water during your trip. You'll feel better, be less susceptible to illness, and you have an
  overall better experience!
- The Buddy System We highly recommend the buddy system. Please stay out in groups, especially when going back to your hotel at night. Always remember that there is safety in numbers! If you leave the hotel or an event, also tell a friend where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Taxis Getting around is typically done by Taxi (Uber and Lyft do not operate in the
  Bahamas) so plan to have cash on hand for this and traveling in groups is the safest and
  most economical way to go. The taxi's run all day and night. They will cost anywhere from
  \$4-\$7 per person depending on where you want to go. You can take up to 4 people in a
  standard taxicab. We strongly recommend that no one rides alone, especially at night!
- Drugs & Alcohol Just say NO! DRUG POSSESSION AND USE IS ILLEGAL. Do not buy, sell, or
  use drugs anywhere. You will be kicked out of your hotel and will most likely end up in jail;
  all at your own expense.
- Hotel/Room Damage You and your roommates are all responsible for paying any and all
  damage to your room. This also includes any extensive cleaning due to stains, smoking,
  liquid spills etc. Take care of your room!!! Upon arriving to your room make sure you and
  your roommates take 5 minutes to check your room and report any damages to the room
  if any so that you are not charged for it when you check out. Please walk down to the
  Front Desk and report any damages immediately. Do not let strangers into your room.
  Keep your doors locked at all times, including any balcony sliders.
- Hotel Safe Deposit Box We strongly recommend that you put all of your valuables in
  your safe deposit box upon check-in. THIS INCLUDES CELL PHONES, GO PROS,
  MONEY, ETC!!! If a box is not provided to you in your room, you can get one at the
  front desk. \*Report any missing/stolen items IMMEDIATELY to the HOTEL! DO NOT
  leave your valuables out when you are not in the room; aways put them away!

- Checkout Airport buses leave on-time so don't be late or you can get left behind! The night before departure travelers will need to pack their bags, and MUST clean up their room by picking up all trash (very important); garbage bags are available from the GradWeek Staff or the hotel Front Desk. On the day of your departure, proceed to Front Desk to settle any incidental balances on your room. You must be in the lobby 3 hours prior to your scheduled flight departure time. \*Buses will leave without you!! If your flight is not until late afternoon or evening, hotel checkout is at 11:00AM and you can check your bags at the bell desk. We suggest some last minute shopping.
- Motorized Water Sports We strongly recommend NOT renting mopeds, Jet-skis or other
  motorized water sport equipment. Moped collisions are a common occurrence and you are
  responsible for any damages. All equipment is owned locally and any damage to the
  equipment will be your responsibility. Be careful! Many students have been charged for
  damage they may not have done. Check the equipment for damage and report it before
  using.
- Ocean The Ocean has a strong undertow! During the day, please check to see if your hotel
  has warning flags in front of the beach area. Most hotels will post these flags to let you
  know the current ocean conditions. Please do not go in the ocean at night regardless of the
  posted flags. It is extremely dangerous at night!
- Balconies Do not sit on the ledge of your balcony or try and jump balconies from one room
  to another. Do not sit anything on the railing, it is very easy to fall off your balconies and
  can cause life threatening injuries!
- Crossing the Street Be sure and look both ways as to avoid being hit by moving vehicles. In the Bahamas, cars drive on the left side of the road not the right side of the street as in the US. This can be confusing to pedestrians. Looking both ways before crossing the street will insure safety.
- Mopeds We strongly recommend that you NOT rent mopeds. Mopeds are not allowed on the hotel property and cannot be parked in the parking garage. You are also responsible for damages.
- Money Wire Services If you run out of money and need money sent from home, GradWeek has a service that is easy and will save you time. Simply call home and have your parents email our Corporate Office at (800) 448-4444 to request a Wire Transfer Form or they can download it from the GradWeek website (from the RESOURCES page at www.gradweek.com). Our office will process their credit card for up to \$300 and GradWeek will pay you on-site. Please see a staff member for all money wire pick-ups. Money wires are distributed Monday-Friday at 7:00 PM (Bahamas time). You will need to bring photo ID to the GradWeek 24-hour room to receive your money.

#### **COVID-19 SAFETY REMINDERS**

CONGRATULATIONS Class of 2022! We want you to have the best week of your life but more importantly, we want you to be SAFE! Here's what you need to remember to have a happy and healthy grad trip:

- Masks are recommended and may be required in some establishments.
- Wash your hands OFTEN, for at least 20 seconds! When soap and water aren't available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Masks are recommended and may be required in some establishments.
- Cover coughs and sneezes- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow and immediately wash your hands.
- · Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- If you have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and inform a GradWeek staff member IMMEDIATELY!
- Regularly clean hard surfaces. This means <u>allowing housekeeping to clean your room</u> DAILY!
- Drink only from your OWN cup- Do NOT share drinks!!
- Relax, be safe, and get ready for the best week of your life!

#### **RETURNING HOME / U.S. TEST REQUIREMENTS**

The United States requires that all travelers entering the United States must show a Negative Antigen COVID-19 Test taken within 1-Day prior to your return flight home.

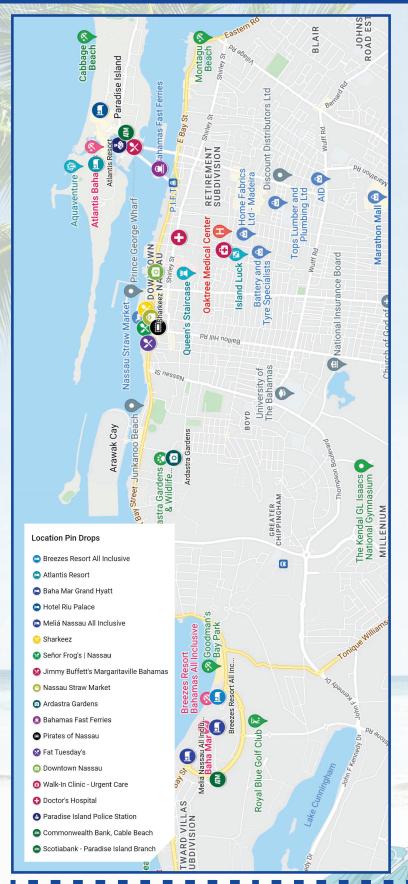
This test is to be shown when you check-in for your flight. The Antigen COVID Test can be done at the hotel and the price is included in your Bahamas Health Visa. You must make an appointment at the hotel's test center or the front desk.

For more information please visit: www.travel.gov.bs and www.bahamas.com/travelupdates

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#### **GOOD EATIN' IN THE BAHAMAS**

Your GradWeek Wristband can get you discounts at the following restaurants and eateries. Must show wristband and ask for discount prior to ordering!











#### **GRADWEEK EVENT SCHEDULE**

Given the changing restrictions and requirements surrounding COVID, please check the GradWeek readerboard in the lobby of your hotel or with a GradWeek Staff Member for the daily events. Events and times will be subject to local health requirements!

#### **OPTIONAL TOURS & ATTRACTIONS**

Located in your hotel lobby, the Tour Desk has helpful representatives that will tell you all about the different optional tours & attractions that are available to you in Nassau. Here are a few popular ones:

- Pirates of Nassau Museum: Take a guided tour through a pirate's ship to explore
  the lifestyle and adventures of the plunderers of the Caribbean. Take your picture
  in the pirate shackles and afterwards visit the Pirates Pub.
- Stuart Cove's: Dive with sharks or snorkel over shipwrecks. See what's going on beneath the surface with the island's largest dive company. Bus pick up at the hotel.
- Miniature Golf: Practice your putting under the palm trees. Take a break from the pool for a round of mini golf. Located behind the Wyndham beside the Flamingo Grill.
- Bahamas Fast Ferry: A once in a lifetime chance to walk on pink sand beaches.
   Take the "Bohingy" for local fast ferry to Harbor Island for a day you'll never forget. Rent a golf cart on the quaint, charming island or just walk through the tiny town. A dawn to dusk adventure.
- Dolphin Encounter: Get up close and personal with the ocean's most intelligent inhabitant. Included is a boat ride to an island where you meet the trainers and the dolphins. Book on arrival, space is limited and this one sells out fast!
- Ardastra Garden and Zoo: Visit this magical jungle garden, home to 100's of beautiful birds and animals including many of the endangered species of the Caribbean. Five and a half acres of twisted forest trails with fruit trees, waterfalls, and wildlife. A short walk off the #10 bus route.
- Island Sightseeing Tour: Get to know Nassau. This bus tour will take you to local
  historic sites including the Queen's staircase, Fort Charlotte, and the Water
  Tower. Get at least 6 people together to see what most tourists miss.
- Fishing Charter: Take home a real fishing story. Spend an afternoon with just you and your friends on a chartered boat. Get a group of at least 5 together to go after the hig one

Tours quoted are at the time of printing and are subject to change.

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#### READ THE FINE PRINT

Tours and events may only be redeemed with an Action Pac Wristband and the appropriate ticket. Events and prices are subject to change without notice. Please check the GradWeek readerboard in your hotel lobby every night for any event changes. Action Pacs and/or activities are non-refundable and non-transferable. You will not be reimbursed for any unused portion of the purchased package.

You are responsible for your actions on any given tour or event. It is your decision and choice to participate or not to participate in any given tour or event you have purchased. Activities are not mandatory; they are voluntary. Your decision to participate is not actionable against GradWeek. Your actions while on the tour or event are not actionable against GradWeek. Furthermore, you are aware of the risks surrounding COVID-19 and will abide by all active/In effect safety guidelines set by the local authorities.