

NEED GRADWEEK ON-SITE ASSISTANCE?

Do not hesitate to reach out to GradWeek Staff, we are here to help! If you have an issue or a situation during your trip, you must contact on-site staff so we can assist you while at the destination. Do not hesitate to **call or text**. If you cannot contact us yourself, have a friend call or text.

ON-SITE 24-HOUR GRADWEEK STAFF NUMBER:

***Provided to travelers upon arrival at destination/hotel.**

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 you are using your cell phone to call home, typical rates are \$3.00 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, if you are not able to.** If you need medical care, you will be required to pay for any hospital services upfront, you must keep all of your medical receipts and file a claim with the insurance company upon your return home for reimbursement.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- On-site 24-Hour GradWeek Staff Number: ***Provided to travelers upon arrival.**
- Emergency Services: 919 (or 911)
- Police Hotline (Direct): +1 (242) 322-4444
- Princess Margaret Hospital (ER): +1 (242) 322-2861
- Doctors Hospital/Walk-In Urgent Care: +1 (242) 788-8700 (1 Baha Mar Blvd.)
- American Consulate: +1 (242) 461-5025 ext. #1

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 will 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.

Traveling in groups is the safest and most economical way to go. The taxis run all day and night. They will cost anywhere from \$6-\$13 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 for 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 damage 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 sliding doors.

- **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; always 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 rooms,** take out all trash (very important); garbage bags are available from GradWeek Staff or the hotel front desk and tidy up room. On the day of your departure, proceed to the 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.

- **Mopeds and Motorized Water Sports :** We strongly recommend that travelers do not rent mopeds, jet skis, or other motorized vehicles/water sports equipment during their stay. These rentals are locally owned, and travelers are fully responsible for any damages, accidents, injuries, or charges incurred. Many students/travelers have been charged for damages they may not have caused. Always inspect any equipment carefully before use and report any existing damage immediately. Please be aware that moped accidents are common in tourist destinations. For your safety and to help avoid unexpected charges or liability issues, we strongly discourage renting or operating these types of vehicles or equipment.

- **Ocean Safety:** 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. **DO NOT go in the ocean at night regardless of the posted flags.** It is extremely dangerous at night!

- **Balconies:** Do not try and jump balconies from one room to another. Do not sit or set anything on the railings, it is very easy to fall off from the balconies and can cause life threatening injuries to you and others!
- **Crossing the Street:** Be sure and look both ways 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 for pedestrians. Looking both ways before crossing the street will ensure safety.

- **Money Wire Services:** If you run out of money during your trip, GradWeek offers an on-site Money Wire service to help save time and hassle. Simply contact home and have your parent/guardian request a Wire Transfer Form by contacting the GradWeek Corporate or downloading it from the RESOURCES page at www.gradweek.com. GradWeek can process a credit card payment for up to \$300, and the funds will be available for on-site pick-up. Money wires are distributed Monday-Friday at 7:00 PM (Bahamas time). Travelers must bring a valid photo ID and see an on-site GradWeek Staff member to receive their funds.

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

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 diving company. Bus pickup at the hotel.
- **Bahamas Fast Ferry:** once in a lifetime chance to walk on pink sandy beaches. Take the "Bohngy" 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 twisting 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 big 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. You must bring your appropriate ticket to each event to be admitted. Events are subject to change without notice. Please check the readerboard in your hotel lobby every night for any event changes.

Action Pacs are non-refundable and non-transferable.

You are responsible for your actions on any given tour or event. You will not be reimbursed for any unused portion of the purchased package. 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.

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