

# Conditions of Travel – Please Read Carefully

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ ALL THESE BOOKING CONDITIONS CAREFULLY AND ENSURE ALL TOUR PARTICIPANTS ARE MADE AWARE**

*ALL LAND COSTS SHOWN ARE SUBJECT TO ALTERATION (UP OR DOWN) DUE TO EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS (SELLING RATE) AND INCREASES IN LAND AND AIR COSTS WHICH MAY ARISE BETWEEN NOW AND THE DATE OF DEPARTURE*

### **Payment Deadlines:**

January 1: \$100 registration

March 1: \$650

April 1: \$650

**Overall Total Due: \$1,400 (amount can be paid in one lump sum, if preferred)**

### **Refunds: The refund policy is as follows:**

45 days from Departure: 75% refund, loss of deposit

30 days from Departure: 50% refund, loss of deposit

15 days from Departure: NO REFUND

**Amendment Fee:** Any person wishing to amend from the group tour arrangements will be charged a standard \$100.00 amendment fee per person plus any additional charges involved with the amendment (increase in airfare, additional transfers, accommodation etc).

**Insurance Protection:** We recommend you take out a Travel Insurance policy which is available through the airline while purchasing your ticket.

**Changes in Itinerary:** There may be circumstances beyond the control of the Company and our suppliers that necessitate revisions (including tour dates) of the itinerary. Every effort will be made to have changes maintain the intent of the original itinerary. The Company shall not be or become liable or responsible in any way whatsoever for loss, injury, or damage due to sickness, weather, strikes, war, quarantine, and injury during program events; however caused or arising. The Company reserves the right to alter any part of the tour it deems necessary or advisable. The additional cost resulting from such change shall be paid by the program participant.

**Television and Video Rights:** The Company has full television and video rights in and to any and all of the programs or events affiliated with The Company program.

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## What's included in the Cost of My Trip?

International accommodations  
Daily meals (breakfast, lunch, & dinner) in The Bahamas  
Transportation to all iYes led events  
Blue Lagoon Day Trip  
Projects/Administrative costs

## What's NOT included in the Cost of My Trip

Roundtrip airline tickets to destination and back  
Meals  
U.S. Passport fees (if applicable): For more information on applying for a passport, visit:  
<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/forms.html>  
Checked Baggage Fees  
Individual medical insurance (Primary): **PLEASE SEE MEDICAL RELEASE/LIABILITY FORM**  
Customary tipping (Bus drivers, etc.)  
Personal items such as gifts, telephone calls, snacks, misc. drinks, etc.  
Laundry (if needed)

**Documentation:** U.S. citizens require a valid passport to enter The Bahamas. Other passport holders may require additional documentation. Please check your applicable requirements with our Travel Consultant.

**COVID-19 Requirements:** All unvaccinated travelers ages 2 and older will be required to obtain a negative COVID-19 test - either a negative RT-PCR or a Rapid Antigen Test to be presented at check-in. Vaccinated travelers will only be required to present proof of vaccination at check-in. Visit <https://travel.gov.bs/> for more information.

**Airline & Airport Taxes, Surcharges & Levies:** Are not included in the trip cost as they are continually changing. Any of these charges imposed by the airline will be notified to you at the time of final payment 2 months prior to departure.  
Frequent flyer/mileage accrual: Some group airfares are not eligible to accrue frequent flyer points (due to discounted group airfares). Please advise your travel consultant if you are a member of the airlines associated frequent flyer program to see if your fare is eligible for frequent flyer point accrual.

**Travel Advisories:** We strongly suggest that you consult the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAT) website and register (either group or individual) so that you are kept up to date with any travel warnings or advisories that may be in place for your destinations ([www.dfat.gov.au](http://www.dfat.gov.au)). You should also advise DFAT of your travel details such as date of departure and itinerary.

**Travel and Immunizations:** It is essential that all tour participants discuss their personal travel plans with a health professional to ensure you have the correct vaccinations for your trip and any booster doses of childhood vaccinations you may need. Upon re-entry, Customs & Immigration will request a copy of your negative COVID-19 vaccination certificate taken prior to your return to the US. For further information, visit <https://cdc.gov> for more information pertaining to your COVID-19 requirements.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Do I need a passport for international travel?**

Yes. A passport establishes your identity and United States citizenship to anyone who needs to know. It also guarantees your admittance to the U.S. following an international trip. It is a requirement for any person traveling out of the country. You will also need a Bahamas Health Travel Visa.

## **Will my electrical appliances (ex. electric shavers, hair dryers, irons, chargers, etc) work abroad?**

Yes. The Bahamas uses the same electrical outlets as the ones used in the United States.

## **Will I be able to make calls with my cell phone while overseas?**

Your coverage will depend on the service provider or carrier that you use and roaming charges can be high. If you have a personal cell phone, check with your provider on coverage issues. You will want to know whether your existing phone will work in your country of travel, and whether you will be able to get both voice (phone) and data (email/web) services.

AT&T: widely available; coverage page

T-Mobile: widely available; coverage plan

Verizon: available in some countries

Nextel/Sprint: no international coverage

*If your phone plan doesn't allow you to call internationally, a more convenient option is to download the What's App telephone app for your phone. This will allow you to make free telephone and video calls once you are connected to WIFI.*

## **Will I be able to access the Internet with my laptop while overseas?**

Yes. The villa that we will be staying in, will be equipped with free WIFI. Most laptops and cell phones have both WIFI (802.11) and/or wired Ethernet ports that can be used in many hotels and convention centers around the world. Check your computer manual for basic instructions on configuring Windows XP, Windows ME and Apple Macintosh computers.

## **How do I exchange my money?**

There is no need to exchange your spending money into Bahamian currency before your trip. One Bahamian dollar equals one U.S. dollar and the U.S. dollar is accepted as a form of payment in the U.S. In order to ensure you have U.S. money when returning, you must request that any change you receive be returned to you in the U.S. currency.

If there is a need to get money from the U.S., there are numerous ATM machines throughout the island and ATM cards are widely accepted across the Bahamas. Please contact your bank with specific questions regarding fees and eligibility.

## **What will the weather be like where I'm going?**

As with any place, the weather in your destination will vary depending on the time of year and time of day. Be sure to check an official weather report to get an idea of the current conditions. It's also beneficial to research the climate of your destination(s) during the time of year you expect to travel.

## **How long is the flight? What is the time difference?**

Flights vary depending on distance, amount of stops and direction of travel. You can check with your airline reservations to find the exact time of departure and landing. Oftentimes the airline can tell you the duration of your flight or trip. Remember, the departure and arrival times listed apply to the local time of the corresponding city. The Bahamas is in the Eastern Time Zone, which is one hour ahead of Arkansas.

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## **What *can't* I pack in my carry-on bag?**

The new rules ban almost all liquids, creams and gels from being carried aboard flights. That means you should not pack sunscreen, lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, hair gel or beverages in a carry-on. Those items must be put in your checked bags. If you are in doubt about an item, pack it in a checked bag or leave it home.

## **Are there any exceptions to the new rules in the USA?**

A few. You can still bring baby formula, breast milk or juice if you're traveling with a child; prescription drugs if your name is on the bottle; and insulin or other "essential" non-prescription medications. Screeners should not make you sample the liquids.

## **Can I still bring medicine along if it's not in liquid form? What about bars of soap?**

Yes, it is OK to put those in a carry-on bag.

## **Besides the ban on liquids and gels, what else will be different about security?**

The TSA said screeners will be checking passengers more thoroughly at checkpoints, including inspecting more bags by hand. They also will be searching some passengers a second time immediately before boarding — a practice instituted shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks but discontinued several years ago.

## **Things to Bring**

The clothes you need to pack will differ depending on your destination, the length of your trip, and the nature of the activities. Besides the basics, here are some things we recommend you bring for any international adventure:

Pack according to the number of days you will be gone

- Underwear
- Socks – numerous pairs
- Shorts
- Long pants (Jeans)
- Swimsuit
- 2 pair of sneakers (if desired)
- Jacket (Wind Breaker for evening)
- Sweatshirt
- Towel (large)
- Toiletries
- Garbage bag for dirty cloths
- Snacks – example packages of crackers, cookies, etc.

*If there are any other questions or concerns, please contact Simeon Hinsey at [simeon@iyesfoundation.org](mailto:simeon@iyesfoundation.org).*