

# BARBADOS

## LOGISTICS INFORMATION



**OCTOBER 2012**

Dear Participants,

Welcome to beautiful Barbados, the island just [“Beyond your Imagination”](#) We are glad to be the hosts for the **Senior Policy Seminar on “The Universal Health Coverage Agenda in the Caribbean”** October 22-23, 2012 and the **Experts Meeting on “Hospitals in Integrated Health Services Delivery Networks”** October 24-25, 2012. Participants are expected from Barbados, the Eastern and wider Caribbean, Canada, Switzerland, USA and Spain and will be a select mix of professionals from universities, hospitals, Ministries of Health and National Health Insurance Boards.

**A copy of the PAHO/WHO Barbados Welcome Booklet will be enclosed in your workshop package, but please take a few minutes to read the logistical information below.**

### **Visa and Entry Requirements:**

All visitors to Barbados must possess a valid passport and a valid return ticket. Visitors from most countries around the world do not need a visa to enter Barbados. However, participants are advised to contact the Barbados Consulate in your country or liaise with your local Ministry of Foreign Affairs to verify if you need a visa prior to travelling to the island. If necessary, visa applications must be completed in duplicate and accompanied by two [2] passport size photographs. All visitors are also required to supply the Immigration Department of Barbados with the name and address of their hotel or place of residence in order to be allowed entry into the island. Further details are available at [www.immigration.gov.bb](http://www.immigration.gov.bb).

### **Departure Taxes:**

The departure tax of BDS\$55 (US \$ 27.50) applies for all passengers over 2 years old leaving Barbados. Most airlines include this with the cost of the ticket, but please check with your travel agent to be sure.

### **Arrival at the Grantley Adams International Airport [GAIA]**

#### **Immigration & Customs**



Participants should proceed through Immigration with completed Immigration and Customs forms to the section marked “CARICOM NATIONALS”; or “VISITORS”. After clearing Immigration, participants should proceed to the Customs Hall to



collect checked luggage. Persons having nothing to declare should use the GREEN LINE. A list of allowances /dutiable items can be found at the back of the Barbados’ Customs Declaration Form.

## Transportation:

- **All participants are responsible for their own airport/hotel/airport transfers.** After exiting the Arrivals Hall, please use one of the authorized taxis which are easily identified by (i) a yellow sticker, (ii) a blue logo marked Authorized Airport Taxi on the vehicle and (iii) the letter “Z” on their license plates. The cost of a taxi from the airport to the Accra Beach Hotel & Spa is estimated at US\$20.00 or BDS\$40.00 one way. **You are advised to settle on the fare and currency [US\$1.00 = BDS\$2.00] before beginning your trip. A list of taxi fares to specific destinations is displayed in the Arrivals area.**

## Accommodation:



A group booking has been made at The Crane Residential Resort for the period Sunday, October 21 – Friday, October 26, 2012 [inclusive]. Reservations include room, taxes and full buffet breakfast.

The Crane Residential Resort is conveniently located approximately ten minutes drive east of the Grantley Adams International Airport, on the South East Coast of Barbados. This strategic location permits the best of all worlds: a comfortable sense of seclusion, yet a few minutes drive from the main site seeing destinations:

- AAA Four Diamond Resort
- 220 sophisticated studios, one, two and three-bedroom suites with complimentary in-room wired high-speed internet access
- Patio/balcony plunge pools plus larger private sized pools offered with some categories
- Four poster, ornate mahogany, king sized beds
- Kitchens & kitchenettes
- Marble Jacuzzi bathrooms
- Two world-class Zagat rated restaurants International and Japanese/Thai
- Crane Beach renowned as one of the top 10 beaches in the world
- Meeting facilities with complimentary wireless access
- Wireless access within main lobby and surrounding areas; and
- Pillar of Tourism Industry Award winner

Guest room amenities include cable satellite television & DVD player, complimentary high speed Internet access, complimentary in-room programmable safes, fully equipped kitchen with fridge/freezer with ice maker, blender and coffee maker.

### Meals:

- **Breakfast** is included in the nightly room rate
- **Buffet Lunch** will be provided on the days of the meeting
- **Dinner** – Participants will be provided with per diem to cover this cost, **with the exception of Tuesday, October 23, 2012, when a formal dinner will be held and PAHO will cover the cost.**
- **Coffee Breaks** will be provided on the days of the meeting

### Per-diem Cheques:

The current United Nations [UN] per diem rate for Barbados is US\$375.00 per day. Since lodging, breakfast and lunch are being provided, a reduced per diem will be provided.



Incidentals include expenses such as departure taxes, taxi fares, visas, etc... Participants will be issued with their per diem cheque[s] through their local PAHO/WHO office prior to travelling to Barbados. **For participants, whose per diem will be issued by the PAHO/WHO office in Barbados, arrangements will be made for cheque encashment through the local First Caribbean International [FCI] Bank.** Participants are reminded that some form of identification will be required and that **local Central Bank regulations allow for the**

**equivalent of BDS\$1,000.00 (approx. US\$490.00) in foreign cash. All other allowances will be in the form of local currency or travellers cheques. On leaving the island at the Grantley Adams International Airport, participants can reconvert any unused BDS currency to the currency of their country of origin.**

### Venue of Meeting:

#### The Crane Residential Resort

Crane

St. Philip

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## Pharmacy:

Major pharmacies on the island offer a wide variety of prescription products, toiletries, and over-the-counter products. To name two such pharmacies: **Lewis Drug Mart** [435-8090] and **Knights Pharmacy at Big B Supermarket** [435-0020].

## Dining Facilities:

The hotel offers the following restaurants.

**L'Azure Restaurant:** Enjoy spectacular views over Crane Beach. This is The Crane's main dining room, and it adjoins the Pavilion Room. Suitable for small groups of up to 15 persons, as facilities are not rented privately. Conveniently located, L'Azure captures the morning sunrise and the rejuvenating breezes of the day.

**The Pavilion Room:** This 2,250 sq. ft. ballroom fully air-conditioned with high ceilings and chandelier lighting is ideal for special evenings, award ceremonies and wedding receptions. The Pavilion may also be listed for meetings.

**Zen:** A sophisticated, intimate restaurant offering authentic Thai and Japanese cuisine, a grand Tatami Room seating up to 14 for group dinners, individual private dining parlors where guests can choose to dine in privacy, and a unique sushi bar with amazing ocean views. For private lunch events, Zen can accommodate up to 65 persons.

**The Swan Garden:** Located adjacent to the Crane's signature pool, the Swan Garden is perfect for cocktail receptions preceding dinner in the Pavilion Room.

## Other Restaurants on the Island:



Barbados, the dining capital of the Caribbean, offers a full range of options from sophisticated fine dining to the "no frills" rum shops and seaside fish fries. Below is a list of some dining facilities located on the south coast of the island.

- **Apsara by the Sea** - Classic Indian and Thai – Tel: 435-5454 or 435-5446
- **Café Sol** - Mexican – Tel: 420-7655
- **Champers** – Bajan, Caribbean, Seafood, Vegetarian – Tel: 434-3463
- **Chefette Barbecue Barn** – Fast Food, Bajan - Tel: 4178552
- **Fusion Restaurant & Lounge** – Japanese, Thai, Cantonese – Tel: 436-1538
- **Harlequin** – International, Seafood & Vegetarian – Tel: 420-7677
- **Just Grillin** – Tel: 435-6469
- **Lobster Alive** – Lobster, Seafood – Tel: 435-0305
- **Mojo** – Tel: 435-9008
- **Muscovado** – Barbadian, Caribbean and International – Tel: 228-0900
- **McBride's Pub** – Irish, Pub, Sports Bar – 420-6746
- **New York Pizza** - Pizza, Fast food – 435-7677
- **Pisces** – International and Seafood – Tel: 435-6564

- **SideShore Beach Bar & Bistro** – Barbadian, Caribbean, International – Tel: 435-4139
- **Steakhouse Grill** – Pizza, Seafood and Steakhouse – Tel: 428-7152
- **Tapas Restaurant** – International, Italian, Tapas – Tel: 228-0704
- **Waterside Restaurant** – Caribbean and International – 418-9750

For additional information on Barbados, visit [www.VisitBarbados.org](http://www.VisitBarbados.org), the official site of the Barbados Tourism Authority.

**Have a safe flight and see you in Barbados!!!**