

Part I. Name of Country: St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Part II. U.S. Embassy Information

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Part III. Profile of Religions of the Host Country and Religious Services Available to Visitors:

Country Profile: [St. Vincent and the Grenadines](#)

Religions: Anglican, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Seventh-Day Adventist, Hindu, among others

Part IV. Funeral Directors, Mortician and Related Services Available in the Host Country:

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Everready Funeral Home

Frenches, Kingstown,

St. Vincent

Phone: 784-456-1494

Fax: 784-457-2559

Email: efhome@live.com

Manager: Mr. Cedric Mills

New Haven Funeral Home

Mesopotamia Post Office

Kingstown, St. Vincent

Phone: 784-457-1830

Fax: 784-456-2801

Email: newhavenfuneralhm@gmail.com

Manager: Mrs. A Ganis DaSilva

Part V: Profile of Services Available in the Host Country Regarding Preparation and Shipment of Remains:

a. Disposition of Remains (general) –

There are refrigerated mortuary facilities in the capital, Kingstown, only. The mortuary can handle up to ten bodies. Although there are currently no local cremation facilities in St. Vincent, requests for cremations may be facilitated through the crematorium in Grenada or St. Lucia. The cost for cremation in Grenada is about USD \$2,100.00 and roughly USD \$5,000 in St. Lucia.

b. Specific facts relating to embalming, cremation, caskets, exportation, documentation requirements, preparation, shipment, and exhumation -

c. As applicable, unique circumstances which may apply to post –

Autopsies are carried out in cases of sudden death where there is no prior history of illness to explain the death. Organs are not retained, except in rare cases when needed for further forensic investigation. The family can ask the presiding pathologist for a copy of the report of the autopsy. If the police are unable to determine cause of death a Coroner's Inquest will be ordered by the magistrate. A Coroner's Inquest can be very slow and the results are not usually provided to the family, although the U.S. Embassy may request a copy on the family's behalf.

d. Shipping of Remains –

The body is required to be embalmed and placed in a hermetically sealed casket for shipping. The following documents are required for shipping the body: passport of decease, embalming papers from the funeral home, health papers from the Ministry of Health, and the original death certificate.

The E.T Joshua Airport in St. Vincent can ship a body directly to the United States via Amerijet. Other options include shipping the body on a charter flight to Grenada and then to the United States.

Estimated costs to prepare and ship the remains begin at USD \$5,000. The process to prepare and ship the remains can be completed in about three days following the completion of any required autopsies.

e. Local authorities responsible for licensing funeral directors and morticians –

There is no licensing authority for morticians and funeral directors on the islands. Morticians are commonly certified in Barbados or attend a mortician school in the United Kingdom.

f. Local authorities responsible for making findings regarding the cause of death and for issuing local death certificates –

The attending physician normally notes the cause of death. In cases where the death is from unnatural causes or criminal activity an autopsy is required. The remains become the charge of the State until all investigations are completed, which can take anywhere from days to months.

The St. Vincent authorities will issue a death certificate in English. This is issued by the Registry Department and can be made available on the same day that the cause of death is established. The death certificate will give details of the cause of death.

- (1) Maximum period before burial of remains: The maximum period is unspecified and depends on whether an autopsy is required.
- (2) Embalming: Is available on the island and required for all remains which are being transported via a casket back to the United States. Embalming is carried out by a certified embalmer.
- (3) Cremation: Cremation services are available on Grenada and St. Lucia with costs ranging between USD \$2,000 and \$5,000.
- (4) Caskets and Containers: A variety of caskets are available on the island, although all remains being shipped out of the country must be in a hermitically sealed container. Please contact the individual funeral homes directly for the most current prices.
- (5) Exportation of human remains: The cost to export human remains is between USD \$4,500 and \$7,000 plus the cost of airfare.
- (6) Exportation of human cremains/ashes: The crematories on Grenada or St. Lucia can arrange for the shipment of cremated remains to the United States. Prices vary and depend on the shipping method. Please contact the individual crematoriums for additional pricing information.
- (7) Costs – Charges are based on the exchange rate of January 27, 2016:
\$1.00USD = \$2.7025 Eastern Caribbean Dollar (EC)
- (8) Exhumation and Shipment: No information supplied.
- (9) Local customs regarding funerals, disposition of remains, mourning, memorial services: Viewings of the deceased are a common practice in St. Lucia.