

Part I. Name of Country: Barbados

Part II. U.S. Embassy Information

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State Department Country Specific Information

State Department Travel Information

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

Country Profile: Barbados

Religions: Anglican, Methodist, Catholic, Latter Day Saints/Mormon, Judaism, among others.

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

DISCLAIMER: The U.S. Embassy Bridgetown, Barbados assumes no responsibility or liability for the professional ability or reputation of, or the quality of services provided by, the following persons or firms. Names are listed alphabetically, and the order in which they appear has no other significance. Professional credentials and areas of expertise are provided directly by the funeral directors, morticians, and other service providers.

Coral Ridge Memorial Gardens Cemetery & Crematorium

(Lyndhurst Funeral Home)

The Ridge, Christ Church

Tel: (246) 437-4934 / 434-0226

E-Mail: coralridge@caribsurf.com

Fax: (246) 437-4940

Downes & Wilson Funeral Home

Eagle Hall, St. Michael

Contact – Mr. James Wilson

Tel: (246) 427-2232 / 429-8129

Fax: (246) 435-0815

E-mail: admin@downesandwilson.com

Website www.downesandwilson.com

Jo-Anne Jones Funeral Services & Pre-Arrangement Centre Ltd.

Clovelly, Welches, Christ Church

Jo-Anne Jones – Director

Tel No: (246) 418-0879 w. / (246) 418-0879 ©

E-Mail: jo-jones@myway.com

Lyndhurst Funeral Home
Passage Road, St. Michael
Contact: Mr. Peter Griffith, Chairman / Funeral Director
Mr. Russell Griffith, Managing Director / Funeral Director
Tel: (246) 426-4170; (246) 426-5137 / 430-0727 (Direct Line)
Mary Russell or Joyette Scantlebury; Michelle Blackman – Mt.Pleasant, St. Peter 422-8883
E-Mail: funerals@lyndhurstfuneralhome.com
Fax: (246) 429-8058

St. John Funeral Home
Half Moon Fort, St. Lucy
Christian Agbadamashie, Director / Gayle, Office Assistant?
Tel No: (246) 439-8474
E-Mail: stjohnfuneralh@caribsurf.com

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

a. Disposition of Remains (general) –

General disposition of remains is by burial or cremation. Refrigeration capabilities are available around the island. The average cost for preparation and burial is USD \$7,000.

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

Modern embalming capabilities are available Barbados does not have a specific time stated regarding when / how soon to bury.

On average, it takes at least two weeks for a body to be prepared and sent back to the United States. The process is often delayed by the requirement for an autopsy. In most instances an autopsy will be required if the person died while not under the care of a doctor. In many cases in Barbados, the next of kin can sign over responsibility for the body to the funeral home, who will identify the body and coordinate the autopsy and other arrangements.

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

If death was caused by infectious disease, e.g. Ebola, Covid-19 or SARS, cremation may be compulsory if ordered by the Ministry of Health.

Cremation is only compulsory in cases of advanced decomposition if unsuitable for shipment.

d. Shipping of Remains –Major U.S. airlines operate out of the region with frequent flights. Cost is dependent on body weight, airline selected, and the weight of the casket. The average cost for shipping remains to the U.S. is between USD \$5,600 and \$7,000. American Airlines and JetBlue only transport human remains under special circumstances. Shipping remains on Caribbean Airlines via Trinidad is an option.

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

Licensing is required through the Ministry of Health.

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

In cases of a postmortem, the Coroner is responsible for the certificate of death. For general death cases a doctor will issue a certificate of death stating the cause of death.

- (1) Maximum period before burial of remains: Not specified for Barbados
- (2) Embalming: Modern, professional embalmers who are U.S. and U.K. trained are available. Embalming is recommended as soon after death as possible.
- (3) Cremation: There is one crematory located in Barbados. Cremation in Barbados meets the same standards as in the U.S. Contact Lyndhurst Funeral Home directly. The average cost for a cremation and burial is USD \$4,200.
- (4) Caskets and Containers: Meet the same standards as in the U.S. and the U.K. Multiple styles of caskets are readily available directly from the funeral homes at prices ranging from USD \$1,600 to \$5,000.
- (5) Exportation of human remains: Service available via air transportation. Documentation in accordance with international regulations, i.e. death certificate, registration of death certificate, embalming certificate, transit permit, and non-communicable letter, are required.
- (6) Exportation of human cremains/ashes: Cannot be sent via FedEx and can go through the local postal service. The estimated cost is USD \$75 - \$150 (BDS\$55 for the first kilogram). The average cost to prepare and ship human ashes via air shipment is USD \$3,800.
- (7) Costs – Charges are based on the exchange rate of April 30, 2016: US \$1.00 = \$1.98 BDS
- (8) Exhumation and Shipment: Bodies may not be exhumed for a period under five years after which an application must be submitted to the Chief Medical Officer for permission to exhume.
- (9) Local customs regarding funerals, disposition of remains, mourning, memorial services: Funeral services are usually held before burial or cremation. In few instances, cremation has taken place before the service