

Internal Travel

Auto Rentals: There are several rental agencies on both islands. A valid Canadian driver's license is required to rent an automobile and is valid for 90 days. Remember to drive on the left. Outside of urban areas, gas stations may be scarce so it is a good idea to fill your tank before travelling any great distances.

Taxis: The transportation system in Trinidad and Tobago has evolved into an informal system of route taxis. Maxi-taxis (mini-vans marked with coloured stripes) and taxis (identified by license plates starting with "H") travel designated routes. Passengers are picked up and dropped off anywhere along that designated route. Maxi-taxis with yellow stripes serve Port of Spain and surrounding areas; red stripes serve Eastern Trinidad; green stripes operate in Central; black stripes operate in Princes Town; brown stripes serve San Fernando into the southwest; and blue stripes serve Tobago. Fares vary slightly depending on the route, but are never more than a few TT\$.

In addition to the route taxis and maxi-taxis which are not recommended for visitors, there are several private taxi companies, usually affiliated with the major hotels (such as the Kapok, Hilton and Holiday Inn), which can provide a more familiar door-to-door taxi service. However, fares are considerably more expensive by Trinidadian standards. The fares are closer to what one might expect to pay in Canada.

Telephones

Trinidad and Tobago have a modern telephone system with international direct calling. The area code is (809) and the international dialing code is one for North America, Canada, and much of the Caribbean.

The use of telephone cards in public telephones has become more widespread. Cards are available at many local retail outlets indicated by the Telephone Card sign.

Banking Facilities

Credit cards, although widely accepted at larger establishments, may not be accepted or usable at some of the smaller stores and establishments and in rural areas of the country. Travellers' cheques also may not be as easily accepted here as they are in Canada or other parts of the world. Banks and ATM's (Automated Teller Machines) are common in urban areas, but can be sparse when travelling to rural areas of the country. In Tobago, aside from a branch at the airport, all banking facilities are located in Scarborough.

Dress

Trinidad and Tobago is more or less a conservative society, with Tobago being more relaxed and laid back than Trinidad. Casual and comfortable clothing is the norm. Standard office wear for men is shirt and tie, or business suit; for women it is dress, skirt, or business suit.