

Transportation, Utilities and Communication

Internal Transportation. There are approximately 2 333 km (1 450 miles) of paved roads in Barbados. Several large road improvement projects are now under way including a multi-lane highway to link major industrial zones to the air and sea ports on the island. The contract for the construction of this highway was awarded to a Canadian company. There is a relatively efficient public transportation system which is enhanced by a fleet of privately owned/operated minibuses. There is no rail network.

International Transportation. Grantley Adams International Airport, built with a loan from the Canadian government, is a modern international airport with a 3 352 m (11 000 ft) runway equipped to accommodate any type of aircraft. The airport is served by leading international carriers such as Air Canada, Wardair, American Airlines, PanAm, Eastern, BWIA, Cruzeiro, British Airways, LIAT and many more.

Ports. Bridgetown Harbour is the only port and is situated on the southwestern side of the island in the city. There are approximately 518 m (1 700 ft) of quay space affording berths for eight ocean-going vessels and bunking facilities for five.

Shipping service is provided by many international and regional lines.

Communications. Barbados is equipped with state-of-the-art communications facilities, including direct dialling, telex and facsimile transfer plus international database access service (IDAS).

Electricity/Water. The Barbados Light and Power and the Barbados Water Authority provide efficient island-wide coverage.