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# Barbados

Yacht Charter Guide

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Best Yacht Charter Barbados
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BARBADOS

# Overview

Barbados remains one of the world's most requested yacht charter ecosystems - short legs between West coast Platinum, dense shore life around Bridgetown Careenage / yacht berths, and berths that reward early planning. The challenge is not finding beauty; it is sequencing marinas, Bridgetown day anchorage and tables like Bridgetown Harbour Table so the week feels effortless. This is the broker's operational view of Barbados for the current season.

Superyacht charter Barbados - embarkation, itinerary and APA bands before contract. Blue Ocean Club brokers Caribbean weeks.

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WHEN TO GO

# Season & rhythm

- How a Barbados week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - Bridgetown Careenage / yacht berths, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Bridgetown Careenage / yacht berths.
- Coastal cadence: Morning toys at Bridgetown day anchorage, held lunch, short reposition through West coast Platinum, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: Bridgetown Harbour Table and Bridgetown Beach Club confirmed weeks out.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In Barbados, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy at Bridgetown Careenage / yacht berths, walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Bridgetown day anchorage - swim platforms, quiet mornings, tender-only shore calls.
- The usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging in protected water.

ON THE WATER

# Cruising grounds

**West coast Platinum**
Port St Charles to Holetown calm lee.

**Bridgetown & Carlisle**
Capital embark and Careenage nights.

**South coast**
Day energy and Atlantic corners.

**Atlantic east**
Weather windows only - swell aware.

QUAY NIGHTS

# Marinas & berthing

### Bridgetown Careenage / yacht berths
Bridgetown Careenage / yacht berths - primary Bridgetown yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~45 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway BGI - Transfer 20-35 min from BGI - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

### Port St Charles Marina
Port St Charles Marina - primary Port St Charles yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway BGI - Transfer 35-50 min from BGI - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

### Holetown / west-coast yacht access
Holetown / west-coast yacht access - primary Holetown yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~35 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway BGI - Transfer 30-45 min from BGI - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

### Speightstown yacht access
Speightstown yacht access - primary Speightstown yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~30 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway BGI - Transfer 40-55 min from BGI - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

### Barbados Hub Berths
Pillar-retained secondary berthing capacity for Barbados ecosystem maps. - Max LOA ~45 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway BGI - Transfer 20-35 min from BGI - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

## Anchorages

### Bridgetown day anchorage
Protected day-stop captains favour near Bridgetown Careenage / yacht berths.

### Barbados overnight roadstead
Deeper holding when primary quays are full in Caribbean.

### Port St Charles lee cove
Weather-aware swim cove on the Barbados circuit.

### Holetown quiet hook
Lower-density day-hook for privacy mornings.

### Barbados weather alternative
Captain-selected fallback when the primary plan densifies.

SHORE TABLES

## Restaurants

### Bridgetown Harbour Table
Bridgetown
Walk-ashore dining near Bridgetown Careenage / yacht berths - book peak weeks ahead.

### Port St Charles Shore Kitchen
Port St Charles
Local plates after a day on the water around Barbados.

### Barbados Quay Classic
Bridgetown
Marina-adjacent dining for embarkation nights.

### Holetown Waterfront
Holetown
Harbour-view restaurant our captains favour for quay nights.

### Speightstown Concierge Table
Speightstown
Held table for yacht parties - advance booking in season.

DAY ASHORE

## Beach clubs

### Bridgetown Beach Club
Bridgetown
Signature shore stop near Bridgetown Careenage / yacht berths - tender access and advance booking in peak weeks.

### Port St Charles Day Shore
Port St Charles
Secondary shore lunch when the primary club is dense.

### Barbados Sunset Deck
Bridgetown
End-of-day shore energy before returning aboard.

TRANSFERS

## Airport to gangway.

We choreograph BGI arrivals into Bridgetown Careenage / yacht berths transfers.

### Helicopter / GA
Private hops from BGI when Barbados supports coastal helipads or GA strips. BGI corridor

### Chauffeur
SUV / S-Class briefed on Bridgetown Careenage / yacht berths gates - timed to embarkation. To Bridgetown Careenage / yacht berths (20-35 min from BGI) To Port St Charles Marina (35-50 min from BGI)

Door-to-deck options are confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - BARBADOS

## VAT & APA - Barbados short version.

On a Barbados charter the base fee is only the starting line. Budget tax treatment and a realistic APA before you lock dates.

### VAT / tax
Barbados charter tax and cruising permits differ from EU - confirm with broker; APA typically covers fuel, berths and held tables. Confirm commercial charter tax treatment and APA with the broker before deposit.

### APA
For Barbados in high season, budget APA at roughly 25-35% of base fee covering fuel, berths, permits and held tables - confirm against LOA and itinerary.

### What we send PAs

A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain during the week.

WITHIN THIS COAST

## Local guides

### Bridgetown

Bridgetown is a core Barbados charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Bridgetown Careenage / yacht berths - Day-anchor: Bridgetown day anchorage - Table: Bridgetown Harbour Table

### Port St Charles

Port St Charles is a core Barbados charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Port St Charles Marina - Day-anchor: Barbados overnight roadstead - Table: Port St Charles Shore Kitchen

### Holetown

Holetown is a core Barbados charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Holetown / west-coast yacht access - Day-anchor: Port St Charles lee cove - Table: Barbados Quay Classic

### Speightstown

Speightstown is a core Barbados charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Speightstown yacht access - Day-anchor: Holetown quiet hook - Table: Holetown Waterfront

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## Child destinations

- Bridgetown - Crewed yacht charter in Bridgetown - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Barbados.
- Port St Charles - Crewed yacht charter in Port St Charles - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Barbados.
- Holetown - Crewed yacht charter in Holetown - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Barbados.
- Speightstown - Crewed yacht charter in Speightstown - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Barbados.

BEFORE YOU FLY

## FAQ

### What does it cost to charter a yacht in Barbados?

Yacht charter cost in Barbados depends on LOA, season and hull class. As an indicative band, crewed motor yachts often sit from the mid five-figures per week upward before APA (typically ~25-35% of base for fuel, berthing and provisions), VAT where applicable, and crew gratuity. We set an honest range before contract - not a fake nightly rate.

### Which marina should we embark from in Barbados?

Bridgetown Careenage / yacht berths is the most common embarkation for Barbados, with fallbacks when LOA or events block the preferred quay.

### Can you charter a superyacht in Barbados?

Yes - superyacht charter in Barbados is available when berths and LOA fit. We shortlist hulls against Bridgetown Careenage / yacht berths capacity and your itinerary, then hold peak slips before you fly.

### Can you arrange airport transfers into Barbados?

Yes - chauffeur and helicopter where available from BGI, timed to the embarkation slot at Bridgetown Careenage / yacht berths.

### How does a Barbados week use West coast Platinum?

West coast Platinum is a core Barbados cruising pocket - we sequence marina nights and day-anchors so the week feels unhurried. Barbados is planned as a full cruising ecosystem with embarkation, berths and day-anchors sequenced together.

### When is the best time for yacht charter in Barbados?

Shoulder months in Caribbean usually balance weather, water temperature and berth availability for Barbados. Peak midsummer adds density and premium quay pricing.

OPERATIONAL

## Mooring notes

### Bridgetown Careenage / yacht berths

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*Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.*

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