

A stingray sculpture highlights the downtown area



Travel Facts



GETTING THERE

Many international airlines have daily services to the Cayman Islands, which are located in the Western Caribbean, 480 miles south of Miami, Florida; 150 miles south of Cuba; and 180 miles northwest of Jamaica. By air, the Cayman Islands are only a 70-minute flight from Miami.

Most international passengers arrive at Owen Roberts International Airport a couple miles from George Town on Grand Cayman. Some flights also serve Cayman Brac's Gerrard Smith International Airport. The best access to the islands is from the US, and numerous carriers have regular flights between Grand Cayman and Florida's Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Tampa and Orlando. Airlines also offer direct services from Houston, Atlanta, Memphis, Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, Chicago, Boston, Newark and other US cities. Cayman Airways has a few flights between US cities and Cayman Brac. Air Canada flies direct from Toronto, and British Airways flies direct from London-Heathrow. There are also flights between George Town and Jamaica on Air Jamaica.

Cruise ships regularly dock at George Town on Grand Cayman and at Creek on Cayman Brac.

GETTING AROUND

Cayman Airways has daily flights to the Sisters islands.

Grand Cayman Island has well-maintained roads and highways that allow divers to explore the entire island. Rental cars are recommended and your hotel can usually arrange for a week-long package with your hotel accommodation. Do reserve a car in advance as they are in demand. You have to be at least 21 years old to rent a car.

Traffic flow is to the left side of the road, as in Great Britain (Americans take note!). Local driving standards, the risk of accidents, the availability of emergency roadside service, quality and frequency of signage, and enforcement of traffic laws, generally meet or exceed the standards of the United States. Visitors must obtain a temporary driver's license, easily granted upon presentation of a valid state driver's license and payment of a small fee, at a car rental agency or police station.

Be aware that laws against driving while intoxicated are strictly enforced. Don't drink and drive. Take a taxi instead. Seatbelt laws are also enforced and require the driver and all passengers to be fastened in while in motion.