

Tips for a Cayman Islands Yacht Charter in the Caribbean

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The thriving economy and exotic diving destinations in the Cayman Islands have made this a viable luxury yacht charter location. These islands offer luxury, fun and adventure to international travelers. The information listed below provides you with tips to help your Cayman Islands Yacht Charter run smoothly. **Yacht Entry & Clearance**

For passengers planning to charter a yacht to the Cayman Islands, have your charter broker or directly contact an on shore agent and provide them with all of your group's personal information at least one week before the vessel's arrival. The on shore agent will make sure that all of the paperwork will be ready when the yacht arrives at port. Quick processing with advanced notice will allow the group to have more time enjoying their vacation.

Currency

For travelers from Europe and the US, the Caymans are affordable but there is an exchange difference in currency. Both the Cayman Island Dollar and the US Dollar are accepted in all locations although the exchange rate is fixed.

.82 = \$1.00 USD Inter- Island Travel

If your vacation is going to be based out of Grand Cayman, consider chartering a plane or helicopter to visit the other Cayman Islands in record time. Have your agent or broker get into contact with Grand Cayman Island Air or Caymanhelliis. Depending on your vessel, it may be feasible to have the helicopter pick you up directly from a launch pad on the yacht. **Private Helicopters**

Helicopters may be approved by the Cayman Island Civil Aviation Authority to clear in and prepare for guest arrivals and departures. **Provisioning and Supplies**

One of the major benefits of traveling aboard a Cayman Islands Yacht Charter . While you are tucked away in an island oasis, the proximity to the United States allows provisioning requests for food and supplies to be fulfilled within less than 24 hours. **Tides**

The maximum tidal range in the Cayman Islands during the year is about 18 inches. The seas are notably flat calm for 95% of the year. The serene waters make this Caribbean escape the optimum located for cruising, fishing or skiing from a tender that launches from the luxury yacht. Optimum conditions contribute to an enjoyable yacht charter vacation with less seasickness and the ability to do more activities than in rough waters. **Resources**

The Cayman Islands offer numerous benefits to Caribbean Yacht Charter adventurers. If you are looking to book a charter to these islands for the first time, two great resources to utilize for information are the Cayman Islands Tourism Authority Guide as well as Boats Wain's Beach. Most yacht charter firms will provide their clients with all of the travel information they need and take care of the details such as provisioning and yacht entry. It is still to the vacationer's benefit to know more about their destination in order to get the most from their yacht charter experience.