

Barbados

2000 Calendar

Of

Holidays, Major Cultural & Sporting Events

Special Vacation Packages exist for many of the following events

Please call your travel agent or the
Barbados Tourism Authority, at **800 221 9831**

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www.barbados.org

January

01 **New Years Day - National Holiday**

12 – 16 **Barbados Jazz Festival**

GMR International Tours Inc. working in conjunction with producers and sponsors, network to bring together in a tropical ambiance some of the world's best talent in a five day long explosion of Jazz in its unending possibilities of sound fusion.

For further information contact

Gilbert Rowe Tel: (246) 429-2084.

Ticket Master: (212) 307 7171 (U.S)
(416) 870 8000 (Canada)

15-23 **Professional Wind-surfing Association (PWA) International Wind-surfing Championship**

For further information contact

Roger Miller Tel: (246) 426 5837

Fax: (246) 427 5177

21 **Errol Barrow Day – National Holiday**

February

05 **International Festival & Fair**

13– 20

Holetown Festival

The Festival commemorates the landing of the first settlers to Barbados at Holetown, St. James in February 1627. Highlights include street fairs, the Royal Police Band Concert, a Musical Festival in the historic Parish Church, and a Beauty Contest. The festival is now in its 23rd year

For further information contact
Alfred Pragnell Tel: (246) 430 7300.

26 & 27

Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show

March

04

Sandy Lane Gold Cup

14 – Apr 01

Holder's Opera Season

Founded in 1993, the Holder's Season has already established itself as the premier cultural event in the Caribbean. Acclaimed nationally and internationally, the season is a unique celebration of opera, music and theater, a major event on the world cultural calendar. Season productions have played to capacity houses and critical acclaim. Its constantly high artistic standards draw audiences from all over the world.

For further information contact
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Barbados Tourism Authority Tel: (800) 221 9831

April

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Good Friday

22 – 24

Oistins Fish Festival

The Oistins Fish Festival celebrates the life and contributions made by this fishing town to the overall development of the island. The program includes fishing, boat racing, fish boning competitions, a Coast Guard exhibition, food stalls, arts and crafts, dancing, singing and road races.

For further information contact
Dan Carter Tel: (246) 428 6738

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Easter Monday – National Holiday

24 – May 01

Congaline Street Festival

De Congaline Carnival is a nine-day carnival. The Congaline Village is the heart and soul of De Congaline Carnival and provides a daily exhibition forum and marketplace for a myriad of free entertainment and local arts, crafts and culture.

It is dubbed the “World’s Greatest Street Party” as it culminates in a one-day T-shirt band parade. 1999 marks the sixth year the festival is being celebrated.

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Cricket: One-day Internationals, West Indies vs Australia

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Heroes’ Day – National Holiday

May

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Labor Day – National Holiday

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International Masters Football

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International Rugby Seven

22-28

Gospelfest

The Barbados Gospelfest held for the first time in 1993 is an international festival that attracts major Gospel talent mainly from the USA, UK and the Caribbean. The festival targets the Christian communities across the globe and receives the support of the Gospel music industry in Barbados.

For further information contact

Adrian Agard

Tel: (246) 430 7300

June

01 - 30

Aqua Splash

Barbados Water Festival

Aqua Splash has been designed to highlight primarily, the inherent Barbadian assets of Sea and Sand, but will also include the Aquatic Center, some of the streets of our fishing villages and contiguous land based assets such as fish markets.

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Tel: (800) 221 9831

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Whit Monday – National Holiday

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Harris Paints Regatta

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June Motor Rally

26 – 29

Mount Gay Int’l Regatta

For further information contact Mount Gay Distilleries
Peter Marshall, Lorraine Barrow Tel: (246) 425 9066

01 – August 07

Crop Over Festival

The highlight of the Annual Cultural Calendar is the Crop Over Festival. This Festival originated on the sugar plantation as a means of celebrating the end of the sugar cane harvest season. The Crop Over Festival was revived in 1974 after a period of depression and involves community participation in fairs, concerts, cart parades and other cultural activities with an integral component being the Calypso Competition and crowning of the Calypso Monarch.

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Bernard Sealy Body-Building Classic

10 - 13

Sir Garfield Sobers International Schools Cricket Tournament

Named after the renowned Barbadian cricketer, this tournament is now into its thirteenth season and attracts local, regional and international school teams under nineteen (19) years of age.

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August

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Emancipation Day – National Holiday

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Kadooment Day – National Holiday

This is the culmination of the Crop Over Festival, June 27 – August 02

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Barbados International School Soccer (BISS)

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Banks Barbados Hockey Festival

Open to men's and women's Field Hockey Clubs around the World.

For further information contact
Barbados Tourism Authority Tel: (246) 426 0909

October

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Sea, Sun and Slams Bridge Tournament

For further information contact Jeffrey Newton. Tel: (246) 427 7160

- * **Gullivers International Seniors Cricket Tournament**
Barbados International Gospel – A family retreat, comprising concerts, motivational speakers and outdoor events.

November

- * **Fred Rumsey Cricket Festival**

For further information contact
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- * **International Surfing at the “Soup Bowl”**

01 – 29

National Independence Festival of Creative Arts NIFCA

This Festival encourages Barbadians of all ages to match their talents in the fields of music, singing, dance, drama and writing. The festival runs throughout the month of November and culminates with a gala presentation in which the finalists are featured.

For further information contact the
National Cultural Foundation (NCF). Tel: (246) 424 0909

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Independence Day – National Holiday

December

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Run Barbados 10K and Marathon Series

This series comprises a 10K and Marathon and attracts international runners. There is also a walk and children’s triathlon.

The 10K is held in and around the capital, Bridgetown. The Marathon race starts at the Grantley Adams International Airport and proceeds along the South and West Coast finishing at Heywoods in the Northwest section of the island.

For further information contact
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Christmas Day

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Boxing Day – National Holiday

- * Dates to be confirmed