

Protocol Arrangements for Diplomatic Week

18–22 October 2026 | Nassau, The Bahamas

1. General Information

The Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas will host the upcoming **Diplomatic Week**, which usually refers to meetings connected with Ambassadors and Ministers, which brings together foreign leaders from across the world. The purpose of Diplomatic Week is to review The Bahamas' foreign policy priorities, strengthen diplomatic relations, and establish the Ministry's agenda for the coming year.

About the Diplomatic Week

Diplomatic Week is an **annual flagship event** organized by the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas**. It brings together:

- Bahamian Heads of Mission (Ambassadors and High Commissioners)
- Non-resident Ambassadors accredited to The Bahamas
- Senior government officials
- International organizations
- Foreign policy experts and stakeholders

About The Bahamas

The Bahamas is an archipelagic nation comprising over 700 islands and cays, located in the Atlantic Ocean. It is recognized for its stable parliamentary democracy, strategic geographic position, and strong role in regional diplomacy within the Caribbean and Latin America.

Nassau, the capital, serves as the country's political, commercial, and cultural hub. It offers modern infrastructure, international air connectivity, and a well-developed hospitality sector, making it an ideal destination for international conferences and diplomatic engagements.

Delegates are expected to arrive on **16 October 2026**, with official sessions commencing on **the afternoon of 18 October 2026**.

2. Conference Venue

The conference will be hosted at the Margaritaville Beach Resort Nassau. **Margaritaville Beach Resort Nassau** is a modern beachfront resort located at **2 West Bay Street, Nassau**, directly on Junkanoo Beach and just a short walk from the Nassau Cruise Port, Bay Street shopping district, and Arawak Cay (Fish Fry). It offers a blend of relaxation, family-friendly activities, and convenient access to downtown Nassau.

The resort features:

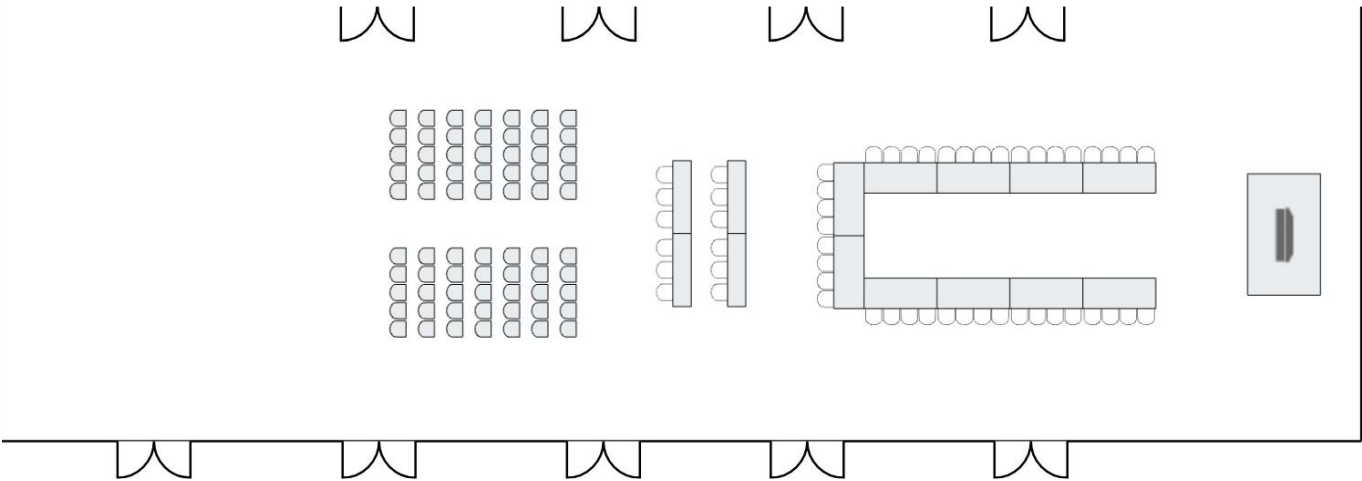
- Over 150 oceanfront guest rooms and suites, many with private balconies.
- A private beach on Junkanoo Beach.
- **Fins Up Water Park** with a lazy river, waterslides, surfing simulator, and pools.
- **St. Somewhere Spa** and a fitness center.
- Multiple restaurants and bars, including JWB Prime Steak & Seafood, Frank & Lola's Pizzeria, and Changes in Latitude rooftop lounge.
- A marina for yachts and boating.

Venue Features

- Fully equipped conference and meeting rooms
- Business services and high-speed internet
- On-site dining facilities
- Private beach access
- Central location within walking distance of key government offices

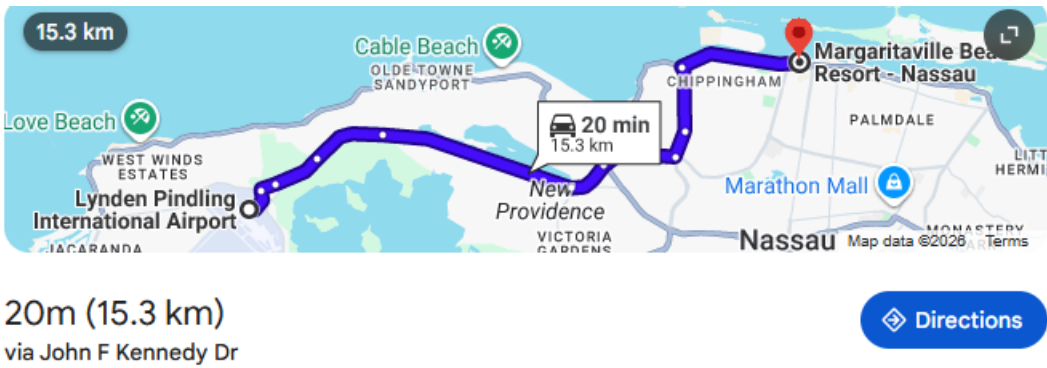
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Plenary sessions for the meetings



3. Ground Transportation

The host hotel Magaritaville Beach Resort is located approximately 15.3 (20 minutes) from the Lynden Pindling Airport, (LPIA).



For official delegates arriving at the Lynden Pindling International Airport, a shuttle schedule should been coordinated for arrival on Friday 16 October 2026 and for departure on Friday 23 October 2026. Please use the email or phone contact identified in this document for more information.

For arrivals/departures outside of these times, public transportation is available at the airport for transport to your desired hotel destination upon immediate exit from the airport. Taxi services to the downtown area of Nassau are estimated at US\$40 to \$42 each way.

Delegates are advised to confirm fares with the taxi dispatcher prior to departure.

Transportation for official delegations and speakers may be coordinated through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Protocol Unit.

4. Nearby Amenities

Delegates may explore a suite of dining and leisure options within Nassau only minutes from the preferred Diplomatic Week hotels.

Recommended Restaurants

- Graycliff Restaurant – Fine dining in a historic mansion featuring Bahamian and continental cuisine
- Café Matisse – Italian and Mediterranean cuisine in a courtyard setting
- Social House
- Oku Sushi Bar
- Cricket Club

Other nearby Attractions

- Ardastra Gardens & Wildlife- open 9:30am to 4:00pm
- Graycliff Chocolate Factory- open 9:00am-5:00pm
- Government House- Changing of the Guard-usually time 10:00am or 11:00am every second Saturday
- Fish Fry- open 11:00am - 12midnight
- National Art Gallery Bahamas (NAGB)- open 10:00am-5:00pm
- Queens Staircase

Please speak to your front desk agent to assist you in confirming reservations.

5 Arrival and Departure Requirements

a. International Flight Connections

Nassau's main gateway is
Lynden Pindling International Airport,

Further information:

<https://nassaulpia.com/>

b. Visa and Entry Requirements

Before you travel to Nassau, The Bahamas, please review the entry requirements to ensure ease of travel. The following link: <https://mofa.gov.bs/accordions/list-of-countries-that-do-not-need-a-visa/> contains information on visa requirements and application for entry to The Bahamas.

Kindly note that many countries in the Latin America and Caribbean region may enter The Bahamas on a visa-free basis. **For persons holdings passports from any country not on the above referenced list, kindly contact the Consular Section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at telephone number: 1(242)397-9300, 1(242)397-9308, 1(242)397-9319 or email enquiries to: visaoffice@bahamas.gov.bs or perrydavis@bahamas.gov.bs**

All visitors **must** be in possession of a passport that is valid **for more than six months** to enter The Bahamas, and upon arriving in Nassau, all visitors must fill out an immigration form and complete an oral baggage declaration.

a. Customs Regulations

Each delegate is expected to complete a Form No.C17 Accompanied Baggage Declaration only respect of any goods which are liable to duty.

The Form No.C17 Customs Declaration is also required for persons carrying monetary instruments in an amount of B\$10,000 or more, or foreign equivalent currency.

Participants should review visa requirements prior to travel.

Required documents:

- Passport biographical page
- Official invitation letter
- Delegation registration form
- Hotel confirmation
- Airline itinerary

All visitors must have a passport valid for at least six months beyond entry.

Upon arrival, travelers must:

- Complete an immigration form
- Provide an oral baggage declaration

6. Contact Information

Protocol Coordination

For any protocol assistance or coordination, please contact the Ministry at the numbers provided.

Please be advised that Protocol officers are assigned to Heads of Delegates or Ministerial post. Two rooms should be made available (1) residential room for the officer that will be on property 24hours, in the event of any queries or rising matters and (1) room for the officers to sit while the sessions are in progress.

The Protocol Officers are required to be facilitated with meals that can be given in food vouchers or a meal allowance. Overtime is expected to be paid to each officer.

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Conference Secretariat

Further details will be provided in the final circular.