

## Moving to Bermuda

It's not all about the business. When you are moving to Bermuda there are some specific "Human Being" considerations. For example, are you married? Are you bringing kids or pets? Do you need a car? Where are you going to live?... There are a whole host of things to factor in.

Because the BDS team is comprised of industry professionals from a deep and diverse group, we have the inside track on how to make things happen in Bermuda. There are many subtleties and nuances with which we are acutely familiar.

Let's have a chat and we can answer your questions and arrange a tour to put you more at ease... Things you need to think about:

### Before you get to Bermuda

- Freight forwarders: Who are you using to ship things to Bermuda and then who are you using to move stuff around in Bermuda?).
- Do you have a bespoke personal concierge or relocation specialist?
- How do I move my pet? There are several requirements and you need to obtain a permit from the Bermuda Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

### Arriving in Bermuda

- Flights: How do I get there? What's the best timing? Which airlines and gateway hubs should I use?
- Immigration: What paperwork do I need to get in? Some countries need entry visas – some don't.
- Being greeted and transported from the airport to wherever you are staying.
- Import and customs duties for anything you have brought with you (either on the plane or shipped to the island). *Note banned items such as firearms, ammunition certain drugs and obscene materials.*
- Medical/Health issues such as vaccinations.

### Once you are here

- Finding a place to stay (hotel, guest house, vacation style rental, long term rental, etc.).
- Spousal right to work. Can my partner work or volunteer? Right to work vs right to reside?
- Schools (public vs private). *It should be noted that there are limited spots in the private schools and there is no guarantee of getting a place. We can help.*
- Home help: Housekeeping, cleaning, child care, elder care, special needs care, etc.).
- Supermarkets: Where do I shop and what's the cost like?
- Religion: We can help introduce you to the appropriate religious community and help you settle into your place of worship.
- Utilities: Water, phone (landline & mobile), internet, wifi, cable, electricity, etc.

### **Moving Around**

- Your own transport (buying a car or a bike). You can have one car per assessment number – unlimited bikes. You'll need to take a driving test and get a Bermuda driving license. Once you get a car and/or a bike, you'll need it licenced and insured.
- Public transport options (busses, ferries, taxis and minibuses, etc.).

### **What to do for fun?**

How can you get embedded in the Island's cultural, sporting and social amenities? We can help with:

- Clubs, spas & gym memberships.
- Restaurants, bars, nightclubs, cinemas, theatres, etc.
- Beaches, diving, sailing & watersports.
- Golf & Tennis.
- Walking & riding trails.
- Tourism experiences and facilities.
- Playgrounds.
- Special events (Cup Match, ITU World Triathlon, America's Cup Sailing, World Rugby Classic, Film Festival, Bermuda Arts Festival, Restaurant Weeks, the Ag show, etc.)

### **Embassy/Consul**

There are several countries that have consular representations in Bermuda – give us a shout and we'll tell you who.

*This is just a high-level overview of some of the factors to be considered when moving to Bermuda. There will be many nuances that are unique to your situation. BDS can walk you through all of this.*

Get in touch.