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Sunday · January 25th, 2026 - Saturday · January 31st, 2026

OFDA Midwinter Conference Barbados

Earn 12 Hours of CE Credit While Exploring the Vibrant Culture of Barbados

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Pre Travel

Caribbean Beauty Meets Rich History

Escape to the Hilton Barbados Resort, nestled between two powder-soft beaches and offering sweeping views of the Caribbean Sea. Just minutes from Bridgetown, explore the UNESCO-listed Garrison Historic Area, indulge in fresh local flavors at nearby Oistins Fish Fry, or snorkel through crystal-clear waters teeming with marine life. Adventure, relaxation, and culture await in the heart of paradise!

Hilton Barbados Resort

Experience the ultimate blend of modern luxury and island history at Hilton Barbados Resort, nestled on historic Needham's Point, home to the 17th-century ruins of Charles Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Offering breathtaking views of the Caribbean Sea, the resort is a serene escape with direct access to two white-sand beaches, two outdoor pools, a full-service spa, and a gym.

Unwind by the infinity pool, savor exquisite dining at the on-site restaurants, or explore the rich history of the fortress. Enjoy a variety of recreational activities, including beach volleyball, water sports, and pampering treatments at the spa. The resort's four restaurants offer everything from fresh seafood to classic Caribbean flavors. The spacious, air-conditioned rooms feature tropical décor, flat-screen TVs, iPod docks, and options for bay or ocean views. Rest easy on a pillow-top mattress, with Netflix access and complimentary robes for your comfort.

Located just minutes from the historic Garrison area and downtown Bridgetown, Hilton Barbados Resort is the ideal base for discovering the island's rich culture and natural beauty.

The Gem of the Caribbean

Barbados, known as "The Gem of the Caribbean," is an island rich in history and culture. With its origins dating back to the 17th century, Barbados was one of the first islands in the Caribbean to be colonized by the British. Today, this independent island nation is renowned for its pristine beaches, vibrant culture, and warm hospitality. From the bustling streets of Bridgetown to the quiet beauty of its coastal towns, Barbados welcomes you to explore its charming blend of old-world history and modern-day luxury.

Shopping Extravaganza:

- Hastings Plaza: Discover high-end boutiques and local markets offering authentic Barbadian crafts and island-inspired fashion.
- Cave Shepherd: Immerse yourself in the ultimate shopping experience with a diverse collection of international brands, luxury goods, and duty-free items.

Culinary Delights:

- The Cliff: Delight in upscale dining with spectacular ocean views and an inventive menu blending Caribbean and international flavors, perfect for a sophisticated evening.
- Champers Restaurant: Savor fresh seafood in an elegant seaside setting, offering a menu inspired by Caribbean cuisine with an extensive wine list.
- Brown Sugar Restaurant: Enjoy the best of Bajan dishes in a charming, rustic atmosphere, where local flavors and friendly service meet.
- Carib Beach Bar: Relax and enjoy a laid-back atmosphere with fresh cocktails and delicious local snacks, just steps from the beach.

Top Attractions in Barbados:

- Carlisle Bay: Spend a day at this stunning beach, known for its crystal-clear waters, vibrant marine life, and excellent snorkeling opportunities.
- Bridgetown: Stroll through the capital city's UNESCO World Heritage-listed streets, filled with historic buildings, shopping outlets, and colorful markets.
- Harrison's Cave: Explore the island's underground wonder with guided tours of its impressive limestone formations and cascading waterfalls.

Pricing

Bay View Package: Enjoy stunning bay views at an affordable price.

- 5 Nights: Double Occupancy Per Person - $3399 / Single Occupancy Per Person - $4699
- 6 Nights: Double Occupancy Per Person - $3699 / Single Occupancy Per Person - $5299

Ocean View Package: Experience calming ocean vistas for the perfect retreat.

- 5 Nights: Double Occupancy Per Person - $3699 / Single Occupancy Per Person - $5199
- 6 Nights: Double Occupancy Per Person - $3999 / Single Occupancy Per Person - $5799

Premium Ocean View Package: Indulge in elevated, breathtaking oceanfront views.

- 5 Nights: Double Occupancy Per Person - $3899 / Single Occupancy Per Person - $5499
- 6 Nights: Double Occupancy Per Person - $4199 / Single Occupancy Per Person - $6099

Seminar Fee: This fee covers three days of meetings.

- OFDA Member: $275
- Non-Member: $550

Air Credit:

Note: If you plan to book your own flights, a $700 per person air credit is available.

Simply check the designated box during online registration, and the credit will be applied automatically.

Inclusions

- Roundtrip airfare from Columbus, Cincinnati, or Cleveland (business class airfare for an additional cost & based on availability)
- Five or six nights accommodations
- Transfers between airport and resort
- Breakfast daily, welcome cocktail reception, private dinner
- All hotel taxes, service fees, and porterage

Essential Travel Information for Barbados

When traveling to Barbados, it's essential to ensure that your passport is valid for at least six months beyond your intended arrival date, as this is a requirement for entry. The official currency of Barbados is the Barbadian Dollar (BBD), although US Dollars (USD) are widely accepted throughout the island, especially in tourist areas, making it convenient for visitors. The island enjoys a warm tropical climate year-round, with average temperatures in January ranging from 75°F to 84°F, offering ideal weather for beach activities, sightseeing, and outdoor adventures.

Sunday · January 25th

Early Arrivals for Six Night Stay

Those electing the six night package (optional pre-night) will arrive today.

Monday · January 26th

Flight to Barbados

Fly to Barbados (five night stay). On arrival, you will be met at the airport.

Included Meals: Breakfast (Early Arrivals)

Tuesday · January 27th

Morning Meeting & Welcome Reception

For seminar participants, the meeting will be held from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. **This evening, join OFDA's welcome reception.**

Included Meals: Breakfast

Wednesday · January 28th

Morning Meeting

For seminar participants, the meeting will be held from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The remainder of the afternoon/evening is at your leisure.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Thursday · January 29th

Day at Leisure & Optional Jeep Tour

Today, enjoy a full day at leisure. **An optional Jeep tour is available in the morning.**

Included Meals: Breakfast

Friday · January 30th

Morning Meeting & Group Dinner

For seminar participants, the meeting will be held from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. **This evening, join OFDA's private dinner.**

*Included Meals: Breakfast & **Dinner***

Saturday · January 31st

Flight Home

After check-out, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Included Meals: Breakfast