

## 21 INSIDER TIPS FOR A GREAT CONVENTION EXPERIENCE

1. When booking your flight, remember to book into Nassau, not Freeport of the Grand Bahamas.
2. Do not forget your Passport.
3. Be Patient. Bahamas' sense of urgency is different than U.S.
4. Book your flight early. Service is decreased from some airports in the fall.
5. Pack swim suits and resort clothing in carry-on bags in case your luggage is lost.
6. Take your own bags to your room. Bellmen can take up to two hours to deliver them.
7. Bring snacks and eat non-GAWDA meals off property. Atlantis restaurants are expensive.
8. Make reservations for restaurants/tours/Dolphin Experiences well in advance and prior to departing the U.S.
9. Rental cars are expensive and not needed. Pre-arrange for a cab from the airport.
10. Cell phone service is limited. Check with your carrier.
11. Purchase a prepaid phone card if your cell service doesn't work.
12. 15% gratuities are included in all Atlantis food/beverage bills.
13. Walking time from hotel rooms to convention center/meeting rooms is 15 minutes.
14. Bring comfortable shoes.
15. There is a shuttle between the East Tower and the Convention Center.
16. Clothing Recommendations:
  - Bring a light sweater or jacket for meetings as rooms tend to be cold.
  - Meetings/Contact Booth/Golf/President's Reception: Resort Upscale – polo and designer shirts, dress shorts, slacks, sundresses or skirts. No T-shirts or cutoff shorts.
  - President's Gala: Resort Elegant – Dress shirts, polo and designer shirts, slacks, dresses or skirts.
17. Depart for airport three hours prior to flight.
18. No sidewalk luggage check-in or self-service kiosks.
19. Dual Bahamas and U.S. security checks.
20. U.S. Immigration is in Bahamas, not at arrival in U.S.
21. Be Patient – It may be better in the Bahamas, but it is also slower.