## Charter flights from Caribbean Islands for British travellers to return to the UK

Over 900 British travellers will be able to return home from islands across the Caribbean on the latest charter flights organised by the UK government.

Three flights from Barbados will leave for London Heathrow from Grantley Adams International Airport on 3, 4 and 5 June.

Sweeper flights will take British travellers to Barbados for the transatlantic flight, from: Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the British Virgin Islands, Montserrat, and Trinidad and Tobago.

This follows help we have already provided to get people back on special flights from the Bahamas, Jamaica, Cuba, and Guyana. FCO teams across the Caribbean have also helped over 11,000 British travellers return to the UK via commercial routes.

Minister for the Caribbean and the Overseas Territories, Baroness Sugg said:

We recognise that many British travellers in the Caribbean are still trying to get home. That's why we are organising our most complex series of charter flights yet to bring up to 900 people back.

Our teams will keep doing everything they can to get as many as possible home to the UK and will be providing those not returning with the support they need.

Priority will be given to British travellers who are vulnerable. This includes those over 70 and others who have medical requirements, those travelling with young children, and those located in more remote or atrisk areas.

These flights are also seeking to help non-British nationals with Indefinite Leave to Remain where possible — so long as they have lived in the UK in the last year. The most vulnerable of these will be prioritised.

The UK government is working with the airline industry and host governments across the world to bring back British travellers to the UK as part of the plan announced by the Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab (30 March) — with up to £75 million available for special charter flights to priority countries.

## Background

- The charter flights are for short-term British travellers who normally reside in the UK, as well as their direct dependants. Non-British citizens with appropriate residency rights will be included if there is capacity.
- To register their details and interest in these flights, British travellers should check FCO Travel Advice
- British travellers who have registered their interest in returning to the UK on a chartered flight will be contacted by the British mission in their country or territory explaining how to book these flights. Anyone who has not yet registered their interest should contact the local High Commission or Embassy using the details in the FCO's country travel advice
- Those who are eligible to fly will be sent information on getting to airports and flight itineraries directly when their seat is confirmed
- Details regarding luggage allowance, flight costs and carriers will be available on the booking portal
- British Embassies and High Commissions across the Caribbean network continue to provide consular support to any British travellers who remain in the Caribbean
- See <u>guidance on how to book onto a government charter flight back to the</u> UK

## Further information