

ACWWS Conference 2008 Frequently Asked Questions **(FAQs)**

About Grenada –

Transportation

1. How do I get to and from the airport?

It is easy to get a taxi as you exit the arrivals gate. Taxi drivers will approach you and ask you if you need a ride. They will charge you around 40 EC (Eastern Caribbean) dollars (This is actually less than \$20 dollars US, but if you pay in US, they'll ask for \$20.) to get to the hotel strip in Grand Anse.

2. Is there a departure tax?

YES!!! It is extremely important to take a note of this as you will need to save \$50 EC (\$20 USD) for all adults and \$25 EC (\$10 USD) for all children; you will need this money to pay the departure tax in the airport. **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE WITHOUT IT.**

3. Until what time does public transportation run?

Public Buses run from 5:00 AM to 11:00 PM (these times are approximate, as all Public buses are actually privately owned) and they go all over the island. SGU buses are the best way to get around the Grand Anse/True Blue area. They run from 7:15 AM in the morning to 2:00 AM the next morning.

SGU buses run between
True Blue and Grand Anse
True Blue and Lance Aux Epines
True Blue and Point Salines
True Blue and Mont Tout

4. What is the price of public transportation?

The public buses cost \$2.50 EC for Adults and \$1.50 EC for children for all short distances e.g. Grande Anse to St. George's. If you want to travel farther, it costs more. It is even more expensive to go off route or to catch a bus after 11:00 PM.

SGU buses are free, but make sure to have your conference ID on you or you will not be allowed to ride the bus.

If you are interested in attending Gouyave Fish Friday, the on-site hospitality coordinator will provide you with information on transportation costs.

Money

5. Where are the closest banks?

There are banks conveniently located all over Grenada; you shouldn't have any trouble finding one. There is a bank at the airport. There are banks located all around the Grand Anse beach area; in fact, there are 5 within walking distance of both conference hotels (A Scotia Bank, a RBTT{Royal}, a Republic Bank, a First Caribbean Bank, and a Grenada Cooperative Bank). Ask your hotel desk (or anyone for that matter) and they should be able to easily direct you to a bank near you. There is also a RBTT bank in the student center of the SGU True Blue Campus.

6. Can I use US money?

You can use US in most stores, but you will not be guaranteed to get the best exchange rate. It's generally easier and cheaper to have EC dollars handy.

7. Do you recommend exchanging US for EC (Eastern Caribbean) dollars?

Yes, as mentioned before it's generally easier and cheaper to have EC dollars handy.

8. Where should I exchange money?

Always exchange money in a bank!!! Hotels will not give you the best exchange rate and there is no black market exchange in Grenada (not that we would suggest you change money this way if there were).

You can no longer exchange money at Point Salines Airport, so you will have to wait until you are in Grand Anse to obtain EC dollars

9. Can I use traveler's cheques?

Most stores will not accept traveler's cheques anymore. You will be able to change traveler's cheques for EC dollars in the bank.

10. What are Grenada's banking hours?

Most banks open at 8:00 AM in the morning and close at 2:00 PM in the afternoon from Monday to Thursday.

Banks stay open until 5:00 PM on Fridays and are closed on weekends

General

11. Where do you recommend I shop?

There are many shopping centers in Grenada where you will find clothing, souvenirs, necessities, gifts and more. In Grand Anse, you can go to Spiceland Mall, FoodFair Shopping Center or the South Plaza Shopping Center. In St. George's you can visit the Esplanade Mall or take a walk around 'Market Square'. You can also visit the Vendor's Market at the north end of Grand Anse Beach (on the beach). The Vendor's Market contains local artisans selling their wares. You'll find spices, t-shirts, hats, drinks, snacks, beach wraps, beach chairs and umbrellas for rent, locally produced jewelry, and much more.

12. Do I have to pay taxes on goods and services?

There is no tax on good and services with the exception of restaurant service which applies an 8 percent government tax.

13. Where do you recommend I eat?

There is a plethora of interesting and varied food stuffs available all over the island. From local cuisine, to Japanese, to western European, Grenadian restaurateurs have branched out everywhere to provide you with a great selection. Visit the Grenada board of tourism's website to read about the different places you can go to eat at <http://www.grenadagrenadines.com/rest.html>

14. What is the standard tip in restaurants?

People tend to tip anywhere from 15% to 20% in restaurants, but be careful not to over tip as a lot of restaurants will have a 10% to 15% service charge added to the bill. Make sure you read the bill carefully before putting down your tip.

15. Where are the nearest pharmacies?

There are pharmacies located in central Grand Anse (adjacent to the Grand Anse roundabout) and inside the FoodFair and South Plaza shopping centers.

16. Where are the nearest grocery stores?

There are two large grocery stores in Grand Anse within walking distance of the Conference Hotels. One is FoodFair, which is located in the Food Fair Shopping Center, and the other is Real Value Supermarket, located in the SpiceLand Mall (Central Grand Anse).

17. Is Grenada dangerous?

No, Grenada isn't dangerous, but just like anywhere, you need to be careful. Theft is not a regular crime in Grenada as everyone knows each other, but foreigners are still fair game; therefore, do not leave valuables unattended, and do not flash money or jewelry around. Grenada is also generally a peaceful place, but it is always better to be on the safe side, so go out with a friend or in a group, do not walk about in places you don't

know or feel unsure about at night, do not get into arguments or fights with locals if it can be avoided, use common sense when out at pubs, bars, and night clubs and do not get too inebriated that you can't take care of yourself.

18. What do I do in an emergency?

Call 777 in case of an emergency, not 911, and/or contact your hotel front desk

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19. Will there be PowerPoint and other AV services at the conference venue?

Yes, there will be Presentation equipment on site for the conference. There will be microphones, projectors, computers (PC), and Microsoft PowerPoint available in all venues.

20. Will there be wireless internet service available at the hotels and/or at the conference venue?

The Coyaba Beach Resort and The Grand Beach Resort have high speed wireless hotspots that are available all over their compounds.

SGU has a wireless hotspot that is mainly available around the conference venues (Founder's Annex 1 & 2 and Bourne Annex) and the Founder's Library; this hotspot works well in these areas, but it loses power in other parts of the campus.

21. Will printing services be available at the conference?

Printing services are available, but the conference organizers will need advanced notice of all printing requirements.

22. What is the proper attire for the conference?

The proper attire for the conference is business casual.

23. How long will the panel presentations be?

Panel presentations should be approximately 15 minutes long

24. How many presenters will there be at the conference?

There is a grand total of 72 presenters during the week of the conference

25. What are the options for publishing my conference paper?

All video, photographs, correspondence, working papers become archives of the ACWWS. Scholars and writers who present papers are required to send a copy of their paper to the Organization's Archivist. Conference participants have a choice in where they want their papers considered for publication. However they are encouraged to submit their papers to the ACWWS journal *MaComere*, a refereed journal, for publication.

26. Are the buildings on campus handicap accessible?

Yes. The buildings where the sessions are being held are. But participants should also tell us before hand in case additional arrangements need to be made.

27. Where do I eat while on campus?

There are a few choices when you are looking around the True Blue Campus for something to eat. You could go to the student center where you can eat at either Pearl's Restaurant or you could go to Glover's Restaurant.

Pearl's is a classic university cafeteria where you can get reasonably priced wraps, bagettes, box lunches and sandwiches. You will spend anywhere from 6 dollars EC to a maximum of 30 EC

Glover's Restaurant is more of a University pub atmosphere and they serve pizza, sandwiches, burgers, and lunch boxes too. Glover's is more expensive and you will find the prices start at 12 EC and go up.

At the bottom of the hill near the veterinary school you will find The SugarShack. The SugarShack sells boxed lunches and sandwiches at a reasonable cost. Prices range from 10 EC – 30 EC for lunch.

There is also a group of vendors that sell their wares at the top of the hill – there are East Indian snacks, Chinese food, and fruits and vegetables for sale. All of these vendors are very reasonably priced.

28. What happens if I get sick while on campus attending the conference?

The SGU Clinic is open from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM during the week.

29. What if I have special needs?

Please contact the conference organizational team (www.acwws.org/conference) as soon as possible so that we can accommodate whatever special needs that you require to the best of our ability.

30. How do I book a hotel room?

Visit the official conference website for information on conference accommodation in Grenada and how to reserve a room.

- Conference Website: www.acwws.org/conference
- Go to the '*Accommodation*' section of this web resource.

31. What if I must withdraw from the conference?

Please advise the conference organizers (acwws2008@sgu.edu) of your situation as promptly as possible to reduce problems with the programming.

32. Who do I contact with additional questions?

You can contact the ACWWS 2008 Conference organizers – e-mail acwws2008@sgu.edu

You can also contact any member of the organizing team as they are all listed on the home page of the conference website (www.acwws.org/conference). Just click on their name and you will get all of their contact information.

You can find more information about Grenada, the ACWWS, SGU, and the ACWWS 2008 Conference at www.acwws.org/conference