



Solomon Islands

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Embarking on a journey to the Solomon Islands offers a breathtaking voyage through pristine waters and enchanting landscapes. As you prepare for your arrival, we understand the importance of clarity and efficiency in the entry process. To assist you in seamlessly navigating the formalities and requirements, we present this comprehensive guide, addressing common inquiries and ensuring your arrival is as smooth as the azure seas ahead.

Q: Are there any entry formalities or requirements we should be aware of for Solomon Islands well ahead of time?

A: There are no special requirements. However, to ensure a smooth arrival process, please send us the following documents in advance: Itinerary, last port of clearance, ship's particulars, and crew list.

Q: What preparations do we need to make onboard for the officials (immigration, biosecurity, customs, health)?

A: You'll need to prepare the following documents for officials:

- Last Port of Clearance
- International Maritime Health Declaration
- Crew/Pax Lists
- Last Ports of Calls
- Crews Declaration (signed by each crew)
- Bond Store List
- Provision List
- Nil Lists
- Ships Particulars
- Ships Sanitation Certificate
- Bio-Security Forms will be filled out onboard with officials and relate to animals, meat, plants, master, and arrival declarations.

Q: Is a ships sanitation certificate required?

A: Yes, this certificate is required for ships carrying more than 5 people onboard. If you don't have one, it can be obtained upon arrival. The health officer conducting clearance can issue one for \$500SBD after inspecting the ship.

Q: What stores are allowed and not allowed onboard?

A: All stores are allowed.

Q: Are there any restrictions on food we cannot bring in?

A: All food is fine as long as it stays onboard. Importing food may require a permit, except from Australia or New Zealand. This applies only if bringing provisions into the country.

Q: Do I need a visa to enter the Solomon Islands?

A: Yes, certain nationals (Bermuda, Chile, China, Colombia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Mauritius, Mexico, Nepal, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Serbia, South Africa, Ukraine, Uruguay) must obtain visas before arrival, while others can receive them upon arrival. For passports requiring a visa, the standard fee is approximately \$800 SBD, with processing taking about 3 days. For anyone that requires a visa before arrival GS Agencies will manage the application process for you; all we need is a clear image of all passport details for each crew member at least one week before arrival. Ensure all passports have at least 6 months before expiry. Tourist visas are typically valid for a maximum of 90 days, commencing from the first point of entry within the initial 12 months. An extended visa may be applied for if travel exceeds 90 days within this period. Please ensure a complete passenger and crew list is available and submitted to immigration officials when they board.