



## THINGS BAJAN

This handout will give you a crash course of things “bajan”. Whether it is your first visit to the island of Barbados or you have visited here several times, there are a few things which you should know to really make the most of your time on the island.

### FIVE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The dialect spoken here is called Bajan.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Barbadian is also called a Bajan.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barbados can be called “Bim” or “Bimshire” by locals.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The national dish is “Coucou and flying fish”.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The blue represents the sea and sky of Barbados, while gold represents the sand of the island's beaches. The symbol at the centre of the flag represents the Trident of the mythical sea god, Neptune which represents Barbados' liberty or break from Britain.</li> </ul>	

### I IZ UH BAJAN- I AM A BAJAN –



#### LET’S TALK LIKE A BAJAN

I am going to town. (Standard English) – I gine town. (Bajan)

What are you doing? (Standard English) – Wha yuh doing? (Bajan)

I sing on Fridays. (Standard English)- I does sing pon Fridah (Bajan)



#### BAJAN PROVERBS / SAYINGS

1. “De sea en’ got no back door” – **The sea is not a safe place/ The sea is dangerous.**
2. “Every skin teet en’ a laugh” – **Just because they laugh with you doesn’t mean that they are truly your friends.**
3. “One smart dead at two- smart door” – **Just because you think that you are smart, there is always someone who can outsmart or trick you.**

