

# Saint Lucia Country Guide - IAM

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## Country Guide: Saint Lucia

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## Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

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### Documents Required

- Passport
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / air waybill (AWB)
- Letter from Ministry of Foreign Affairs (diplomats)
- Detailed inventory in English (must include the serial numbers for all electrical devices and appliances)

## Specific Information

- A returning national is allowed to enter personal effects (used or new) on the conditions stated below:
  - A returning national is a Saint Lucian who has lived abroad continuously for a minimum of 10 years.
- Bicycles are subject to the payment of duties.
- Items may be imported duty free if the following conditions are met:
  - They have been in the owner of the goods' use and possession for more than 12 months.
  - They are not intended for sale or exchange.
  - They are imported within 3 months of the owner of the goods' arrival.
  - The owner of the goods signs a declaration in the presence of a Custom's officer.
- A 6% Customs service charge is payable on all imports except those of diplomats and other exempted owners of the goods.

## Motor Vehicles

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### Documents Required

- Title / registration
- Purchase invoice
- OBL

### Specific Information

- One vehicle per person or family is allowed duty and tax free if the vehicle does not exceed the cost, insurance, and freight (CIF) value of USD \$30,000.00 (new) and the following conditions are met:
  - The person is a returning national accompanied by the vehicle.
  - The vehicle arrives within 3 months prior to or after the vehicle.
  - The vehicle is purchased in Saint Lucia within 3 months of a return to Saint Lucia.
  - The returning national cannot sell, exchange, or dispose of the vehicle within 3 years of importation.
- Motor vehicles designed for use on land or in the water are subject to the payment of duties.

## Pets

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## Documents Required

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate

## Specific Information

- Cats, dogs and other pets will be quarantined in the United Kingdom for 6 months prior to importation.
- Pets must be electronically identifiable and possess a valid health certificate with rabies inoculation obtained prior to traveling.
- All conditions must be met or the animal is subject to destruction.  
Contact the destination for specific requirements.

## Restricted/Dutiable Items

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- New furniture and household goods (an original signed commercial invoice is required and subject to duties)
- Arms, ammunition and dangerous goods (require a permit from the Commissioner of Police and are subject to duties)
- Precious metal objects (e.g., jewelry, coins, etc. are subject to duties unless they are part of the household goods shipment)
- Alcohol (40 ounces of whiskey, rum and vodka are permitted)
- Tins and food (are subject to duties)
- Gifts and souvenirs (are subject to duties)
- Plants (a Phytosanitary Certificate is required)
- Wedding trousseaux (is subject to duties)
- Inheritances (is subject to duties)
- Machines, appliances, and spare parts (are subject to duties)

## Prohibited Items

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- Medicines, narcotics, drugs and paraphernalia
- Pornography
- Items of the occult, black magic, witchcraft or other similar items
- Products made from endangered species as outlined by CITES
- Counterfeit items

## Consignment Instructions

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**Recommended:** Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

## Cultural and Other Information

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[CIA World Factbook](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Saint Lucia](#)