

~ The "See Ya" Tax ~

Many Nations levy a "DEPARTURE TAX" on visitors and residents. If they don't get you coming, they get you when you are leaving!

Generally this tax is collected at the airport and has to be paid in cash in the local currency. In some cases the airlines collect the tax on behalf of the local government (as in Jamaica), in others it is collected directly by the government.

These taxes seem to be most prevalent in the Caribbean and other developing nations; but even the United States has a Departure Tax (generally it is added to your ticket price and you may see it printed out along with other various taxes on your ticket receipt); unfortunately you get no nice "stamp" or receipt!

Some countries issue nice "Revenue" stamps as seen by the example from Turks & Caicos and Jamaica (notice the nice engraved "scroll" at the sides); others like Trinidad simply issue a "receipt".



Turks & Caicos Islands "Departure Tax" stamp on a Carnival Air Boarding Pass



Jamaica "Departure Tax" stamp on an American Airlines boarding pass



Trinidad & Tobago Departure Tax Receipt.