

DESTINATION INFORMATION - ANTIGUA

Antigua forms part of the Leeward Islands group in the northeast Caribbean. The Antiguan way of life is largely based around the water. Days pass by at a pleasant Caribbean pace. This is the place to take things easy, stroll around markets, sip fresh juices of coconuts and pineapple and meet friendly locals.

COORDINATES	17°03N, 61°48W	
LANGUAGE	English (official), Antiguan Creole (spoken)	
CAPITAL	St. John's	
WEATHER	The island enjoys a very pleasant tropical climate, warm and relatively dry throughout the year. Tropical storms and hurricanes may occur between June and November.	
BEST TIME TO CHARTER	December-April	
AIRPORTS	VC Bird International (ANU) serving Caribbean and intercontinental flights.	
TIME	UTC-4	
CURRENCY	East Caribbean dollar (XCD), USD is also widely accepted. Major credit cards including American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa should be accepted. ATMs are available but mostly in major resorts and towns such as St John's.	
ELECTRICITY	Officially 230 V, 60 Hz with most outlets of standard British type; many places are now built to North American standards.	
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	1 Jan Mar/Apr First Monday in May May/Jun First Monday in Aug First Monday in Nov 9 Dec 25 Dec	New Year's Day Good Friday Easter Monday Labor Day Whit Monday Carnival Monday Carnival Tuesday Independence Day National Heroes Day Christmas Day
MAIN PORTS AND MARINAS	Antigua Yacht Club Marina Falmouth Harbour Marina Jolly Harbour Marina Nelson's Dockyard Marina	
RECOMMENDED BEACHES	Dickenson Beach with stretching gold sand and a few beach bars; Jolly Beach on the west coast great for water sports; Pigeon Point Beach at the mouth of Falmouth Harbour	
CULTURAL	Dress is informal unless specifically requested. It is not acceptable to wear revealing clothing or beachwear in towns or villages. It is an offense for anyone, including children, to dress in camouflage clothing. When it comes to greetings, relatives and good friends generally embrace while for acquaintances a handshake will be enough. Smoking is generally accepted in public places.	

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