



St John's, Antigua

Port information

Currency	The official currency is the Eastern Caribbean Dollar (XCD) , however US dollars are widely accepted.	Language	The official language is English.
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Getting around

Distance to town centre	The town is a simple and short 3 minute walk from either of the two docking locations.	Main highlights	Museum of Antigua and Barbuda. The Museum, located in downtown St. John's, provides an interesting background of the nation's history from 10,000 years ago. Learn how the islands were formed and who lived here. Discover all about the effect the Arawaks and Caribs had on the island. Lively displays include ancient tools and artifacts, shells, various flora and fauna and the island's naval and slavery history. The gift shop includes marvelous colour prints and etchings of 18th and 19th century Antigua, locally handmade pottery, handicrafts and books. Heritage Quay, Overlooking St. John's Harbour, this duty free shopping area offers virtually everything you desire from fine cigars and spirits to fragrances. Also available are artworks, leather goods, china, crystal and designer labels including watches and elegant jewellery. Public Market, The market in St. John's provides an extensive and attractive covered outlet for the abundance of Caribbean fruit and vegetables. Upstairs are delightful small boutique-style shops. The market is easily identified by the imposing sculpture of V.C. Bird, the Founder of the Nation, at the intersection of all roads leading to the market at the edge of St. John's. St. John's Cathedral Divine, Two St. John's Anglican Churches have already stood on the site of the present cathedral. The first was built of wood as early as 1681, The second was constructed with English brick about 1720 when the first fell in disrepair and became too small. For any more going ashore information pass by the Destination Services Centre located on Deck 5. We're always happy to help make the most of your time ashore.
Getting about	The bus station is a 5 minute walk from the either docking locations, however it's a very limited service. Always double check routes and departure times.		
Taxis	There's a taxi booth located outside the pier where there are set rates to certain destinations. It's always best to double check the cost before starting your journey. Please be aware some taxis will not leave until all seats are filled. Always confirm the price and the currency you would like to pay in before setting off with a local taxi.		
Important info	NO COMBAT OR CAMOUFLAGE CLOTHING IS TO BE WORN IN ANTIGUA. IF YOU'RE SEEN TO BE WEARING ANY SUCH CLOTHING YOU'LL BE SENT BACK TO THE SHIP TO CHANGE BY SECURITY.		
Main highlights	On Antigua, life is a beach. Its corrugated coasts cradle hundreds of perfect little strands lapped by beguiling enamel-blue water, while the sheltered bays have provided refuge for everyone from Admiral Nelson to buccaneers and yachties. If you can tear yourself away from that towel, you'll discover that there's a distinct English accent to this island. You'll find it in the bustling capital of St John's, in salty-glamorous English Harbour, and in the historic forts and other vestiges of the colonial past. Yet, Antigua is also quintessential Caribbean, full of candy-coloured villages, a rum-infused mellowness and bright-eyed locals that greet you with wide smiles. Fort James as the name suggests, is a 17th century British fort that was erected to protect the St John's harbour. When you visit this historical site, you can still see some of the original wall, cannons, and powder magazines from the 1600's.		

Essential information

Tourist information	There's a tourist information booth located opposite the port gates.	Shopping	There are many duty free shops on the quayside and two main shopping areas - Heritage Quay and Redcliffe Quay. There's also more traditional shopping along the streets of St. John's. There are also street vendors who sell everything from t-shirts and woodcarvings to shells and shell jewellery at very reasonable prices.
Internet access	Wi-Fi internet connection is available in most areas throughout the town.		
Nearest beaches	In Antigua the locals claim there is a beach for every day of the year! Taxi drivers have island maps and are happy to recommend a beach depending on the type you fancy - fun packed with lots of water sports or nice and quiet - No matter the beach you will never be disappointed in Antigua! Try: Half Moon Bay, which is perfect for snorkelling or perhaps Long Bay, Jolly Beach or Runaway Beach. Dickinson Bay is the closest, it's only 10 minutes in a taxi.		

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you a lovely day in Antigua

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