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Brief History

Prior to the arrival of the Caribs, the first inhabitants of Antigua and Barbuda are believed to be the Sib

The British defeated the Caribs and colonised the islands from 1632, until it attained self-government i

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During the period of colonisation, many slaves were brought from Africa to work on the plantations in A

During the 18th Century, Antigua became the headquarters of the Caribbean troops of the British Roy

General Information

Antigua and Barbuda is made up of three islands: Antigua, Barbuda and Redonda.

Geographic Coordinates

17.03 N, 61 48 W

Area

Antigua : 280 sq km/108.1 sq miles

Barbuda : 161 sq km/62.16 sq miles

Population

85,632 [0-14 years 26.8%; 15-64 years: 66.6%; 65 years and over: 6.6%.]

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Language

English

Religions

Anglican, 7 Day Adventist, Pentecostal, Moravian, Roman Catholic, other

Capital

St. John's

Government Type

Constitutional Monarchy with UK-type parliament. Last elections: 7 December 2005. Next in 2010.

Opposition

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Hon. Lester Bird, Antigua Labour Party

Independence

1 November 1981 (from UK)

Constitution

1 November 1981

Legal System

Based on English common law

Governor General

Ms. Louisse Lake-Tack

Airport(s)

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Antigua : V.C. Bird (ANU)

Barbuda : Codrington (BBQ)

Currency

Eastern Caribbean dollar. Exchange rate of EC\$2.70 – US\$1.00

Literacy

85.8% of population

Suffrage

18 years of age

National Flower

Hibiscus

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National Bird

White Crown Pigeon

National Dish

Antigua Pepperpot

National Holidays

New Year's Day – 1/01

Good Friday

Easter Monday

Labour Day -1st Mon in May

Whit Monday

Carnival – 1st Mon/Tue in Aug.

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Independence Day 1/11

Vere Bird Day – 9/12

Christmas Day – 25/12

Boxing Day – 26/12

National Anthem

Fair Antigua and Barbuda

Working Hours

Business : Mon-Fri : 0800 – 1700

Govt. : Mon-Fri : 0830 - 1630

Economy

GDP (2009)

XCD 2,006.07 M

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GDP per capita (2009)

XCD 22,505.00

Agriculture

Cotton, fruit and vegetables, including pineapples, melons, papaya, tomato, onion, peppers, carrot; live

Industry

Construction, light manufacturing

Services

Tourism

External Debt

XCD 1,287.31M

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