

# Grenada

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Motto

Ever Conscious of God We Aspire, Build and Advance as One People

## Brief History

Caribs inhabited Grenada when the island was “discovered” by Christopher Columbus in 1498. The Car

Civil conflict broke out following elections in 1976 and in 1979 the New Jewel Movement under Maurice

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### General Information

Grenada is a tri-island state including Carriacou and Petit Martinique

Geographic Coordinates

12 07 N, 61 40 W

Area

344 sq km / 133 sq miles

Population

90,343 [0-14 years 32.4%; 15-64 years : 64.7%; 65 years and over : 3%]

Language

English

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### Religions

Roman Catholic, Anglican, Protestant, other

### Capital

St. George's

### Government Type

Constitutional Monarchy with Westminster-style Parliament with bicameral legislature. Last elections: 8 October 2009

### Opposition

Hon. Keith Mitchell, New National Party.

Gloria Payne Banfield, Grenada United Labour Party.

### Independence

7 February 1974 (from UK)

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Constitution

19 December 1973

Legal System

Based on English common law

Governor General

Carlyle Arnold Glean

Airport(s)

Point Salines International (GND)

Currency

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

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Literacy

96% of population

Suffrage

18 years of age

National Flower

Bougainvillea (Nyctaginaceae)

National Bird

Grenada Dove (*Lepotila Wellsi*)

National Dish

Oil Down

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### **National Holidays**

New Year's Day – 1/01

Independence Day – 7/02

Good Friday

Easter Monday

Labour Day – 01/05

Whit Monday

Corpus Christi

Emancipation Day – 1st Mon. in Aug.

Carnival – 2nd Mon/Tues in Aug.

Thanksgiving Day 25/10

Christmas Day – 25/12

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Boxing Day – 26/12

National Anthem

Hail Grenada, Land of Ours.

Working Hours

Business : Mon-Fri : 0800-1600

Govt. : Mon-Fri : 0800-1700

## Economy

GDP (2009) [\[1\]](#)

XCD 965.13 M

GDP per capita (2009)

XCD 8,709.00

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### **Agriculture**

Spices such as nutmeg, mace, cinnamon; fruit and vegetables including bananas, cocoa, citrus, avocado

### **Industry**

Food and Beverages, Light Textiles, Light Assembly Operations

### **Services**

Tourism, Construction

External Debt (Dec.2008)

XCD 1,353,83 M

## **Government**

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Name of Officer



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[\[1\]](#) Constant Market Prices