

# St. Vincent & the Grenadines

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Motto

Pax et Justitia (Peace and Justice)

## Brief History

The first settlers were the Arawaks who were largely displaced by the Caribs, who fiercely resisted settlement.

In November 2009, a constitutional referendum was held in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, which won

### General Information

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is made up of thirty-two (32) islands and cays, nine (9) of which are in

#### Geographic Coordinates

13 15 N, 61 12 W

#### Area

386 sq km / 150 sq miles

#### Population

118,432 [0-14 years 25.1%; 15-64 years: 68.4%; 65 years and over: 6.5%.]

#### Language

English

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### Religions

Anglican, Methodist, Roman Catholic, other

### Capital

Kingstown

### Government Type

Constitutional Monarchy with Unicameral elected Parliament.

Last elections: 7 December 2005.

Next in 2010

### Opposition

Hon. Arnhim Eustace, New Democratic Party

### Independence

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27 October 1979

Constitution

27 October 1979

Legal System

Based on English common law

Governor General

Sir Frederick N. Ballantyne

Airport(s)

E.T. Joshua on St.Vincent (SVD)

J.F. Mitchell on Bequia (BQU)

Canouan (CIW)

Mustique (MQS)

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Union (UNI)

Currency

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

Literacy

96% of population

Suffrage

18 years of age

National Flower

Soufriere Tree (Spachea Perforata)

National Bird

St.Vincent Parrott (Amazona Guildingii)

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### National Dish

Fried Jacks and Roasted Breadfruit

### National Holidays

New Year's Day – 1/01

National Heroes Day – 14/03

Good Friday

Easter Monday

Labour Day

Whit Monday

Corpus Christi

Carnival Monday - /07

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Carnival    Tuesday- /07

Emancipation    Day – 03/08

Independence    Day 27/10

Christmas    Day – 25/12

Boxing    Day – 26/12

National Anthem

Saint    Vincent Land so Beautiful

Working Hours

Business:    Mon-Fri : 0830 – 1600, Sat : 0830 – 1200

Govt.    :    Mon-Fri : 0800 - 1600

## Economy

GDP (2009)

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XCD 1,011.29 M

GDP per capita (2009)

XCD 10,024.00

Agriculture

Fruit and vegetables including bananas, coconuts, sweet potatoes, yams, eddoes, tannia; spices, herb

Industry

Food Processing, Cement, Furniture, Clothing, arrowroot, tennis racquets

Services

Tourism, Construction

External Debt (Dec.2008)



XCD 631.36M

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