



Antiguan and Barbudan Country Guide

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Passport and Tourist Visa Conditions

Australian ordinary passport holders do not usually require a visa to enter Antigua and Barbuda as a tourist for a period of up to 6 months. Passports are recommended to be valid for six months beyond the period of intended stay. Travellers should also be able to show documentation confirming their accommodation, their ability to financially maintain themselves during their stay, as well as tickets and entry documents for their next destination.

Travellers are recommended to contact a Antiguan and Barbudan mission on the details below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to enter Antigua and Barbuda without a visa. Persons travelling via the US are also reminded of their obligation to comply with US entry and transit visa requirements.

Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade does not issue a travel advice for Antigua and Barbuda at this time. Read [Travel smart](#) for useful travel information to help you prepare for your trip, and advice on what you should do if you run into problems overseas.

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Antigua and Barbuda at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Antigua and Barbuda. Frequent or long stay travellers should consider vaccination against hepatitis B. Vaccination against typhoid (particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene) should be considered by travellers to Antigua and Barbuda. As there is a risk of dengue fever and the zika virus in Antigua and Barbuda, insect avoidance measures may be necessary depending on your itinerary. Antigua and Barbuda is listed as a zika category 1 country. For information on the risks the zika virus poses to pregnancy, including up to 6 months following the exposure of either parent, see www.who.int/csr/disease/zika/en/.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations including a recent annual influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to Antigua and Barbuda should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas, the zika virus and other issues please visit www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

Representatives of Antigua and Barbuda

Immigration Department, Antigua

Long and Thames Streets
ST JOHN'S

Tel: (+268) 562 1387
Tel: (+268) 562 1389
Fax: (+268) 562 1388

Web: www.immigration.gov.ag

Ministry of Tourism of Antigua and Barbuda,
Antigua

Government Complex
Queen Elizabeth Highway
ST. JOHN'S

Tel: (+268) 468 4049
Fax: (+268) 462 2836

Web: www.tourismantiguabarbuda.gov.ag

Antigua and Barbuda does not maintain any formal representation in Australia.

For further information on requirements to enter this country, travellers should contact one of the representatives listed adjacent.



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Time Differences between Antigua and Barbuda and Australia

Antigua and Barbuda is Greenwich Mean Time -4 hours. Daylight saving time is not observed. The applicable time zone is called Atlantic Standard Time (AST). The following times in Australia are a day ahead of the time in Antigua and Barbuda, for instance if it's Sunday afternoon in Antigua and Barbuda, it's Monday morning in Australia.

Antigua, 12 noon, June = Perth midnight; Adelaide, Darwin 1:30am; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 2am.
Antigua, 12 noon, December = Perth midnight; Darwin 1:30am; Brisbane 2am; Adelaide 2:30am; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 3am.

Important Contact Numbers

To Dial Australia Call: 011 61 <City> <Number>

Country Code: +1 264

Travelex Card Services:
Call the US on +1 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assistance:
1800 847 2911

MasterCard:
1800 307 7309

American Express Travellers Cheques:
(1) 800 790 7170

Barbuda Tourism Board:
(+268) 460 0077

Emergency Services:
All - 911 or 999
Ambulance - 462 0251
Police - 462 0125/999
Fire - 462 0044

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _ _ _ _ _

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Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Antigua and Barbuda

Australian High Commission,
Trinidad and Tobago

18 Herbert Street
St Clair
PORT OF SPAIN

Tel: (+1 868) 822 5450
Fax: (+1 868) 822 5490

Web: www.trinidadandtobago.highcommission.gov.au

Australian Honorary Consulate,
Antigua & Barbuda

PO Box 1267
St John's
ANTIGUA

Tel: (+1 268) 462 5915

The Honorary Consulate in Antigua can only provide limited consular assistance. The Australian High Commission in Trinidad and Tobago is accredited to this country. Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians are encouraged to register their presence and contact details in Antigua & Barbuda with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances for Antigua and Barbuda and Australia

Duty Free limits when entering Antigua and Barbuda:

Alcohol: 1 litre of wine or spirits.
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250g tobacco.
 Perfume: Up to 170ml.

Duty Free limits when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 litres of alcoholic beverages.
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
 Other Goods: Up to \$900 (\$450 for minors).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Antigua and Barbuda and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on Antiguan and Barbudan customs please visit www.ab.gov.ag, or for information regarding Australian customs please visit www.border.gov.au.

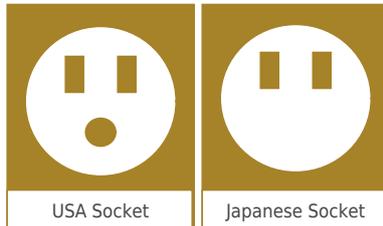
Electrical Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: USA and Japanese

Voltage: Both 110 and 240 volts may be used. Travellers should check the voltage before using their appliances.

Source: Korjo Travel Products.

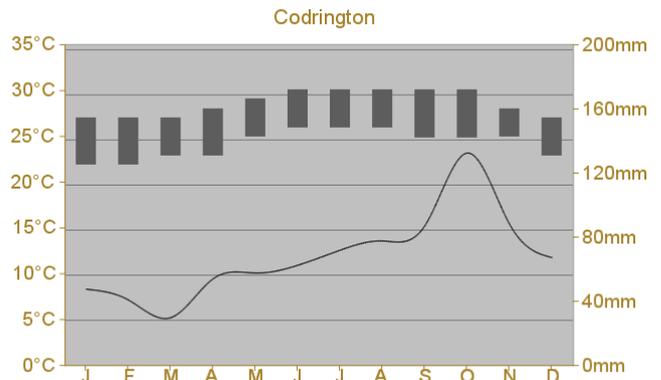
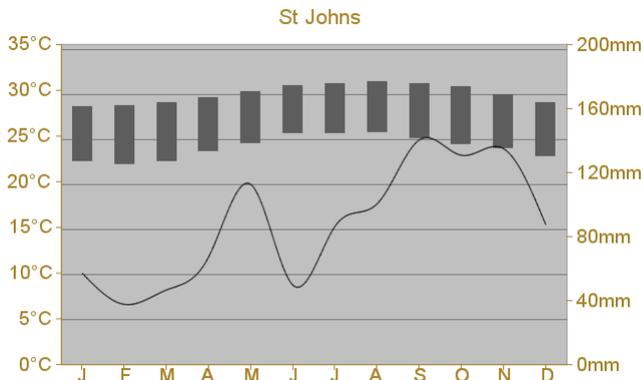
To purchase electrical adaptors, or for further information, please go to www.korjo.com.au.



Public Holidays 2018

01 Jan:	New Year's Day	07 Aug:	Last Lap
30 Mar:	Good Friday	01 Nov:	Independence Day
02 Apr:	Easter Monday	09 Dec:	National Heroes Day
07 May:	Labour Day Holiday	25 Dec:	Christmas Day
21 May:	Whit Monday	26 Dec:	Boxing Day
06 Aug:	J'Ouvert Morning		

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Antigua and Barbuda



Source: Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services. For local forecasts please go to www.antiguamet.com.

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Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 1.94 East Caribbean Dollars
 1 East Caribbean Dollar (XCD) = 0.51 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) buys 1.87 East Caribbean Dollars
 1 East Caribbean Dollar (XCD) will cost 0.54 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

Currency Cheat Sheet

EC\$	=	AUD	This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" of exchange listed above.		
EC\$5	=	\$2.68 AUD	EC\$100	=	\$53.51 AUD
EC\$10	=	\$5.35 AUD	EC\$200	=	\$107.02 AUD
EC\$20	=	\$10.70 AUD	EC\$300	=	\$160.54 AUD
EC\$30	=	\$16.05 AUD	EC\$400	=	\$214.05 AUD
EC\$40	=	\$21.40 AUD	EC\$500	=	\$267.56 AUD
EC\$50	=	\$26.76 AUD	EC\$600	=	\$321.07 AUD
EC\$60	=	\$32.11 AUD	EC\$700	=	\$374.58 AUD
EC\$70	=	\$37.46 AUD	EC\$800	=	\$428.09 AUD
EC\$80	=	\$42.81 AUD	EC\$900	=	\$481.61 AUD
EC\$90	=	\$48.16 AUD	EC\$1,000	=	\$535.12 AUD
			EC\$2,000	=	\$1,070.24 AUD
			EC\$3,000	=	\$1,605.36 AUD
			EC\$4,000	=	\$2,140.47 AUD
			EC\$5,000	=	\$2,675.59 AUD
			EC\$6,000	=	\$3,210.71 AUD
			EC\$7,000	=	\$3,745.83 AUD
			EC\$8,000	=	\$4,280.95 AUD
			EC\$9,000	=	\$4,816.07 AUD
			EC\$10,000	=	\$5,351.18 AUD

Banknotes and Coins of the East Caribbean Dollar

The currency of Antigua and Barbuda is the East Caribbean dollar which has the currency code "XCD" and is abbreviated using the symbol "\$" or "EC\$" to distinguish it from other dollar denominated currencies. The East Caribbean dollar is pegged to the US dollar at the value of US\$1 to EC\$2.70, thus many stores will accept US bills. The following banknotes are the most common in Antigua and Barbuda however other versions and denominations are in circulation. Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images before travelling.





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About Antigua & Barbuda

Independence: 1981 (from the UK).

Size: 443 sq km (20% the size of the ACT).
 Antigua 280 sq km; Barbuda 161 sq km.

Population: 90,156.
 Saint John's (capital) 27,000.

Ethnicity: black 91%, mixed 4.4%, white 1.7%, other 2.9%.

Language: English is the official language.

Religion: Protestant 76%, Catholic 10%, other Christian 5%, other 2%.

GDP Per Capita: US\$18,600 (Australia US\$40,800).

Significant Dates:

- Pre 1493 AD - The islands are inhabited by Amerindians, then by pastoral Arawaks and finally the Caribs.
- 1493 AD - Columbus visits Antigua and names it after a church in Seville, Spain.
- 1632 - Antigua is colonised by English settlers from St Kitts.
- 1674 - Christopher Codrington arrives introducing sugar cane.
- 1685 - African slaves are imported to grow tobacco and sugar cane.
- 1784 - Lord Nelson visits Antigua to organise defences.
- 1834 - Britain abolishes slavery.
- 1871-1956 - Antigua and Barbuda become part of the Leeward Islands Federation.
- 1967 - Self government is introduced.
- 1972 - The sugar industry collapses.
- 1981 - Antigua and Barbuda becomes an independent state.
- 1995 - Hurricane Luis hits the islands.

