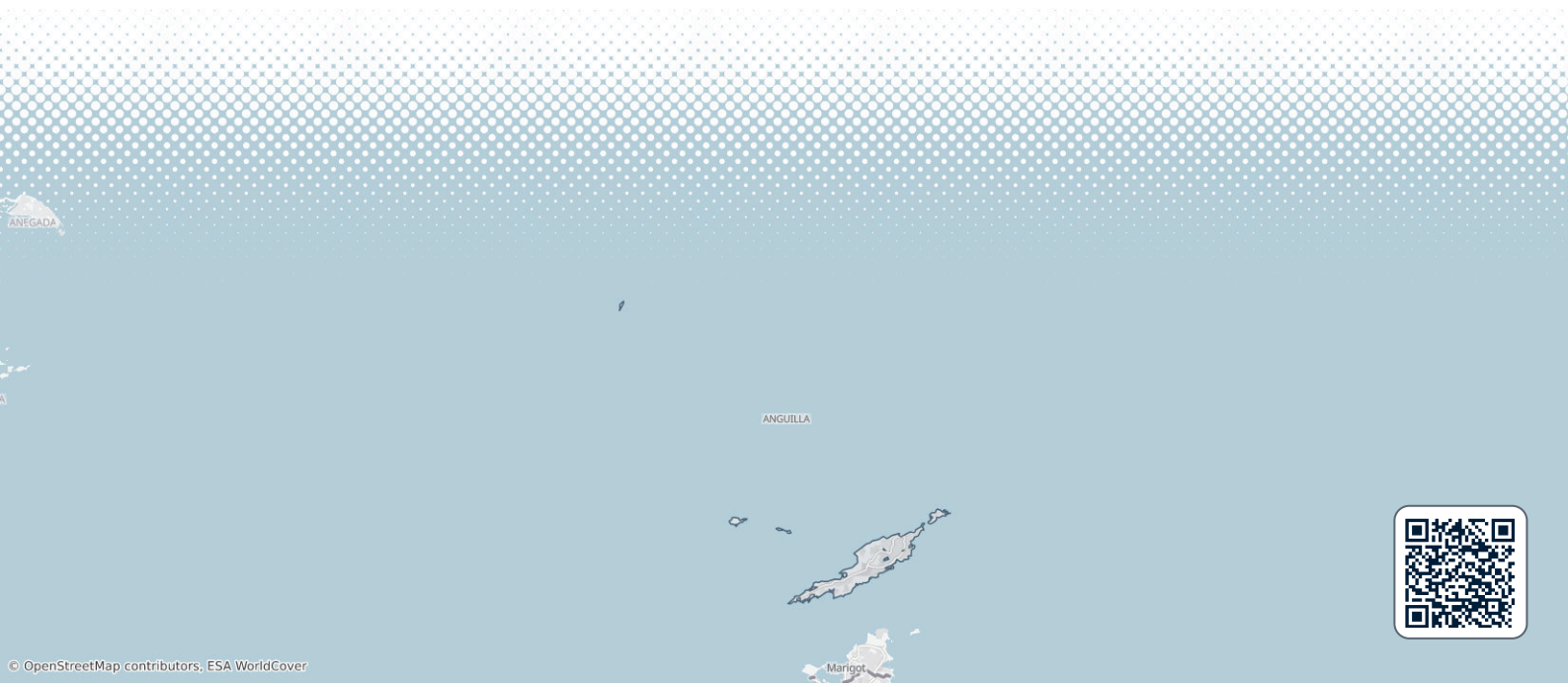


Anguilla

TRAVEL GUIDE

Tripomatic



Overview

Anguilla is a small **British Overseas Territory** in the eastern Caribbean. The main island is a flat, narrow strip of coral limestone, about 16 miles (26 km) long and 3 miles (5 km) wide at its widest. The capital is The Valley. About 16,000 people live here. English is the official language.

The island is known for its beaches. Popular ones include Shoal Bay East on the east side, and Meads Bay and Rendezvous Bay on the west side. Small offshore cays, such as Sandy Island and Prickly Pear, are easy boat trips. Anguilla suits beach visitors, snorkellers, divers and travellers who like a quiet island. Many resorts are upscale. It is a good base for a week by the sea, not for a busy city trip.

Money & payments

The Eastern Caribbean dollar (XCD) is the official currency. It is fixed to the US dollar at 2.70 XCD per 1 USD. US dollars are widely accepted, so you can use either currency.

Departure tax is charged when you leave by air or by ferry. Ask your airline or ferry operator about the current amount. The Anguilla Tourist Board lists US $28 for adults leaving by air, payable in cash. Keep some cash for this.

Currency

CURRENCY
XCD

1 XCD
0.33 EUR
1 EUR = 3.03 XCD

1 XCD
0.3694 USD
1 USD = 2.707 XCD

Tipping

Many restaurants and hotels add a service charge to the bill. Check your bill before you add a tip. Tipping is common on the island.

Electricity

Anguilla uses 110 V and 60 Hz, with Type A and B plugs. These are the same as in the US and Canada. Devices from Europe or the UK usually need a voltage converter, not only a plug adapter.

ELECTRICITY



Type A

ELECTRICITY



Type B

110 V · 60 Hz

Language

English is the official language and is spoken everywhere. Many local people also speak an English-based Creole, often called "dialect". You can use standard English with everyone.

Safety & emergencies

Crime is generally low, but the UK government reports a recent rise in gang-related violence with firearms and robbery. Use normal care.

- Avoid isolated places after dark, including beaches.
- Lock doors and windows at your accommodation.
- Do not carry large amounts of cash or expensive jewellery. Use the hotel safe.
- If you are robbed, do not resist.
- **Hurricane season runs from 1 June to 30 November.** Follow local warnings if a storm is forecast.
- There are no treatment facilities for decompression sickness in Anguilla. Divers should check the operator and their insurance before diving.

Anguilla has no British Embassy. Contact the local authorities, including the Royal Anguilla Police Force, if you need help.

Emergency numbers

GENERAL EMERGENCY	POLICE	AMBULANCE	FIRE BRIGADE
911	911	911	911

Health

Healthcare is limited. The UK government describes two small hospitals and a few clinics. Serious cases may need transfer to a neighbouring island, so buy travel health insurance that covers medical evacuation.

- Dengue and Zika are health risks. Use insect repellent.
- Check vaccine advice with your health service at least 8 weeks before you travel.
- Take enough of any regular medicine with you. Rules for some medicines differ from your home country.

Visas & entry

Anguilla is a British Overseas Territory. Its own Immigration Department manages entry.

- Your passport must be valid beyond your departure date. You also need a return or onward ticket.
- Visa rules depend on your nationality. British citizens can visit for up to 90 days without a visa (UK government). For other nationalities, check the length of stay with the Immigration Department. Extensions can be requested after arrival.
- Holders of a UK, US or Canadian visa, or a US Green Card, do not need to apply for an Anguilla visa.
- Other nationalities may need a visa. Apply online at Anguilla eVisa. The Government of Anguilla says processing takes 8 to 10 business days, so apply well ahead of travel.
- You must clear customs and immigration at Blowing Point ferry terminal or at the airport.
- Some marine and animal specimens cannot be taken out of the island.

More information: Anguilla Tourist Board: entry requirements.

> Visa and entry requirements change frequently. Verify current requirements with the official immigration authority or your country's embassy before travel.

Etiquette

- Topless and nude sunbathing are illegal.
- Penalties for drugs are severe.
- Same-sex activity is legal, but local attitudes can be conservative. Public displays of affection may attract unwanted attention.

Holidays & opening hours

Expect many shops and offices to close on public holidays. When a fixed-date holiday falls on a weekend, it is usually taken on the next working day.

Public holidays include Good Friday, Easter Monday, Whit Monday and the King's Birthday in June. In early August, three holidays fall together: August Monday, August Thursday and Constitution Day. They coincide with Carnival, called the Summer Festival, so expect closures. Boat racing is a national pastime. Island Harbour hosts the Festival del Mar at Easter weekend.

Public holidays

Jan 1	New Year's Day
Mar 2	James Ronald Webster Day
May 1	Labour Day
May 30	Anguilla Day
Dec 19	National Heroes' Day
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 26	Boxing Day
movable — Aug	August Monday
movable — Aug	August Thursday
movable — Aug	Constitution Day
movable — Mar/Apr	Easter Monday
movable — Mar/Apr	Good Friday
movable — Jun	Celebration of the Birthday of His Majesty The King
movable — May/Jun	Whit Monday

Getting around

- **Taxis**: Taxis are easy to find. Rates are fixed, and there is a published rate guide for trips across the island. Many drivers also offer island tours.
- **Rental car**: Rent from a company on the island. Bring your home driving licence. You must also buy a temporary Anguilla licence. The Anguilla Tourist Board lists US $25 for 3 months or US $15 for a 3-day day-tripper licence. Rental companies issue it.
- **Bikes and ATVs**: You can rent bikes and ATVs through hotels and outfitters. The island is flat.
- **Boat trips**: Small boats reach the cays. Sandy Island is a 10-minute shuttle from Sandy Ground. Scilly Cay is a 3-minute shuttle from Island Harbour. Prickly Pear is about 20 minutes from Sandy Ground. Scrub Island is about 20 minutes from Island Harbour. Boats to Sombrero, an uninhabited island 54 km north-west, usually take about 1.5 hours. Ask a local operator about trips, especially for Sombrero.
- **From Saint Martin**: The public ferry runs from Marigot on the French side to Blowing Point, about 20 minutes. You cannot book the public ferry in advance. Private ferries also run from Sint Maarten. There are also short flights from Sint Maarten, and flights from Puerto Rico.

For local history, visit Wallblake House or the Heritage Collection Museum.

Driving

- **Drive on the left.** This is different from the US and most of Europe. Take extra care at junctions.
- The island is about 16 miles long. Crossing it takes roughly 45 minutes.
- Rental companies sell the required temporary local licence. See Getting around for costs.

Food & drink

Seafood is the main local food. Lobster fishing is important to the local economy. The fishing village of Island Harbour is a good place to see the boats.

Many visitors have a long lunch on a cay. Scilly Cay is a short boat ride from Island Harbour. It serves lunches of lobster, prawns, chicken and red snapper, with live music. Meals there can take about an hour to prepare, so plan your day around it.

Anguilla – Plan Your Trip
Turn the places from this guide into a real itinerary, with smart routing, time estimates, and everything you need for a perfect trip.
3M+ downloads · 4.6 stars · 15 years of trip planning
App Store · Google Play
Scan to download the app

Where to explore

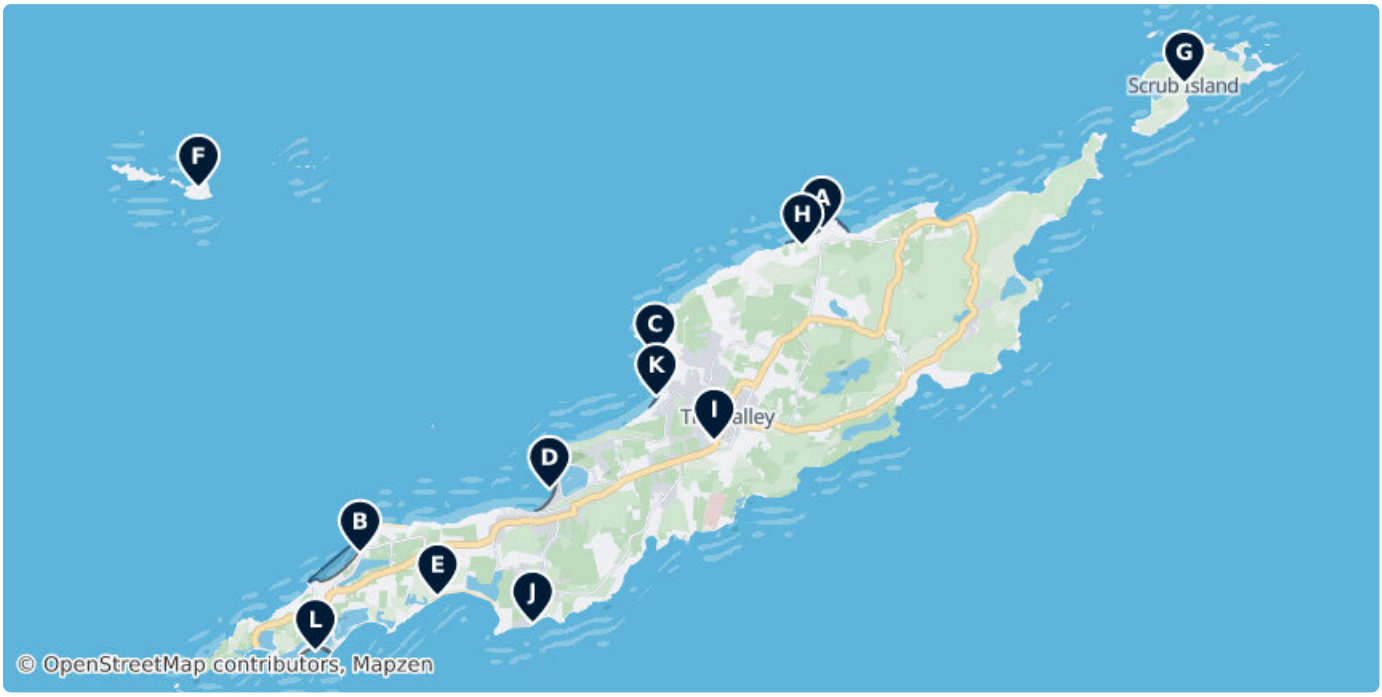
Anguilla is a good base for short island trips.

- Saint Martin lies south of Anguilla and has a French and a Dutch side. The ferry from Marigot leaves for Blowing Point.
- Saint Barthelemy is another French island south-east of Saint Martin.

Each island has its own entry rules. Check them before you go.

Best of Anguilla

Powdery white-sand beaches, turquoise bays, offshore cays and a few heritage sights make up the essential Anguilla.



A Shoal Bay East Beach

White-sand beach characterized by crystal-clear water and offshore coral reefs, offering a peaceful atmosphere alongside laidback beach bars and restaurants.

Shoal Bay Village, AI-2640 Anguilla (18.25499, -63.03034)

+12642350515

B Meads Bay

Pristine white-sand beach with clear, rock-free water suitable for swimming, lined with resorts, luxury villas, and restaurants.

Anguilla (18.18553, -63.13487)

ivisitanguilla.com

C Little Bay Beach

(18.22792, -63.06813)

D Sandy Ground

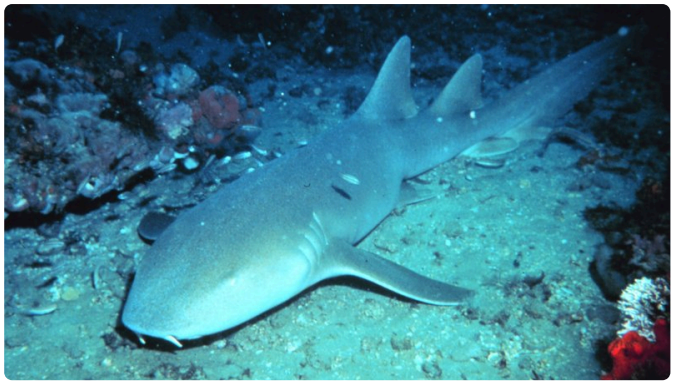
(18.19924, -63.09202)



E Rendezvous Bay

Vast, scenic beach featuring translucent water and mild waves.

Anguilla (18.17619, -63.11731)



F Prickly Pear

A pair of small, uninhabited cays located about six miles off Road Bay.

Anguilla (18.26391, -63.17139)



G Scrub Island

An eight-square-kilometer island situated off the eastern tip of Anguilla.

Anguilla (18.28625, -62.94840)

H Fountain Cavern Petroglyphs

(18.25142, -63.03484)



I Wallblake House

Heritage plantation house and museum annex located in The Valley.

(18.20957, -63.05474)

wallblake.ai

J Dolphin Discovery

Anguilla (18.17036, -63.09582)

turtle.ky

K Beach

Anguilla (18.21914, -63.06781)

L Beach

(18.16439, -63.14495)

DATA SOURCES

Map data	© OpenStreetMap contributors, ESA WorldCover, Mapzen
Data	© OpenStreetMap contributors, Wikidata, Wikipedia, Tripomatic, Official websites

IMAGE CREDITS

- Rendezvous Bay — "Anguilla-aerial view western portion" by Roy Googin, cc-by-3.0
- Prickly Pear — "Nurse shark", pd
- Scrub Island — "Scrub Island (Anguilla)" by Lythium, cc-by-sa-3.0
- Wallblake House — "Wallblake House, The Valley", cc-by-sa-3.0

A free travel guide — not for sale. Travel guide generated with AI on November 5, 2026. Text and layout by Tripomatic, licensed under CC BY-SA 4.0. Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors, available under the ODbL. Photos are under their own licences, as credited on this page.