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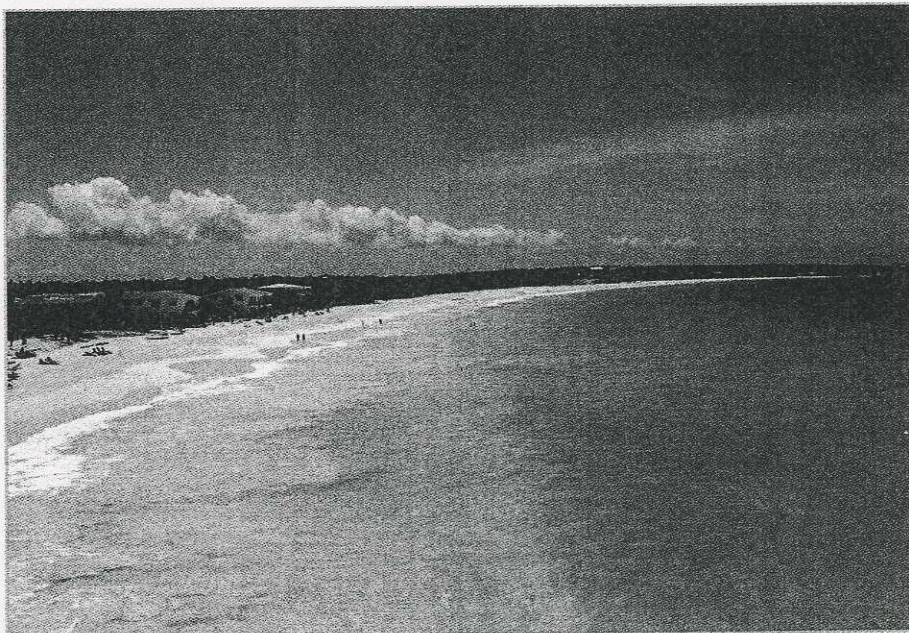
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**UPSCALE  
DESTINATION OFFERS  
BUDGET MINDED  
VISITORS OPTIONS  
AS WELL**

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The Caribbean is known for many things — crystal blue waters, flawless weather and award-winning restaurants — but the island of Anguilla specializes in the region's most coveted commodity, pristine, soft, silky, powdery beaches. Twelve miles of spectacular white sand and coral beaches grace the perimeter of the 35-square mile island, bordered by the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean.



Typical deserted beach

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While all of Anguilla's beaches are distinct from one another, all are equally inviting, with clear calm waters, ranging in color from aquamarine to royal blue, lapping gently at the shoreline. Each cove, bay and stretch of sand is marked by unique characteristics such as varied rock formations and picturesque tropical blooms. Committed to achieving environmental sustainability, Anguilla is protecting its natural beauty and resources by caring for its beaches, dunes, reefs, shorelines and coastal waters.

The calm, gentle currents and long crescent shapes allow swimming and strolling on Anguilla's beaches to be both safe and enjoyable, making them popular with, and conducive to, visitors of all ages. The constant but tender breezes of the trade winds, coupled with average monthly temperature of 80°, keep the beaches comfortable as well.

Many of the island's inviting and varied resorts and hotels are situated directly on one of the island's 33 beaches, which means you can put your toes in the water first thing in the morning and be lulled to sleep by the soothing waves at night. Furthermore, with all of Anguilla's

beaches open to the public, visitors can take their pick of all 33, or, stay with their favorite during their time on the island. Making the choice of which beach to visit even more difficult is the fact that many of them also share the beachfront with restaurants ranging from fine dining establishments to colorful, beach bistros and bars with live music.

Combining natural beauty and unsurpassed accommodations, Anguilla offers discerning travelers a wide variety of luxurious resorts and villas. The impressive Temenos, Greek for "sanctuary," is positioned on Long Bay Beach and consists of three lavish villas, Sand, Sea and Sky, which invite tranquility and seclusion. Temenos offers guests numerous amenities, including meeting space, a state-of-the-art fitness center and inspiring views that encourage yoga, stretching or self-meditation. The resort also provides guests with the use of a private 32-foot fiberglass boat.

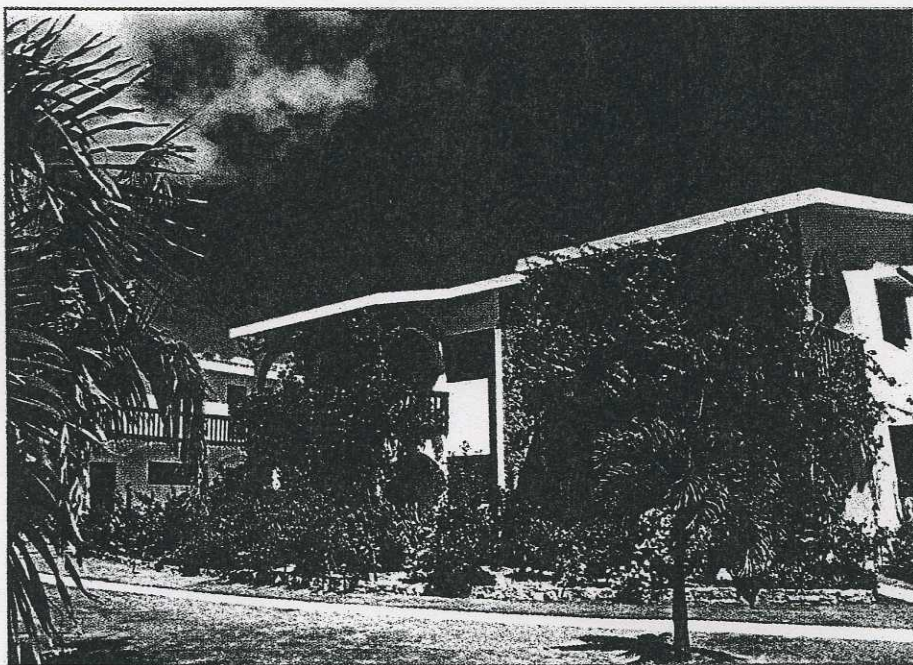
Rich in design with the finest hand-picked furnishings from Italy, Turkey and Russia, the Altamer Resort, on Shoal Bay West, offers two luxurious five-bedroom beachfront villas and one eight-room villa. Meeting facilities, a private wine cellar, inviting pool, and custom designed silverware are just some of Altamer's exclusive features.

The CuisinArt Resort & Spa on Rendezvous Bay exudes classic Caribbean style. Ninety-three luxury suites and rooms are spacious yet private, airy and sunny, providing the ultimate setting for relaxation. Guests will enjoy the freshest fruits and vegetables grown in CuisinArt's own Hydroponic Farm. The Venus Spa offers an all-new health and wellness program using the resort's homegrown vegetation. Meeting facilities are also available.

Cove Castles' 15 villas located in Shoal Bay West, is elegance at its best. Cove Castles' striking structural design, sweeping staircases and cool white terra cotta interiors, create an atmosphere of sophisticated luxury. For those looking to avoid the crowds, Cove Castles offers a private haven that encourages guests to nap in hammocks, and read books day or night. Guests can dine at the resort, experiencing French/Caribbean cuisine, or have a gourmet selection brought right to the villa for private dining.

Cap Juluca, occupying 179 acres of land and inland waters, rests on Maunday's Bay, celebrated for its 2.5 miles of white beach. This glorious property, encircled by vast ocean views is comprised of 18 individual Moorish-inspired beachfront villas (there are 72 rooms and suites, as well as six pool vil-

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Carimar Beach Club

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las). Some of Cap Juluca's luxurious accommodations include a fully-equipped fitness center, meeting facilities, Main House library, lounge, 24-hour room service, scuba diving, live entertainment weekly, ultimate spa amenities and a Continental breakfast served intimately upon guest's private terrace. Cap Juluca offers three exquisite dining spots including Pimms, an internationally-acclaimed restaurant with award-winning chef, George Reid, who provides a light healthy French Asian cuisine.

The 55-room Malliouhana Hotel and Spa is located on beautiful Meads Bay. In addition to a warm welcome, genuine hospitality and renowned service, guests are offered a choice of activities, such as water-skiing, sailing and snorkeling, as well as meeting rooms and a full-service spa. The Malliouhana is home to Anguilla's only on-site 'Children's Place,' making this resort family friendly.

Though best known for its five-star luxury resorts, Anguilla also offers many accommodation options, ideal for delegates or vacationers traveling with families, that won't strain the budget. Shoal Bay Villas and Shoal Bay Beach Hotel, both located on the beach at stunning Shoal Bay East, feature fresh water pools, full kitchens, cribs and babysitting

services. Arawak Beach Inn, located in Island Harbour, offers a free stay for children under 12 in their parents' room or 50 percent off the price of the second room, while Blue Waters, located on Shoal Bay West, boasts one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments that are each equipped with a full kitchen. Carimar Beach Club, located on beautiful Meads Bay, offers 24 beachside condos fully equipped with kitchens, and also features numerous water sports and babysitting. Paradise Cove is a tranquil hideaway for families searching for a quiet retreat. Amenities include a Kiddies' Playground and Pool (2 - 10 years), weekend "cookies and cream" parties and pizza making sessions. Each one- and two-bedroom suite provides a fully equipped kitchen.

Anguilla is home to a veritable colony of artists who have come here from many parts of the world to pursue their creative muse. The diverse art forms include pottery, sculpture, handcrafts, paintings and woodcraft. There is also a growing collection of tribal artifacts, textiles, antiques, carvings and furniture from many exotic destinations, in the Caribbean and beyond, which can be found in art galleries and studios around the island.

A self-guided "Art Tour of Anguilla" brochure, available through the Anguilla Tourist Board, takes visitors to 15 galleries and studios across the island. Among these, Devonish Art Gallery, located on West End Rd., features Anguillian, Caribbean and international artists as well as the art of proprietor-artist, Courtney Devonish. Next to the Devonish Art Gallery one finds Cheddie's Carving Studio, a one-of-a-kind atelier where local, self-taught artisan, Cheddie, fashions intricate, unique designs out of driftwood, bronze and stone. The CuisinArt Resort & Spa Art Gallery at Rendezvous Bay displays a beautiful selection of original art from Italy by a variety of world-renowned artists, while The World Art & Antiques Gallery, in The Valley, hosts a collection of precious antiques, exotic collectibles and worldwide furnishings.

If you are interested in exploring the island's past, then a visit to The Heritage Collection Museum is a great place to start your journey. As Anguilla's first privately owned museum, it houses an array of Anguillian artifacts, old records and photographs tracing the island's history from the golden age of the Arawaks to the present time.

Along the eastern end of the island, are two incredible cave sites, The Fountain at Shoal Bay and Big Springs at Island Harbour. Inside The Fountain one can find original petroglyphs, a large religious stalagmite, as well as offering bowls and other tribal artifacts. It is the island's most intact ceremonial site from the time of the Amerindians, and speaks of the importance of religion to this early people.

To visit Anguilla, a passport and onward or return ticket are required. The Eastern Caribbean Dollar is the local currency but U.S. currency is generally accepted throughout the island. A departure tax of US \$20 is charged at the airport.

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