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Anguilla's lodgings, both the posh and the practical, have equal access to paradise.

By Sherry Marker
The New York Times
Posted April 2 2006

It is easy to while away time, especially over rum punches, debating the virtues of Anguilla's beaches. At Maundays Bay, the sand sifts through the toes as fine as powder, as white as snow; at Shoal and Rendezvous bays, it shines iridescent, with a slightly gritty sheen; at Little Bay and Sandy Ground, it turns from basic beige to pink at sunset.


And, thanks to local custom, all 33 beaches -- even those in front of the exclusive resorts -- are open to all comers.

Plop down on the dazzling white sand at Cap Juluca, where Liam Neeson and Natasha Richardson are often among the guests, and you can stay all day. And while Cap Juluca's real guests are spending as much as \$1,000 a night, you can be paying the same amount for an entire week at a little hotel.

The island has more than a dozen small inns and many rentable villas where accommodations are \$80 to \$200 a day in the peak winter months. Now, as the offseason begins, the bargains are even better. Around mid-April, many small inns slice their already reasonable rates for short stays, and they often have dazzling bargains for stays of more than a week. In one, Syd-Ans, rooms that are already well priced at \$75 to \$125 in winter go for \$65 to \$95 in the offseason, which usually lasts until mid-December. In another, Harbor Lights, offseason prices go as low as \$60 for a double room. Rooms at both have kitchens, a plus for cost-sensitive travelers.

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Bargain-hunting travelers can find in Anguilla what may be the best of all Caribbean tradeoffs. Give up the amenities of the luxurious, self-contained resorts for a comfortable room in a more modest villa or small inn, and get lower prices, a close-up acquaintance with the hospitable people -- and your pick of the beaches, too.

"I'm pretty particular about my tropical paradises," said Jacqueline Thaw, a New Yorker who has lived in Hawaii. "Anguilla is a real one."

Thaw, a professor at Rutgers, and her husband, Raphael Ben-Yehuda, an artist, spent their honeymoon in Anguilla this year, happy to discover they could stay there without paying the high prices they had heard about. They spent \$880 for eight days in the winter season at Ping's Villas in North Hill, with a view out to sea, spending beach time at Sandy Ground. (In May and June, the same suite will cost \$660.)

While budget accommodations on Anguilla may not be luxurious or directly on the beach, they are comfortable, often with balconies providing expansive views and routinely with private bathrooms. On an island three miles wide, nothing is far inland. And paradise retains its credentials in the offseason. With the exception of the late-summer hurricane season, trade winds and rain diminish in spring and summer. Calm waters make for wonderful swimming and snorkeling, and cool evening breezes usually allow for sound sleep even in lodgings that have no air conditioning.

Winter or summer, Americans find the island especially accessible. The northernmost of the Leeward Islands, it is just an hour by plane from San Juan, Puerto Rico, making it close enough for a short getaway. The language is English (with a distinctive Anguillian lilt), and the U.S. dollar is universally accepted, along with the local currency -- the Eastern Caribbean dollar.

In the 1980s, Anguilla began marketing itself at the top end of the rapidly expanding Caribbean tourism market. By the 1990s, it had a number of small luxury resorts. Three on the island's west side regularly turn up on lists of the best places to stay in the Caribbean: Cap Juluca, with 72 rooms and suites and six private-pool villas; Malliouhana Hotel & Spa, with 55 rooms and suites -- some in villas -- on a seaside bluff; and Covecastles, 16 futuristic beachside villas designed by the architect Myron Goldfinger.

At least a dozen major resorts, including the popular CuisinArt Resort & Spa, have been added in the last few years.

Yet the egalitarianism at the beaches still feels natural. This is a quirky, independent island of 11,000 inhabitants that broke off from neighboring St. Kitts in 1967, becoming a separate British overseas territory. No one has a street address -- people just know where to



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Diners at Ripples, a hangout of the British expatriate community, found themselves sitting near Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston the night before they announced their split.

This sinuous island, which Columbus named Anguilla (Italian for eel), is reliably sunny; it gets only 30 inches of rain a year, and there are as many rainbows as downpours. The beaches, protected by offshore reefs, draw swimmers, snorkelers and sunbathers. The island is known for its music, accessible to everyone in the bars where local reggae and jazz bands play. Boat racing, the national sport, brings everyone together to cheer favorite crews.

If you join the evening crowd sipping rum punch at the beachside outdoor tables at Johnno's, you will hear a lot of can-you-top-this Anguilla stories, like the one told by an English couple, Jack and Liz Panzetta. At the end of their first visit, Panzetta left his wallet in the cab on the way to the airport. "I thought it was gone forever," he said. "But when we got back to England, the phone rang." It was the manager of the couple's Anguilla hotel, telling them he had it. "I told him just to hold onto it," Panzetta said. "I knew we'd be back."

That was in 1986, and the Panzettas have been back every year, usually staying in the Sea View Apartments in Sandy Ground.

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