



All Eyes on Tourism Revival in Antigua and Barbuda

Recent weeks have seen a sharp uptick in visitors returning to Antigua and Barbuda's shores – proof of the confidence in the safety of our destination, and the happy result of a further easing of Covid restrictions.



A bright tourism future for Antigua and Barbuda...

For 15 long months, cruise ships that had long dwarfed the candy-coloured buildings of St. John's were ominously absent.

Since the return of the first passenger-laden vessels in July, increasing cruise ship numbers are once again bringing the capital alive with visitors. The future looks brighter still for cruising as the redevelopment of the city port continues. Visitors can also look forward to new retail and restaurant outlets over the next 18 months. The completion of a **new pier allows entry for Oasis Class vessels** – the largest in the world – paving the way for the country to serve as many as one million passengers a year.

November saw the return of Canadian carrier WestJet – seven weeks after Air Canada's

reappearance – signalling the resurgence of one of our major tourism source markets.

Meanwhile, with some sectors reporting as much as **80 percent herd immunity**, the government has lifted many of the constraints on the entertainment industry for fully vaccinated patrons. Bars and nightclubs reopened to business in mid-November, with live music and dancing also now permitted. Mid-October saw the reopening of gyms and restaurants for in-house dining, while excursion companies and pleasure craft are once again free to operate.

In the lively sailing hub of English Harbour, preparations for the **60th anniversary of the Antigua Charter Yacht Show**, which traditionally kicks off the season, are in full swing.



Construction of Moon Gate Hotel & Spa continues to progress

Positive uptake of the citizenship by investment program by international investors and increased tourism levels, sees the scenic **Moon Gate Hotel & Spa** benefiting from a flourishing real estate market. The *"barefoot chic"* development under construction comprises **49 Atlantic Ocean view suites**. Residents will have access to resort-style amenities, and a flexible rental program.

Casting preparations for the first floor slab of building number three of the all-inclusive suite property is underway.

The development is also poised for expansion with the acquisition on an adjoining land plot.

Moon Gate, is **perfect for buyers looking for a solid real estate investment opportunity in Antigua and Barbuda.**



DEVELOPMENT DETAILS



Chestertons highlight business opportunities in Antigua and Barbuda as the country turns Forty

This milestone was cause for celebration as our proud nation commemorated its landmark 40th anniversary of Independence.

A host of events took place to mark the occasion both at home and further afield. **Chestertons Antigua** was delighted to attend those organised by the High Commission in London in sync with the UK and Europe tourism offices. They comprised 14 days of events aimed at showcasing the country's trade and investment offerings, along with its rich heritage and culture, to an international audience.

Chestertons Antigua highlighted to attendees the many business opportunities which abound the twin isles. With a booming real estate sector and an investor-friendly **Citizenship by Investment Programme**, the country continues to be a draw for high-net-worth, savvy individuals looking for a low-tax environment.

The country's culinary delights were brought into

sharp focus with a special Q&A session with award-winning **BBC Food presenter Andi Oliver**, who is of Antiguan descent and has infused the flavours of her heritage into her critically acclaimed cookbooks.

Later, a grand Independence banquet crafted by **Jakayah Isaac of Le Cordon Bleu** school featured a variety of Antiguan and Barbudan-inspired dishes, followed by a live Q&A with cricketer legends **Sir Andy Roberts, Sir Richie Richardson and Sir Curtley Ambrose.**

Other entertainment included steelpan music and a performance by Konya Kanneh-Mason, one of the seven children from the classically trained and internationally renowned Kanneh-Mason Family, also of Antiguan ancestry. An address was also made by **Team Antigua Island Girls** who in 2019 became the first all-black team in the world to row an ocean, and the first all-female Caribbean team to complete the gruelling 3,000-mile Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge.



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Four decades since the country embarked on self-governance, replacing the Union Jack with the Golden Sun signifying the dawn of a new era, Antigua and Barbuda has been reflecting on its past while looking ahead with fresh hope for its future.



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