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Anguilla is a beautiful destination with an abundance of charm and wonder ready to be explored. Beach lovers are invited as Anguilla hosts a variety of celebrations taking place this summer. Take a closer look at traditional Anguillian revelry as the exuberant people of the island celebrate their gorgeous beaches and proud history.



ANGUILLA PREPARES FOR ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL IN AUGUST

Summer Festival on Anguilla is a classic celebration of Caribbean emancipation that has been a tradition on the island for over a quarter century. Summer Festival is a cultural expression of island life influenced by African roots and established by the decade old traditions of August Monday Fairs, Bazaars and old time Christmas festivities.

The Anguilla Summer Festival activities include traditional August Monday celebrations. August Monday is the first Monday in August and began in 1940 with boat racing. Summer Festival events also include kiddies' parade and grand parade of troupes, J'ouvert, Miss Anguilla Pageant and bathing suit competition, Prince and Princess Pageant Jr. and senior calypso, Ms. Talented Teen, International Soca and Reggae Night and the Leeward Islands Calypso Monarch competition.

The Anguilla Summer Festival is a 45-year tradition and a cultural extravaganza featuring contemporary mas playing, concerts, beach parties, feting, and island-favorite boat racing. For further information about this celebration, please visit <https://www.anguillasummerfestival.com/>.



ROUND-THE-ISLAND BOAT RACE STARTS MAY 2019

The annual Round-the-Island Boat Race, held in celebration of the legendary Anguilla Revolution, is continuing May 30th 2019. The morning is packed with pomp and pageantry while the afternoon is flooded by an 8-hour long race around the island. Anguillians celebrate this day starting with a parade in James Ronald Webster Park followed by the Presentation of Awards for Distinguished Service to the Nation.

The boat race features top notch boats made locally and championed by their respective communities. The race commences in Sandy Ground and spectators follow their favorite boats on both land and sea, finishing the race back at the starting point. Thousands gather to witness the passion behind Anguilla's most intense competitive boat race of the season. Whether you observe with binoculars on the beach or on party boats equipped with music, food and drinks, seeing them in full sail is quite a spectacle. For more details about this grand boat race, please visit <http://whatwedoinanguilla.com/calendar/anguilla-day-boat-race/>.



ANGUILLA IS HOME TO BEST BEACHES OF THE CARIBBEAN

Anguilla is home to the best beaches of the Caribbean with bountiful white sand that combs the shores and clear bright water at the perfect swimming temperature of 70 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit. Most beaches are placid and calm, ready for you to relax and find peace of mind while others may lead to an exciting adventure.

Anguilla has 33 spectacular and diverse beaches including several recognized among the top ten in the world. Little Bay is a secluded cove that challenges your inner explorer as the coast is only accessible by boat. Whether you choose between Shoal Bay, Maunday's Bay, Rendezvous Bay, Anguilla offers a perfect beach for every visitor. To learn more about the beautiful shores of Anguilla, please visit <https://ivisitanguilla.com/beaches/>.



MEET THE PEOPLE OF ANGUILLA

Anguilla is a lush and luxurious haven filled with bright sunshine, silky white sand beaches and joyous celebrations. This dream destination is also a hospitality hotspot: The people of Anguilla welcome visitors with smiles as warm as their beaches. Most Anguillians are of mixed West African, Irish, English or Welch heritage and identify with both Great Britain and the Caribbean.

The people of Anguilla are the core part of what makes this island such a magnificent place. Gentle and gracious, Anguillians take pride in their home and pleasure in sharing it with visitors from across the globe. It starts with friendly “hellos” and before the end of the week you are on a first name basis, sharing stories of your Anguillian adventures over freshly steamed lobster. Visit <https://ivisitanguilla.com/people/> for more information about Anguillian culture and more.



ABOUT ANGUILLA

Tucked away in the northern Caribbean, Anguilla is a shy beauty with a warm smile. A slender length of coral and limestone fringed with green, the island is ringed with 33 ivory beaches. Commonly regarded by savvy travellers and top travel magazines to be the Caribbean’s “hidden gem”, Anguilla’s mix of natural beauty and modern luxury has earned it the distinction of being named the Best Island in the Caribbean—two years in a row.

Anguilla lies just off the beaten path, retaining a charming character and restful exclusivity. The island can conveniently accessed from two major gateways: St Martin and Puerto Rico.

For romance, barefoot elegance, and untrammelled bliss, Anguilla is truly Beyond Extraordinary.