## **ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA**

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Antigua and Barbuda is a country in <u>North America</u>. It shares borders with 4 countries: <u>St Kitts &</u> <u>Nevis</u>, <u>Saint Barthélemy</u>, <u>Anguilla</u>, and <u>Andorra</u>. The people of Antigua and Barbuda are called Antiguans or Barbudans. The country is situated in the Caribbean, islands between the Caribbean Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean, east-southeast of Puerto Rico.

Etymology discusses where a term is considered to have originated from and how its meaning has changed over time. Etymology has been a factor in the naming of countries all across the world, and Antigua and Barbuda have also been influenced. The etymology of Antigua and Barbuda can be defined as; Antigua: "Ancient", corrected from earlier Antego, a truncation of the Spanish Santa Maria la Antigua. Barbuda: "Bearded" in Spanish, corrected from earlier Barbados, Barbuda, and Barbouthos.

An ethnicity is a group or sub-group of people who are connected based on common characteristics which may include religion, origin, language, traditions, or culture. The ethnic groups in Antigua and Barbuda include Black and Mulatto.

BMN Air is the national airline of Antigua and Barbuda. The national colors of the country are blue and yellow. The emoji flag of the country is ???????, and the ISO code is ATG.

Antigua and Barbuda is known for its white sand beaches, lush tropical vegetation, tourism, and rich cultural heritage. The national dish of Antigua and Barbuda is Fungee. Rum, in addition to being a traditional beverage, is one of the country's national drinks. The national instrument of Antigua and Barbuda is the Antigua fife.

The country has the time zone UTC-4 (AST) followed by dd/mm/yyyy as the standard date format.

Antigua and Barbuda is divided into 6 parishes and 2 dependencies. St. John's is Antigua and Barbuda's largest city, while Saint John's serves as the capital.

The literacy rate in Antigua and Barbuda is 98.9%.

The country's total area is 440 km<sup>2</sup> (170 sq mi), and the total population is 97,929. The country's average elevation is 202 m (659 ft), whereas the country's terrain can be defined as; Mostly low-lying limestone and coral islands, with some higher volcanic areas. The country's usual climate is tropical maritime; little seasonal temperature variation.

The area of land next to a sea is called the coast, and a coastline is defined as the line where land and sea meet. Antigua and Barbuda has 153 km of coastline.

The Eastern Caribbean dollar serves as the national unit of currency, and the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank is recognized as the country's central bank. The domain for Antigua and Barbuda is .ag and the country code is +268. Argent and Azure is the country's coat of arms.

Museums are known to educate and connect visitors with the nation's history, culture, civilization,

art, and architecture. The Museum of Antigua and Barbuda serves the same purpose and is considered one of the most significant tourist attractions. The Museum of Antigua and Barbuda is home to a large collection of artifacts. It has been designated as the national museum of the country.

The national dress of Antigua and Barbuda is the T-shirts or camisoles, sarong, and shorts, and 1 November is designated as National Day. In Antigua and Barbuda, the majority of the population practices Christianity as their religion.

Nature is a blessing from God and we must protect it because it provides us with the oxygen and food to survive. It also helps to keep our environment beautiful and clean. To emphasize the significance of nature, Antigua and Barbuda has selected a few forces of nature as national symbols. Antigua and Barbuda's national bird is the Magnificent frigatebird, while its national animal is the Fallow deer. The national flower is Agave Karatto (Dagger log), whereas Black Pineapple is the country's national fruit. The national tree of Antigua and Barbuda is the Bucida buceras, and the highest peak is Mount Obama.

Mythical creatures can be found in the literature and mythologies of many different nations. They represent imaginative representations of various creatures, humans, or hybrids. They are known for their specific features, supernatural abilities, and distinctive appearance. The mythical creature of Antigua and Barbuda is Jumbee.

Sports have always played an important role in developing the social and cultural structure of Antigua and Barbuda and other countries. When it comes to designating a sport as the official symbol, Cricket is considered the country's national sport.

Christopher Columbus is the founder of Antigua and Barbuda. The country's national anthem was written by Novelle Hamilton Richards, and composed by Walter Garnet Picart Chambers.

Mausoleums are buildings dedicated to holding someone's remains. It serves as a reminder of the nation's revolutionary fighters who sacrificed their lives for the country. Mausoleums are one of the most significant historical landmarks. The national mausoleum of Antigua and Barbuda is Rafael Landivar Mausoleum. The national hero of the country is Sir Isaac Vivian Alexander Richards.

Due to their unique qualities and rich cultural or historical backgrounds, national monuments around the world are of great importance. VC Bird Monument is recognized as the national monument of the country. It attracts visitors from all around the world.

Numerous organizations are working on a global level to improve the current state of affairs and to collaborate in order to establish and maintain constructive partnerships. Antigua and Barbuda is a member of the <u>Caribbean Community (CARICOM or CC)</u>, <u>Commonwealth of Nations</u>, <u>Organization of American States (OAS)</u>, and <u>United Nations (UN)</u>. Antigua and Barbuda collaborates with them to organize, analyze, and address various events and situations.

The tourism slogan of the country is "The Beach is Just the Beginning" whereas, ""Each endeavouring, all achieving"" is the official motto of the country.

Gaston Browne is the current Prime minister of Antigua and Barbuda, and King Charles III is the President.

Antigua and Barbuda has declared English as the country's official language.

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