

WELCOME TO GRENADA

"ISLE OF SPICE"

GENERAL INFORMATION

GRENADA—(pronounced Grenayda)—133 sq. miles, population 101,000 is the southernmost of the group known as the Windward Islands. Its capital, St. George's enjoys the reputation of being the most picturesque town in the Caribbean.

CLIMATE

The island is blessed with a delightful year-round climate with an average temperature of 80°F. There are only two Seasons—the DRY from January to May, when it is both cool and dry, and the WET from June to December, when the rains seldom last as much as an hour and rarely two. Nature is at its greenest then and there are many who prefer the wet to the dry season.

HISTORY

GRENADA was discovered in 1498 by Columbus, who thus became not its first *bona fide* tourist, but the first Cruise visitor. He named it La Concepcion and landed at Concepcion Bay, now known as Levera Beach, on the north of the island. The Carib Indians, unlike the inhabitants of today were most inhospitable so Columbus did not tarry. A company of London merchants were the next to arrive in 1609, but the aborigines were no friendlier than they had been to Columbus, and within a year the attempt at settlement was abandoned, only a few of the settlers getting back to England.

Further attempts were made by the English and the French, but the French, anticipating the Manhattan Island Purchase by a few years, became the first legitimate occupiers with the aid of knives, hatchets, glass beads and two bottles of brandy. They then proceeded to the elimination of the determinedly unfriendly Caribs, the last of whom, rather than surrender threw themselves off the cliffs on the north of the island. This gave its name to the present town of SAUTEURS and the spot, Morne des Sauteurs, is known as Leapers' Hill or Caribs' Leap.

As a result of a war between Britain and France, which began in 1756, Grenada passed into the hands of the British in 1763. It reverted to French rule for a short time in 1779 but was again ceded to England in 1783 and has remained British ever since.

The forts, French and British, which dominate the town and Harbour of St. George's are now mute but impressive testimony of the spirit "to have and to hold" which animated the two nations throughout the Lesser Antilles for over a century. To this day the French influence can still be seen in the very many place names on the island which we exercise the privilege of pronouncing in our West Indian way.

GOVERNMENT

GRENADA is a self-governing State in Association with Great Britain which retains responsibility for the island's Defence and External affairs. A Cabinet of seven Ministers, one of them designated as Premier, will be entirely responsible to a House of Representatives of ten Members and a Senate of nine for the conduct of internal affairs. A Lady Governor serves as Queen's Representative acting in all local matters on the advice of the Cabinet.

Existing laws and regulations are based on British pattern and English is the recognised language.

INDUSTRY

GRENADA'S economy is based on Agriculture, its main exports being cocoa, nutmegs (with its co-product, mace) and bananas. There are more small land-owners here than anywhere else in the West Indies. Tourism ranks as the second industry and its development is directed towards the provision of adequate comfortable facilities calculated to attract those who seek a healthy and relaxing vacation or retirement. The tempo of life on the island is best described as "easy going."

WHAT TO SEE AND DO IN ST. GEORGE'S AND OUT OF TOWN

Visit Fort George, Fort Frederick, Lions' Community Centre, with its Picture Platform. The Anglican Church, York House, Old Georgian buildings on the Carenage and Market Square, and enjoy breathtaking views from all parts of the town. Relax in nature's swimming pool at Annandale Falls in exotic surroundings.

Drive to the resort developments at Westerhall Point, L'Ance Aux Epines and Levera Beach.

See up-to-the-minute Movies, and enjoy the hospitality of Aquatic, Golf, Tennis and Yacht Clubs.

Dances are held on the average once a week to Steel Band music or local orchestra. Most of the social entertainment is of an informal nature.

GRENVILLE AND GOUYAVE

The Nutmeg Stations and quaint old towns.

SAUTEURS

Caribs' Leap, the historical Churches, Levera Beach and fascinating glimpses of the famous Grenadines.

WATERSPORTS

Swimming, Water-skiing, Sailing Fishing, Snorkeling, Scuba-diving and instruction at the fabulous Grand Anse Beach. Grenada is now becoming the head water of Game Fishing in the Southern Caribbean. You may also join a party for exciting half-day or sunset cocktail cruises.

SIGHTSEEING DRIVES

Grenada, where most of the film "Island in the Sun" was shot, is a photographer's paradise and numerous drives can be taken in comfortable automobiles with reliable and intelligent drivers. Rates are moderate especially with 3 or 4 persons to a car. Because most North American visitors are not familiar with British cars, left-side driving, and the roads are very winding, these drives are better enjoyed with a local driver. However, self-drive cars are available upon presentation of *bona fide* driving licences. Average daily rental \$10.00 U.S. in winter—less in summer.

Tours can be arranged by your hotel, and include drives of scenic beauty to Grand Etang (a volcanic crater lake); Ammandale Falls of exotic appeal; picturesque Morne Jaloux Ridge and around-the-island excursions. Various spice and fruit trees line the way and most of the taxi drivers are very knowledgeable about these.

YACHTING

Cruising among the Sunny Grenadines is a pastime and Grenada now boasts the largest fleet of charter yachts in the Eastern Caribbean. A completely modern and up-to-date Marina offers efficient services to visiting yachtsmen.

For particulars of the above contact directly the Manager, the Grenada Yacht Services and/or the Manager, "Stevens Charters," both of St. George's,

or the Manager, Windward Islands Tours, 172 Park Street, Montclair, New Jersey, U.S.A.

CARRIACOU, (area 13 sq. miles), population 10,000, is a Dependency of Grenada lying 20 miles north of the northern coast of Grenada and 40 miles from St. George's. It is the largest of the chain of small islands extending from Grenada to St. Vincent, known as the Grenadines.

It is surrounded by some of the loveliest swimming beaches in the Caribbean. The tree oysters growing in one of its lagoons are a gastronomic delight of the connoisseur.

Modest hotel accommodation is available.

The island's facilities include an airstrip—Lauriston Field—and almost daily flights are available by LIAT between Carriacou and the mainland. Flying time approximately 10 minutes. Communications by auxilliary schooners from St. George's take place on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, with return trips on Sunday, Monday, Thursday and Friday.

For further details write to the Manager, The Carriacou Tourist Development Board, Carriacou, Grenada, West Indies.

SHOPPING

Almost anything that can be obtained elsewhere can be found in Grenada and at prices that are definitely attractive to visitors from overseas. Native handicraft and straw baskets with various local spices are popular favourites. A wide variety of food products and other domestic requirements from both imported and local sources is available to meet the needs of the population.

CLOTHING

Most suitable wear is the usual type of cool summer clothing. Sports wear is very popular. Ladies are advised not to wear short shorts in town.

IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

Passports are not required of citizens of the United Kingdom, Canada or the U.S.A., who are visiting for a period not exceeding 3 months, provided they can produce evidence of citizenship such as birth certificates and ticket to an onward destination. For periods in excess of six months and for permanent residence written application to the Premier is necessary.

Smallpox certificates while not required here should be carried for return to one's own country.

Permission for entry of pets is obtainable from the Superintendent of Agriculture through the Government Veterinary Officer, St. George's.

BANKING FACILITIES

Grenada National Bank
Barclays Bank D.C.O.
The Royal Bank of Canada
Bank of Nova Scotia
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
Grenada Co-operative Bank Ltd.

CURRENCY

The unit is the West Indian dollar worth 4/2d. in sterling, 50c. U.S., and 54. Canadian.

HOW TO REACH GRENADA

Grenada is served by Leeward Islands Air Transport Services Ltd., from Puerto Rico through the Leeward and Windward Islands, Trinidad and Tobago; by B.O.A.C. from London with connections at Barbados or Trinidad and by Air Canada from Montreal or Toronto, with similar connections. All Air Lines calling at Barbados and Trinidad may be used with onward journeys by LIAT in 45 and 35 minutes flying time respectively.

Limited passenger services by sea are available from London, New York, Miami and Montreal.

See your Travel Agent for up-to-date transportation information.

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RETIREMENT INFORMATION

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND AMENITIES

These include — modern water, electrical, telephone and sewerage systems. The capital town of St. George's and suburbs are supplied with electricity from the Grenada Electricity Services Ltd. Rating 230 volts at 50 cycles.

A good public library offers free lending facilities. A network of oiled-surfaced roads covers the entire island and local transportation is effected via taxis, self-drive automobiles and small buses.

Windward Islands Broadcasting Service (WIBS) receives and sends excellent programmes. Two newspapers are published locally—"The West Indian" and "The Torchlight"—both of St. George's.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE

There is a General Hospital in St. George's, and two Cottage Hospitals in outlying districts. The General Hospital provides satisfactory medical and surgical care; and private doctors and nurses are also available on calls. Grenada is free from all venomous insects, animals and reptiles.

EDUCATION

There are elementary and secondary schools on the island for boys and girls, ranging from kindergarten to General Certificate of Education — advanced level (University entrance standard). Secondary School fees are about \$25.00 W.I. per term of approximately three months. Rates of The Westmoreland Junior School upon application.

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS

Roman Catholic, Church of England, Methodist, Presbyterian and other Sects maintain Churches in the capital and in most cases in the other towns and districts over the island.

COST OF LIVING

The cost of living is lower than in most of the larger West Indian Islands, but has naturally risen above pre-war levels. The following estimates are given:

Estimated expenditure for single person living quietly but comfortably \$450.00 W.I. per month.

Estimated expenditure for married couple living quietly but comfortably \$700.00 W.I. per month.

Domestic help on a monthly basis is available from \$40.00—\$60.00 W.I.

LAND AND BUILDING

Grenada offers to investors or intending residents sun-kissed beaches, lush green vegetation, magnificent mountains and peaceful valleys. Attractive sites may be purchased, prices ranging from 60 cents to \$2.00 W.I. per sq ft. according to terrain and location. Private home construction is at the rate of approximately \$25.00 W.I. per sq. ft., depending on the quality of the building. Further details supplied by local Real Estate Agents:—

Messrs. Keens-Douglas & Partners, Holiday Services Ltd., R. Bishop, L. C. J. Thomas, James Milne, J. Volney, J. Pitt, W. O'Brien Donovan, C. E. Belizaire, M. A. Bullen, F. J. Archibald, A. Norris Hughes & Sons, all of St. George's. Particulars about the True Blue Development project may be obtained from Messrs. Holiday Services Ltd. & Keens Douglas & Partners; of the Levera Beach Development from the Manager, P. O. Box 230; of Grand Anse Beach Development from Messrs. Henry, Henry & Bristol; and of L'Anse Aux Epines and Fort Jeudy from Messrs. Holiday Services Ltd., all of St. George's.

CUSTOMS

No restrictions are placed on the amount of money a person may bring into the island.

Personal and household effects which have been in the owners' possession and use for over one year and which do not exceed \$3,600.00 W.I. in value are admitted free of duty.

Duty on motor cars is charged at 10% of the assessed value on cars of British manufacture

while duty is charged at the rate of 35% of the assessed value on cars of foreign manufacture. These duty charges are subject to a 10% surtax.

TAXES

Income Tax is payable upon incomes accruing in or derived from the island or elsewhere. However Double Taxation Agreements exist between Grenada and the United States of America, Canada and several other countries.

With reference to House and Land Taxes, Licence fees etc., specific application should be made to the Government Department of Inland Revenue, St. George's, Grenada, W.I.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Non-Britishers who wish to purchase property on the island will be required to obtain permission from Government.

The Government of Grenada having recognised the vast tourist potential of the island and the contribution which the development of this trade is likely to make towards its general economy, encourages the opening of new industries and offers generous concessions to likely investors and pioneers. Copies of such incentives may be obtained on request from The Grenada Tourist Board.

Details of existing business opportunities should be sought from The Secretary, The Grenada Chamber of Commerce.

For further details write:

**THE SECRETARY,
THE GRENADA TOURIST BOARD,
ST. GEORGE'S,
GRENADA,
WEST INDIES.**