



# St John's

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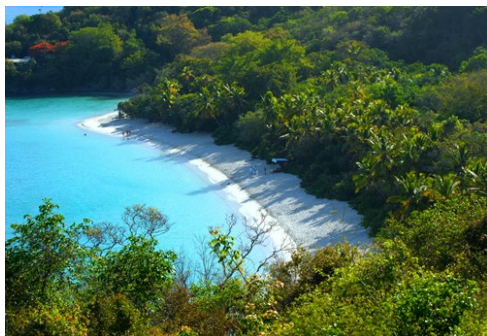


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St John's is known for its beautiful beaches, clear turquoise waters and tropical climate. The city is located near some of the most popular beaches on the island, including Dickenson Bay and Half Moon Bay. It is also home to a number of historical landmarks which represent the country's history and heritage. It comes as no surprise that St John's is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the Caribbean Sea given its combination of beautiful nature, history and vibrant nightlife.



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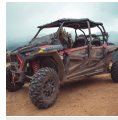
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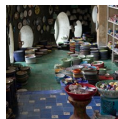
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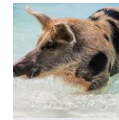
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## THE CITY



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St John's is the capital and largest city of Antigua and Barbuda. It is a port city located on the island of Antigua, and it's home to a third of the country's population as well as the seat of government. The islands were first colonized by Britain in 1632 and St John's still retains its look from more than three centuries of British rule. Nevertheless, tradition, climate and available materials in the area make the city's architecture unique.

Some of the best things about St John's include beaches with crystal-blue waters, lush vegetation, as well as the island's history and culture. The destination is popular amongst outdoor enthusiasts for its variety of activities such as snorkelling, diving, fishing and hiking. The city also hosts many festivals and events throughout the year, including the summer carnival, food and wine festivals, and the Antigua Sailing Week.

## BEACHES



*Andrew Coelho/unsplash*

Antigua has a large number of tropical beaches, featuring a variety of different coloured sands, crystal clear waters and perfect weather. In fact, such is the abundance of beaches on the island that locals claim you could potentially visit a new one every day of the year. Overall, the island offers options for every beachgoer out there.

### Dickenson Bay



Dickenson Bay on the northwestern coast of Antigua features one of the most developed beaches on the island with various hotels and restaurants. Its waters are shallow and peaceful, ideal for families with children.

One minor downside of Dickenson Bay comes from its level of development. When cruise ships arrive at the bay, the area becomes quite a busy place. This might not be your beach of choice if quiet is what you're looking for, but if you're up for socialising all day long — be sure to stop by.

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### Fort James Beach



Fort James Beach is a stretch of soft, white sand on the Northwest coast of Antigua. Given its proximity to the capital and St John's cruise

terminal, the beach is popular amongst locals and tourists alike. People often gather there to play volleyball and cricket, but if beach sports aren't your cup of tea, there are also places nestled at both ends to sit back in the shade and enjoy a nice drink or a meal.

Even though Fort James Beach is a popular spot, this lengthy beach offers plenty of space for all its visitors as well as easy access to parking.

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### Hawksbill Bay



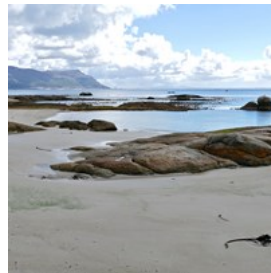
Located on the west of an island, Hawksbill Bay hugs a peninsula that offers multiple beaches and a peaceful atmosphere. Out of the

four beaches, three are only accessible to resort guests and have a security entrance, while the fourth one, Eden Beach, is a quiet, clothing-optional beach with soft orange sand.

The beaches here offer breathtaking views of the Hawksbill Rock cliffs and are an excellent spot for snorkelling. Dive in and explore the diversity of the bay's sea life.

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### Seaforth Beach

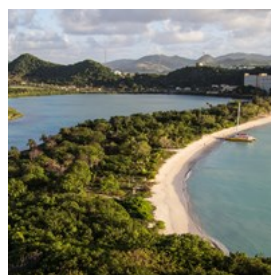


Seaforth Beach is a secluded destination located on the Northwestern coast of Antigua. The beach is about a mile-long stretch

of fine-grained white sand and shimmering waters, situated on the edge of the village of Jennings, which is about 30 minutes away from St Johns. The beach is open to the public, however, it can be difficult to access given its remote location and the bumpy, rocky road to reach it. Save yourself some trouble and take a guided tour to get there.

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### Half Moon Bay



Named after its crescent shape, Half Moon Bay is a long stretch of pink and white sand located on the southeastern coast of the island, about 40 minutes

from the capital. Its azure waters and a living coral reef just offshore are perfect for swimming and snorkelling. In the middle, towards the south of the beach, the surf becomes a little choppy, which is great for wakeboarding and bodysurfing. Even though the beach is very popular with tourists and locals alike, you won't have a problem finding a quiet spot, even on the busiest days.

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## DO & SEE



*Bogdan Pasca/unsplash*

Contrary to what you might believe, St John's is not just a beach holiday destination. It is definitely a place to lie on the beach and watch the world go by, but that is far from being it.

St John's also offers a variety of options for culture vultures, hungry for museums and historical sites to get a good grasp of the city's culture and history. Moreover, the city caters for all those thrill seekers looking to have an adventurous holiday by engaging in water sports, hikes and other outdoor activities.

Last but not least, you can also enjoy its stunning cuisine and the excellent shopping options.

### Museum of Antigua & Barbuda



The Antigua Museum is the best way to get to know more about the history of the island. Not only can you enjoy the exhibits on Antigua's historical and archaeological sites, but also also get a sense of what island life was like for its inhabitants back in the day.

Furthermore, learn how European influence hit the island and how the colonial past shaped the present times of this nation in the Caribbean.

Whether you're alone or with family, this journey through local history is worthwhile.

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Address: Long Street, St John's

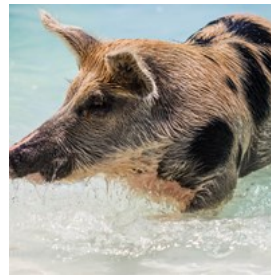
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 8:30am-4:30pm

Phone: +1 268 462 1469

Internet: [www.antiguamuseums.net](http://www.antiguamuseums.net)

Email: [museum@candw.ag](mailto:museum@candw.ag)

### Pig's Paradise



Pig's Paradise gives you the opportunity to enjoy the beach in an unusual way — with friendly piglets on a secluded beach! Visitors can pet, feed and cuddle the pigs under supervision of a team of experts, all of this following reasonable health and safety protocols. Pig's Paradise is a safe and family-friendly tour that aims to provide a whole new beach experience.

Photo: Forest Simon/unsplash

Address: Sea fourth beach, St John's

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10:30am-12:30pm

Phone: +1 268 720 1171

Internet: [www.pigsparadiseanu.com](http://www.pigsparadiseanu.com)

Email: [pigsparadise@mail.com](mailto:pigsparadise@mail.com)

### Betty's Hope



Established in 1650, Betty's Hope was the first sugar plantations on the island of Antigua. It is one of the most significant places to visit and to learn about the history of slavery in Antigua. During colonial times, many people of African descent worked on the large plantation under the control of European settlers. Despite its dark past, the plantation is still known for its high-quality products.

Photo: Nico Smit/unsplash

Address: Betty's Hope Historic Sugar Plantation, Pares

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9 am-3pm

### Heritage Quay



Heritage Quay is a shopping village located by the waterfront. It offers a variety of places to buy souvenirs, perfumes, watches,

cigars, designer labels, china, art, as well as food and clothing. Most of the shops are operated by well-known brands, and the prices might not be the lowest. Nevertheless, it's great for browsing and stocking up on some duty-free essentials.

Photo: Simone Mascellari/unsplash

Address: High Street, St John's

Opening hours: Daily 8am-6pm

Phone: +1 268 462 3925

### Adventure Antigua Tours



Adventure Antigua offer unique snorkelling and sightseeing tours which stand out from others on the island. The trips are designed to provide an

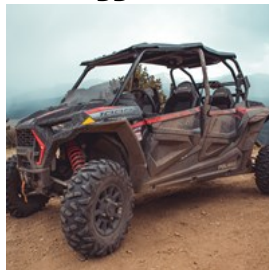
educational and authentic experience on the water. The crew is passionate about the ocean and often engage in fishing, diving, snorkelling, and boating alongside visitors. It's just like spending the day with family and friends.

Photo: Omar Eagle-Clarke/unsplash

Phone: +1 268 726 6355

Internet: [www.adventureantigua.com](http://www.adventureantigua.com)

### 268 Buggies



268 Buggies provide a thrilling opportunity to explore Antigua's untravelled regions, including dormant farmlands, hills and

swamplands. Their tours end at secluded and untouched beaches where you can relax and recharge with a snack and a drink.

Expert tour guides will make sure you have a safe and enjoyable experience. All buggies are equipped with storage for valuables and power sources to charge your mobile devices.

Photo: Patrick T'Kindt/unsplash

Address: Jennings New Extension, St Mary's Parish

Opening hours: Sun-Fri 10am-6pm

Phone: +1 268 788 5232

Internet: [www.268buggies.com](http://www.268buggies.com)

Email: [268buggies@gmail.com](mailto:268buggies@gmail.com)

### Redcliffe Quay



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be the main trading place for slaves, rum, sugar and coffee. Today, the village offers a variety of excellent restaurants and a range of small independent boutiques. Whether you're looking for local handicrafts, clothes, delicious pasta and seafood dishes, mouth-watering wines — Redcliffe Quay is a must-see during your stay in St John's.

Photo: iridial/unsplash

Address: Redcliffe Street, St John's

Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm

Phone: +1 268 562 5610

Email: [info@redcliffequay.com](mailto:info@redcliffequay.com)

### Fort James



Fort James is a 17th-century fort at the entrance to the harbour of St John's. Walk around the site and see the old cannons, and even stand

on the gun-points to either enjoy the breathtaking views or just to picture what it was like for soldiers looking out for potential threats. Alternatively, you can get a guided tour and gain insight into the site's history.

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Address: Just south of Fort James Beach

Phone: +1 268 732 0580

### 5am Hike Club



The 5am Hike Club is an experience designed for early birds who want to get some outdoor physical activity at the crack of dawn, in the friendly company of other nature lovers. The hike is free, but donations are welcomed. Collected funds are directed as supporting local charitable initiatives.

The hikes are roughly three to four miles long, so make sure you pack some snacks, fruit and water. Wear comfortable shoes and athletic clothing. There's usually a doctor or nurse in the group, as well security for any unexpected event. Every hike has a different level of difficulty.

Photo: [Luke Porter/unsplash](#)

Opening hours: Every Saturday at 5am

Phone: 1 268 788 0757

Internet:

[www.visitantiguabarbuda.com/destinations/5am-hike-club](http://www.visitantiguabarbuda.com/destinations/5am-hike-club)

Email: [5amhike@gmail.com](mailto:5amhike@gmail.com)

### DINING

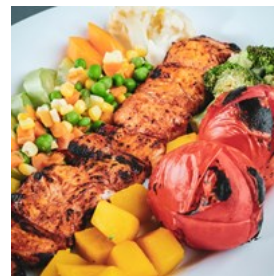


*Raul Baz/unsplash*

St John's is a bustling tourist hotspot with numerous dining options to cater to any palate and budget. Restaurants in Antigua offer a diverse range of flavours, best experienced in picturesque settings with exceptional service.

Along the beachfront, you'll find top-notch restaurants serving a variety of cuisines, all featuring fresh local seafood. Enjoy fresh lobster, local specialities or take a culinary world tour.

### Ana's on the Beach



Whether you choose to visit for breakfast, lunch or dinner, Ana's on the Beach offers a wide variety of local and international dishes

cooked with fresh ingredients in a stylish atmosphere. Enjoy local delicacies while looking at the turquoise of the Caribbean Sea, or the sunset on the distant horizon.

Ana's on the Beach is also famous for the special events throughout the year. Stop by for "Beachtastic Sundays" for boating enthusiast or check out one of the many live music events. All of these elements come together to offer a new

take on the Caribbean lifestyle.

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Address: Dickenson Bay, St John's

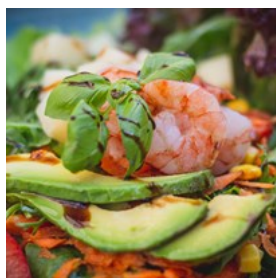
Opening hours: Daily 9am-10pm

Phone: +1 268 464 5400

Internet: [www.anas.ag](http://www.anas.ag)

Email: [info@anas.ag](mailto:info@anas.ag)

### Alligators Bar & Restaurant



Located near the Heritage Quay complex, Alligators Bar & Restaurant is a cosy venue with great food, drinks and service in a peaceful setting. They specialise in seafood and Caribbean cuisine with a vegetarian friendly menu.

If seafood is what you're looking for, the Whole snapper, creole style, is something you shouldn't miss. Other popular dishes include chicken and shrimp in pineapple sauce and the jerk chicken salad. Make sure you try their rum punch — one of the best in St John's.

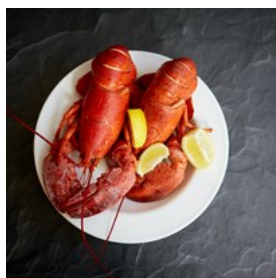
Photo: Sarda Bamberg/unsplash

Address: Lower High Street, St John's

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-11pm

Phone: +1 268 562 6289

### Hemingway's Caribbean Cafe



Hemingway's is housed in a historic wooden West Indian-style building from the 1800s. The restaurant has a terrace where you can sip a nice cocktail or have a meal with a view of the bustling centre of St John's. Hemingway's offers top-notch cuisine for both lunch and dinner, as well as a prompt service in a true Caribbean atmosphere.

Some of the menu options include lobster, lamb, goat and a variety of curries, not to mention a great selection of cocktails and wines.

Photo: David Todd McCarty/unsplash

Address: Lower St Mary's Street, St John's

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-10pm

Phone: +1 268 462 2763

Internet: [hemingwayantigua.com](http://hemingwayantigua.com)

Email: [hem\\_ways@hotmail.com](mailto:hem_ways@hotmail.com)

### Le Bistro Restaurant



There's always a gentle breeze passing through Le Bristo's beautifully decorated dining room. It offers a romantic experience with a seamless dinner and personalized service. Choose from an array all freshly cooked dishes that combine French elegance and Caribbean vibes.

Despite being on the costly end, the portions are big and you can share them along with a bottle of great French wine.

Photo: Louis Hansel/unsplash

Address: Country Club Road, Hodges Bay, St John

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 6pm-11:30pm, Mon closed

Phone: +1 268 462 3881

Internet: [lebistroantigua.com](http://lebistroantigua.com)

Email: [lebistroantigua@gmail.com](mailto:lebistroantigua@gmail.com)

More Info: Located just above Hodges Bay Resort

### Nomad Restaurant



With over two decades of experience, Nomad's innovative recipes are considered one of the best on the island. Their vast menu offers anything

from pasta and burgers to seafood and vegetarian fare. Make sure you try one of their signature cocktails.

Photo: Louis Hansel/unsplash

Address: Marble Hill Road, St John's Antigua & Barbuda

Opening hours: Mon-Thu & Sat 3pm-10pm; Fri noon-10pm;

Sun closed

Phone: +1 268 736 1555

Internet: [nomad-antigua-restaurant.business.site](http://nomad-antigua-restaurant.business.site)

Email: [karine.pecquet@gmail.com](mailto:karine.pecquet@gmail.com)

More Info: Nomad it is located in a high-traffic, easily accessible location on the northern outskirts of St John's, near the intersection of Friar's Hill Road and Marble Hill Road.

### Cloggy's



Cloggy's is a well-known establishment in Antigua, located in Falmouth Harbour. Their menu offers Caribbean, Contemporary, Central

Asian and European cuisines with options for vegetarian, vegan and gluten free diets.

The restaurant's most famous dish is chicken shawarma, known for its tenderness and flavorful spices. Other popular dishes include smoked salmon salad and the "catch of the day". Dine on the outdoor deck with fantastic views of all the boats lit up at night, best enjoyed sipping a rum-based drink. Be ready for an extraordinary culinary experience in one of the lively restaurants in Antigua.

Photo: jeff ahmadi/splash

Address: Antigua Yacht Club Marina, Antigua, Falmouth

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-midnight

Phone: +1 268 460 6910

### BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Ralph Kayden/unsplash

As a tourist destination, St John's is a great place for nightlife with a lot of hotspots for social meetups. Most of the fun takes place in the beach bars and nightclubs around the island. The busiest days in these venues tend to be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, although you can find other party options the rest of the week as well.

### King's Casino



There are only two options when it comes to casinos in St John's, and King's casino is one of them. It is a small venue where you will feel right at home to either take part in their karaoke nights, try your luck at the tables, spin on the world's largest slot machine, or just have a drink.

Play along locals and other visitors a selection of table games such as Roulette, Blackjack and Poker, as well as regional favourites such as Spanish 21, Caribbean Stud and Blackjack Switch.

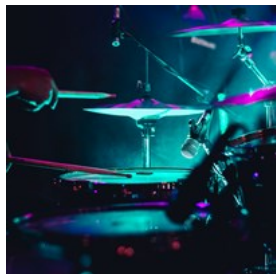
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Address: King's Building, Heritage Quay, High Street, St John's

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-2am, Sun 6pm-2am

Phone: +1 268 462 1727  
Internet: [www.kingscasino.com](http://www.kingscasino.com)  
Email: [info@kingscasino.com](mailto:info@kingscasino.com)

### The Lime Lounge



The Lime Lounge is a lively club situated in the renowned English Harbor. It's popular for its live music performed by both local and visiting bands. The venue plays a diverse range of music styles: from dad rock to alternative, reggae to 90s cheesy hits. The bar offers a variety of drinks, including speciality cocktails, beers and wines. No cover charge, so grab a drink and enjoy the music and the positive vibes of this nightclub.

Photo: Aliane Schwartzaupt/unsplash  
Address: English Harbour  
Opening hours: Daily 6pm-midnight  
Phone: +1 268 785 3779  
Email: [thelimelounge@hotmail.com](mailto:thelimelounge@hotmail.com)

## SHOPPING

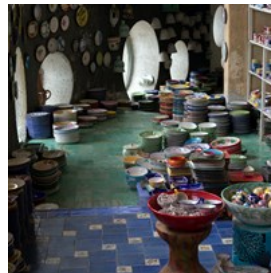


*Raimond Klavins/unsplash*

St John's offers a variety of shopping options for any taste and budget, including shopping centres and local markets. Jolly Harbour and St John's are the two most visited shopping spots on the island of Antigua. Explore the boutique shops and art galleries, local markets and craft stores

around the island that sell souvenirs and organic products grown locally.

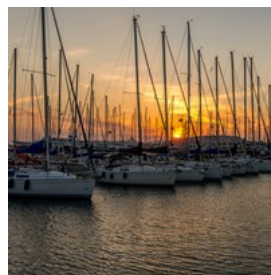
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Address: Redcliffe Street, St John's  
Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm  
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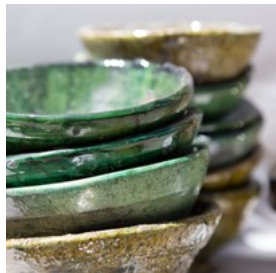
### Jolly Harbour



Jolly Harbour is a resort village on the west coast of Antigua, near St John's. It has a marina with a diverse range of shops. You can find art galleries and unique souvenir stores, as well as boutiques, liquor stores, and supermarkets for daily provisions. It is a great place by the beach to pick up some presents for family and friends.

Photo: Eddie Bugajewski/unsplash  
Address: Jolly Harbour, Antigua & Barbuda

### Vendor's Mall



Vendor's Mall is located near other shopping areas like Redcliffe Quay and Heritage Quay in St John's. However, unlike its more upscale

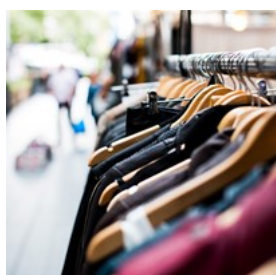
neighbours, this mall is home to local vendors selling crafts, art pieces, souvenirs and clothing. The mall also has a variety of shops selling stylish beachwear and Caribbean clothing. It's also a great place to get your hair braided, or find a taxi. The mall is more crowded on days when cruise ships are in port.

Photo: Karim MANJRA/unsplash

Address: Thames Street, St John's

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-6pm, Sun closed

### Woods Mall



Woods Mall is an air-conditioned, modern shopping complex northwest of St John's with a large number of shops, a supermarket and

a pharmacy. Woods Mall is the mall of choice for most locals for both grocery shopping and buying clothes. Also, there's plenty of parking spaces — one less thing to worry about if you're driving there.

Photo: Artificial Photography/unsplash

Address: Friars Hill Road, St John's

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 6:45am-10pm, Sun closed

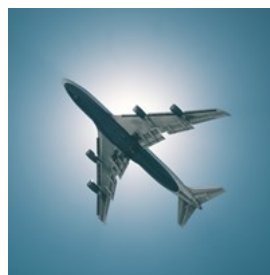
Phone: +1 268 462 9287

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### V. C. Bird International Airport (ANU)



V. C. Bird International Airport is a former US military base located 8 km northeast of St John's. There are a few

companies that offer airport transfers, but you can always take a taxi or rent a car depending on your budget.

Photo: Spencer Imbrock/unsplash

Address: Pavilion Drive, Osbourn

Phone: +1 268 484 2300

Internet: [www.vcbia.com](http://www.vcbia.com)

### Public Transport



St John's has a transport system of privately owned buses that run from 5:30 am to 6 pm daily. All buses start from either the East Bus Station, near

the Antigua Recreation Grounds or the West Bus Station by Market Place. You can get around most of the island on these buses. However, there are some areas where the bus service is inconsistent.

If you wish to go from Antigua to Barbuda, the

other island in the country, the best way to do so is taking a high-speed ferry that takes about 90 minutes one way. Currently there are two ferry companies: The Barbuda Express and The Island Escape.

Photo: Humphrey Muleba/unsplash

### Taxi



Finding taxis in Antigua could not be any easier. They run 24/7 throughout the island and can be easily stopped in the street. They are also easy

to find outside the biggest hotels in Antigua as well as in harbours, airports and famous beach spots. There are several trusted taxi companies on the island that your hotel can call for you at any time. C.C Tours And Taxi Services has a good reputation.

Photo: Waldemar/unsplash

Phone: +1 268 720 3443

### Pharmacy



One of the most well known pharmacies in St John's is Medicare.

Photo: Mika Baumeister/unsplash

Address: Temple Street, St John's

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-9pm, Sun closed

Phone: +1 268 562 5769

### Internet



You'll be able to find decent connection speeds in Antigua and Barbuda. Most cafes and restaurants offer WiFi connection.

Photo: Daniel Thomas/unsplash

### Electricity



The standard voltage in Antigua and Barbuda is 230 V and the frequency is 60 Hz. You can use your electric appliances if the voltage in your

country is 220-240 V as is in the UK, Europe and Australia. Antigua and Barbuda uses two types of plugs. Type A with two flat parallel pins, and type B with two flat parallel pins and a round grounding pin.

Photo: Anthony Indraus/unsplash

### Telephone



Country code: +1-256

Photo: Pawel Czerwinski/unsplash

### Antigua Cruise Port



The cruise port of St John's is right in the middle of the city. Cruise ships usually dock in St John's harbour, specifically in Heritage

Quay and Redcliffe Quay. The port has currently 3 piers. Expect a lot of activity as 5 cruise ships can dock at the same time on busy days. You will need your boarding pass to access the piers.

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Address: Thames Street, St John's

Phone: +1 268 736 0775

Internet: [www.antiguacruiseport.com/about-us](http://www.antiguacruiseport.com/about-us)

More Info: The bay in front of St John's is known as the Deepwater Harbour

#### **Population**

25,035 (2022)

#### **Currency**

Eastern Caribbean Dollar (EC\$)

1 Eastern Caribbean Dollar = 100 cents

#### **Opening hours**

Regular shopping hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm. Many stores still close at noon on Thursdays.

#### **Newspapers**

Antigua Observer — [www.antiguaobserver.com](http://www.antiguaobserver.com)

#### **Emergency numbers**

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