

## DESTINATION GUIDE: ANGUILLA

*One of the most glorious Caribbean vacation destinations.*



Once a remote, sun-drenched outpost in Britain's colonial empire, today Anguilla holds a spot as one of the most glorious and talked about Caribbean vacation destinations. The island is known for having miles of white sand beaches, and for having some of the best restaurants in the Caribbean, rivaling St. Barths. With both upscale dining and low-key beach bars humming with live music. With the recent addition of non-stop flights from San Juan, Puerto Rico, an increase in private jets, commuter flights and ferry service from nearby St. Martin, Anguilla has become an even easier place to visit.

### **What WIMCO Can Do For You**

From our headquarters in the US, we are in constant communication with our team members and associates in Anguilla, ensuring that we have the kind of local knowledge, insights and contacts required to create a memorable vacation for you.

Once you book a villa or hotel with us, WIMCO's Concierge Services team jumps into action - booking your international and local flights, setting-up airport arrivals service and rental cars, pre-stocking your villa with groceries or arranging private chef service, making restaurant reservations, recommending local sights and activities and so much more. You are in good hands.

Looking to consult with a Villa Specialist?

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## About the Villas

WIMCO's villas in Anguilla are characterized by their modern architecture, clean white tones, and sprawling infinity pools. Most of them sit directly on the beach, or overlook the mesmerizing and tranquil Caribbean waters. A number of private villas have tennis courts, ideal for active families.











## Concierge Service Team

Relax, you are in good hands. Once you select a villa your WIMCO Concierge will step in to organize everything you need - Air Department, cars, restaurants... WIMCO will take care of all the details, so you can focus on what's really important – sharing time with people you love.



## Things To Do

Anguilla has something for everyone. Stay active with fun activities like paddle-boarding, scuba diving, tennis and horseback riding, or head out for a sunset sail. Spend your days with your toes in the white sands of one of the island's 33 beaches, then dine Caribbean-style at your choice of the many gourmet restaurants.



### Tennis

Many of the villas on Anguilla in WIMCO's collection include access to private tennis courts. There are also tennis centers and resorts with courts. Contact one of our villa specialists for the inside scoop.

### Water Activities

Try one of the many paddle-boarding tours offered on the island, or if you are feeling a bit more adventurous sign up for a kite-boarding lesson. Anguilla has some great snorkeling spots, but if you want to get a closer look we could organize a private or group diving trip.

### Sailing

Take a sunset sail on a sloop, or a day trip & BBQ lunch at an offshore cay. Hop on Chocolat, a 35-foot catamaran for a day trip to Prickly Pear and Sandy Island. The excursion, led by the knowledgeable Captain Rollins, includes snorkeling and lunch.





## **Beach Life**

Possibly Anguilla's biggest tourist attraction are its crystal clear waters and powdery white sand beaches. Numerous beaches (33 total) range from long sandy stretches like Rendezvous Bay, overlooking neighboring Saint Martin island, to secluded coves reached by boat, such as at Little Bay.

### **SANDY GROUND**

As one of the "hubs" on the island, there is always something going on in Sandy Ground, whether it's a boat race, a concert on the beach, or live jazz on a Sunday at Johnnos. For lunch stop in at Roy's Bayside Grill, which has been serving beach-goers for over 30 years.

### **SHOAL BAY EAST**

This beach is often referred to as one of the best beaches in the Caribbean. It might be because of the ultra fine white sand and turquoise waters. There are also quite a few local restaurants to choose from. Try Maderiman for crayfish and rose or spend a Sunday at Gwen's to enjoy some cocktails, local BBQ, and music from a local scratch band or unwind at Elodia's beach bar.

### **MEADS BAY**

Meads Bay is the perfect place for a day of soaking up the sun! On either end of the beach lays 2 luxury hotels, Malliouhana and The Four Seasons Resort. Between these resorts are small boutique hotels and restaurants where you can grab casual quick bites or something a little more upscale.

### **RENDEZVOUS BAY**

A mile and a half-long stretch of sand overlooking calm clear water. Rendezvous Bay has several resorts, a few rental villas, and restaurants lining this beach. The long, winding beach is ideal for romantic walks, and the placid waves make this a swimmer's paradise.

### COVE BAY

A long beach on the west end of the island, it's the only one in the area not populated with hotels. Visitors can rent beach equipment such as floats, umbrellas, and mats. With views of St. Martin, this spot is popular for picnics and enjoying cold drinks at the bar.

### SILE BAY BEACH

Not much foot traffic in the area makes this a beach to get away from the crowd and have an afternoon picnic. It is known for having relatively calm waters and a good spot for snorkeling.

### CROCUS BAY

A cliff jumping destination where you take a short boat ride to Little Bay. Little Bay is shielded by towering cliffs on both sides. Be on the look out for turtles, sting rays, squids and fish. If you'd rather stay at Crocus Bay you can hike up a steep hill that takes you down to DaVida restaurant.

### SAVANNAH BAY

This beach draws a smaller crowd. If you are looking for a flat manageable walk this is your beach. After a mile or so you will arrive to the quiet beach. The waters sometimes have rough waves good for bodysurfing. After a long day in the sun enjoy lunch at family owned, Nat's.

## Excursions

Head out on an adventure to explore some of the nearby islands.

### SANDY ISLAND

Looking out from the north side of the island you may see just a few palm trees emerging from the sea. That's about all it is, a few palm trees and a small bar and restaurant that serves BBQ and rum punches!

### PRICKLY PEAR

Further on from Sandy Island lies a larger island, which offers great snorkeling and exploring. As long as the seas are calm there will be food and drinks at Johnnos.

### SCILLY CAY

Just off the coast in Island Harbor there is Scilly Cay. To get there you just need to wave on the dock at the other side and someone will pick you up. They are open Wednesdays and Sundays for live music, rum punch, and fresh grilled seafood.

### ST. BARTHS

Take a day trip to the Caribbean's French Riviera via a short plane ride or a private boat charter. Enjoy a day of boutique shopping, fine French cuisine, and glamorous beach clubs on the island of St. Barths.

## Events, Holidays and Festivals On Anguilla

### MOONSPLASH ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL: MARCH

Occurs on the weekend of the full moon in March. The festival showcases Caribbean and international talent at the Dune Preserve, Rendezvous Bay Beach.

### FESTIVAL DEL MAR: APRIL

On picturesque Island Harbour, a celebration of the sea, the festival includes deep sea fishing contests, boat races, triathlons, culinary competitions, string band music, and a range of other activities.

### ANGUILLA ANNUAL YACHT REGATTA: MAY

Hosted by the Anguilla Sailing Association (ASA) and the Anguilla Tourist Board, the Annual Anguilla Yacht Regatta attracts sailors from across the Caribbean and around the world. A number of races will be held, and the event culminates with a post-race reception.

### ANGUILLA DAY CELEBRATIONS: MAY

The most significant holiday on the Anguillian calendar of events, and culmination of the month long celebrations to commemorate Anguilla Day and the round the Island boat race.

### ANGUILLA SUMMER FESTIVAL: AUGUST

Anguilla comes alive with 11 days of fun, food and boat racing. The Anguilla Summer Festival features musical performances, cultural and kids parades and a number of pageants and competitions and boat racing.

### NEW YEARS EVE/NEW YEARS DAY: DECEMBER/JANUARY

The best action can be found along restaurant row on the beach at Sandy Ground. Enjoy the "morning" party hosted by island reggae star Bankie Banx; which starts on New Years evening and runs until morning.



## Restaurants on Anguilla

While some Caribbean dining is a simply a perk of the trip, the gourmet scene on Anguilla is a reason in itself to visit. You'll see local fare like red snapper and crayfish permeate menus (often prepared in original ways) as well as comforting classics. Our Anguilla specialists frequent the island regularly and get updates on clients' favorite restaurants in Anguilla, so be sure to speak with them about must-trys before jetting off!



### BLANCHARD'S

This is Anguilla's most famous restaurant, being one of the first high end restaurants on the island. They are located on Meads Bay, with the ocean a few steps away from your table and offer flavors from the Caribbean, Asia, America and the Mediterranean. A gluten-free menu is proudly offered as well.

### CUISINART RESORT AND SPA

Try the five different restaurants at this hotel, from casual to upscale. The resort boasts its own greenhouse, ensuring that just-picked vegetables and fruits add texture and color to every meal.

### JACALA

French food at it's finest, with a view that can't be beat. Chef Alain, who is named one of the top chefs in the Caribbean in 2014, and maitre d' Jacques have created a masterpiece of fine French food with detailed presentation. The Steak Tartare is argued to be the best. Jacala is right on Meads Bay and serves lunch and dinner.

### LE BON PAIN

Enjoy delicious pastries and fresh bread in a tropical garden setting at this local wholesale bakery.

### PUMP HOUSE

Named after the original pumps from the once thriving salt industry, the Pump house serves very simple fare (think burgers, pizzas, steaks and a variety of grilled fish), with live music and DJs on a regular basis.

### SMOKEY'S AT THE COVE

Think low key at Smokey's, located directly on the beach. You'll find burgers, barbeque chicken and no shortage of Caribs, plus live music.

### STRAW HAT

Straw Hat originally opened their doors in Anguilla in 1996 in Forest Bay as a small structure standing over the water. Since then, Straw Hat has now made their home at the Frangipani Resort on beautiful Meads Bay! You cannot beat the view, which is coupled perfectly with unique and eclectic flavors from the head chef. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

### TASTY'S CAFÉ

Tasty's is run by native chef Dale Carty, who's been featured in Bon Appetit and Gourmet magazines. The restaurant fuses relaxed Caribbean décor with local dishes (think whole roasted snapper and conch salads). Open for lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch and features live music on Saturday nights.

### THE RESTAURANT AT MALLIOUHANA

This beautiful waterfront restaurant features classic fine dining, with a healthful approach (whipped chickpeas, local kale and snapper crudo dot the appetizer list). Their myriad cocktails, from martini spinoffs to rum cocktails make for a perfect pairing. Vegan and gluten free options available, too. Open daily.

### TRATTORIA TROMONTO

On Shoal Bay West there is an Italian restaurant right on the beach. During the day enjoy one of their lounge chairs and at night sit by candlelight with the sounds of the waves in the background. TT is a favorite of many of the celebrities that visit the island.

### VEYA

Veya offers inventive dishes fusing island and Asian influences. The setting makes you feel as you are perched in a tree house in a tropical rainforest. The jerk-spiced tuna explodes with flavor! Veya has live music several nights a week and has a lounge bar below called MEZZE where you can have cocktails and shared plates. Closed Sundays.

### PICANTE

Anguilla's own Taquiera! Picante offers a casual fun atmosphere and Mexican food with a bit of Caribbean flare. Don't miss the corn on the cob, and of course the Margaritas!

### PIMMS

Located within the Cap Juluca resort this restaurant serves Caribbean classics in a romantic setting. The cool, stylish interiors and waterside setting provide the perfect stage.

## Golf

Anguilla is home to one Championship Golf Course designed by Greg Norman. It is located at the Aurora Resort (formerly the Cuisinart Resort) on Rendezvous bay. This 18 hole course has breathtaking views and provides a good challenge. The resort features several dining options and has a spa.



### COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Players are greeted by a spectacular view of St. Martin and the Caribbean Sea at the tee box of the 384-yard starting hole. The overwhelming visual appeal continues with holes two and ten sharing a 16,000 square foot green that rests along the Anguilla Channel. Large Sea Grape trees on the left and the Merrywing pond on the right frame the perilous drive on the 423-yard 16th hole that plays into the trade winds and finishes with an elevated green surrounded by water and protected by deep bunkers. The narrowing fairway on the 18th hole ascends forty feet through rugged terrain to a narrow green carved out of the native plantings.





## Getting There

There are a variety of ways to arrive in Anguilla. The most common way is to fly into Princess Juliana International Airport (SXM) in St. Martin. Then, take a sea shuttle to Anguilla (shared or private; 25 minutes by boat), or fly to Anguilla's airport, Clayton J. Lloyd International Airport (AXA), on a 7-minute flight. You may also fly into Anguilla from Antigua, Puerto Rico or St. Kitts. Lastly, you can fly directly into Anguilla from any location via your own private jet. Leave it up to WIMCO's experienced trip specialists to help you to book all of your accommodations and deliver you safely to your destination.

