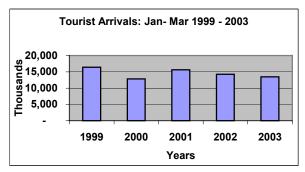
## Tourism Summary Data 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2003 January – March

Visitor arrivals to Anguilla during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2003 were 30,165 in comparison to 33,045 for the same period in 2002 resulting in an 8.7% decline. January was the only month during this quarter that saw an increase in arrivals of 1.8%, while March had the largest decline of 19.8%. This decline can be attributed to the Easter holidays (which usually see an increase in tourist activity) occurring in April this year as opposed to March last year. The war with Iraq and the elevated security levels in the U.S. and throughout the world prompting persons to stay closer to home also contributed significantly to the decline in visitor arrivals.

Visitor arrivals (day and stay over) through the port of Blowing Point were 17,249 an 8.4% increase from 2002. Arrivals through Wallblake Airport were 8,513, a 14% decline from 2002, while the port of Sandy Ground saw 4,403 visitors during this first quarter of 2003 compared to 7,266 in 2002.

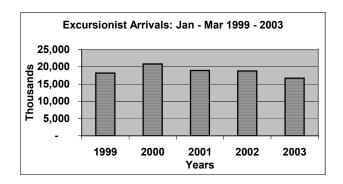
Tourist or stay over visitors for this period were 13,449 a 5.6% decline from 2002, when 14,247 tourists came to the island. The year got off to a positive start with January recording an increase of 3.9%. On the other hand February and March recorded declines of 3.8% and 13.5% respectively.

77% or 10,355 of the 13,449 tourists that visited the island during the first quarter 2003 stayed for a period of 4-15 days, 1,739 stayed for 1-3 days and 1,355 visited for 16-23+ days. On average for this quarter the length of stay was 9.1 days compared to 8.8 days in 2002.



Excursionist arrivals, after being the dominant growth segment among visitors in 2002 are so far this year the main source of the decline in visitor arrivals. For this 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, excursionist arrivals have declined 11% compared to the 7.3% increase experienced for the same period in 2002. The month of March had the greatest decline of 24.4%.

Excursionists through the port of Blowing Point for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2003 were recorded at 12,071 up 7.1% when compared to the same period for 2002. This is consistent with the fact that the majority of excursionists are tourists, who travel to St. Martin and during their stay there take a day trip to Anguilla. Arrivals through the airport were 299, a 4.6% decline from 2002 when 313 excursionists came through. Excursionist arrivals through the port of Sandy Ground were 4,346 compared to 7,209 in 2002.



Canada and Italy saw the largest increase in arrivals during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2003 of 39% and 36% respectively compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2002. Both these markets have been performing surprisingly well over the past year. There was also a jump in the arrivals of German visitors (96%) during this quarter compared to 2001 and 2002.

January to March saw a 6.2% decline in arrivals form the United States of America. However it still maintains its hold as Anguilla's major source market, accounting for 72% of the market share during this period.

Arrivals from the Caribbean, the United Kingdom and other Europe declined 15%, 5% and 1.2% respectively.