



Anguilla: Tourism Summary Data

3rd Quarter: July - September 2004

Anguilla's tourism sector continues to show signs of strengthening as data on visitor arrivals for the 3rd quarter 2004 shows an increase of 6 percent over last year's 3rd quarter with the first and second quarters showing increases as well of 14 percent and 10 percent respectively. Total visitor arrivals were 27,975 for this period compared to 26,449 in 2003. This increase was slightly lower than the second quarter's increase of 10%. The three months within this quarter recorded increases of 1,6 and 20 percent respectively in total arrivals.

Visitor Arrivals 2000 - 2004					
Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Jan	9,399	11,794	9,030	9,193	10,507
Feb	11,299	11,486	10,533	10,164	11,797
March	12,939	11,316	13,482	10,808	12,228
1st qtr	33,637	34,596	33,045	30,165	34,532
April	11,857	11,694	10,903	9,736	12,292
May	9,504	8,914	9,841	10,016	9,683
June	9,183	8,003	8,004	7,725	8,240
2nd qtr	30,544	28,611	28,748	27,477	30,215
July	9,747	8,919	9,835	11,020	11,169
August	10,350	9,710	11,132	11,947	12,641
Sept	3,661	3,241	3,767	3,482	4,165
3rd qtr	23,758	21,870	24,734	26,449	27,975
Total	87,939	85,077	86,527	84,091	92,722

Tourists (Stay-Over Visitors)

During this 3rd quarter, this type of visitor performed reasonably well relative to the same period last year increasing by 16 percent. The months of September and July saw the largest percentage increases in arrivals of 22 and 21 percent respectively from last year. July 2004 recorded the largest monthly total in tourist arrivals to the island over the last decade. 5,485 tourists visited during this month representing an increase of 21 percent over July last year. 10,909 tourists visited during the 3rd quarter this year compared to 9,365 tourists for the same period in 2003.

Arrivals through the port of Blowing Point were 5,186, up 42 percent from the same period last year. With the partial closure of the WallBlake airport during September to the larger passenger aircraft, arrivals through this port fell by 6 percent from the 3rd quarter of 2003.

64 percent of tourists during this period stayed for approximately 4-15 days while just under a quarter of those visiting the island stayed for 1 – 3 days and 10.4 percent stayed for 16 or more days. On average for this quarter the length of stay was 7.7 days compared to 8.7 days during the second quarter of 2003.

All the markets except the Caribbean showed increases for this quarter over last year's 3rd quarter. Although Canadian arrivals were up by 41.6 percent over last year, this country accounted for only 2.2 percent of the market. Arrivals from Germany grew by 31 percent annually.

5,917 persons visited Anguilla from the U.S.A. during this period, up 24 percent from the 4,769 that visited during the same period in 2003. This country is the island's main tourist market and it accounted for half of the tourist arrivals during this period.

Arrivals, from Other European countries, (*including Switzerland and Austria*), Italy and the U.K, increased by 31.4, 22 and 19 percent respectively, over the corresponding period last year.

Arrivals from the Caribbean fell slightly by just under one percent from last year.

Tourist Arrivals 2000 - 2004					
Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Jan	3,611	4,504	3,868	4,018	4,580
Feb	4,435	5,552	4,677	4,501	5,563
March	4,787	5,594	5,702	4,930	5,846
1st qtr	12,833	15,650	14,247	13,449	15,989
April	4,821	6,054	4,472	4,787	6,005
May	3,694	3,965	3,783	3,915	5,130
June	3,390	3,498	2,997	3,373	4,001
2nd qtr	11,905	13,517	11,252	12,075	15,136
July	3,836	4,295	3,771	4,542	5,485
August	3,498	4,016	3,536	3,856	4,246
Sept	1,031	907	787	967	1,178
3rd qtr	8,365	9,218	8,094	9,365	10,909
Total	33,103	38,385	33,593	34,889	42,034

Excursionists (Day-Trippers)

Day-tripper numbers declined during this quarter slightly by 0.1 percent. The month of July recorded the largest decline of 12 percent. August and September within this quarter showed increases of 4 and 19 percent over the corresponding period in 2003.

The main source of the decline during the 3rd quarter in excursionists was those who entered through Sandy Ground. The provisional figures indicate that 1,784 persons entered through Sandy Ground during this period compared to 3,455 in 2003. This point of immigration includes not only day-trippers visiting Sandy Ground but also those who visit Shoal and Crocus Bays and the outlying islands. In contrast excursionist arrivals through Blowing Point for this period were 15,040, an 11.6 percent rise over 2003.

Countries from where increases in arrivals occurred were the Caribbean by 14.5 percent, Other European Countries by 5.6 percent and Canada by 2.2 percent. Arrivals from the U.S.A. U.K., Italy and Germany experienced declines of 14.3, 19.4, 14.7 and 5.4 percent respectively.

Excursionists 2000 - 2004					
Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Jan	5,788	7,290	5,162	5,175	5,927
Feb	6,864	5,934	5,856	5,663	6,234
March	8,152	5,722	7,780	5,878	6,382
1st qtr	20,804	18,946	18,798	16,716	18,543
April	7,036	5,640	6,431	4,949	6,287
May	5,810	4,949	6,058	6,101	4,553
June	5,793	4,505	5,007	4,352	4,239
2nd qtr	18,639	15,094	17,496	15,402	15,079
July	5,911	4,624	6,064	6,478	5,684
August	6,852	5,694	7,596	8,091	8,395
Sept	2,630	2,334	2,980	2,515	2,987
3rd qtr	15,393	12,652	16,640	17,084	17,066
Total	54,836	46,692	52,934	49,202	50,688

This report along with other Tourism Data, are available at the Government of Anguilla's website: <http://gov.ai/statistics/tourism.htm>