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Antigua and Barbuda, a twin-island nation in the heart of the Caribbean, is known for its stunning beaches and vibrant cultural heritage. Its capital city, **St. John's**, situated on the island of Antigua, serves as the bustling administrative and economic center. As a member of the Commonwealth of Nations, the country maintains strong ties with other former British colonies, fostering diplomatic and cultural relationships worldwide. Additionally, Antigua and Barbuda is part of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), collaborating with neighboring countries to promote economic integration, trade, and regional development in the Caribbean region.

- **Total Population:** Approximately 100,000 people inhabit the islands, with Antigua being more populous than Barbuda.
- **\$17,366:** The GDP per capita in Antigua and Barbuda in 2021, highlighting its status as an upper-middle-income country.
- **5,000+ Species:** The islands are home to over 5,000 species of plants and animals, including the impressive Frigate Bird Sanctuary in Barbuda.



Quick Facts

History of Sugar Production: In the past, the islands were major producers of sugar, and remnants of sugar plantations and mills can still be found today.

Stunning Beaches: Antigua is known for having 365 beaches, one for each day of the year, offering a diverse range from secluded coves to lively shores.

Nelson's Dockyard: The English Harbour in Antigua is home to Nelson's Dockyard, a UNESCO World Heritage Site named after Admiral Horatio Nelson, a renowned British naval hero.

Natural Beauty: Barbuda is home to the Frigate Bird Sanctuary, where thousands of magnificent frigatebirds breed, a significant natural wonder.

Independence: The nation gained independence from the United Kingdom in 1981 and is a member of the Commonwealth, with a parliamentary democracy system.

Hurricane Resilience: Antigua has historically been used as a hurricane haven due to its relative safety from hurricanes compared to other Caribbean islands.



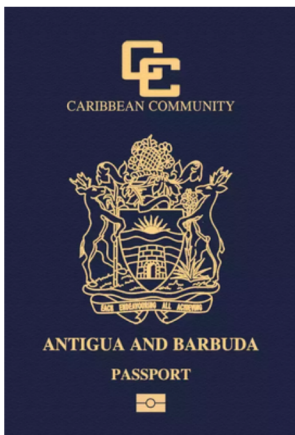
Citizenship Program

The Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship by Investment Program offers individuals and families a pathway to acquire citizenship in exchange for investment in the country's economy. There are three primary investment options: a contribution to the National Development Fund (NDF), investment in approved real estate, or investing in a qualifying business.

- **Visa-Free Travel:** Antigua and Barbuda citizenship provides visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to over 150 countries, including the UK, EU Schengen Zone, and many others.
- **Family Inclusion:** The program extends to family members, including spouses, dependent children, and, in some cases, dependent parents or grandparents.
- **Dual Citizenship:** Antigua and Barbuda allows dual citizenship, enabling individuals to retain their original citizenship while enjoying the benefits of being a citizen of Antigua and Barbuda.
- **Due Diligence:** Rigorous due diligence processes are in place to ensure only individuals of high standing are granted citizenship.

Investment Options

- **National Development Fund (NDF):** The minimum contribution to the NDF for a single applicant is \$100,000. This option is a direct contribution to the country's development projects.
- **Real Estate Investment:** Applicants can invest a minimum of \$200,000 in approved real estate projects, which must be held for at least five years.
- **Business Investment:** Investing a minimum of \$1.5 million in a business enterprise qualifies an applicant for citizenship.



Timeline

- **Application Submission:** The applicant submits the required documentation and completes the application.
- **Due Diligence:** The government conducts due diligence checks on the applicant, which can take several weeks.
- **Investment:** Upon approval, the applicant makes the selected investment.
- **Approval and Citizenship:** Once the investment is confirmed, and all criteria are met, citizenship is granted, usually within 4 to 6 months.

