



## Anguilla: Tourism Summary Report December 2006

Anguilla's winter tourism season continued to show increases in visitor arrivals and December 2006 was no exception. Figures for the month of December saw arrivals of 16,542 visitors, which include excursionists and tourists.

This resulted in a 2.2% increase over the 16,187 arrivals in December 2005. This month's total was the highest recorded figure for the month of December over the last decade.



Of the 16,542 visitors to the island during this month; the majority, 15,975 (96.6%) came for relaxation while 567 (3.4%) came on business.

### Passenger Movements

#### Arrivals

Arrivals include Anguillans as well as visitors, arriving at Wallblake Airport, Blowing Point and Sandy Ground Port. These arrivals totaled 30,620 in December 2006 as compared to 28,214 in December 2005, where 70.3% (21,519) of these passengers entered though the Blowing Point port.

Passenger arrivals though the Wallblake Airport totaled 5,246 (17.1%) and Sandy Ground 3,855 (12.6%).

#### Departures

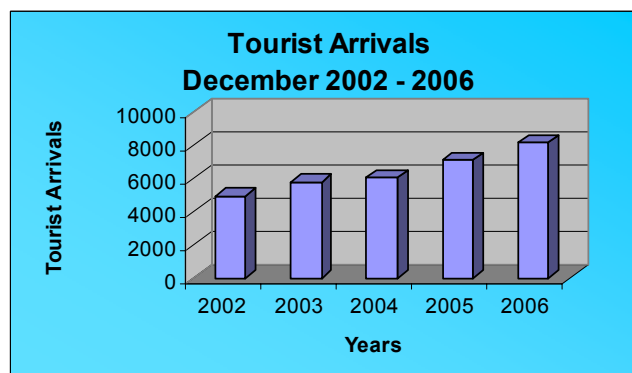
Departures totaled 28,886 during December 2006, where 4,484 (15.5%) passengers departed though the Wallblake Airport compared to

4,452 in 2005. Departures through the Blowing Point Port were 20,498 (71.0%) compared to 18,216 in 2005. The port of Sandy Ground facilitated 3,904 (13.5%) departures during this month compared to 3,985 during December 2005.



### Tourists (Stay-Over Visitors)

Tourists accounted for 49.4% of the total number of visitors to Anguilla during December 2006. During the month December 2006, arrivals for this type of visitor increased by 15.0% to reach 8,167 tourists for the month under review. This was the largest recorded figure for tourist arrivals for the month of December over the last decade.

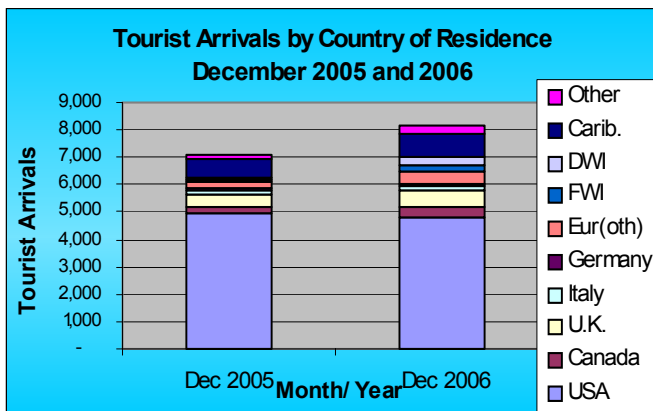


The average length of stay for tourists this month was 8.5 days as compared to 9.0 days in December 2005.

The majority, 32.1% of tourists stayed in Anguilla for between 8-15 days. 28.6% stayed for between 4-7 days, 26.2% spent between 1-3 days, while 6.6% spent 23 days and more and 6.5% spent 16-22 days.

During December 2006, the majority of the tourists, 59.2%, originated out of the U.S.A., Annually, (Dec06/05) arrivals from this country decreased by 2.5%. The Caribbean was the market from which the second highest number of tourists, 9.9% originated.

Arrivals from FWI and Italy both showed increases by 578% and 431% respectively over their corresponding December 2005 figures.

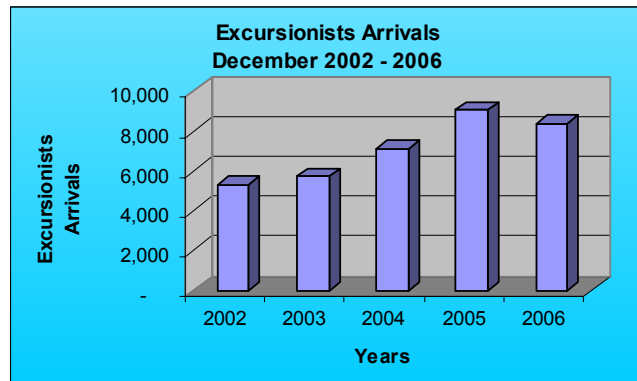


### Excursionists (Day-Trippers)

Excursionist arrivals for the month of December 2006 totaled 8,375, a decrease of 7.8% over the December 2005 figure.

For the month under review, the port of Blowing Point was the main port of entry, with 62.2% of excursionists using this port as the gateway to Anguilla. However, this was a decrease of 7.3% in excursionist's traffic through that port when compared to December 2005 figure.

The Wallblake Airport and Sandy Ground port accounted for 2.0% and 35.8% respectively of the excursionist's traffic into Anguilla. Excursionist arrivals through the Sandy Ground port and Wallblake Airport also registered declines compared to their 2006 corresponding December 2005 figure, with a 5.0% and 8.9% decrease respectively.



Of the 10 categories in which the country of residence is grouped, the United States of America continued to be ranked as the main source market from which Anguilla's excursionists originate. During the period under review, 3,873 of this type of visitors originated from the USA. The Other Europe category was the second highest ranked source market where 1,554 of the 8,375 excursionists originated.

There were increases in excursionist arrivals from 6 of the source markets with declines in 4. Italy was the source market, which experienced the largest increase of 29.2% in December 2006 over the 2005 corresponding figure. Conversely, the 'FWI' category experienced the largest decline of 27.8% over its December 2005 figure.

