



Anguilla: Tourism Summary Report April 2006

The positive growth trend in visitor arrivals experienced in the fourth quarter of 2005 and in to the first quarter of 2006 continued in to April 2006. As the official tourist season begins to taper off, visitor arrivals to Anguilla during the month of April, were, 18,483 up 34% from April 2005. This by far is the largest monthly total in visitor arrivals to the island over the last decade. To date 67,368 persons have visited Anguilla, a 16% increase over the same period last year.

Of the 18,483 visitors to the island this month, the majority 17,984 (97%) came for leisurely purposes while 499 (3%) came on business.

The U.S.A. continued the trend of being the country of origin from which most of the visitors to Anguilla originate.



Passenger Movements

Arrivals

Passenger movements - arrivals, which include Anguillians as well as visitors through the Wallblake Airport for this reporting period were 5,368 compared to 3,896 during April 2005. Arrivals through the Blowing Point port were 20,288 compared to 17,437 in April last year, while arrivals through Sandy Ground were 3,624 as opposed to 1,015 during April of 2005.

Departures

Passenger movements – departures; through the Wallblake Airport during April 2006 were 5,565 compared to 3,858, while departures through Blowing Point port were 19,723 compared to 16,809 in April 2005. The port of Sandy Ground saw 3,519 departures during this month compared to 1,585 during April 2005.

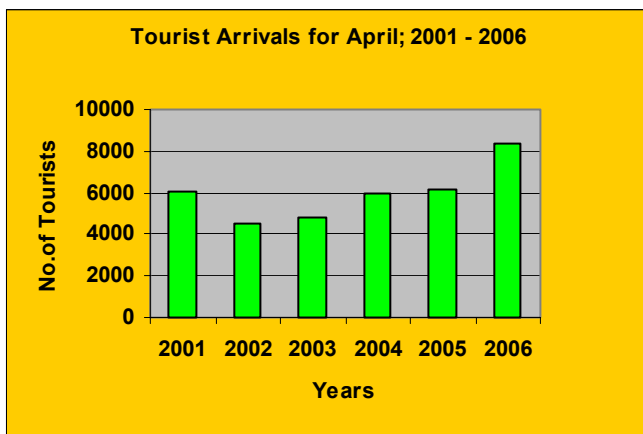
Tourists (Stay-Over Visitors)

In April, tourist arrivals, which accounted for 45% of overall visitors to the island, were up 37% over April last year. A total of 8,392 tourists visited this year in April compared to 6,117 in April 2005. This increase can be attributed to Easter festivities, where a number of persons visit for the long weekend as well as this year, Anguilla played host to a number of regional utility companies' sports clubs. This activity saw a large influx of persons to the island.

To date 28,833 tourists have visited Anguilla, a 16% increase over 2005.

The length of stay for tourists on Anguilla during this month was similar when compared to the corresponding period in 2005. 7.6 days was the average length of stay, compared to 7.4 days during April last year, with the majority (48%) staying for a period of 1 week or 4 – 7 days.

44% of the tourists that visited Anguilla during April 2006 entered through the Wallblake Airport. 3,662 persons came through this port compared to 3,010 during the same period last year. The port of Blowing Point recorded a 53% increase in tourists passing through for this period over April 2005. It was the port of entry to the island for 4,712 tourists. Tourists passing through the port of Sandy Ground made up 0.2% of all tourists visiting the island in April 2006.



All tourist markets showed increases in arrivals over their corresponding April 2005 figures. The market showing the largest increase in arrivals was the Caribbean (*to include the French and Dutch West Indies*). During this month a number of Caribbean countries participated in the annual sports clubs meet where Anguilla was host to the Utility Companies' Clubs from around the region.

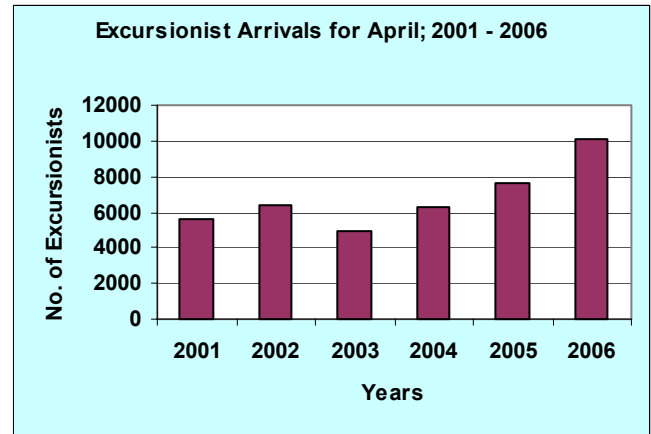
Germany was the second largest market that recorded an increase of 73% followed by Italy (52%), the U.K. (51%), U.S.A (17%), Europe and Canada with 16% and 5% respectively over April 2005.

However, the United States was the main country of residence from which most of Anguilla's tourists came during the month of April 2006. Of the total tourist arrivals, 5,042 were from this country, accounting for 60% of the market share. The Caribbean was the second largest market, representing 23% of the tourist arrivals followed by the United Kingdom with 6%. Canada, Other European Countries Italy and Germany represented 2%, 4%, 2% and 1% respectively of the tourism market.

Excursionists (Day-Trippers)

Excursionists accounted for the greater portion (55%) of visitor arrivals during April 2006. 10,091 excursionists visited the island in April compared to 7,675 in the corresponding 2005 period, resulting in a 31% increase. The cumulative total for excursionists during the

period January to April 2006 is 38,535, up 15% over the same period last year.



Blowing Point was the main port of entry for day-trippers, with 63% of them using this port as the gateway to Anguilla. 6,334 day trippers entered Anguilla through this port during April 2006, however there was a 3% decline in day-tripper activity through Blowing Point. There was a 268% increase in day-tripper arrivals through the port at Sandy Ground during April 2006 over April 2005. This port accounted for 36% or 3,595 of the day-trippers. The Wallblake Airport accounted for 2% or 162 day-trippers during April 2006.

Most of the major tourist markets experienced increases in excursionist travels during this period. Day-trippers from the Canada and Germany recorded declines of 6% and 3% respectively.

Cruise Passengers

6 small cruise vessels made a call to Anguilla during April 2006. There was an overall passenger total of 415 with each vessel carrying on average a total of 105 passengers.

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