



Anguilla: Tourism Summary Data January 2005

Visitor arrivals for 2005 were off to a good start with all the categories of visitors which include, excursionists and tourists, showing more than 15 percent increases over their corresponding 2004 figures.

Overall visitor arrivals for January 2005 showed a 28 percent increase over the respective period for 2004. A total of 13,486 visitors came to the shores of Anguilla. This total was surpassed in the last ten years only by the corresponding January 1995 total when 14,056 visitors arrived.

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

Tourists (Stay-over visitors)

Tourists accounted for 40 percent of the total visitor arrivals to Anguilla during January 2005. 5,430 tourists made their way to Anguilla during the period under review. This was the largest recorded total for the past decade. When compared to January 2004, there was a 19 percent increase.

The average length of stay for this period was 8.8 days compared to 8.2 days in January 2004. 989 tourists or 18 percent stayed for 3 days or less. 38 percent spent a week on the island, 31 percent spent around two weeks and 13 percent stayed for 16 days or more.

The main mode of entry for tourists during this month was by sea. Arrivals through Wallblake Airport accounted for 41 percent or 2,251, while 3,179 tourists entered the island via the seaports with Blowing Point and Sandy Ground accounting for 3,146 and 33 tourists respectively.

The United States was the main country of residence from which most of Anguilla's tourists came during the month of January 2005. Of the total tourist arrivals, 3,891 were from this country, accounting for 71 percent of the market share, an increase of 26 percent over the same period in 2004.

However, the market showing the largest increase in arrivals for January was the United Kingdom with a 40 percent increase. All other markets showed increases over their corresponding 2004 figures except Italy, Germany and Other European countries, which registered declines of 23 percent, 66 percent and 55 percent respectively.

Excursionists (Day Trippers)

8,056 excursionists visited the island's shores during January 2005, representing 60 percent of the overall total visitor arrivals, an increase of 15% over the corresponding 2004 period.

Of the 8,056 excursionists arrivals 98 percent of them entered through one of the seaports, with Blowing Point registering 5,978 (74 %) and Sandy Ground 1,932 (24%) of the arrivals respectively. The Wallblake airport accounted for 2 percent of Day-trippers to Anguilla during January.

As with the tourist arrivals, the U.S.A was the country of origin from which most of the excursionists came. A 17 percent increase was registered over the corresponding period in 2004. Additionally, Germany registered the highest increase in excursionists of 101 percent over its corresponding 2004 figures followed by Canada with 86 percent.

Cruise Passengers

During January 2005, six small cruise vessels made calls to Anguilla. There was an overall passenger total of 1,540 with each vessel carrying on average a total of 257 passengers. This compares to the 11 vessels that made calls to Anguilla during the same period last year with an overall passenger total of 1,183.

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