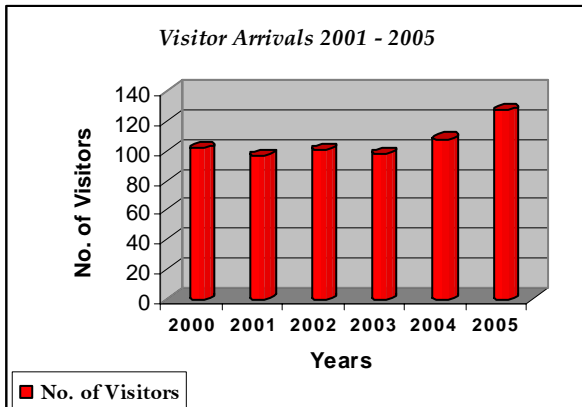


Anguilla: Tourism Summary Report November 2005



Anguilla's 2005 winter tourism season is off to a good start with the arrival of 12,335 visitors during the month of November resulting in a 26% increase over November 2004. This month's total was the highest recorded figure for the month of November since 1994 when 10,846 visitors came to the island.



For the year thus far, November has recorded the third highest increase in arrivals over its corresponding 2004 figure preceded only by March 2005 and January 2005 with increases of 37% and 28% respectively.

January to November 2005 brought the total number of visitors to the island for the year to 126,999 compared to 107,630 for the same period in 2004, resulting in an 18% increase.

Of the 12,335 visitors to the island this month, the majority 11,601 (94%) came as tourists and excursionists, and 734 (6%) came on business.

Passenger Movements

Arrivals

Arrivals, which include Anguillians as well as tourists, through the Wallblake Airport for this period were 3,767 compared to 848 during November 2004 (*during the latter part of 2004, the runway at the Wallblake Airport was under construction, therefore flights into Anguilla were restricted*), while arrivals through Blowing Point Port were 14,875 compared to 16,319 in November last year. Arrivals through Sandy

Ground were 1,370 this November compared to 540 during November of 2004.

Departures

Departures through Wallblake Airport during November 2005 were 3,522 compared to 1,013, while departures through Blowing Point Port were 13,785 compared to 15,223 in 2004. The port of Sandy Ground saw 1,556 departures during this month compared to 1,088 during November 2004.



Tourists (Stay-Over Visitors)

Tourists accounted for 46% of the total number of visitors to Anguilla during November 2005. Over the period November 2005/2004, this type of visitor increased by 29% to reach 5,708 tourists for the month under review. This was the largest recorded figure for tourist arrivals for the month of November over the last 10 years.

To date, January to November 2005, tourist arrivals have amounted to 54,985, a 15% increase over its corresponding period in 2004.

49% of the tourists that visited Anguilla during November entered through the Wallblake Airport. 2,773 persons came through this Port compared to 521 persons during the same period last year (*during the latter part of 2004, the runway at the Wallblake Airport was under construction; therefore flights into Anguilla were restricted*). The port of Blowing Point recorded a 36% decline in tourist arrivals passing through for this period from November 2004 (*with the closure of the airport during the latter part of 2004, Blowing Point became the main port of entry for visitors to the island. The*

Wallblake Airport is now fully operational and visitors once again have a choice of port of entry to the island. This also means that arrivals through Blowing Point are returning to normal levels.) It was the port of entry to Anguilla for 2,926 persons compared to 4,605 persons during November 2004. Tourists passing through the port of Sandy Ground made up just under, 1% of overall tourists entering the island.

The average length of stay for tourists this month was 7.1 days compared to 7.6 days last November. The majority, (71%) of the tourists stayed in Anguilla for between 4-15 days 21% stayed for between 1-3 days and 7% spent 16 days or more on the island.

During November 2005, the majority of the tourists, 69%, originated out of the U.S.A., annually (Oct05/04) arrivals from this country increased by 24%. The Caribbean was the second largest market with 15%, followed by the U.K with 6%. Other European Countries (to include Switzerland and Austria), accounted for 4% of the market share and arrivals increased by 42% over November 2004.

There was an increase in arrivals from all markets during this period (Nov 2005) over the corresponding period in 2004.

Excursionists (Day-Trippers)

Excursionists also continued to show an increase in number during November 2005. They represented 54% of the overall visitor arrivals to the island. 6,627 excursionists visited this month, resulting in an increase over the year (Nov 05/04) of 24%. The cumulative total for the period January to November at 72,014 day-trippers is up 21% from the 59,692 arrivals recorded over the same period in 2004.

As is the case with excursionists, Blowing Point was the main port of entry, with 77% of them using this port as the gateway to

Anguilla. There was a 6% increase in traveler activity through this port over last year. The Wallblake Airport accounted for 3% and Road Bay 20% of the remaining 23% of excursionists.

Most of the major tourist markets experienced increases in excursionist travel during this period. Day-trippers from Germany and Other European Countries recorded declines of 67% and 6% respectively.



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