



Anguilla: Tourism Summary Report September 2005

For a month that is considered a “slow” period for visitor arrival activity, there was a 22% increase in visitor arrivals for September 2005 over September 2004. This month’s figure accounted for the third largest monthly increase for the year thus far, and the second largest recorded figure for the month of September in over a decade. 5,084 visitors to Anguilla were recorded during September 2005 compared to 4,165 during September 2004.

January to September 2005 saw a total of 108,487 visitors coming to Anguilla, up 17% over the same period last year.

Most visitors to Anguilla do so for rest and relaxation and to enjoy the Island’s increasingly diverse offerings of world class amenities. More recently the Island has generated much interest as a place to invest and do business as can be seen in the number of persons visiting for the purpose of “business”. During the period January to September business travelers to Anguilla increased 19% over the corresponding period in 2004.

**Table A: Visitor Arrivals by Purpose of Visit : Business
January to September**

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
No. of Business Travelers	2,711	2,872	2,708	2,719	3,245
% Change		3%	-3%	0.4%	19%

Passenger Movements

Arrivals

Arrivals, which include Anguillians as well as tourists, through the Wallblake Airport for this reporting period were 2,204 compared to 1,202 during September 2004, while arrivals through Blowing Point port were 10,020 compared to 11,385 in September last year. Arrivals through Sandy Ground were 147 this September as opposed to 13 in September last year.

Departures

Departures through Wallblake Airport during September 2005 were 1,059 compared to 1,324, while departures through Blowing Point port were 9,968 compared to 11,508. The port of Sandy Ground saw 182 departures during this month compared to 16 during September 2004.

Tourists (Stay-Over Visitors)

1,525 tourists came to the island during September 2005 compared to 1,178 in 2004, resulting in a 29% increase. This is the largest number of tourists during the month of September since 1999 when 1,765 tourists visited the island.

On average, the length of stay for the month was 7.5 days compared to 7.4 days in September last year. The majority, 44%, of the 1,525 tourists spent 1 to 3 days on the island, 40% stayed for 4 to 15 days and 16% of the tourists stayed for 16 or more days.

With the partial closure of the Wallblake Airport during September 2004 to the larger aircraft, most persons entered Anguilla through the port of Blowing Point during that period. Now that this facility is fully operational, the numbers of tourists entering through this port are returning to "normal" levels. 1,015 or 67% entered through this port, increasing by 125% over September last year.

The port of Blowing Point accounted for 33% of tourists entering Anguilla during this month. 507 tourists, made this their entry port to the island compared to 715 tourists in September 2004, accounting for an annual (*Sept05/Sept04*) decline of 29%

During September, most of the tourists, 45%, originated out of the Caribbean, with the U.S.A being the second largest market with 32%. Arrivals from the U.S.A. increased by 26% over last year's September total. The Other European Countries market grew by 75% and accounted for 8% of the market share. The number of visitors, from the U.K., 128, was the same for both periods (*Sept05 and Sept 04*).

Excursionists (Day-Trippers)

3,559 excursionists visited the Island in September compared to 2,987 in the corresponding 2004 period, resulting in a 19 % increase. January to September saw a total of 61,303 excursionists visiting the island, a 21% increase over the same period last year.

The majority of day-trippers enter through the Port of Blowing Point. During September 3,333 day-trippers passed through this Port compared to 2,928 last year September, resulting in a 14% increase. This Port accounted for 94% of overall excursionists entering Anguilla. Wallblake Airport accounted for 2% of excursionist arrivals during September 2005.

Four of the major markets experienced significant increases in excursionist activity during September 2005. These countries were the United States of America by 97%, Other European Countries by 54%, Germany, by 33% and the U.K. by 18%. Arrivals, from Italy declined by 57% from September 2004.

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