



# Grenada

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## Why Go?

The most southerly islands in the Windward chain, Grenada and Carriacou (plus little Petit Martinique) are best known for their gorgeous beaches: from palm-backed white sand and translucent water to gray-black dunes and rolling breakers. But Grenada's corrugated coastline rises up to mist-swathed rainforest laced with hiking trails and swimmable waterfalls; while St George's, with its market, forts and postcard-perfect Carenage harbor, makes for a picturesque and friendly capital, and is the departure point for ferries to the laid-back sister isles of Carriacou and Petit Martinique. And though cruise ships inject a regular flow of short-stay visitors to Grenada, you'll find all three islands refreshingly quiet and uncrowded.

They're not called the Spice Islands for nothing – you really can smell the nutmeg in the air on Grenada. And it could be called the Fruit Island for the luscious bounty growing in the green hills. Then again, it could be called the Beach Island for the plethora of idyllic sandy strands. We could go on...

## When to Go

The steamy tropical climate is tempered by northeast trade winds, and in January the average daily high temperature is 84°F (29°C) and the average low is 75°F (24°C), rising to a high of 86°F (30°C) and a low of 77°F (25°C) in July.

**Jun–Nov** Rainy season, an average 22 days of rainfall per month in St George's.

**Jan–Apr** The driest months, this is the best time to visit if you like to party, the raucous August Carnival is also a brilliant time to be in Grenada.



## Grenada Highlights

**1 Carriacou** (p446) Enjoying peace, quiet and beautiful beaches on this friendly island.

**2 St George's** (p435) Exploring one of the Caribbean's prettiest capitals and taking in the panoramic views from its imposing forts.

**3 Levera** (p446) Reveling in the isolation of

the ultimate deserted beach with only sea turtles for company.

**4 Diamond Chocolate Factory** (p444) Following the chocolate process from bean to bar at this locally owned cooperative.

**5 Morne Rouge Bay** (p440) Sinking your toes into the soft white sand and super-blue water.

**6 Grand Etang National Park** (p443) Hiking the trails and checking out the volcanic lake surrounded by rainforest.

**7 Underwater Sculpture Park** (p435) Swimming among unforgettably surreal coral-encrusted sculptures in shallow waters a short boat ride from the capital.

## GRENADA ISLAND

The island of Grenada is an almond-shaped, beach-rimmed gem of a place with 75 miles of coastline surrounding a lush interior, which is filled with tropical rainforest.

## Getting There & Away

The island of Grenada is the main entrance point to the country, with the vast majority of visitors arriving through the international airport at Point Salines. International cruise ships also dock on the island at a purpose-built facility right in the St George's city center.