

# Spotlight: Anguilla

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The tiny island of **Anguilla** (rhymes with vanilla) is only 26 kilometres long by five kilometres wide and it takes a mere 40 minutes to drive from one end to the other. It helps when there are only four stop signs. This is one of the few islands left in the Caribbean that hasn't yet been spoiled by throngs of tourists and blatant consumerism; development has only begun over the past 20 years. Anguilla is still an idyllic and authentically friendly island, and what you'll find is a serene, romantic and sophisticated place; the kind where you can opt for down-home experiences at simple B&Bs or indulge in luxurious villas that cater to your every whim.



## Good

### LLOYD'S BED AND BREAKFAST

Sister and brother Maris and David have continued their parents' legacy at **Lloyd's**, a charming and friendly B&B. The original B&B on the island, Lloyd's has a reputation for home-style comforts and a welcoming vibe. With its architecture still intact, Lloyd's reveals an authentic slice of Anguillian life and history in each uniquely decorated room; visiting dignitaries and VIPs stayed here in the early days. Guests come from all over the world, many of them returning time and again. Rooms include air-conditioning, TVs and ensuite bathrooms, and family-style dining makes getting to know people easy.



## Better

### MALLIOUHANA

With its intoxicating view over **Meads Bay**, the atmosphere at the **Malliouhana** is so relaxing it will induce a sleepy, Zen-like state within 10 minutes of arrival. Sun-dappled trees, chirping birds and an assortment of waterfalls and fountains add to the elegant plantation architecture. The resort is family friendly but also caters to couples; kids are whisked away to their own pool area on the property so as not to disturb the adults. Attentive service, extensive facilities, award-winning chefs and a renowned beach make the Malliouhana a perennial favourite.



## Best

### CAP JULUCA

Dramatic Moorish architecture, lush landscaping, all ocean-front views and a recent \$20 million renovation combine to create a first-rate resort on Anguilla. Nestled in the crescent-shaped **Maundays Bay**, **Cap Juluca** is the kind of exclusive and private place that offers celebrities a secluded hideaway and couples a romantic wedding or honeymoon paradise. The resort has a four-to-one staff-to-guest ratio, with villas providing 24-hour butler service. You'll find award-winning dining, top-notch sports and fitness facilities, a golf course and 179 acres to explore. **Warning:** you may not want to leave.