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With Summer Boat Races,
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&
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Anguilla is an uncrowded and tranquil Caribbean island that is truly a photographer's paradise. The leisurely pace of the island makes it a perfect spot to relax and unwind. It's a great island for couples to get away from it all and to enjoy a romantic vacation. For a photographer, the best part about visiting Anguilla is the myriad of photo opportunities, from its beautiful beaches, turquoise-blue waters, exotic flora and fauna, colorful boats and houses, to its wonderful, friendly people.

Because of its small size, only 16 miles long and 3 miles wide, Anguilla is easy to explore. Just rent a car, jeep, or Mini Moke, and you're on your way. You'll find that driving in Anguilla is very easy, as long as you remember to stay to your left. There is only one main

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Sandy Island

road through this small island, which makes getting lost virtually impossible. Our first suggestion is to photograph some of the interesting beaches. Anguilla has 33 beaches, with some of the whitest sand and bluest waters I have ever seen. Every beach is slightly different in shape and size and natural surroundings. Some have virtually no vegetation nearby; others are bordered by local vegetation, such as sea-grape trees or the colorful flamboyant tree, and still others, by cliffs and underground caves.

The Anguillian people are some of the friendliest people I have ever met while traveling. Their culture is very conservative, family-oriented, and religious. While driving around, we would toot our horn and receive a friendly smile and wave from the different people we passed. It's customary to give the school children a ride as they walk to and from school. Anguilla also boasts no crime. I was quite shocked when I was told not to bother to lock the door to my hotel room, and, in fact, was actually never given a key to do so. There are numerous churches of every denomination on the island. We photographed many of them, including a very interesting patterned stone church. The traditional Anguillian houses, painted in a variety of bright colors, also make for interesting photographic subject matter.

Anguilla is neither overly developed nor overly crowded, which sets it apart from some of the more well-known islands. The government prides itself on blending tourism with

the needs of the people. Cruise ships, for example, will dock at nearby St. Maarten but not at Anguilla. Also, you won't see high-rise hotels on this island. Most of the hotels and villas are one or two stories high, and are built on sprawling and beautifully landscaped properties. Visiting the various hotels should be one of the highlights of your trip. Each has a unique personality and design. There are properties that are architectural marvels that are fun to

photograph, others that are built in the style of traditional West Indian houses, and still others that have some of the most beautiful trees and flowers surrounding the villas.

A visit to Island Harbour is a photographic must. This interesting beach is always alive with activity. Get there early in the morning to watch the fishermen board their brightly colored motor boats and set off for a day of fishing, and later in the afternoon you can watch their return with the "catch of the day." The harbor is lined with coconut trees and often has a dozen or more colorful boats moored on the sand, which make for some bright and colorful photographs. Lobster traps, conch shells, and other fishing staples add interesting variety to your photographs. The fishermen themselves make ideal portrait can-



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Chefs from The Palm Court

August 3rd, this year. The final race, called the "Champion of Champions," will be held on Friday, August 7th. The beach where the boats are launched becomes a day-long festival with local foods and beverages for sale, and music by Anguillian bands. As the boats near the finish line, the excitement among the spectators increases as everyone cheers along their favorite boat and crew. This is a great opportunity to experience the friendliness of the islanders, and to take some wonderful, memorable photographs.

After you've finished touring around Anguilla, you should consider exploring some of Anguilla's off-shore islands, or cays, or visiting one of the neighboring islands. St. Martin is only a few miles away, and regular ferry service is available from Blowing Point (Anguilla) to Marigot (St. Martin) for only \$9 each way. A day trip to St. Martin is an interesting way to enjoy a taste of French cul-

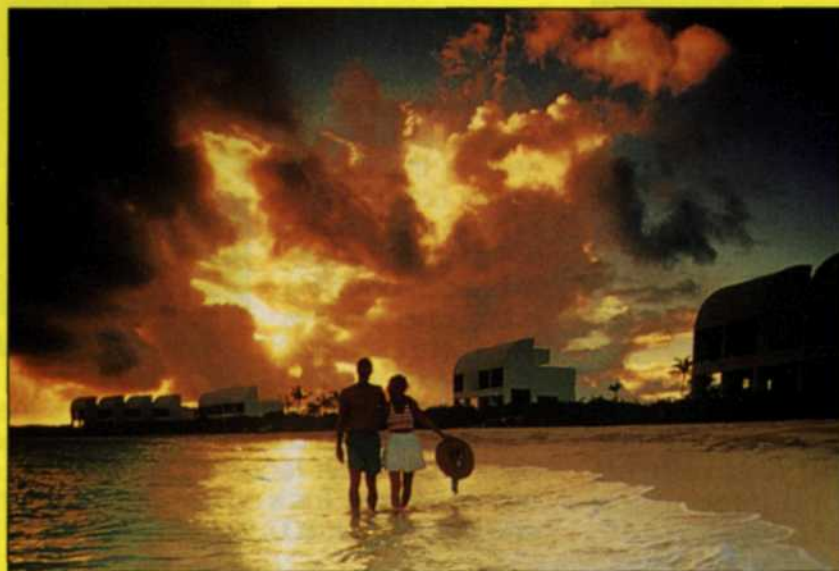
The Mariners



ture, see different sights, and possibly do some shopping. Dog Island is great for snorkeling and for photographing wild goats and sea birds. Prickly Pear has a beautiful white beach, and is also great for snorkeling. Sandy Island looks like a patch of palm trees on a sand bar. Once on the island, you'll realize how tiny it is, but it's a great place to have a picnic lunch, snorkel, and take a few candid shots of your friends. If you enjoy underwater photography, the surrounding waters off many of these islands have chains of reefs that are teeming with fish.

PLACES TO STAY IN ANGUILLA

Anguilla boasts a great variety of accommodations in all price ranges and categories, including super luxurious hotels, deluxe club-style properties, small inns and guest houses, and an abundance of self-catered properties in villas, apartments, and condos. As part



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of their "Anguilla—It's a Breeze—In the Summer" promotion, properties offer very attractive price reductions up to 50% off winter rates. Many properties offer honeymoon, dive, tennis, and family vacation packages and programs. Between May 1 and December 1, visitors staying three or more nights at any property can take advantage of the "Breeze" promotion's 10% discount at participating restaurants, car-rental agencies, and boutiques. Some of the hotels we had the opportunity to visit during our stays in Anguilla are featured throughout this section; for a complete brochure on all the properties on the island, just call 1-800-553-4939.



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WATERSPORTS IN ANGUILLA

Anguilla boasts some of the most beautiful beaches in the Caribbean and crystal-clear turquoise-blue waters. Therefore, it's not surprising that watersports play a dominant role in the island's activities.

You can choose from windsurfing, water skiing, scuba diving, snorkeling, sunfish sailing, catamaran sails, deep-sea fishing, and more. Many of the hotels include watersport activities as part of the room rate. Other hotels will gladly help you with the arrangements. One of the most popular activities is to explore Anguilla's off-shore islands and cays. Excursions range from two-hour scenic coastal or romantic sunset cruises to a full day's visit to a deserted island or cay for picnicking and snorkeling. For the scuba diver, Anguilla offers seven wreck dive sites in addition to reef and wall dives. In 1990, Anguilla



Rendezvous Bay Hotel

refloated and sank four vessels to increase the number of available dive sites. Here are a few companies offering watersports excursions:

TAMARIAIN WATERSPORTS—Anguilla's only full-service scuba-diving center offering P.A.D.I. certification courses and instruction, and conducts scheduled dives. 1-809-497-2020.

Enchanted Island Cruises, Princess Soya Catamaran Cruises, Sandy Island Enterprises, and Suntastic Yacht Services.

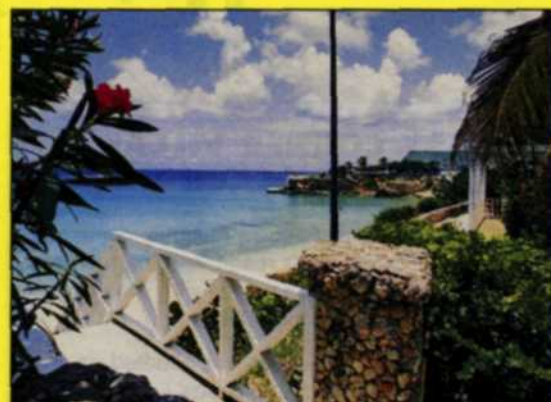
TRANSPORTATION

Start off by renting a car to tour the

Underwater fun



Goats galore



Coccoloba



Boat races

island. It's very easy to get around Anguilla with one main road running the length of the island and only six traffic lights on the entire island. Just remember to drive on the left!

ISLAND CAR RENTALS—Conveniently located near the airport, Island Car Rentals has cars available at all hotels and boasts one of the largest fleets of cars on the island, ranging from \$30 per day for a compact car to \$50 for a minibus. 1-809-497-2723.

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in the Summer!*

*An invitation
to participate
in a fun-filled
summer on
Anguilla!*

The climate is a breeze! Anguilla is a favorite of those escaping the hot, humid days of summer for the island's refreshing trade winds, low humidity and an average temperature of 80°F.

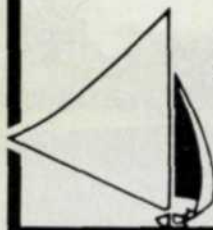
The price is a breeze with most properties offering summer rates starting at 40% less than winter rates.

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