



A Guide to Staying at the Arawak

This note summarizes frequently asked questions about staying at our Inn. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have other questions.

Getting to the Arawak

Arrival

Guests either arrive at The Clayton J. Lloyd International Airport (formerly known as Wallebake International), or at Blowing Point Ferry Terminal after a 30 minute ferry ride from St. Martin (see below). Please tell us your arrival time, and we can arrange for you to be met – The cost for two persons is approximately \$22.00 from the airport (\$26.00 night) or \$28.00 from Blowing Point. If you are on one of our packages, the transfer in Anguilla may be included – check your confirmation.

Upon arrival at the airport or Ferry Terminal, you do not need to stop at the “Ground Transfers” desk in the custom area if we have arranged transportation. Proceed directly outside and our designated taxi driver (usually Franklin) will be there to greet you. He will have your name and should recognize you. The ride from the airport to the Arawak is 10 – 12 minutes and from the ferry about 20 – 25 minutes.

If by any chance the cab driver or we slip up and miss you, or you come in on a different flight, take any taxi to the Arawak. If you are on a package, we will reimburse the cost. It is always helpful if we know you are on the way – please ask the cab driver to call us on his cell phone (especially late arrivals).

Ferries from St Martin

Many guests chose to fly into St. Martin that offers non stop service from many US and Canadian Cities, besides Paris and Amsterdam. **Fares are often much lower than flights into Anguilla**, even figuring the extra cost of the transfer from St Martin.

Public Ferries to Anguilla are the cheapest and generally are efficient. At St. Martin airport, ask any taxi to take you to the Anguilla Ferry in Marigot (\$ 20.00 and 15 minutes to Marigot). From Marigot, ferries run every 45 minutes from 8:30 AM until 7.00 PM, cost \$15.00 plus \$5 tax, except the 7pm is \$18 plus tax. **No reservations are required**, but upon arrival at Marigot, be sure to enter your name and personal details on the manifest at the counter – that ensures your place on the next ferry.

An even easier but slightly more expensive route is a boat directly from St. Martin Airport to Blowing Point, cost \$40 one way, \$65 round trip, plus taxes. For these boats, **reservations are requested**, but at normal arrival times, there is usually a representative of one of the boats meeting people on the right after customs at the airport – just ask who is going to Anguilla next (if there is no boat going, you can always go to Marigot for the public ferry). If they put you in a taxi to get to the boat, be sure to ask if that is included in the price you have been quoted. If you wish we can reserve for you to be met at the airport, or you could consider Funtime Charters www.funtime-charters.com / 1-866-334-0047 – they offers more and better boats, but charges \$55 unless you can negotiate.

Staying with Us

The essence of the Arawak is relaxation and informality. Do not come and stay with us if you are looking for five star elegance or a pristine resort with every facility! We are a simple, friendly Inn, with bright coloured attractive rooms and very comfortable beds, focussed on giving our guests good value for their money and ensuring that they enjoy their time with us. We love our place and we will do all we can to ensure you do too, and that you go home with fond memories.

This is what to expect:

Arawak Café and Bar

We open up and put the coffee on around 8:00 AM. - come and collect a cup to take to your room if you like. The doors stay open, and we serve breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as beverages (alcoholic and otherwise) all day, until we close. If our cook has gone home, we can usually come up with pizza or sandwiches. Our bar operates on an honour system – if we are not around, help yourself and write it down on the tab that sits in the conch shell on the bar.

Our menu features delicious Caribbean and International dishes at reasonable prices. Main courses start at around \$16.00, and there are nightly specials. Delicious Local lobster is offered at market price when available– ask in advance. We always offer our homemade pizzas to eat in or take to your room and you can choose any toppings that you like. Our bar prices start at \$2 for sodas, \$3 for beers. Hard liquor is from \$4. We have a small list of wines that we have personally selected and enjoy, available by the glass from \$5, and by the bottle from around \$20.

Wednesday is normally our “Limin’ Night”, featuring live music from Island Harbour’s own Terry Webster who delights all with a wide selection of Island and Country music favorites. ***Be sure to be there!*** Friday is “Surprise Night” when we offer a change from our regular menu with culinary delights from around the World, varying each week. On Sunday, we usually do a traditional English meal, such as roast beef and Yorkshire Pudding, roast lamb, fish and chips, etc.

Beaches

We are located on Island Harbour Beach. This scenically beautiful beach offers interesting snorkeling in sea grass (especially turtles), but limited relaxation as it is windward. Behind the Arawak, a short walk of maybe 2 minutes lies the Arawak Cove, a small peaceful gem used only by our guests. There is shade under the sea grapes, white sand and generally tranquil water offering excellent swimming and snorkeling.

Shoal Bay East, rated among the top beaches in the World and perhaps Anguilla’s best known location, is 5 – 10 minutes away. Shoal Bay offers two miles of powder white sand, with restaurants, beach bars, beach chairs, live music, water activities and excellent snorkeling.

Beach Towels

Available, no charge. Exchange them in our laundry when you need clean ones.

Beach Umbrellas and Chairs

Available for nominal rental fee.

Bicycles and Scooters

Bicycles are available for rent on Anguilla. The last cost quoted to us for bikes was \$18.00 for a 1- day rental or \$15.00 per day for 2-days or more. Bike Rentals include a helmet and lock and can have Delivery + Pick up service to the Inn for an additional \$25.00. Scooter rentals are not offered at the moment. **We do not recommend** either of them as the cost for two persons is close to that of a car which gives much more opportunities for exploring the whole Island. Also the sun is hot, some of our roads are uneven or unpaved, insurance is not included, and for most visitors we drive on the “wrong” side of the road that can be extra confusing on a two wheeler.

Cable TV

In all Deluxe and Premium rooms only, with lots of channels from USA, also some from Canada, Italy and the UK. Also Spanish speaking channels. Full details under Anguilla at:
<http://www.tvguide.com/listings/setup/localizeInt.aspx?Country=West+Indies>

Car Rental

Recommended for some of your stay so you can explore the island. At busy times, **we suggest you ask us to book it in advance**. It can be delivered to the Arawak. *DRIVE ON THE LEFT!* A very small but adequate car costs around US\$40.00 a day + US\$5.00 Insurance, depending on the season, plus a one time charge of US\$21.00 for a local license. The rental company issues the license at the time of rental. Suzuki jeeps start at around US\$60.00. Remember to bring your home license!

We do not recommend collecting a car upon arrival, as there are no rental agencies at the airport so you have to take a taxi anyway. We can reserve for delivery to the Arawak the next morning and the extra cost of a taxi to the Arawak will be less than the day’s rental you will save. Petrol (gasoline) costs about US\$7.00 a gallon, but don’t get a shock as on the pump it is quoted EC dollars (around EC\$19.00).

Clock Radios/ CD Players/Music in Rooms

All rooms are equipped with clock radios with CD or iPod players. Premium Rooms also feature stereo sound systems. Bring your own CDs or iPods!

Cooling in Rooms

We have air conditioning in all of our Premium rooms (included in rate) but only a few of the Deluxe and Oceanfront. Please advise if you want air conditioning for these room categories (\$20 per night extra charge) at the time of booking as it may not be available upon arrival. All rooms have ceiling fans and good cross ventilation, and except perhaps for a few days in the height of summer, generally our guests are happier with the sound of the breezes and the Ocean.



Credit Cards

Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted on Anguilla at locations frequented by tourists. American Express less so, as they charge merchants very high commissions. Discover is rarely found (although we do accept it at the Arawak), nor Diners Club.

Dress

Anguilla, and especially the Arawak, is very informal. At some of the more exclusive restaurants and resorts, you will probably want to dress “elegantly casual”, especially at night. Jackets and ties are never necessary.

Eating Out

A great treat on Anguilla. There are many fabulous restaurants, although many are expensive. We have sample menus for most of them at the Arawak for you to browse. We know most very well, and are happy to give you our opinions and to make your reservations. Come back to the Arawak for great, reasonably priced home cooking!

Emergencies

In the event of a medical or other emergency outside regular hours, Arawak retains a security guard is on the premises at certain hours. In the event that he cannot be found, or if other assistance is required, there is an emergency phone in a red box outside the laundry that rings directly through to the guard.

Fax

You may send and receive faxes on our machine. Outgoing is \$3.00 per page, incoming \$1.00. The number is 1-264-497-4889.

Hair Dryers

In all Deluxe and Premium rooms only.

Internet and Email

High speed Wifi (b/g/n) is available in the restaurant/pool area and all Oceanfront and Deluxe Rooms. It works in some Premium rooms; otherwise wired cable service is available. The cost is \$15 for unlimited usage up to 24 hours, or \$30 for unlimited up to a week’s stay. For casual internet users, access through our office computer is also available with a minimum charge of \$10 for up to 15 minutes.

Irons

None in rooms. You may use ours in our laundry.

Laundry

We can do it for you for a charge of \$13.50 a load. This includes washing, drying and folding (not ironing) and is same day (weather permitting). Drier if required is extra.

Maid Service

Your room is normally serviced daily, with fresh towels and toiletries as needed, except we do ask your cooperation in helping us to give our staff time off on public holidays. On those days, of course fresh towels, etc are available if you need them.

Currency

Anguilla uses US and EC (Eastern Caribbean) dollars (US \$1.00 = EC \$2.68). However you will generally find items priced in EC only in local stores (like supermarkets, petrol (gas) stations and Government offices) and anyway everywhere you can pay in US Dollars without extra costs. Tourist establishments quote all prices in US Dollars. You do not need EC Dollars and may not even come in contact with them during your stay. There are ATM's at the banks in the Valley, some dispensing US Dollars.

Reading Matter

We have a small library of books for your vacation reading pleasure. You are welcome to take almost any book home with you, or to leave us any you do not want, for future guests.

Refrigerators

In all rooms.

Snorkels and Fins

Available for nominal fee.

Telephones

To maintain the option of tranquility, our rooms are not normally equipped with telephones. Some overseas cell/mobile phones do work in Anguilla, but the roaming charges are high (check with your carrier before coming). As an alternative, we rent prepaid mobile phones with local numbers (\$5 per day, \$25 for a week, plus a minimum purchase of \$10 for calls). These phones afford completely free incoming calls and reasonable international rates (around \$0.25 per minute to N. America, and \$0.40 for the Rest of the World). If you know you will want one, email us and we can pre assign a number to you, so in advance you can tell you friends and family how to contact you, or you can even "call forward" your own number.

Calls may also be made from our office – \$2 per minute to N. America, \$2.50 to Europe. Our number is 1-264-497-4888.



The Shop (“Arawak Boutique”)

Well stocked with basic items you may have forgotten, photo supplies, Island clothes, gift items and local artwork.

Toiletries

Soaps, shampoo, conditioner, etc are supplied daily to all rooms.

Voltage

110v, same outlets as North America. Bring an adaptor if coming from Europe.

Water

Theoretically potable, but we don't. A complimentary large bottle of water will be in the refrigerator in your room upon arrival. Replacements available at the bar (\$2.50).

Please use water sparingly – Anguilla is very dry and all water is expensively processed from the sea by a desalination plant.

NOW JUST GET HERE AND RELAX!!

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