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Antigua & Barbuda

Yacht Charter Guide

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Antigua Yacht Charter

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ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Overview

Antigua yacht charter is English Harbour history and Falmouth megayacht infrastructure - Nelson's Dockyard for classic quay culture, Falmouth Harbour Marina for larger LOA, and ANU door-to-deck in 30-45 minutes. Race weeks and Christmas densify berths; we hold slips and Barbuda day-hops before you fly.

Antigua yacht charter - Nelson's Dockyard & Falmouth berths, ANU transfers and APA with Blue Ocean Club.

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How an Antigua week actually runs.: Harbour services, west-coast sunsets, Barbuda white sand when the brief allows.
- English / Falmouth: APA open, ANU transfer, race-week berth confirmed.
- Coast cadence: West coast anchors, North Sound, optional Barbuda.
- Tables locked: Dockyard and harbour restaurants held against berth nights.
- When to take Falmouth vs Nelson's.: Falmouth buys LOA; Nelson's buys atmosphere.
- Falmouth Harbour: Megayacht marina beside English Harbour.
- Nelson's Dockyard: UNESCO quay culture - book early.
- Jolly Harbour: West-coast alternative for calmer weeks.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

English & Falmouth Harbours

Historic dockyard, race week and megayacht density.

West coast beaches

Jolly, Five Islands and sunset anchors.

North Sound

Reef-protected day-hops.

Barbuda

Pink sand and frigate colony - weather window required.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Nelson's Dockyard Marina

UNESCO English Harbour - primary Antigua yacht hub. - Max LOA ~80 m - Draft ~5 m - Gateway ANU - Transfer 30-45 min from ANU - Peak lead: 8-16 weeks race week / peak winter

Falmouth Harbour Marina

Megayacht marina beside English Harbour. - Max LOA ~100 m - Draft ~6 m - Gateway ANU - Transfer 30-45 min from ANU - Peak lead: 8-16 weeks peak

Jolly Harbour Marina

West-coast marina for quieter weeks. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~3.5 m - Gateway ANU - Transfer 25-40 min from ANU - Peak lead: 4-10 weeks peak

Codrington Lagoon / Low Bay access, Barbuda

Barbuda lagoon and Low Bay access - shallow draft and tender ops. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~2.5 m - Gateway ANU - Transfer Day sail from Antigua - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorage

Nonsuch Bay

East-coast protected sound.

Green Island

Day-stop snorkel and beach.

Cades Reef roads

West-coast reef day.

Low Bay, Barbuda

Pink-sand roadstead - swell planning.

FF Bay / Great Bird

North Sound nature stops.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

The Copper & Lumber Store

Dockyard classic - book against Nelson's nights.

Coconut Grove / harbour restaurants

Falmouth convenience when megayacht nights are held.

Catherine's Cafe

Dockyard-side favourite in season.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

Pigeon Beach bars

English Harbour

English Harbour swim-and-lunch.

Curtain Bluff beach

Old Road

South-coast resort beach day.

Jabberwock Beach clubs

Antigua north

North-shore sand.

DOOR TO DECK

ANU to English Harbour.

We choreograph V.C. Bird into Falmouth and Nelson's embarkations.

ANU

Primary Antigua gateway for English/Falmouth programmes. ANU Nelson's / Falmouth 30-45 min ANU Jolly Harbour 25-40 min

Chauffeur to quay

SUV briefed on harbour gates and luggage. Dockyard / Falmouth meeting points Night-before hotel on late arrivals

Door-to-deck options confirmed against your embarkation slot - see embark utility below.

NUMBERS - ANTIGUA

Antigua fees & APA - the short version.

Outside the EU - customs clearance, cruising permits and marina dues apply.

Tax

No EU VAT - confirm local charter licensing, customs and cruising permits with yacht management.

APA

Peak winter often 30-40% once harbour berths and fuel are honest.

Berths

Indicative marina ranges on request - draft until agent confirms.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

English Harbour

English Harbour is a core Antigua & Barbuda charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Nelson's Dockyard Marina - Day-anchor: Nonsuch Bay - Table: Copper & Lumber Store Hotel dining

Barbuda

Barbuda is a core Antigua & Barbuda charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Falmouth Harbour Marina - Day-anchor: Green Island - Table: Cecilia's High Point

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Child destinations

- English Harbour - Crewed yacht charter in English Harbour - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Antigua & Barbuda.
- Barbuda - Crewed yacht charter in Barbuda - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Antigua & Barbuda.

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

Nelson's Dockyard or Falmouth?

Nelson's for historic quay culture; Falmouth for larger LOA and modern megayacht services - often the same harbour system.

How early for race week berths?

Antigua Sailing Week and peak winter often need 8-16+ weeks for preferred slips.

ANU transfer?

Typically 30-45 minutes chauffeur to English/Falmouth Harbours.

Barbuda overnight?

Classic day-hop or overnight when weather and permits align - plan APA for transfers.

Tax treatment?

Outside the EU - customs, cruising permits and marina dues apply rather than EU VAT.

Combine with St Barths or St Martin?

Yes on longer Leeward circuits when clearance windows work.

What does it cost to charter a yacht in Antigua & Barbuda?

What it costs to charter a yacht in Antigua & Barbuda tracks yacht size and peak weeks. Smaller crewed sailing yachts and cats start lower; superyachts scale into six figures. APA, local tax context (No EU VAT - confirm local charter licensing, customs and cruising permits with yacht management.) and berthing are confirmed in writing before deposit.

What does APA usually cover on a Antigua & Barbuda charter?

Fuel, berthing, food and beverage, and most guest concierge extras. Tax context for Antigua & Barbuda: No EU VAT - confirm local charter licensing, customs and cruising permits with yacht management. We set an indicative APA band before contract.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Nelson's Dockyard Marina

UNESCO English Harbour - classic yacht hub. 8-16 weeks race week / peak winter. Antigua Sailing Week and Christmas densify. Atmosphere embark - confirm LOA limits.

Falmouth Harbour Marina

Megayacht marina beside English Harbour. 8-16 weeks peak. Race weeks sell preferred slips early. Primary larger-LOA Antigua embark.

Jolly Harbour Marina

West-coast marina for quieter weeks. 4-10 weeks peak. Holiday densification milder than English Harbour. Calm alternative embark.

Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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