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Antigua is one of the best places to live. The population is about 90,000, so you can't go anywhere without seeing someone you know. We also have 365 beautiful beaches all around the island, one for each day of the year. I love going to the beach; it is a beautiful work of God's creation. Almost everyone here in Antigua enjoys the beach. Tourism is our main industry, and we are very oriented towards it. Some tourists come on the cruise ships, others on airplanes. They all come and enjoy our beaches, usually getting very, very red in the process.

Wherever you go in Antigua, you will always see people, usually boys, playing football. Football is a favourite sport among Antiguan. Cricket is also popular. In general, Antiguan teenagers love sports, whether to play or to watch. However, the thing that we Antiguan teenagers really love to do is lime. Liming is basically wasting time, but enjoying yourself with friends and family.

Overall, this is a brief look at life in Antigua, but on the whole, it is a wonderful country to live in. You should come visit sometime!



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### **Antigua: The Land of Sand, Sea and Sun**

Antigua, also known as Wadadli, was discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1493. It is a small island (281 km<sup>2</sup>) in the Leeward islands, to the north of Montserrat and Guadeloupe and about 30 miles south of our sister island Barbuda which is known for its pink sand beach and frigate bird sanctuary.

Antigua became independent on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1981 and this is celebrated throughout the country on a large scale. Carnival and Sailing Week are some other widely celebrated events and people from all over the world come to experience these.

Our main industry here is tourism. We have lots of cruise ships coming to Antigua throughout the year, filled with people from all over the world. We have many attractions such as Nelsons Dockyard and Betty's Hope which tourists come to see.

Football is a big influence and widely played sport here. Just about all the schools and villages have a public football field.

Antigua is a lovely place to live. It's sunny and warm most days. I lived here for about 10 years and I have never gotten tired of going to the beach.