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### **The Gem of the Antilles**

St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG), also called “**Hairouna**”, “**Home of the Blessed**,” and “**The Gem of the Antilles**,” is found in the Caribbean. It is made up of **thirty-two (32) islands and cays**. There are approximately **110,000** persons living on the islands. There are many places of interest for visitors, including an abundance of entertainment and a variety of indigenous food.

Due the volcanic nature of our island, there are many **black sand beaches**. There are also **white sand beaches** which can be found in the Grenadines. There are many waterfalls including **Trinity Falls** which is composed of three falls meeting a central pool. There many different foods stemming from various cultures. These include **pelau, pepper pot, lasagna, tacos and roti** among others.

In SVG, we speak **British English (official language)**. Apart from the English language, we have our own creole dialect. English, however, is more acceptable when making formal addresses whereas **the creole can be utilised when interacting with family or friends**. During school, both are acceptable but not creole is not acceptable when addressing superiors or carrying out scholastic affairs. **Many words used in SVG are derived from Latin, French and Spanish**, and are used generally.