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Make your move from the UK to Antigua

The Commonwealth nation has historical ties to the UK, plus favourable tax laws and a golden visa programme — and that's before you get to its 365 beaches



The view from Shirley Heights, an 18th-century lookout in Antigua

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Where to make your move

West is best, says Ward, 58. “The west coast faces the calm Caribbean Sea which is generally more welcoming than the Atlantic on the east coast,” she says.

“That’s also where the biggest investment in infrastructure is currently going in, around Jolly Harbour with the marina redevelopment and the new Nikki Beach resort under way. This coast also has the biggest range of properties and prices, with homes from \$400,000 up to \$10 million.”

You’re never far from a good beach on Antigua, but the most sought-after locations with good access to marinas, restaurants and international schools include English Harbour in the south, Jolly Harbour in the west and between Dickenson Bay and Hodges Bay in the north.



“The islands are seeing significant investment, with brands such as Nobu and Nikki Beach opening substantial projects,” MacKenzie adds. “High-end architects, designers, builders and developers are coming in their droves, but it is all being done, so far, with a warm Caribbean culture. And what we lack in sophisticated culture is more than made up for in what we can do for free in the sun: snorkelling along the reefs, kayaking, swimming, tennis and sailing.”