



Your relaxing time in the Caribbean island of Antigua, 5 nights all planned out for you!

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Your very first day and night in paradise! ... Now you're all settled in and have completed your boat briefing you can have a relaxing first evening at the highly recommendable Sheer Rocks restaurant. It has some incredible views, a peaceful atmosphere and amazing food. This restaurant/bar is located at the Coco Bay resort. You can stay moored in Jolly Harbor for the night as you may need to do your chart briefing in the morning anyway! So you can just take a quick 10 minute taxi ride over. They do wonderful Tapas for lunch (served until 4.30) so if you just fancy some bites to eat and a cool dip in the plunge pool then this would

be perfect for you. Their fresh to order A La Carte dinners are always exquisite with locally sourced fresh fish on the menu. Don't also forget to order from their extensive cocktail and wine menus. Sheer Rocks isn't one of the cheaper places to go but it is well worth it. You get every penny you pay for! (Try their Mojito Royale!)

Your second beautiful morning and evening! ... Since you're all topped up with water and fuel from Jolly Harbor you could head North, across Five Island Harbor, avoid the next two set of rocks (you can't miss them!) and anchor up at 'Pinching Bay'. This beach is only accessible by boat so you are more than likely to be the only people there. There are plenty of snorkeling spots from the beach and on the surrounding edges of the bay. This spot is perfect for mooring up in the day and having lunch but it isn't recommended for overnight anchoring as it can get rolly! So after your snorkeling, beach coving and exploration, start to head North again to a place called 'Deep Bay'. This spot is perfect for an overnight stay as it is protected from any unlikely incoming swells. Just watch out for the wreck as you go into the bay. It is best to stay to



the right of the bay as you enter and then you can anchor when you approach the beach. Occasionally there are turtles in this bay and of course the wreck is amazing to snorkel. You can whizz over in the dinghy or take the boat closer to the wreck and anchor close by. I recommend snorkeling the wreck when the sun is high as then the visibility is a lot clearer. This will also make it easier to anchor closer by. Hopefully you have all the provisions you need so you can enjoy a beautiful sunset dinner onboard.

Your third morning and evening! ... For this day you could head North again up into Dickenson Bay and anchor there whilst you explore the wreck on the beach that's been there since our last hurricane in October 2014. This is another sheltered anchorage and is great for overnight stays. There are various watersports activities such as water skiing, dingy sailing and kayaking. The boys will come out to you and pick you up if you need them to. There is a lovely lunch spot called 'Ana's on the beach' which is located further down from Sandals and it is on the beach front so you can sit with your toes in the sand whilst having lunch. Ana's does get pretty busy so we recommend making reservations! Feel free to use the local phone you have onboard to do this. Ana's does some



amazing local seafood dishes including fresh shrimp followed by their wonderful catch of the day which could either be Tuna, Mahi Mahi or Wahoo and sometimes even Snapper. For dinner you could head ashore and eat at Coconut Grove. For something more casual, walk to Mr.



Chippy who does awesome fish and chips on a Tuesday and Friday night!

For your fourth day! ... For today I recommend having an awesome sail South down to 'Carlisle Bay'. However, along the way you could check out some of Antigua's most beautiful beaches such as Darkwood or even Turners. They are a great place to stop for

lunch and serve great local food such as goat curry or jerk chicken but for those who prefer burgers and hotdogs, that option is also available! After lunch you can head to Carlisle bay which is calm and ideal for an overnight anchorage. There are some beaches along the sides of this bay that you can anchor off and have all to yourselves. The clear water makes it easy to anchor and perfect for snorkeling. The hotel there is also now public so feel free to go and enjoy a nice meal or even just some cocktails but just a reminder the hotel is five stars so it might not be cheap!



For your fifth day! ... If you want to experience some of Antigua's other marinas you could head along South West coast to Falmouth and English harbor. Falmouth Harbour is great for restaurants, re-provisioning and, in season, seeing all of the superyachts coming in and out! Falmouth Harbour is easy to access as it has a clearly marked channel and someone will always be available on the VHF channel. It has plenty of restaurants to eat in such as 'Club Sushi' in case you fancied some fresh fish. On Saturdays they do an 'All you can eat' menu on the sushi! However they do serve steaks and burgers for those who prefer their food slightly more cooked! There are some other great places like 'Cloggies' and 'Abracadabra's'. However, if you prefer you can always just pick up a mooring buoy and eat at another great place called 'Catherine's' and watch all the hustle and bustle pass by! There is a small beach known as 'Pigeon beach' close by to the mooring buoys. If you happen to be here on a Sunday you can take a taxi up to Shirley Heights. I would recommend getting there for about 4.30/5 to watch the sunset and listen to the steel drums. It's an amazing view and the party afterwards is always a blast!

If you prefer something a little quainter you could adventure further South into English Harbour and do some historic sightseeing and discover where Lord Nelson used to have his fleet. You can anchor off of

Galleon beach in a protected bay which makes for a good overnight stay and a relaxed day of swimming and snorkeling! There are plenty of places to explore such as the old Fort at the top



of the hill or you could adventure to the Pillars of Hercules which are tucked around the corner. They are great for snorkeling and climbing! There aren't as many restaurants as Falmouth Harbor here but there are still some good ones such as the 'Copper and Lumber store' or 'The Admirals Inn' which serve lunch and dinner. The view is amazing and the atmosphere is calm and relaxed.

Your final sail back to Jolly Harbour! ... At Horizon we require that the boats are back on the dock by noon (12 o'clock) on your last day of charter. They have to be refueled and the water tanks filled back up so we recommend that you are on the fuel dock in Jolly Harbor for around 11.15/11.30 as they go for lunch at 12! This is a lovely sail as you can get an amazing coast line view all the way back. Perfect for those last minute snapshots! A member of the Horizon team will come and meet you at the fuel dock and bring the boat back onto the dock for you! Now it's time to pack your things and hopefully we'll see you next time for another amazing trip in Antigua and Barbuda!

