



Country Profile: Dominica

Dominica is an English-speaking developing Caribbean island nation. The tourism industry in is the early stages of development; first-class tourist facilities are limited, but medium-range facilities are widely available. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Dominica for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Dominica
Continent:	Caribbean
Capital City:	Roseau
Boundary Countries:	
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Portsmouth: Portsmouth Hospital
Main Cities:	Roseau, La Plaine, Saint Joseph, Portsmouth, Marigot
Country Size:	754 sq km
Population:	72,386

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	English (official), French patois
Currency:	East Caribbean dollar (XCD)
Predominant Religions:	Roman Catholic 61.4%, Seventh Day Adventist 6%, Pentecostal 5.6%, Baptist 4.1%, Methodist 3.7%, Church of God 1.2%, Jehovah's Witnesses 1.2%, other Christian 7.7%, Rastafarian 1.3%,
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 3 November (1978)
Economic Status:	The Dominican economy depends on agriculture, primarily bananas, and remains highly vulnerable to climatic conditions and international economic developments. Tourism has increased as the government seeks to promote Dominica as an "ecotourism" destination.
Security:	No regular military forces; Commonwealth of Dominica Police Force (includes coast guard).
US Presence:	The US does not have an embassy in Dominica; the US Ambassador to Barbados is accredited to Dominica. The US Embassy in Barbados is in Bridgetown and located in the Wildey Business Park in suburban Wildey, south and east of downtown Bridgetown. The main number for the Consular Section is (246) 431-0225 after hours, the Embassy duty officer can be reached by calling (246) 436-4950. The website for Embassy Bridgetown is http://bridgetown.usembassy.gov/
Major Airports:	Airports: 2, Airports w/paved runways: 2 Melville Hall Airport (DOM/TDPD) Melville Hall Airport, Dominica, Ministry of Housing, Lands, Telecommunications, Roseau, Windward Islands, DOMINICA Tel: +1 767 445-7101, +1 767 445-7109 Fax: +1 767 445-7405 E-mail: melvillehallairport@yahoo.com

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