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**LATEST CANADIAN TRAVEL ADVISORY CAUSES AIR CANADA TO SUSPEND SERVICES TO ANTIGUA**

**ST. JOHN’S, ANTIGUA (January 3, 2022) –** The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA) is informing travellers of the recent decision by Air Canada/Air Canada Vacations to suspend flights to Antigua commencing January 31, 2022. Approximately ten other destinations including, Aruba, Bahamas, Bermuda, Curacao, Grenada, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines have been affected by this decision.

The news comes following a recent Travel Advisory issued by the Canadian Federal Government that has advised Canadians against non-essential travel. The Advisory issued on December 17, 2021, states “The Government of Canada is advising Canadians to avoid non-essential travel outside of Canada at this time. Travel restrictions continue to change around the world and return options could become limited at any time.”

CEO of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, Colin James said “While news of the Air Canada suspension of service will impact the recovery of our Canadian market, the safety of travellers is a key priority for the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority. We remain committed to working with our partners and look forward to welcoming Air Canada back, when Canadian regulations allow them to return."

Air Canada noted that it must take the necessary actions to ensure it comes back even stronger when circumstances allow. The airline also expressed appreciation to travellers for their understanding during these difficult times.

Canadian Carrier, WestJet continues service into the destination and Antigua and Barbuda remains open to welcome visitors. Travellers to our shores can stay updated on Antigua and Barbuda’s latest travel advisory at <https://visitantiguabarbuda.com/travel-advisory/>

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**About Antigua & Barbuda:**

The 365 white and pink sand beaches of Antigua & Barbuda, one for every day of the year, are just the beginning of the treasures that await visitors. Antigua’s rich history and spectacular topography provide a variety of popular sightseeing opportunities. Nelson’s Dockyard, the only remaining example of a Georgian fort commissioned by the British in 1755, is perhaps the most renowned landmark. Betty’s Hope, built in 1674, is the site of one of the first full-scale sugar plantations on Antigua, and offers a chance to step back into time by visiting the restored mills. Another unique attraction is Devil’s Bridge, located at the eastern tip of the island in Indian Town National Park, where Atlantic breakers have carved out a natural limestone arch. Antigua boasts a varied tourism calendar including events such as the World Class Antigua Sailing Week, Classic Yacht Regatta, Antigua Sports Fishing and also the annual Carnival; known as the Caribbean’s Greatest Summer Festival. Island accommodation ranges from luxury resorts and all-inclusive hotels to smaller more intimate boutique guesthouses and cottages. For information about Antigua & Barbuda visit [www.visitantiguabarbuda.com](http://www.visitantiguabarbuda.com)

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