

Host Information

About Nature Explorers Anguilla

Nature Explorers Anguilla is the first ecotourism company on Anguilla providing wildlife tours to the island's wetlands. Formed in 2010, Nature Explorers provides an excellent opportunity for visitors and residents to experience the natural world of this island nation.

Whether a bird watcher, photographer, or a little bit of both, Nature Explorers Anguilla helps clients investigate beyond the island's glorious beaches, and observe the less travelled areas rich with incredible flora and fauna.

About Your Guide

"Jackie" Cestero is an avid photographer and bird watcher. She came to Anguilla in 1984 and fell in love with the quiet beauty of the island and the people who live here. Anguilla became her full time home in 1998.

Jackie was a volunteer for The Anguilla National Trust Monthly Bird Monitoring Program from 2007 to 2012. She served as Project Manager for the Dog Island Restoration Project from 2011 to 2012.

In 2009 she published *From Bananaquits to Boobies A Photographic Gallery of the Wild Birds of Anguilla*, a 160 page full color photography book featuring many of Anguilla's bird species. As the creator and editor of *The Salty Wing*, she crafts a quarterly publication

that highlights Anguilla's wetlands and wildlife. Jackie is also a regular contributor to *Anguilla Life* magazine and other periodicals.

As the owner and operator of Nature Explorers Anguilla, she conducts daily tours of Anguilla's wildlife-rich wetlands.

Accommodations – Paradise Cove

Located on the south west end of Anguilla and within walking distance of beautiful Cove Bay, Paradise Cove consists of 29 studio, 1 and 2 bedroom suites.



All Birds in Paradise tour guests will enjoy a Studio suite located in Jasmine Villa. Each studio is comprised of 750 square feet of living space with a private terrace, king sized bed and sofa, private bath with tub and shower, fully equipped kitchenette with microwave, sink, refrigerator, glassware, dishware and cutlery.



The property also boasts a large outdoor pool, 2 Jacuzzis and a poolside bar, perfect for mingling and sharing stories of the day's sightings.

<http://paradisecoveanguilla.com>



Nature Explorers Anguilla is pleased to announce:

Birds in Paradise Tour 2015

Take a walk on the wild side as we journey through Anguilla's nature hotspots!



Least Tern Chick with Egg

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About Anguilla

Anguilla is the northernmost island in the Leeward Islands chain and north of St. Maarten. Just 35 square miles, this British Overseas Dependent Territory touts 33 spectacular beaches with pristine white sand and some of the best culinary fare in the Caribbean.

It is easily accessible by land or by sea through commercial and private airlines, the Anguilla ferry and charter ferries.

Anguilla's Wildlife and Wetlands

Anguilla boasts more than 20 wetlands on the main island with a wide variety of flora and fauna. There are over 130 species of birds that live here for all or part of the year. During the peak migratory periods, it is not uncommon to see a wide variety of species as they make their way to and from their breeding grounds in the north. Its spectacular offshore cays play host to a number of locally, regionally and in some case, globally, important breeding seabird colonies.

Mangrove Cuckoo



Further, Anguilla has five designated marine parks including: Dog Island, Prickly Pear Cays, Sandy Island, Little Bay and Shoal Bay extending

to Island Harbour. Established in 1993 by the Government of Anguilla, these parks are home to a number of species of endangered turtles, colorful reef fish and corals, sharks, migrating whales and dolphins.

About Dog Island



Brown Booby Pair with Chick

Dog Island is located approximately 9 miles northwest of the main island of Anguilla. This rocky, uninhabited offshore cay is one of Anguilla's Important Bird Areas (IBA) because it is home to a vast number of nesting seabirds. Nine species of seabirds are known to nest there including: Sooty Terns, Bridled Terns, Brown Boobies, Masked Boobies, Laughing Gulls, Least Terns, Brown Noddies, Red-billed Tropicbirds and Magnificent Frigatebirds. In 2012, a successful island restoration conducted to remove the invasive Black rat, attracted a tenth species... the Audubon's Shearwater.

It is also an important location for the critically endangered Green Sea Turtle and Leatherback Sea Turtle. Ground Lizards, Island Dwarf Geckos and the Little Dwarf Gecko are also found there.

Tour Overview – Cost US\$3150.00 per person single occupancy. US\$2625.00 per person double occupancy (excluding airfare)

Minimum: 6 Guests / Maximum: 10 Guests

- Day 1 Arrival and Welcome Reception.
- Day 2 After a brief overview of Anguilla's spectacular bird life, guests will venture to the Katouche Valley to tour the amazing caves. Lunch to follow and then on to more wetlands in the area.
- Day 3 East End is the destination today. Here guests will mix wildlife with Anguillan history and culture as they visit the main Least Tern colony. The next stop is the Heritage Museum where the struggles and triumphs of Anguilla are on display. Participants will enjoy lunch followed by a visit to other wetlands in the east.
- Day 4 Guests will make an early departure to Dog Island and Prickly Pear Cays where they will spend the day visiting the seabird colonies. A seaside lunch will be provided on Prickly Pear.
- Day 5 Wetlands located on the western end of the island will be the destination of the day. There will be both early morning and afternoon tours and a savory lunch.
- Day 6 Wetlands located in the central portion of the island will be the destination of the day. There will be both early morning and afternoon tours. A farewell dinner will cap off the trip.
- Day 7 Departure Day will include a last early morning trip to a wetland agreed upon by the group.

We reserve the right to rearrange the tour schedule based on weather, sea and sighting conditions.