



Antigua gets Oprah's vote in Forbes.com List of Playgrounds of the Rich

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Renowned media mogul Oprah Winfrey has selected Antigua as her pick for the number one billionaire's playground. According to the list compiled by Forbes.com Winfrey, who has a home in Antigua, commented that "when she wants crystal-clear Caribbean water and perfect palm trees, she returns to her playground on Antigua". This testimonial is significant since Winfrey owns a 60-acre home in Maui and a 42-acre estate in Montecito, California. The list was also featured on the Yahoo.com homepage; one of the most popular online search engines.

"It is fantastic that Antigua can get this kind of endorsement by a celebrity of Oprah Winfrey's standing. Her recommendations are taken very seriously by her numerous fans all over the world. This is great for Antigua's tourism and we must capitalize on it whenever possible." Said Kimberley Bowers, Marketing Manager, Antigua & Barbuda Tourism Authority.

Other notable celebrities with homes in Antigua include Eric Clapton, Timothy Dalton, Silvio Burlesconi and Giorgio Armani among others.

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ABOUT ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Antigua (pronounced An-tee'ga) and Barbuda (Bar-byew' da) is located in the heart of the Caribbean Sea. The largest of the Leeward Islands, Antigua & Barbuda comprises 108-square miles. The 365 white and pink sand beaches, 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 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.antigua-barbuda.org.