



Grenada

Country Report and Directory



Foreword

The Honourable Tillman Thomas

Prime Minister of Grenada

I am delighted to welcome you to the Grenada portal of the Commonwealth of Nations Website.

There have been significant changes in the global environment, which have led to a growing concern for the strengthening of the democratic process and a search for a new economic order that will address the concerns of small states.

The threats to small states posed by global warming, terrorism and inequitable distribution of resources make us vulnerable to the shocks of globalisation. The pace of change has forced small states to re-allocate already scarce resources away from our own developmental needs.

The Commonwealth however is and continues to be a very important part of the development process for member states including Grenada. As a member of this august body, we will continue to work with it to achieve the ideals to which we subscribe.

We continue to pursue the goals of global peace, strengthened democratic principles among nations and a shared commitment to address greenhouse gas emissions and global warming. This has a direct impact on our tourism industry and our development.

We welcome you to Grenada, whether on vacation or business and hope that your stay with us will give you chance to interact with our beautiful people and get a taste of our spices. We look forward to welcoming you to our shores.



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Government

Grenada is governed under a parliamentary system based on the British model. It has a Governor-General, Prime Minister and cabinet, a bicameral parliament with an elected House of Representatives and an appointed Senate. Grenada has an independent judiciary. A wide range of civil and political rights are guaranteed by the Constitution together with the right to periodic free and fair elections with universal suffrage.

The House of Representatives has 15 members elected by universal suffrage for a five-year term and the Senate 13 members appointed for five years by the Governor-General in consultation with the Prime Minister and leader of the opposition. The Prime Minister appoints the cabinet.

Head of State

Grenada is a constitutional monarchy with Queen Elizabeth II as head of state. She is represented by a governor-general.

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Governor General: Sir Caryle Glean



Sir Caryle Glean

Head of Government

As a constitutional monarchy, the head of government in Grenada is the prime minister.

Prime Minister's Office

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Prime Minister: Hon. Tillman Thomas



Hon. Tillman Thomas

Government Ministries

The prime minister appoints the cabinet, which comprises 15 ministries.



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Minister: Michael Denis Lett



Hon. Michael Denis Lett

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Beausejour, Carriacou, Grenada

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Minister: Senator George Prime



Senator George Prime

Ministry of Education and Human Resources

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Minister: Senator Franca Bernadine



Senator Franca
Bernadine

Ministry of Environment, Foreign Trade and Export Development

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Minister: [Hon. Michael Church](#)

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Minister: Hon. Nazim Burke



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Minister: Hon. Peter David

Permanent Secretary: Mr Oliver Joseph



Hon. Peter David

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Minister: Senator Ann Peters

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Minister: Hon. Alleyne Walker

Minister of State: Senator Glen Noel



Hon. Alleyne Walker

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Hon. Tillman Thomas

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Minister: Hon. Karl Wood

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Hon. Tillman Thomas



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Hon. Tillman Thomas

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Minister: Hon. Joseph Gilbert

Minister of State: Hon. Sylvester Quarless



Hon. Joseph Gilbert

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Minister: Hon. Patrick Simmons

Minister of State: Senator Arley Gill



Hon. Patrick Simmons

National Agencies

There are 24 national agencies in Grenada, encompassing infrastructure (e.g. Grenada Ports Authority), utilities (National Water & Sewerage Authority), commodities (Grenada Cocoa Association) and regulation (Grenada Bureau of Standards).

Grenada Airport Authority

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Grenada Bureau of Standards

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Website: <http://www.grenadaco-opbank.com>

Grenada Development Bank

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Website: <http://www.grenadaworld.com>

Grenada Marketing and National Importing Board

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Grenada Ports Authority

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National Development Foundation

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Embassies

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is responsible for facilitating and coordinating Barbados's international relations through the promotion of healthy associations with foreign governments, and regional and international organisations. Grenada is a member of the United Nations; the World Trade Organization; the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States; the Non-Aligned Movement; the Association of Caribbean States; the Caribbean Community; the Organization of American States; and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States.

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Business

Blessed as it is with a rugged coastline and beautiful beaches as well as tropical rainforests, Grenada has developed tourism as its main source of foreign currency. This was largely made possible by the construction of an international airport in 1985. With the majority of tourists coming from the USA Grenada is vulnerable to downturns in the US economy which translate into fewer tourists.

GDP by Sector (2008)

Accountancy, Audit and Tax

The agricultural sector provides direct

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Eastern Caribbean (ICAEC) is a professional accountancy body that represents accountants in the Eastern Caribbean, including in Grenada.

continues to export nutmeg and mace along with bananas and cocoa. Off-shore

Agriculture

to develop tourism before it can become a

major contributor to the GDP.

The economy of Grenada (the "spice island"™) is based on agriculture, notably nutmeg and mace, and tourism. Agriculture contributed 4.2 % to GDP in 2005 and is vital for the development of Grenada's™ rural economy. Grenada was the world's™ second largest producer of nutmeg before Hurricane Ivan. Other spices are cinnamon, clove, pimento and bay leaf. A wide range of tropical fruits, vegetables and root crops are grown on a small and medium scale, mainly to supply local demands. 88% of the poultry consumed has to be imported, and other common livestock includes cattle and pigs.

mainly US students, which also brings in substantial foreign currency.

Banking and Financial Services

Real Growth in GDP

%

Barclays Bank, Grenada Bank of Commerce, Grenada Co-operative Bank, National Commercial Bank and Scotia Bank are all operating in Grenada, and the sector is regulated by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank. Non-bank financial institutions are regulated by the Grenada Authority for the Regulation of Financial Institutions, and the offshore sector is once more developing, after a Ponzi scandal in 2008.



Computing and Office Supplies

27,000 Internet users as of December 2009, which represents a 25% penetration rate. As of June 2010, there were 14,000 Internet broadband connections.



Construction and Engineering

The Grenada Construction Association was formed in 2005 to regulate this sector. The association promotes quality construction and provides ongoing support to those who demonstrably work to acceptable standards and are registered for taxation and with the National Insurance Scheme.

Economic Development Agencies

Electricity and Power

Fisheries

Forestry

Freight, Shipping and Logistics

Health and Medical

Human Resources

Import and Export



Industry and Manufacturing

Insurance and Reinsurance

Legal

Major Corporations

Mining and Minerals

Media and Broadcasting

Printing and Publishing

Property and Real Estate

Research and Consultancy

Standards and Regulation



Telecoms and Internet Service Providers

Tourism and Travel

Trade Associations and Chambers of Commerce

Transport Infrastructure

Water and Sanitation



Education

Public spending on education was 5.1% of GDP in 2002/03. There are 12 years of compulsory education starting at age five. The net enrolment ratio is 84% for primary and 79% for secondary, and gross enrolment ratio for all levels combined 74 % (2005). The pupil-teacher ratio for primary is 18:1 and for secondary 15:1 (2005). The school year starts in September.

Tertiary education facilities include the TA Marrayshow Community College, a branch of the extra-mural department of the regional University of the West Indies and St George's University, an offshore American university specialising in medicine. The University of the West Indies has its main campuses in Barbados, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago. Other post-secondary institutions include the Grenada National College, the Technical and Vocational Institute, the Teacher Training College and the Institute for Further Education.

The Caribbean Examinations Council, established in 1972 by an agreement among 15 English-speaking Commonwealth Caribbean countries and territories, provides examinations and certification at secondary and post-secondary levels. The Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate examination is for students at the end of the secondary education cycle; the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations for post-secondary students entering the world of work and for those candidates who wish to continue their further education at the tertiary level.

The government's Grenada Training and Employment Project provides for the design and delivery of training programmes to enhance the occupational and life skills of the unemployed. The project aims to meet the short-term needs of local industries with the greatest potential to absorb persons with low-skill basic training.

To address the issue of adult illiteracy, the government has adopted the 'Yes, I can' programme in collaboration with the Cuban government. 'Yes, I can' aims to provide all persons in Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique with the opportunity to read and write, free of charge. Classes are taught at community level both visually and practically.

Education Suppliers

Government Agencies



Independent Schools

Education NGOs and CSOs

Research Institutes

Universities and Colleges



Travel

Time:Local time is GMT -4. **Electricity:**220 volts AC, 50Hz. **Language:**The official language is English. French African patois is also spoken by some of the population. **Health:**A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers over 1 year of age coming from infected areas. Immunisation against hepatitis A, B and diphtheria is sometimes recommended. There is a general hospital in St George's and small hospitals in Mirabeau and Carriacou. Health insurance is strongly recommended. **Customs:**The Roman Catholic Church also exerts a strong influence on the way of life. Local people are generally friendly and courteous. Dress is casual and informal but beachwear is not welcome in town. Possession of illegal drugs (including marijuana) can lead to large fines or imprisonment. Drug trafficking is a serious offence. **Safety:**Generally safe although petty crimes do occur. The hurricane season in Grenada normally runs from June to November. **Business:**Business hours are usually 8am to 3 pm on Mondays to Thursdays and 8 am to 4 pm on Fridays. **Communications:**The International Direct Dialling code for Dominica is + 1 473. No area codes are in use. Coin and telephone card payphones are available. Telephone cards can be purchased at the offices of Cable & Wireless Grenada and from other agents. Roaming is available to all mobile phones that are TDMA digital network compatible. Internet is widely available throughout Grenada. **Duty Free:**Passengers travelling to Dominica aged 18 and above may carry 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250g of tobacco; 1l of wine or spirits.

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Media & Culture

Media & Telecommunications

Grenada does not have daily newspapers. The main weekly newspapers are The Grenada Informer, The Grenada Times, Grenada Today and The Grenada Guardian.

The Grenada Broadcasting Network, jointly owned by The Caribbean Communications Network and the government, runs the key television station (GBN TV) and the main radio stations (Klassic Radio and Hott FM). MTV is the private TV network and the private FM stations are Spice Capital Radio and Voice of Grenada.

Art & Culture

Grenada's culture is a mix of French, African and Indian cultures with some influences from early European and British immigrants. Music, dance, and festivals are inherent to Grenadian culture. Soca, Calypso, and reggae are the popular forms of music. The British and the French have greatly influenced the music of Grenada, especially the lullabies and reels, cantique, chanteys and quadrilles. Heel-and-Toe and Carriacou Big Drum are the African dances that have developed from its African heritage.

The majority comprises Roman Catholics and the rest follow other Christian denominations like Anglicans, Methodists, and Seventh-day Adventists.

Sports & Recreation

Cricket is the national sport while the other popular sports are football, track and field, golf, swimming and tennis. There are several sport centers in the country dedicated facilities for promotion of sports.

The coral reef that extends along the west coast of the island is ideal for snorkeling and diving. Grenada also hosts the Game Fishing Tournament at the beginning of every year. Other popular watersports include scuba diving, snorkeling and deep-sea fishing.

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Organisations

Civil society plays vital roles in the health sector, environment conservation, gender development and in responding to natural disasters.

The relief assistance of NGOs was crucial during the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan in 2004. Up to 90% of the country sustained damage from the Hurricane. Post Ivan, international NGOs such as Oxfam have been working to build capacity for the country to proactively respond to future natural disasters.

Grenada is member of the Commonwealth, United Nations (UN) and its specialised institutions, Organisation of American States (OAS), African, Caribbean Pacific Group of States (ACP), Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), CARICOM, the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB), Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), G-77, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the International Whaling Commission, World Bank and IMF.

Bilaterals, Multilaterals and International NGOs

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Grenada in the Commonwealth



did you know?

Grenada became a member of the Commonwealth in 1974. Grenada gained independence on the 7th of February 1974. Grenada has been competing in the Commonwealth Games since 1970, and has won one medal during that time. Grenada is an archipelago comprising the island of Grenada - the most southerly of the Windward Islands in the Eastern Caribbean - and some of the Southern Grenadines. Grenada is the world's second largest producer of nutmeg after Indonesia. A symbol of a clove of nutmeg is on the national flag. Following Hurricane Ivan in September 2004, reconstruction efforts were supported by various donors, including the Commonwealth Secretariat; assistance was provided to the Government of Grenada in staffing and establishing an Agency for Reconstruction and Development by provision of seven long-term experts and 24 person months of short-term expertise. Commonwealth Projects: Restructuring of Grenada Board of Tourism (2007/08)

The Grenada Board of Tourism (GBT) was constrained in its development capability due to limitations in funding, organisational structure, staffing and training. This Commonwealth Secretariat commissioned project addressed these constraints by conducting an organisational review. Recommendations were made for changes in function, funding mechanisms, structure, staffing needs, training needs, capacity building needs and inter-institutional collaboration to create an enabling environment.

Grenada Recovery Programme and Implementation of Post Hurricane Rehabilitation Programme (2007/08)

Following Hurricane Ivan in September 2004, a comprehensive plan was put together for the rehabilitation of Grenada. The Government of Grenada established the Agency for Reconstruction and Development (ARD) which was responsible for coordinating and facilitating reconstruction efforts, supported by various donors including the Commonwealth Secretariat. Assistance was provided in staffing and establishing the ARD: seven long-term experts and 24 person-months of short-term expertise were provided in a range of areas. These included: macro-economic planning, physical planning, aid coordination, building engineering, road engineering, architectural planning and livestock management. Additional assistance was also provided in relation to re-establishing the energy grid and health care. Specific outputs included the production of a strategic plan for reconstruction and development, oversight and harmonisation of donor funds, and practical work on planning infrastructure rehabilitation.

Human Resource Development (2005/06)

Emergency assistance was provided by the Commonwealth Secretariat to enable students nominated by the Government of Grenada to complete the academic year 2004/05. Hurricane Ivan had a profound effect on the island's economy which made it difficult for the Government to meet expenditure commitments.

Maritime Boundary Delimitation (2003/04)

This Commonwealth funded project commenced in July 2001, when maritime boundary negotiations resumed with Venezuela (they had been pending since 1998) and the Secretariat provided legal and technical advice (with the UKHO) during two rounds of negotiations in that year. Legal and Technical assistance was provided in the third round of negotiations dealing with important and delicate issues.

Disabled and Disadvantaged (1997/8 - 2001/02)

This project was commissioned by the Commonwealth Secretariat to provide assistance to a group of disabled, disadvantaged women and small entrepreneurs who were being generally discriminated against at the time.



