



Dominica

Joined the Commonwealth in 1978 – visited by the Queen in 1994



Dominica is a small island nation in the Windward Islands of the Eastern Caribbean

Pop: (2012) 72,000

Capital: Roseau

Area: 750 sq km

Dominica is a small, volcanic, mountainous island popular with cruise ships and eco-tourists known as ‘The Nature Island of the Caribbean’. The scenery is outstandingly beautiful with waterfalls and luxuriantly wooded mountains and valleys filled with orchids. Many beaches are of black volcanic sand. The hot subtropical climate is tempered by a cool sea breeze. A wide range of bird species nest on the island, including the brilliant Sisserou (the Dominica parrot) which appears on the flag. Two marine reserves protect a healthy coral reef.

Dominica used to rely heavily on exports of its banana crop but this was susceptible to hurricanes so today pineapples, melons and citrus crops are grown. The government has also encouraged offshore financial services such as bank registration and internet gambling.

Diving in one of Dominica’s marine reserves

