



Grenada

Joined the Commonwealth in 1974 - visited by the Queen in 1985



Grenada is the most southerly of the Windward Islands in the eastern Caribbean

Pop: (2012) 105,000 Capital: St George's Area: 345 sq km

Grenada, 'The Spice Island', is the second largest producer of nutmeg in the world. A clove of the spice appears on its flag. The warm tropical climate helps other spices such as mace to grow but the country is prone to hurricanes which can cause damage to the plantations.

The interior is volcanic and mountainous and over 50% of the island is covered in tropical rainforest which is largely protected. Wildlife, such as the agouti, armadillo, and mona monkey, thrives in this environment. Birdlife is also abundant and includes the endangered hookbilled kite, unique to the island. The unspoilt landscape is a tropical paradise.

Grenada has an outward looking and open economy where tourism is the greatest earner attracting sun-bathers, snorkelers, divers and hikers to its shores. Cruise ships and yachts are also frequent visitors.

St George's, Grenada

