

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS 2012

- JANUARY -

The 43rd Grenada Bill Fishing Tournament

25th January - 29th January, 2012

Catch the big one. Sports fishermen from all over the Caribbean compete to bring to the scales the record breaking bill fish. Smaller ones are tagged and released.

The Horticultural Society of Grenada Flower Show 2012

Grenada was awarded their 8th Gold Medal at the Chelsea Flower show.
Come and see their show in Grenada.

The 19th Annual Port Louis Grenada Sailing Festival.

27th January - 31st January, 2012

Experience the excitement and fun of this sailing regatta.

Bianca C Exhibition until March 2012 at the museum

- FEBRUARY -

Work Boat Regatta at Grand Anse Beach

3rd - 5th February

Grenada's 38th Anniversary of Independence

7th February, 2012

Grenadians celebrate the anniversary of their independence, with national ceremonies and parades featuring the Royal Grenada Police Force, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and various schools.

South Grenada Sailing Regatta

23rd - 26th February, 2012

Sailing regatta predominantly on the South side of the island.

Carriacou Carnival

20th – 21st 2012

Carnival celebrations in Carriacou are held from the weekend before the start of the Christian Lenten period. In the tradition of Caribbean Carnivals, these celebrations include calypso competitions and the parade of brightly costumed masqueraders through the streets of the main villages.

Unique to Carriacou Carnival is the *Shakespeare Mas*, in which brightly dressed *Peirrots* engage in a battle of wits using only lines from Shakespearean plays. The competitor without a quick reply earns a playful stroke from his opponent's stick.

- MARCH -

St. Patrick's Day Festival

17th March, 2012

Grenada's northern parish of St. Patrick celebrates the feast of St. Patrick with a week of activities centered on March 17th, the official Feast Day of St. Patrick.

Events include exhibitions of local arts and craft, agricultural produce, food, drinks and cultural extravaganzas.

- APRIL -

Good Friday celebrations 6th 2012
Easter Monday 9th 2012

St. Mark's Day Festival

22nd – 29th April, 2012

St Mark truly comes to life in the month of April, celebrating with its very own festivity much like the ever popular St. Patrick's Day festival. The celebration is hosted in the seaside fishing town of Victoria and with an exuberant exhibition of local arts/crafts, agricultural produce together with cultural performances and a street festival.

3rd Carriacou Maroon & String Band Music Festival

27th – 29th April, 2012

On Grenada's sister island of Carriacou, the music festival is a cultural education and entertainment event. Maroon culture is about thanksgiving and prayers to the SOURCE of all life, production and prosperity. Its African origins are authentically depicted through the drumming, singing, eating of 'smoke food' and other rituals practiced by the local people. String bands from other Caribbean islands will be performing at the festival which provides a platform for the elevation of this musical product while bringing the people of the region together.

- MAY -

Labour Day celebrations public holiday 1st 2012
Grenada International Triathlon 6th 2012
Grenada Drum Festival 11th – 12th 2012

Petite Martinique Whitsuntide Regatta 28th 2012

This regatta is based on the local wooden workboat or fishing boats. The main event primarily attracts competing boats from the sea fearing communities of mainland Grenada, Carriacou and the St. Vincent Grenadines and is run over a four day period from Friday to Monday. This is of course in keeping with our mission of keeping alive and promoting the local tradition of 'Boat Building' which was handed down to us by our Scottish fore-parents. The festival has grown tremendously over the years as we have seen the addition and inclusion of a number of other offshore as well as onshore activities of sports and culture.

Whit Monday public holiday 28th 2012

- JUNE -

Fisherman's Birthday Celebrations

29th June all the fishermen from the island gather for a celebration

- JULY -

The 47th Annual Carriacou Regatta

29th – 6th August

Began in 1965 as a local boat race, using the traditional fishing workboats, to continue the indigenous art of Boat Building handed down by Irish and Scottish Ancestors. Since that time, it has evolved into a major Caribbean event, held over the Emancipation holiday weekend, with keen competition among sailors from many of the neighbouring islands - Grenada, Tobago, Martinique, Antigua and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Visitors and locals alike admire the skill and captancy of some of the region's boatmen, as they jostle for supremacy in the different classes of boats, ranging from 14 to 35 feet in length.

- AUGUST -

Emancipation Day 1st 2012

Carnival Monday

13th – 14th August, 2012

From dawn on Carnival Monday, the streets of Grenada's towns are filled with traditional masqueraders depicting Devils (Jab-Jabs) and social commentaries of the highlights of the past year (Ole Mas).

On Monday afternoon the fancy or pretty bands appear briefly on the streets as they make their way to the big stage where competition is fierce in the fight for Band of the Year.

Monday Night Mas

13th August, 2012

The street party continues on in the evening as the Monday Night Mas bands make their way through the streets from 8 pm onwards dancing and waving brightly coloured lights.

Carnival Tuesday

14th August, 2012

The fancy or pretty bands parade through the streets with spectators and masqueraders alike dancing to the sounds of steel bands and DJs playing the latest carnival melodies

Carriacou Windward Cup Regatta 19th 2012

- SEPTEMBER -

- OCTOBER -

19th – 21st Spice Word Festival

- NOVEMBER -

- DECEMBER -

21st – 23rd 2012 Carriacou Parang

25th 2012 Christmas Day

26th 2012 Boxing Day