

# CARIMAR BEACH CLUB

*if you like the beach, you'll LOVE Carimar*

## Anguilla—one month after Irma

Some of you might have closely followed all of the updates and postings on social media and in the news about Anguilla and Carimar over the past month. Countless touching emails and comments reached our little island. The support for Anguilla, either through our 'Employee Relief Fund' or many other charitable organizations is breathtaking. We are so lucky to have you, our loyal and supporting guests, who come year after year to our shores and share our little paradise with us .



One month later, most of the cleanup is done or well on its way. The roads are cleared, no more lines for gas and diesel, all supermarkets are open and their shelves well stocked. Electricity is restored in the Valley and in many villages around. ANGLEC is working hard 7 days a week to reach all corners of Anguilla

before the end of the year. Cell phone service is back as it was before the storm and for the last week we have had Internet again at Carimar' s office (which we share with our guests). It may not yet be as fast as we were used to, but it works perfectly fine. With some welcomed rain in the past weeks, the island is also becoming green again.



As you might already know, we can happily report that Carimar itself is in pretty good shape. You can find more details on our attached update. Outlined are our plans regarding re-opening and when we are expecting to be in full swing.

Carimar Beach Club will have its soft opening on December 1, 2017, with our grand opening held on December 21, 2017. As mentioned in our letter, we have welcomed guests who



needed a room after the passage of Irma (we would normally be closed until October 14) and are certainly welcoming many more in the coming weeks, despite some ongoing re-pairs and enhancement work.

Guests who had a booked vacation with us with a departure date before December 21 were offered the option to postpone or cancel their stay with a full refund of their deposit. However, many of our loyal repeat guests and Anguilla lovers have decided the best way to support Anguilla is to come and visit our island, even though everything may not be perfect and some of their favorite restaurants may not yet be open. Tourism is for most people the only way to



### **Flights to Anguilla & St. Maarten**

The airport in Anguilla was opened just a few days after Irma. The airport in St. Maarten will be officially open for commercial flights on October 10 and American is offering special deals on flights into SXM (via Miami). Seaborne started to fly into Anguilla from San Juan on September 30. There are also scheduled flights already between SXM and AXA with Anguilla Air Services. Many airlines changed their scheduled flights into St Maarten, therefore it is best to reconfirm your flights with your airline. You can also get regular updates on our Facebook page.

### **Ferry Service St. Maarten—Anguilla**

Although the piers in Anguilla and Marigot had quite a bit of damage, there are already regular boats running between the two islands. Every week more boats are added, including GB Express at the beginning of November.

### **Restaurants**

As of today, there are at least 15 local restaurants open, including Tasty's, B&D BBQ, Roy's, Johnno's and many more. We had



dinner last week at Flavours and had probably one of the best meals ever in Anguilla in the last 29 years! Many restaurants are working hard to get ready for the season, including Hibernia, Dolce Vita, Straw Hat, Trattoria Tramonto, Veya, Da'Vida and Tokyo Bay. Again, look our for regular updates on our Facebook page or the one of Anguilla Beaches, with nearly daily updates.

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make a living in Anguilla and our people will need your support and loyalty more than ever in the coming months and years. Every taxi driver, car rental owner, super market cashier, waiter and waitress will welcome you this season with an even a bigger smile.

Most places on Meads Bay are working assiduously to be open for the season, however, exact dates will probably be announced over the next few weeks as they are still going through their damages (check our Facebook page for updates). Best Buy supermarket opened two days after Irma and fresh supplies arrive on a regular basis. Thankfully, our main port in Sandy Ground was not affected.



We also started the planned renovations to upgrade our bathrooms (2 buildings this year), so we are going full speed ahead and are providing much needed work for additional people.

If you have specific questions or need more information, please feel free to contact us at any time by email at [carimar@carimar.com](mailto:carimar@carimar.com). We have internet access back at Carimar, but we have a lot of catch-up to do. Please be patient with us. It might take a day or two for us to answer your questions. Or you can call us as well at 1-264-497-6881. Our reception is open daily between 8:30 and 5:00pm.

In closing, we do want to thank you all for your support and patience during this difficult time. Anguilla will be up and running sooner rather than later and the people of our Island, especially our hard-working staff, are looking forward to welcoming you back to Carimar Beach Club soon.



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## Incredible Staff and Hospitality!!!!

My husband and I were fortunate enough to spend 7 nights at Carimar after Hurricane Irma. Rolf and Vivian welcomed us with open arms after we were displaced from our previous hotel and their generosity will always hold a special place in our hearts. Our second floor unit was extremely clean even after being closed up for the season. We had running water, electricity and full use of the kitchen thanks to Carimar's generator. With Hurricane Jose following Irma 2 days later we were given walkie talkies to stay in touch with Rolf. I found this very comforting and fortunately we did not have to use them. Maintenance staff, gardening and housekeeping staff were all so awesome but our highest praises go to Rolf and Vivian for keeping us informed on a daily basis of island updates and assisting us with our evacuation. We wish Carimar and all it's staff the best when they are able to celebrate their reopening date. For sure we will be back- just not again in a Category 5 hurricane !!!

## Resorts & Hotels

Most of the more intimate and smaller resorts like Carimar Beach Club, Shoal Bay Villas, Frangipani, Blue Waters, CeBlue and Ferry-boat Inn will be open for business and ready to welcome their loyal guests this coming season. Most of the larger resorts will open with some delay, probably between January and April and dates announced are still changing. There will be a chance to explore Anguilla this year with a little less luxury but with more personal/local flavor. Big smiles are waiting for you, guaranteed!

## Car Rental / Taxi Service

There will be a big choice of car rental companies and taxi drivers waiting for your business.

## Activities

Most important: Our beaches and our people are still here and waiting for you!



Maybe with a chance to have a beach all to yourself. The Cuisinart golf course and spa are planning on opening in December.

Excursions to the outer keys (Prickly Pear) will be offered and I am sure that Anguilla Watersports will be up and running as well.

## Nightlife & Music

There is already live music every week, from Roy's to Johnno's to Tasty's and Flavours. Many of your favorite beach bars will be back for the season. The Pump House announced their first 'open air' Halloween Party ever. Grab your tickets now!