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MEMORANDUM FOR SPACE AVAILABLE PASSENGERS TO ANTIGUA

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SUBJECT: Antigua Space-A Travel Information

1. Congratulations on your decision to visit Antigua. If you've never been here before, Antigua (pronounced: *An-tee-ga*) is a small, roughly 108 square miles beautiful Caribbean country with approximately 80,000 people, a rich history and 365 beaches, one for each day of the year. Officially referred to as Antigua and Barbuda (pronounced: *Bar-bew-da*), it was a British colony until 1981 and is comprised of three islands: Antigua, Barbuda and Redonda. The native language here is English and the local currency is the East Caribbean Dollar; which typically trades at 2.68 to the US Dollar.
2. Upon arrival at VC Bird International Airport, Air Station personnel will greet the aircraft and ensure your checked luggage is delivered to the passenger terminal. **Before leaving the aircraft, if you're planning to return to Patrick AFB via the ATI flight, be sure to give your completed Space-A signup sheet to one of the Station personnel at the plane;** this will ensure you're signed-up for the return flight. Since there isn't a shuttle service from the aircraft to the terminal, we recommend you don't carry-on more bags than you can easily handle. After processing through customs and immigration, you'll claim your bags and start your Antigua adventure. Taxis and rental cars are readily available at the airport but understand the roads, signs and traffic lights differ from US standards.
3. It's important to note Antigua Air Station is an "Air Station" and not an "Air Force Base." As such, we don't have a commissary, BX, gas station, billeting or any of the other typical base facilities. Once you leave the aircraft, you're essentially on your own for all transportation, lodging, meals, etc. **If returning to Patrick AFB via the ATI flight you must be at the Air Station passenger terminal prior to 0800. Passenger Terminal opens 0800 for passenger processing, and closes 0845.** Local taxi drivers can drop you off at the main gate and one of our security guards will direct you to the passenger terminal. The flight from Antigua to Patrick AFB does not allow food items in checked bags; however, ATI currently does not offer a meal service for the Antigua to PAFB flight, so Passengers may CARRY ON food items that they will consume on the plane prior to landing at PAFB. Again, Passengers will not be allowed to board the plane with any food items with two exceptions: Carry on food/snacks to be consumed on the plane prior to landing. **Effective immediately**, the United States will prohibit the import of conch (live, dead, meat, shells, and other parts or products) from Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Honduras, and Trinidad and Tobago.
Reference: <http://www.fws.gov/le/publicbulletin/PBQueenConchTradeRestrictions.pdf>. A small

amount (50 lbs or less) of fish may be transported for personal consumption in their checked baggage. All fish being transported must be wrapped and packaged in a cooler in a manner that will not leak or stink. Base personnel have the right to refuse transport of any fish that are poorly packaged. Please contact the Antigua Air Station Passenger Terminal with any questions prior to departure.

4. The U.S. doesn't operate an embassy in Antigua but there's a Consular Agent on the island. Should you need such assistance you can call the, US Consular Agent to Antigua & Barbuda, at (268) 463-6531 (office) or (268) 726-6531 (cell). Per the US Departments of State and Homeland Security, effective 23 January 2007, all US citizens traveling by air from the Caribbean must have a passport. You can visit www.travel.state.gov for more information. **Also, all active duty personnel traveling into the region must have a theater clearance from U.S. Southern Command (US SOUTHCOM) through the Aircraft Personnel Approval Clearance System (APACS) which requires current SERE, AT/FP, HR and a submitted ISOPREP form.** Additionally, Space-A travel is not guaranteed. If for any reason the flight should get cancelled or delayed, the Air Station does not have facilities to support you and official passengers will have priority for available seats.

5. With a current passport, a completed Space-A request for departure and return flights along with hotel and rental car reservations, I wish you all the best for a safe and relaxing visit to Antigua. If you need to contact the Air Station or if you just want to verify flight times, please call (268) 462-3223.

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