

UNESCO World Heritage Sites Depicted on Bank Notes – Antigua

Antigua and Barbuda is a sovereign island country in the West Indies. It lies where the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean meet in the Leeward Islands as part of the Lesser Antilles. The country consists of two major islands, Antigua and Barbuda, with several smaller islands. Antigua has only one World Heritage Site; Antigua Naval Dockyard and Related Archaeological Sites. However, since 1965 the country uses the Eastern Caribbean dollar as one of seven full members of Organization of Eastern Caribbean States.

Antigua Naval Dockyard and Related Archaeological Sites consist of a group of Georgian-style naval buildings and structures, set within a walled enclosure. The natural environment of this side of the island of Antigua, with its deep, narrow bays surrounded by highlands, offered shelter from hurricanes and was ideal for repairing ships. The construction of the Dockyard by the British navy would not have been possible without the labor of generations of enslaved Africans since the end of the 18th century. Its aim was to protect the interests of sugar cane planters at a time when European powers were competing for control of the Eastern Caribbean.

There are six OECS notes depicting this site – all \$5 denominations:

- P26 / B210 – 1993 paper
- P31 / B215 – 1994 paper
- P37 / B221 – 2001 paper
- P42 / B226 – 2003 paper
- P47 / B231 – 2008 paper
- P-NL / B240 – 2021 polymer



Antigua \$5 front with fish; bar codes; Central Bank headquarters building; sea turtle; Queen Elizabeth II wearing Grand Duchess Vladimir's tiara and Queen Victoria's golden jubilee necklace; green-throated carib bird and flowers



Antigua \$5 back with Admiral's House in Antigua and Barbuda; map of islands; silver compass; rose; Trafalgar Falls in Dominica; fish

UPDATE – UNESCO SITES FOUND ON WORLD BANKNOTES

- Countries with UNESCO sites – 160 countries, 134 current countries + 26 “dead” countries
- UNESCO sites depicted on banknotes – 369 sites – nine new since last article
- Total banknotes found with UNESCO sites – 2,993 banknotes – 238 new since last article
- With 1,199 current UNESCO sites (41 new sites just added by UNESCO), that’s near 31% of the sites are represented on banknotes.