

Sandals Grande Antigua Review (2026): The Dickenson Bay Original

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Sandals Grande Antigua in Dickenson Bay — what holds up, what feels dated, and the honest take on the Caribbean Village vs Mediterranean Village split.

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A quick-reference printable from **The Resort Edit** — the data and verdicts from the full article, distilled into a one-page cheat sheet you can take to your travel agent or save offline.

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Comparison 1

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Compared to	Sandals Grande Antigua advantages	Sandals Grande Antigua drawbacks
Sandals Grenada #3	Better beach, calmer water, shorter transfer, more dining variety	Steakhouse and sushi programs aren't as strong, no rooftop pool suites, less "new resort" feel

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Quick Answers

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Q: How long is the airport transfer to Sandals Grande Antigua?

A: V.C. Bird International Airport (ANU) is a ten-to-fifteen-minute transfer from the resort — genuinely the shortest hop of any Sandals in the eastern Caribbean. There is no winding mountain road and no two-hour van ride. Antigua is well-connected from North America and the UK, with direct service from American, Delta, JetBlue, United, Air Canada, British Airways, and Virgin Atlantic. Transfers are included with Sandals bookings via the dedicated airport lounge.

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Q: What's the difference between the Caribbean Village and Mediterranean Village?

A: Sandals Grande Antigua splits across two villages on a single 19-acre property. The Caribbean Village is the older, more landscaped side; the Mediterranean Village is the newer wing with a marble-and-columns aesthetic. The entry-level Caribbean Village rooms are the weak link — décor reads early-2010s and views are landscaped courtyards. Mediterranean Village rooms feel newer with better bathrooms, but the pastiche architecture is love-it-or-leave-it. Both villages share the same beach and dining.

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Q: How is the beach at Sandals Grande Antigua?

A: Dickenson Bay is the genuine article — a half-mile crescent of white sand that stays soft underfoot, water that shelves gently for long swims, and a west-facing aspect that delivers sunsets directly off the beach. The bay geography blocks the trade-wind chop, making it calmer than most south-coast Caribbean beaches. We rank it in the top three Sandals beaches alongside Sandals Negril and Sandals Royal Bahamian's private island.

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