

St. Kitts and Nevis



St. Kitts and Nevis are two neighboring islands in the Caribbean. Their capital is Basseterre and they have a combined population of 53,821. The islands have a tropical climate with little seasonal variation and a rainy season that lasts from May to November.

Languages

English is the official language of St. Kitts and Nevis. However, a large portion of the population also speaks St. Kitts Creole, a combination of British English and West African languages spoken by enslaved people brought to the islands in the 17th century.

Nationality

Kittitian and Nevisian

Currency

Eastern Caribbean Dollar



Ethnic Groups

The original inhabitants of St. Kitts and Nevis were the Carib and Taino groups. After the islands were colonized by the British, enslaved people from Africa were brought over and forced to work on sugar plantations. The current population on the islands is 92.5% people of African descent, 3% people of mixed ethnicity, 2.1% white people and 1.5% people of East Indian ethnicity.

Major Sites

- Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park
- Mount Liamuiga
- Frigate Bay
- Timothy Hill
- Cottle Church
- Port Zante
- Carib Petroglyphs
- Independence Square

Independence Day

September 19, 1983

St. Kitts and Nevis's national symbols are a brown pelican and a royal poinciana tree.

St. Kitts and Nevis's national colors are red, white, green, yellow and black.

