

**GRENADA
CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009**

<p>January 1</p> <p>20, 21 & 23</p> <p>30 – Feb 3</p>	<p>New Years Day</p> <p>The 40th Annual Spice Island Billfish Tournament where knowledgeable anglers involve themselves in exciting tag and release competition as friendly rivalry prevails.</p> <p>The 16th Annual Grenada Sailing Festival comprising days of keel boat racing and the National Work Boat Regatta</p>
<p>February 7</p> <p>19-22</p> <p>23-24</p>	<p>35th Anniversary of Independence</p> <p>Grenada Classic Yacht Regatta is about four days of races and other forms of entertainment.</p> <p>Carriacou Carnival – the pre Lenten celebration of Grenada’s rich cultural heritage</p>
<p>March 13-15</p> <p>17</p>	<p>The 7th Grenada Round the Island Race highlights the revival of the sailing traditions of Grenada. Stiff competition and fun-filled activities characterize this event.</p> <p>St. Patrick’s Day Festival in this northern historic parish covers fun-filled activities that showcase the parish’s cuisine, music, craft, and attractions.</p>
<p>April 10</p> <p>13</p>	<p>Good Friday</p> <p>Easter Monday</p>
<p>May 1</p> <p>2-3</p>	<p>Labour Day – workers congregate to celebrate this public holiday and thereafter separate on the basis of their union affiliation for further celebration.</p> <p>The Grenada Drum Festival features traditional drumming and dancing by local and regional groups.</p>
<p>June 1</p> <p>11</p> <p>29</p>	<p>Whit Monday</p> <p>Corpus Christi</p> <p>Fisherman’s Birthday celebrations are in commemoration of the Feast Day of St. Peter and St. Paul. The day’s events begin with church services and the blessing of boats and nets, followed by boat races, fishing displays and late evening parties.</p>

<p>July 26 – Aug 3</p>	<p>The 44th Carriacou Regatta has become a major Caribbean event with work boats from several islands. It promotes the art of boat building handed down by Scottish and Irish settlers in Carriacou. Highlights include the Regatta Cultural Festival, Miss Aquaval Queen Show, and several on-shore sporting events like the Donkey race, Greasy pole, Football and Netball competitions, Obstacle races, Tug-of-war, Arm wrestling, Weight lifting, Beer drinking competition, Musical chairs and more.</p>
<p>August 3</p> <p>10</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Emancipation Day is the anniversary of the abolition of slavery in 1838. The Weekend activities include the annual Rainbow city festival in Grenville, St. Andrew.</p> <p>Carnival Monday – J’Ouvert, Pageant, and Monday Night Mas are the main carnival activities this day.</p> <p>Carnival Tuesday – J’Ouvert in Sauteurs, followed by Parade of the Bands</p>
<p>October 25</p>	<p>Thanksgiving Day – celebrations marking the anniversary of the 1983 intervention by the USA and Caribbean forces.</p>
<p>December 18-20</p> <p>25</p> <p>26</p>	<p>Carriacou Parang Festival – filled with fun, humour and excitement, with songs about history, politics and social matters that are lyrically controversial. Village groups vie for cash prizes and a challenge trophy using string and percussion instruments.</p> <p>Christmas Day</p> <p>Boxing Day</p>

N.B. Public Holidays are highlighted