



Cheers to 2022! Here we come.

Festive frolics, the successful staging of the country's iconic boat show and of course the very latest on Moon Gate - Antigua and Barbuda's most eagerly anticipated development –all make an appearance in this month's newsletter.



With the **national curfew lifted** on Christmas Eve morning, the stage was set for a return to the up-tempo after-dark revelry that has long enchanted visitors to our shores. The removal of the 21-month state of emergency was in sync with **low Covid infection rates**, putting tourists and residents at ease to once again enjoy the island's diverse offerings.

Over in English Harbour it was anchors aweigh for the **60th edition of the Antigua Charter Yacht Show**. The signature event made a welcome return in December after the pandemic placed it on ice in 2020.

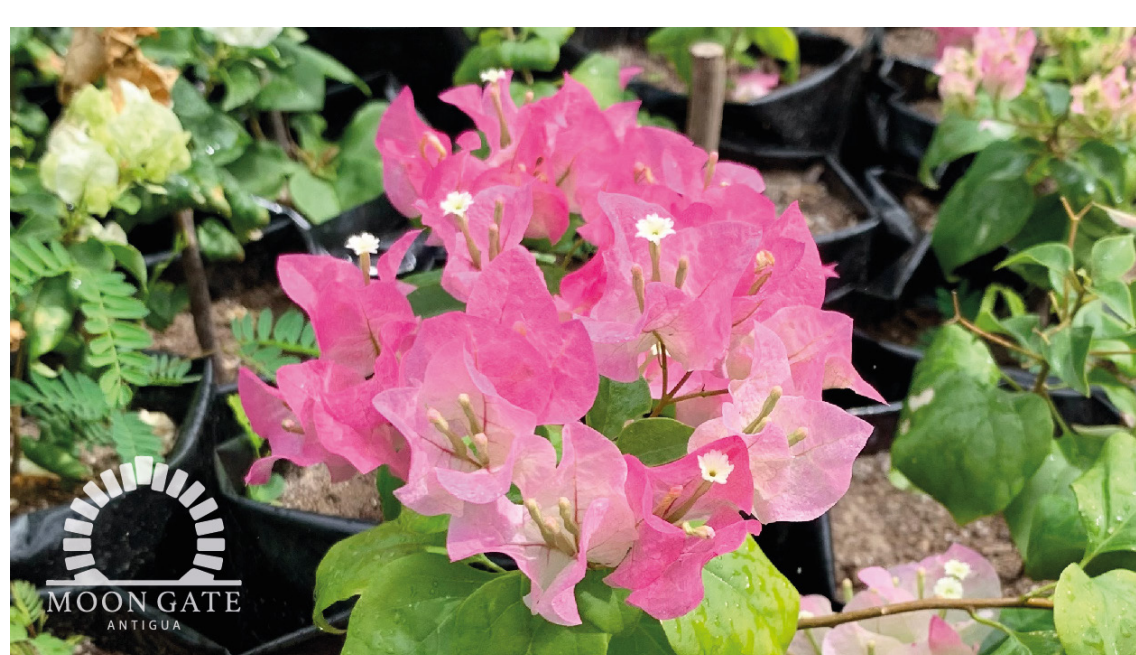
The diamond anniversary attracted some of the finest vessels on Earth, along with hundreds of brokers, agents, captains and crew. They included the **55m motor yacht Galene, one of the hottest new boats on the scene**, equipped with beach club and gym, and featuring interior styling by **award-winning Italian designer Laura Sessa Romboli**. A chef's competition and a slew of 'mix and mingles' kept participants entertained and offered opportunities to network. The show set the standard for the industry when it first took place in 1961 and remains a **highlight of the annual yachting calendar** to this day.



Santa-themed fun, live music and beach picnics

There is nothing like Christmas in the Caribbean. First off there's sun, warm breezes and crystal clear sea water, so islanders relish spending time with family and friends making good use of **Antigua & Barbuda's 365 beaches** to mark the occasion. Add to this, days of feasting on rum laced fruit cake, traditional foods, sorrel to drink and music playing a key role in all the festivities.

Island-wide, Antigua's resorts, restaurants and entertainment spots have been abuzz with holidaymakers taking advantage of our plentiful winter sunshine and acclaimed beaches. Many have reported **record-breaking bookings with tourists flocking to soak up our sights, sounds and space after months of social restrictions back home.**



Landscaping transformations are taking place at Moon Gate

As if the stunning location and luxuriously appointed suites were not reason enough to snap up a property at [Moon Gate Antigua](#), you can now see how work is fast progressing to transform the construction grounds into a visual display of vibrant flora.

An onsite garden centre is now in place to **propagate and grow up to 6,000 indigenous plants and flowers**, which will adorn the landscape with a tropical foliage.

Developers are keen to maintain the area's prized loblollies, spice and black olive trees, enhanced by more local vegetation to attract hummingbirds, butterflies and geckos alike.

Spanning almost two acres, with elegant indoor and outdoor spaces, Moon Gate is an all-inclusive boutique hotel & spa offering a unique Caribbean "barefoot chic" lifestyle. Each one of its 49 residential units will have a view of beautiful Half Moon Bay, just a gentle stroll away.



DEVELOPMENT DETAILS

This New Year's Eve, as the Nelson's Dockyard fireworks light up the night sky, many will be giving thanks for a renewed sense of optimism as 2022 swings into gear.

