# Antigua & Barbuda Hotels and Tourism Association (ABHTA) Unveiling Hospitality Professionals Project

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**Hospitality Professionals Project** 

**CHIEF Category:** People Development

### **Overview:**

The Antigua & Barbuda Hotels and Tourism Association (ABHTA) on September 12, 2023 announced the commencement of a compelling thirteen-week project, leading up to the celebration of Tourism Week 2023 (December 3 – 9), aptly named "Unveiling Hospitality Professionals."

The initiative embarked on an exciting journey deep into the heart of the dynamic hospitality industry, shedding light on its often-unsung heroes—the dedicated individuals who infuse life and vitality into the sector. Throughout this profound journey of spotlighting hospitality employees, the ABHTA immersed everyone into diverse backgrounds, personal triumphs, and unwavering pursuits of excellence. Whether their roots are traced back to humble beginnings or they have honed their craft through years of dedication, these hospitality professionals have committed themselves to the industry's growth.

Craig Marshall, Chairman of the ABHTA, emphasized the importance of sharing these stories to inspire the next generation of Antiguan and Barbudan talent aspiring to reach the highest echelons of the hospitality industry. He expressed the ABHTA's commitment to launching this project with the hope that primary and secondary students will gain insights into the diverse facets of the hospitality sector.

The project has proven itself as an inspiration, uncovering the extraordinary stories of those who have embraced hospitality as their lifelong passion.

### The creatives displayed weekly:







Our professionals span varying corners of the industry from Hotel Operations to Yachting, Cruise, Airline, Tours and Excursions,



Franklyn Brathwaite A & F Salls President ABYMA Commodore, Antigua Yacht Club



Maria Blackman Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority



Andre Friday Dre's Bus & Luxury Car Service



Joyan Davis-Baptiste Tropical Adventures



Julene Harrigan-Thomas Vendors Mall



Shannoy Roberts, Carlsle Bay



Sherrian Phillip, Jumby Bay Island



Andre Norton, Antigua Cruise Port



Samoya Kirby Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Transportation and Investment



Natasha James Charmed Tours



Patrice Skerritt British Airways PLC



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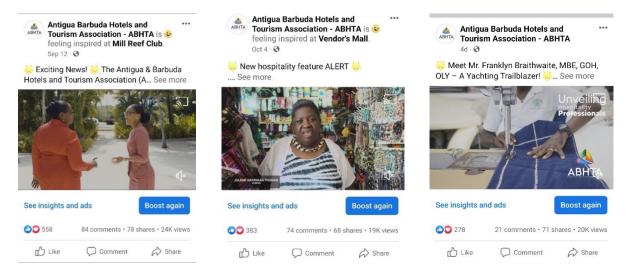
## **Vendors and Taxi Drivers**

## The video series can be viewed here:

https://www.youtube.com/@antiguabarbudahotelsandtou5353/videos

# The local reach:

Each week there has been a phenomenal response to the Unveiling Series with videos reaching over 20,000 views. Please visit @antiguahotels for more stories: https://www.facebook.com/antiguahotels



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