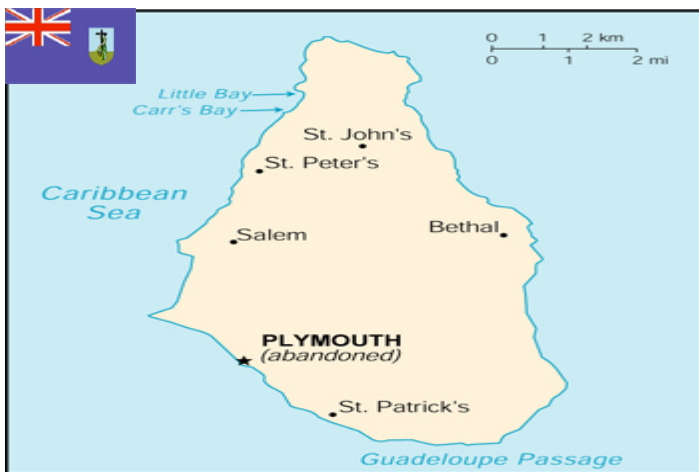


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Capital: Plymouth (abandoned) Time: GMT - 4

Background: Much of this island has been devastated and two-thirds of the population has fled abroad due to the eruption of the Soufriere Hills volcano that began on 18 July 1995.

Location: Caribbean, island in the Caribbean Sea, southeast of Puerto Rico

Map References: Central America and the Caribbean

Area: total: 100 sq km land: 100 sq km water: 0 sq km

Climate: tropical; little daily or seasonal temperature variation

Terrain: volcanic islands, mostly mountainous, with small coastal lowland

Population: 6,409

Nationality: noun: Montserratian(s) adjective: Montserratian

Ethnic Groups: black, white

Religions: Anglican, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, Seventh-Day Adventist, other Christian denominations

Languages: English

Economy: Severe volcanic activity, which began in July 1995, put a damper on this small, open economy throughout 1996-99. A catastrophic eruption in June 1997 closed the air and sea ports, causing further economic and social dislocation. Two-thirds of the 12,000 inhabitants fled the island. Some began to return in 1998, but lack of housing limited the number. The agriculture sector continued to be affected by the lack of suitable land for farming and the destruction of crops. Construction was the dominant activity in 1997 and 1998. GDP declined again in 1998. Prospects for the economy depend largely on developments in relation to the volcano and on public sector construction activity. The UK committed about \$100 million in 1996-98 to help reconstruct the economy and has programmed additional aid for 1999-2001.

Industries: tourism, rum, textiles, electronic appliances

Currency: 1 East Caribbean dollar (EC\$) = 100 cents

Railways: 0 km

Highways: total: 269 km paved: 203 km unpaved: 66 km (1995)

Ports and Harbors: Plymouth (abandoned), Little Bay (anchorage and ferry landing), Carr's Bay

Airports: 1 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 1 914 to 1,523 m: 1 (1999 est.)

Visa: not required by nationals of the EU, USA, Canada, Australia, and Japan

Duty Free: goods permitted: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars, 1.14 litre alcohol

Health: a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from all travelers over one year of age coming from infected areas

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