

Arima still remains a town of great historical and cultural significance. It is the official home of the First Peoples of Trinidad. It hosts an annual Borough Day anniversary celebration every August, which incorporates Carnival-style street parades and usually coincides with the staging of the Santa Rosa Carib Community annual festival. The annual Arima Carnival includes street parades of masqueraders on Carnival Tuesday, J'ouvert bands on Carnival Monday, as well as a local calypso competition.

Arima also plays an important role for North Eastern Trinidad, as it is a Multi-Modal transportation hub for many nearby towns and neighborhoods. The main international and domestic airport serving Arima is Piarco International Airport, commonly referred to as the Port of Spain International Airport, which offers International flights to cities in Europe, South America, North America, Central America, and the Caribbean.

Almost all the land in the municipality is under built development, with a small forested area in the north-

west and some small-scale agriculture in the vicinity of the Arima River in the east. Office activities, as well as retail and wholesale trade is concentrated in the central core, while light manufacturing and warehousing takes place in the O'Meara Industrial Estate in the city's southwest region. The Princess Royal Park is a major open space feature in the town core, and the remainder of the town is filled with housing and community amenities.

The Mayor of Arima is George Hadeed. He is one of

AT A GLANCE

WHO: Arima, Trinidad

WHAT: A borough of 41,000

WHERE: East Trinidad

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