

Prince Harry Visits St. Vincent and the Grenadines

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Kingstown, ST. VINCENT: His Royal Highness (HRH) Prince Harry arrived today for an official visit to St. Vincent and the Grenadines on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen.

The prince - fifth in line to the throne, travelled to St. Vincent by boat was met at the Kingstown Cruise Terminal Pier by Governor General His Excellency (H.E.) Sir Frederick Ballantyne, government officials and a military parade, which he formally inspected the Guard.



Prince Harry travelled to the Botanic Gardens - the oldest tropical gardens in the Western world, which celebrated its 250th anniversary in 2015. He toured the site, watching a number of cultural performances, indigenous parrots and planted a commemorative Baobab tree to mark the visit.

HRH then visited the Vermont Nature Trail, located in St Vincent's beautiful southern interior. He walked a short part of a trail that hikers worldwide travel to the country to enjoy, meeting local guides and those who work on the trail's maintenance en route. There, Prince Harry unveiled the final of the four dedications to The Queen's Commonwealth Canopy on this tour.

Prince Harry visited one of St. Vincent's beaches to learn more about the country's initiatives which inspire young people through education in schools to care about and protect the endangered population of sea turtles on St. Vincent's shores.



Following a recent announcement from the Prime Minister, Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, declaring it illegal to catch or kill sea turtles or disturb their nests in St. Vincent, Prince Harry will hear directly from the local school children about the various conservation projects they're involved in to help preserve these endangered species.

Before departing St. Vincent, Prince Harry attended a reception hosted by the Governor General and the Prime Minister at the Cruise Ship Terminal. **ENDS**