

King and Queen to visit the Caribbean in autumn tour

King Charles III and Queen Camilla will travel to the Caribbean later this year, Buckingham Palace has announced.

The royal pair will travel to Antigua and Barbuda for the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting, with the King also visiting the Bahamas and Guyana as part of the eight-day trip.

The tour - planned for 27 October to 4 November - will "celebrate the communities, cultures and nature within the Commonwealth family," the palace said on Wednesday.

It marks the first time the King has visited the Caribbean since 2021, when he travelled to Barbados to see the country officially removed Queen Elizabeth II as its head of state and become the world's newest republic.

The monarch, who was the Prince of Wales at the time, acknowledged the "appalling atrocity of slavery" the Caribbean island suffered during a speech he made.

He also visited Antigua and Barbuda in 2017 following the widespread devastation caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria, and made official visits to Guyana in 2000 and the Bahamas in 1973.

He travelled across the Atlantic Ocean earlier this year when he visited Bermuda in May, where he is also head of state.

The trip marked his first royal visit as monarch to a British overseas territory and came after a state visit to the US.

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