



Fact sheet Getting Around

In 1588 an English explorer wrote that it was “very toilsome and dangerous” walking up and down the steep hills into the centre of the island. No one would disagree with his description and for centuries walking has been the most common way of getting around the island.

Donkeys, mules and horses were brought to the island by the East India Company. These surefooted animals were used to transport goods and people for hundreds of years.

The first car was brought to the island in 1929. Motor vehicles have become the most popular form of transport. In 2001 there were 2468 registered vehicles for a population of 5200.