

GARIFUNA NAMES

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The following is a list of suggested Garifuna names. The list is, by no means, complete, but the names may be helpful to those who wish to give their children Garifuna names that will connect them with Yurumein (St. Vincent) where their own roots and identity began. (1635-1797). Several forms of a particular word may be used. Example: Nanigi, Banigi, Lanigi, Tanigi, Wanigi, Hanigi, etc.

NAME	TRANSLATION
Ahari	Guardian Angel
*Anigi	Heart
Ára	Warmth
Areida	Kind
Areyda	Generous
*Areini	Generosity, Kindness
Arumani	Cleanliness
*Arúnei	Captain
Asinu	January
Átuadi	Health
Awanda	Ability to endure
Ayumahani	Wish
Ayumuruni	Praise
Bagamu	March
Barana	The sea
Bartua	I have brought it
Beh	You see (<i>Diminutive of Balbina</i>)
Benefau	State of been industrious
Binadu	Aged; Tested
*Cada	Each one
Chagua	Complex

Ché	Don't do it.
Chibana	I have purified it.
Darangilaü	Peace, Tranquility
Darila	He has discovered it.
*Darina	Eureka, I discovered it.
Darita	She has discovered it.
Dariwa	It has been discovered.
Digana	I have removed it
Ebedimu	July.
Emenigi	Confidence, Hope, Reliance
*Emeni	Confidence
*Émeri	Path, Way, Course
Érei	Strength
Eregu	Force
Eyeri	Man
Fc	Information
Fisiu	Duty
Ganigi	Having strong determination
Gari	Hurt, Pain
Gariyawa	Spectacular
Goubana	Mahogany
*Gudemegu	Depressed, Pitiful
Gunfuli	Righteousness
Gulicha	Tight embrace
Gumuna	I completed the task.
Gürüna	I bit it.
Gürana	I hitched it.
Gurasu	Patience: Pleasant disposition
Haricha	Their inalienable rights
Hayuna	Their ancestors
Harüne	Their captain or leader
Hayá	He or she smiles
Hayumalan	Their wishes
Héfe	Completely cooked
Heliya	Where
Hemeni	Dependability

Hiluma	Radiant appearance
Hiyuruha	Divining Spirit Helpers
Ibagari	Life
Idaba	Heart of hearts
Igundani	Happiness
Inebe	Respect
Irufugu	Beautiful
*Isani	A child
Isebei	Fondness, preference or taste
Isura	April
Irichau	Dignity, prudence
*Irisim	Riches
Itara	As is
Itarala	Let it be so
Igaburi	Attitude
*Igemeri	Light; Enlightenment
*Iseri	New, Novelty
Ihuman	Fresh or flourishing condition
Irufugu	Beauty
Kariun	Kindness, courtesy
Lacuta	Its suds; Foam
Lara	Its heat
Liani	His wife
Luburingin	September
Luwenden	Its adornment; Embellishment
Magadien	Beauty, Pleasing in appearance
Mefe	Not completely cooked
Meriribana	February
Miranan	I have hit the mark.
Mitaran	It is not so.
Mube	August
Nugundan	My happiness
Nafien	My faith
Nanigi	My heart; Love; Affection
Niricha	My rights
Nemeri	My reliance

Nenege	One who looks like me
Nibagari	My life
Nibase	My niece
Nibache (<i>Old form</i>)	My niece
Nibeh	My facsimile
Niricha	My rights
*Nirisin	My riches or wealth
*Nisani	My child
Nisinu	My destiny
*Nisien	My love or affection
Numán	My buddy
Numach	My friend
Nufén	My knowledge
*Nuwani	My soul; Vital principle of life
Pantañ	Pride
Pusara	Accommodations
Saminati	Thoughts; Ideas
Sagana	I have resolved the problem.
Sandu	Saint; A virtuous person
*Sará	He or she resurrected
Saragu	Numerous; Plentiful
Semén	Tasty; Delicious
Seremein	Thanks; It's fortunate.
Seru	Dear; Precious; Delightful
Suamein	Admiration
Sirügü	May
Sugü	Tribulations
Sumadi	Audacity
Sunusya	It has been lessened (reduced)
Tulé	Spread out
Tara	Its heat
Tulu	Spread in many directions
Uganu	News
Üani	Soul or Spirit
Ugundam	Happiness
Ufemei	Ambition

Uran	October
Uwamá	Wish, Desire
Wabase	Our niece
Wabache (<i>Old form</i>)	Our niece
Wabegi	Our worth
Wagia	We
Wagundan	Our happiness
Waraidi	June
Waricha	Our rights
Warisin	Our riches or wealth
*Wasani	Our beloved offspring
*Wasinon	Our destiny
Wisien	Our love or affection
Wartine	Our captain or leader
Wamada	Our mutual friend
Wafén	Our knowledge
Wairigu	Proud, Haughty
Waricha	Our rights
*Wana	Jane: Let me call.
Wawani	Our Soul or spirit
Wendei	Well-dressed condition
Wibe	Our facsimile
Winwan	Live, Lively
Wahina	We are going to explore the idea
Waricha	Our rights
Warita	She has surmounted the obstacle.
Waruguma	A shining star
Webu	Our (spiritual) leader
Whoruna	I have anointed it
Yabura	November
Yunrugoo	Satisfaction

FRENCH NAMES

ADAPTED BY THE BLACK CARIBS OF YURUMEIN

Jean Baptise	Dufonte Begot
Boyordell	Dirang
Chatoyer	Douere Baramont
Laline	Broca
Saioe	Francois Laron
Saint Laron	Anisette
Clement	Bigott
Simon	Bauamont
Justin	Matthieu
Jean Louis Pasquin	Gadel Goibau
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