

Saint Martin

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions when traveling to the French West Indies, which includes the islands of Guadeloupe, Martinique, French Saint Martin, and Saint Barthélemy. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country. Saint Martin is an overseas region of France. Search under France or nearby Caribbean islands for additional basic information.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

none (overseas collectivity of France); US citizens may call US Dept of State (202)-501-4444 for emergencies; alternate contact is the US Embassy in Barbados [1] (246) 227-4000; US Embassy in Bridgetown, Wildey Business Park, St. Michael BB 14006, Barbados, WI; BridgetownACS@state.gov; <https://bb.usembassy.gov>

Types of Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US Dept of State International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html>

Telephone Code

590

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 911, 542-2111; Fire: 911,120; Police: 911, 542-2111

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

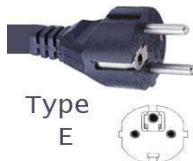
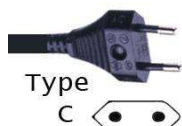
Temperature averages 27-29°C (80.6 - 84.2°F) all year long; low humidity, gentle trade winds, brief, intense rain showers; hurricane season stretches from July to November

Currency (Code)

Euros (EUR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): C, E



Major Languages

French, English, Dutch, French Patois, Spanish, Papiamentu (dialect of Netherlands Antilles)

Major Religions

Roman Catholic, Jehovah's Witness, Protestant, Hindu

Time Difference

UTC-4 (1 hour ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

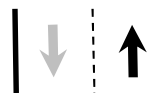
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International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Marigot; Pinel Island; Little Bay Beach; Orient Bay Beach; Mullet Bay; Kim Sha Beach

Major Sports

Soccer, sailing, tack and field, rugby

Cultural Practices

The local culture of Saint Martin is known to be very warm, welcoming, and hospitable.

Tipping Guidelines

On the French side of the island a service charge is included in the price of a meal. Most guests tip by rounding up and leave a few euros.

Souvenirs

Flavored liqueurs, rum, and wine; guavaberry products; spices; perfumes and cosmetics

Traditional Cuisine

Conch & Dumplings — conch (sea snail) tenderized and pressure-cooked with dumplings, herbs, and spices; the sauce from the conch and dumplings is used as gravy to eat with rice, vegetables, or johnnycakes (pancakes made with cornmeal)

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