

DESTINATION INFORMATION – ST MARTIN

The “Friendly Island” is one the Caribbean’s premium charter destinations. With a pristine coastline, 37 remarkable beaches and the world’s most exclusive boutiques, this two-nation island has it all.

COORDINATES	18°04N, 63°03W																																
LANGUAGE	French (Saint-Martin), Dutch (Sint Maarten); English and widely spoken; Papiamentu is the local lingua franca.																																
CAPITAL	Marigot (Saint-Martin), Philipsburg (Sint Maarten)																																
WEATHER	Tropical monsoon climate with a dry season from January to April and a rainy season from August to December. Temperatures remain stable throughout the year with an average daily mean of 27C (81F).																																
BEST TIME TO CHARTER	December-April																																
AIRPORTS	The main gateway to neighboring Caribbean islands as well as intercontinental destinations is the Princess Juliana International Airport (SXM) on St Maarten, sitting right by the famous Maho Beach.																																
TIME	UTC-4																																
CURRENCY	EUR (FR) + Antillean Guilder (NL); Dollars are also widely accepted on both sides. Major credit cards are common. ATM machines can be found everywhere on the island.																																
ELECTRICITY	220 V, 50 Hz (FR); 110 V, 60 Hz (NL)																																
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MAIN PORTS AND MARINAS	Philipsburg, Sint Maarten Yacht Club, Koolbaai, Great Bay Port																																
RECOMMENDED BEACHES	The island boasts a total of 37 beautiful beaches to discover.																																
CULTURAL	The island has no visible border between France and the Netherlands and is a unique blend of cultures. St Martin is known as the culinary capital of the Caribbean with a number of great restaurants, ranging from casual to elegant.																																

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