

## DESTINATION INFORMATION – GUADELOUPE

Guadeloupe consists of the butterfly-shaped islands of Basse-Terre and Grande-Terre, and the neighboring La Desirade, Marie-Galante and Les Saintes, listed by Jacques Cousteau among the world's top 10 dive sites.

<b>COORDINATES</b>	16°15N, 61°35W	
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	French (official), Creole (spoken). English is spoken by professionals and those employed in tourism.	
<b>CAPITAL</b>	Basse-Terre	
<b>WEATHER</b>	Tropical climate tempered by northeast trade winds. Temperature on the coast varies between 25C-28C (77F-82F). The “Creole Lent” is the dry season (Dec-Apr) and winter is the wet season (Jul-Sept/Oct).	
<b>BEST TIME TO CHARTER</b>	December-April	
<b>AIRPORTS</b>	The Point-a-Pitre International Airport (PTP) serves inter-Caribbean and intercontinental flights.	
<b>TIME</b>	UTC-4	
<b>CURRENCY</b>	EUR; USD accepted but change might be given in euro. Visa, MasterCard, American Express accepted in major establishments; ATMs and money exchange available.	
<b>ELECTRICITY</b>	230 V, 50 Hz	
<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAYS</b>	1 Jan	New Year's Day
	6 Jan	Epiphany
	Feb/Mar	Ash Wednesday
	Mar/Apr	Easter Monday
	1 May	Labor Day
	8 May	Victory Day
	27 May	Abolition Day
	May/Jun	Ascension Day
		Whit Monday
	14 Jul	Bastille Day
	21 Jul	Schoelcher Day
	15 Aug	Assumption
	1 Nov	All Saints Day
	11 Nov	Armistice
	25 Dec	Christmas Day
<b>MAIN PORTS AND MARINAS</b>	Dock Martin Marina, Le Gosier, Petit Bourg, Port Louis	
<b>RECOMMENDED BEACHES</b>	Le Gosier, La Grande-Anse, La Porte d'Enfer, Anse du Souffleur, Iles des Saintes	
<b>CULTURAL</b>	The region is a mix of different influences, including African, European, West Indian and American. The ambiance of the islands is very relaxed and informal. Casual dress is accepted everywhere, but dressing formally is required when dining out or in nightclubs. Beachwear should not be worn on the streets.	

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