

## DESTINATION INFORMATION - MARTINIQUE

Martinique is an overseas department of France. Beautiful and rustic, the island offers something for every visitor. Mountains and rain forest in the north attract hikers, while the southern part offers premium shopping and some of the region's best beaches.

<b>COORDINATES</b>	14°40N, 61°00W	
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	French	
<b>CAPITAL</b>	Fort-de-France	
<b>WEATHER</b>	Tropical moderated by northeast trade winds. Temperatures are quite stable and vary only by a couple of degrees throughout the year. The main rainy season occurs in the autumn.	
<b>BEST TIME TO CHARTER</b>	December-April	
<b>AIRPORTS</b>	Martinique Aimé Césaire International Airport (FDF) serves inter-Caribbean and intercontinental flights.	
<b>TIME</b>	UTC-4	
<b>CURRENCY</b>	EUR; USD also accepted in some hotels and boutiques; Visa and MasterCard widely accepted (apart from small shops and restaurants), American Express less frequent.	
<b>ELECTRICITY</b>	220V, 50 Hz	
<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAYS</b>	1 Jan	New Year's Day
	Mar/Apr	Good Friday
	1 May	Labor Day
	8 May	Victory Day
	22 May	Slavery Abolition Day
	May/Jun	Whit Monday
	21 Jul	Schoelcher Day
	15 Aug	Assumption Day
	1 Nov	All Saints' Day
	11 Nov	Armistice
	25 Dec	Christmas Day
<b>MAIN PORTS AND MARINAS</b>	Le Marin, Fort-de-France, Case-Pilote, Schoelcher	
<b>RECOMMENDED BEACHES</b>	Anse Céron, Anse Couleuvre, Grande Anse d'Arlet, Ilet Chevalier	
<b>CULTURAL</b>	The island is an overseas department of France blending both Caribbean and French cultures. The cuisine is a delicious mix of Creole and French recipes.	

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