

DESTINATION INFORMATION – ST VINCENT

St Vincent is the largest of the 32 islands constituting the Caribbean nation of Saint Vincent & The Grenadines. The island, like all of the Windward Islands, is a continuous breathtaking vista of verdant mountain peaks contrasting beautiful black-sand beaches of volcanic origin. Kingstown boasts a very colonial ambiance and the town's tropical environs starred in *Pirates of the Caribbean*; Wallilabou Bay still features the original set.

COORDINATES	13°15N, 61°12W	
LANGUAGE	English	
CAPITAL	Kingstown	
WEATHER	Tropical climate moderated by trade winds. Hottest and most humid months between June and September when temperatures reach 30C (86F). Weather is more comfortable between December and May with soft breezes.	
BEST TIME TO CHARTER	December-May	
AIRPORTS	E.T. Joshua Airport (SVD) near Kingstown serves inter-Caribbean and domestic flightS to The Grenadines.	
TIME	UTC-4	
CURRENCY	East Caribbean dollar (XCD); USD accepted in all hotels and some shops. Major credit cards should be widely accepted in major establishments.	
ELECTRICITY	220/240 V, 50 Hz	
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	1 Jan	New Year's Day
	14 Mar	National Heroes Day
	Mar/Apr	Good Friday
		Easter Monday
	1 May	Labor Day
	1 st Mon in Jul	Carnival Monday
		Carnival Tuesday
	1 Aug	Emancipation Day
	27 Oct	Independence Day
	25 Dec	Christmas Day
	26 Dec	Boxing Day
MAIN PORTS AND MARINAS	Kingstown; Blue Lagoon Marina; Wallilabou Bay; Young Island	
RECOMMENDED BEACHES	Indian Bay, Richmond Beach, Buccament Bay, Petit Byahaut	
CULTURAL	The locals are very fun-loving and cheerful people and their island lifestyle is a blend of British and West Indian influences. All visitors feel very welcome and casual wear is widely acceptable. Bathing suits and revealing clothing should be confined to the beach. It is illegal to wear any camouflage clothing in the country.	

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