



DREAM YACHT
WORLDWIDE

Base Guide

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ENJOY YOUR NEXT DREAM DESTINATION



THE CARIBBEAN | ST MARTIN

BASE ADDRESS

Marina de L'Anse Marcel

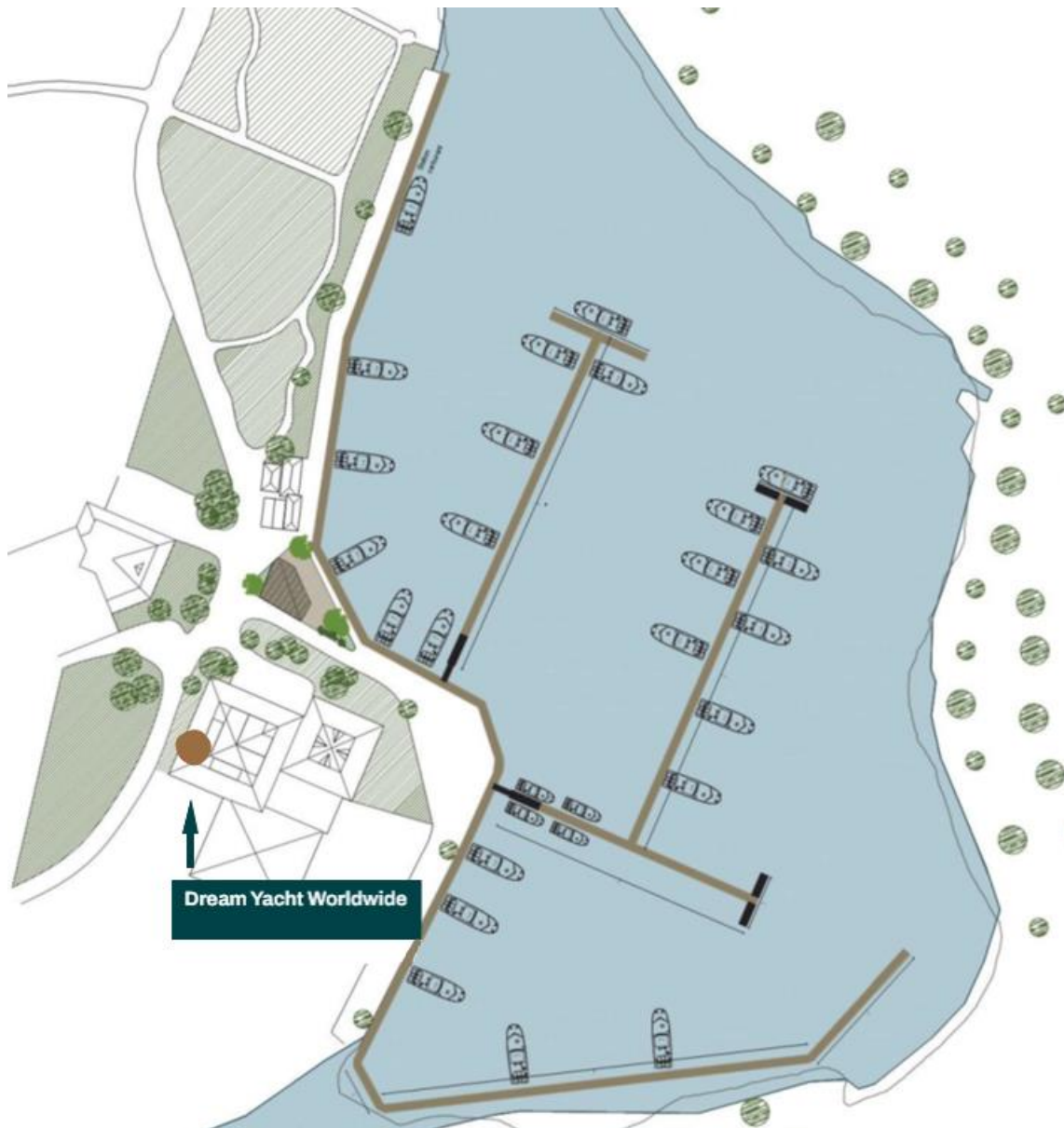
204 Résidence Les Acacias

97150 Saint Martin

GPS POSITION : 60.865078, 14.469420

OPENING HOURS: 8am – 6pm

BASE MAP



BASE CONTACTS

If you need support while on your charter, contact the base immediately using the contact details in this guide. Please contact your booking agent for all requests prior to your charter.

BASE MANAGER & CUSTOMER SERVICE:

Base Manager: Benoit Duhaumene

Phone: +590 690 19 96 00

CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER:

Sylvie Baron

Phone: +590 690 18 15 11

BASE FACILITIES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luggage storage |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restaurant |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toilets | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bar |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Showers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supermarket / Grocery store |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laundry | <input type="checkbox"/> ATM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi | |

**There is a fee of 5 EUR per person for using the shower*

BASE INFORMATION

LICENSE

Sailing license required: No Yes

PAYMENT

The base can accept: Visa MasterCard Amex Cash

EMBARKATION TIME

Boarding time is 05:00pm.



YACHT BRIEFING

The chart and technical briefing take approximately one hour. All briefings are conducted on the chartered yacht and will take 40-90 minutes, depending on yacht size and crew experience

The team will give a detailed walk-through of your yacht's technical equipment, information about safe and accurate navigation, including the yacht's navigational instruments, as well as mooring, anchorage and itinerary help. The safety briefing introduces the safety equipment and your yacht's general inventory.

STOP OVERS

First and last night stop overs at the marina are free.

DISEMBARKATION TIME

Disembarkation is at 10am.

The team will inspect your yacht's equipment and a general visual check of its interior and exterior. A diver will check its hull, keel, rudder(s) propeller(s) and /or bow thruster. General inspection will take approximately one hour.

BAGGAGE

Please only take soft bags and not suitcases, as they would be too cumbersome onboard.

BASE AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS

- Base emergency telephone number: +590 690 19 96 00
- Marina emergency telephone number: +590 590 27 79 82
- Coastguard emergency telephone number: +596 596 70 92 92
- VHF marina channel: 73
- VHF emergency channel: 16

HOW TO GET THERE?

ACCESS BY PLANE

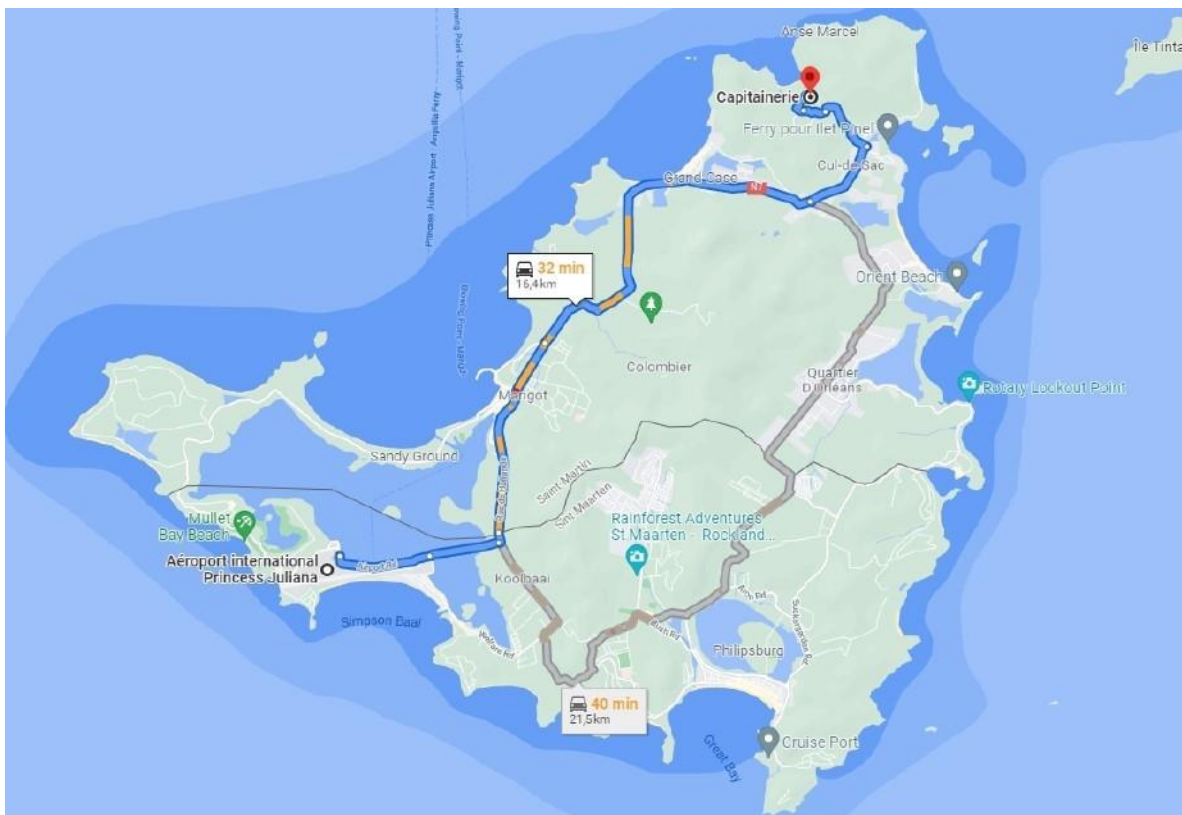
To start your vacation sailing St. Martin, fly into Princess Juliana International Airport (SXM). There are regular flights from various US cities and the taxi transfer to our marina takes 30 minutes.

Grand-Case Esperance Airport (SFG) is on the French side of the island and is used mainly for regional flights from nearby Caribbean islands.

TRANSFERS FROM THE AIRPORT TO OUR BASE

If you need organized transfer from the airport, please contact our base manager. Major car rental companies operate from the airport, please refer to airport website for info, working hours and contacts. Taxis are regularly available in front of the airport buildings.

ACCESS BY ROAD



Information subject to change without notice



PROVISIONING & RECOMMENDATIONS

BASE PROVISIONING SERVICE

This base provides a provisioning service: Yes No

- **Direct delivery of provisions on board**

LOCAL SUPERMARKET

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Hope Estate – French Side

Day	Time
Monday - Saturday	8am – 8pm
Sunday	8am – 12am

Opening hours may differ during public holidays and are subject to change without notice.

FUEL AND WATER

Fuel and water are conveniently located 50 meters from the marina entrance.

We strongly recommend refuelling the evening before the charter ends as the fuel dock can be congested in the mornings when returning.

This way you can still spend the night outside the marina without stress.

HOTEL SUGGESTIONS:

- **HOTEL LA PLANTATION** – Orient Bay
- **SOLE LUNA** – Orient Bay
- **LE TEMPS DES CERISES** – Grand Case
- **HOTEL HEVEA** – Grand Case

RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS:

- **ANSE MARCEL BEACH** – Anse Marcel
- **LE PIMENT** – Orient Bay
- **BLUE MARTINI** – Grand Case

AREA GUIDE

LOCAL AREA INTRODUCTION

St. Martin is second only to the British Virgin Islands as our most popular sailing area in the Caribbean. Sailing St. Martin allows you to explore some of the beautiful islands in the eastern Caribbean, including mainland St. Martin, Anguilla and St. Barts. Divers and snorkelers can enjoy some of the most spectacular unspoiled reefs in the world.

St. Martin is located about 150 miles north of Guadeloupe and is part of the Leeward Islands in the Caribbean Sea. It is the smallest landmass in the world shared by two independent countries, in this case, France and the Netherlands.

Because of the country's French and Dutch sides, you'll enjoy an interesting dual culture on your St. Martin sailing charter. It's a destination where sophistication is blended with a relaxed, easy-going style. This ethos is woven into the fabric of daily life on the island.

Caribbean and European food, culture and cuisine come together on St. Martin like no other place in the island chain. The island gives you a taste of the delightful charms of this region with world-class restaurants, casual beach bars, legendary and (sometimes infamous) beaches, live music and fascinating colonial history.

St. Martin sailing charters need to include a visit to the nearby island of Anguilla, where uncrowded beaches are dotted with quaint beach bars and cafes. Road Bay is the main port of Anguilla, and it's a charming village set on a stunning beach.

Sailing to the island of St. Barts is a St. Martin yacht charter favorite. Shopping and dining are at their best in the lovely European-influenced port town of Gustavia. The beaches are equally appealing, including the little known Shell Beach and the scenic Saline Beach.

Our base is located at Marina de L'Anse Marcel, St. Martin.

TOP THINGS TO DO IN ST MARTIN:

1. Visit quiet Tintamare

Sail to Tintamare, a pristine island just off of St. Martin's east coast in the heart of the nature reserve. Anchor off the deserted white sandy beach to swim, go shell hunting and hiking. Later, enjoy a secluded evening onboard, dining under the stars – it's one of our favorite things to do in St. Martin.

2. Join the 'in crowd' at St. Barts

Set sail early to St Barts, the island of billionaires, and anchor outside the red-roofed harbor at the island's capital, Gustavia. Enjoy an evening ashore, complete with fine dining, exploring and nightlife.

3. Dine at Grand-Case

On your Caribbean yacht charter, sail to Grand-Case, a protected cove on St. Martin known for its excellent dining opportunities. This village features colorful houses, beach bars and restaurants serving French and Creole cuisine

4. Sail to Pinel Island

Tiny Pinel Island is a local favorite, just off the southeastern coast of St. Martin. This little treasure is well-protected from the wind, making it a haven for kayakers, snorkelers and hikers, as well as those seeking a relaxed rum punch on the beach. Get there early to stake your place on the sand.

5. Anchor at Anse de Colombier

This secluded and protected anchorage is difficult to reach other than by boat, but you should put it on your list of things to do in St. Martin. Enjoy the beautiful beach, hike the trail leading to sweeping views of the sea and see nearby islands. Then settle aboard your yacht to watch the stunning sunset.

CURRENCY: The currency in St. Martin is the Euro (EUR), but US Dollars (USD) are also accepted on both sides of the island.

VOLTAGE: 220V & 110 V (depending on which part of the island you are visiting)

DIALING CODE: +590

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

Due to regulations enforced by the BVI authorities, only DYW boats located in the BVI can charter there. Clients not following this rule and entering the BVI on a DYW boats chartered in another Caribbean base like USVI, St Martin, Antigua, etc... will be in breach of contract terms & conditions, & responsible to pay any fine resulting of it.

Clearance in French Saint Martin

When sailing in the French territorial waters, the boat captain needs to do the clearance, to register himself and his crew and passengers with the French Immigration office. You may start your French Saint Martin clearance online on the [official website](#).

Please note that you will still need to go to the Immigration office at one of the clearance locations:

- Marigot Bay
- Marina Anse Marcel
- Oyster Pond Captain's Oliver Marina

If you move your boat from an anchorage on the French side of the Island to the Dutch side of the Island – **you need to clear out and in again.**

Clearance in Dutch Sint Maarten

All boats arriving or departing from Sint Maarten waters must clear in and out. This can be done either in Great Bay or Simpson Bay. Visit the Simpson Bay Lagoon Authority Corporation Clearance Office (located at the Simpson Bay Police Station, just west of the bridge to pay harbour and clearance fees and when applicable bridge fees).

Clearance in St Barts

All boats arriving or departing from St Barts must clear in and out. It is possible to provide Clearance information up to 24 hours before your arrival at the Port of Gustavia via the Port Authority's **Online Clearance Form.**

Clearance procedures including Customs and Immigration formalities can be undertaken directly at Port Captain's Office in Gustavia. If you have already done the advance arrival online, inform the Customs officer you have already completed it.

Note: Departure paperwork from your last port (Zarpe) is required to clear-in.

When leaving St. Barts an outgoing clearance is always necessary, even when departing for St. Martin.

Clearance in Anguilla

Yachts must proceed directly to Road Bay and clear in at the Customs and Immigration Office at Sandy Ground.

Be sure to clear in properly. Failure to do so could result in a fine, and the boat being confiscated.

If staying less than 24 hours, one can clear Customs in and out at the same time. Inform the Authorities if wishing to go anywhere outside of Road Bay as a cruising permit will be necessary.

Please note that Blowing Point is not a Port of Entry for yachts.

INTERNET

There is internet access in many bars and restaurants throughout the cruising ground, which you can use during your St. Martin sailing charters. Cell phones can work depending on zones but don't forget the roaming fees!

You can also buy a SIM card & data at Digicel (located at Hope Estate or Marigot).

ENVIRONMENT

- Respect your surroundings and leave only footprints in the sand

- Only use the engine or genset when needed (fill up your tanks for the water maker at the docks when you can)
- Recycle your garbage in the correct containers at the marina
- Respect regulations around marine reserves and private islands where disembarking is not permitted

REGULATIONS

- Night sailing is not permitted. Fishing with a line or a rod is permitted except in marine parks.
- Spear fishing and the removal of any items from the sea while scuba diving is generally prohibited, and this is very strictly enforced in Anguilla, St. Barts and Saba in particular. Spear guns are prohibited on the Dutch side of St Maarten. On the French side spear fishing is allowed outside of the Marine Parks, but always without scuba diving gear.

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SAILING CONDITIONS

SAILING AREA

Depart from the Marina de L'Anse Marcel and cruise along the coast with stops at Road Harbour, Prickly Pear, Grand Case, Tintamarre and Pinel Island.

Enjoy the view at the luxurious villas, elegant hotels and the world class restaurants and take a walk through a charming village of Gustavia.

Set sail to St Barth, the island of billionaires, and anchor at Anse Colombier. Swim and enjoy water sports. then sail to the island's capital, Gustavia.

WEATHER

The best time to visit St. Martin is during the dry season, between January and June. The region's climate is inter-tropical with air and sea temperatures around 82°F year-round.

There is only a slight variation between the dry season (January till June) and the wet season (June till December). There is no real rainy season like on the neighboring islands, you just might experience light rains during the day.

TEMPERATURE

Climate in St Martin:



- Summer high: The August high is around 88°F
- Winter low: The December low is 70°F

WIND SYSTEMS

The sailing conditions for St. Martin are excellent and the trade winds, “Kings of the Caribbean”, generally blow from December till March and from June till August. The hurricane season is from July through November.

LOCAL FORECAST

You can find local weather forecasts on [Wind Guru](#) ahead of your vacation sailing in St Martin.