



IMMIGRATION

For Citizens of the European Union and USA:

A valid passport is sufficient to enter Saint Barthélemy.

Citizens of other countries:

A valid passport is required, and residents of certain countries are required to have a visa as well (not the United States at present). Check with your local French Embassy or Consulate to verify if you need a visa to enter St Barthélemy).

GETTING AROUND

There are many means for getting around on the island of Saint Barth. Visitors have the choice between renting a car (the majority of the rental car companies are at the airport); renting a motorcycle, scooter, or quad; taxis can be gotten at the airport or the ferry terminal in Gustavia; and there are private companies that offer group tours. The speed limit is 45 km/hour on most of the island, and cars drive on the right side of the road. Wearing of seatbelts is mandatory and it is illegal to drive while talking on the phone.

LOCAL TIME

When it is 4pm in Paris, in Saint Barth it is 10am in the summer and 11am in the winter. Time on the island corresponds to UTC-4. According to the time zone in Paris, it is less 6 hours in the summer and less 5 hours in the winter. With the East Coast of the United States, there is a one-hour difference in the winter, after the US "falls back" to EST.

• l'Australie : - 14h • l'Afrique : - 5h • la Russie : - 8h.

CLIMAT

With a tropical maritime climate, the average annual temperature in Saint Barthélemy is 27°C or 80°F. The temperature varies between 22° and 30°C, or 72° and 86°F throughout the year. The two seasons are:

- December to April: the "dry" season.

- May to November: the "rainy" season.

The variations are caused by the position Azores anticyclone.

Rains in September and October are usually passing showers.

The island averages five days without sun per year, and there is almost always sunshine.

TELEPHONE

From Europe or the US to Saint Barthélemy:

+590 (0)590 (+ 6 numbers) for landlines

From Saint-Barthélemy to other countries:

+ Country Code + number

CURRENCY

The island's official currency is the euro. Cash, credit cards, and travelers checks can all be used on the island. However, off-island bank checks are not accepted. US dollars can be used almost everywhere, and are considered the second currency on the island. Several French banks have branches in Saint Barth and there is a money exchange in Gustavia.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire: 18 or 0590 27 62 31

Doctor on call: 15 or 0590 90 13 13

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FLIGHTS

Access to St Barthélemy is not direct, and usually requires two flights.

Just one day to explore this little slice of paradise? It's short, but it's enough! The best way is to organize and prepare your escapade in advance, and this brochure can help you.

If you arrive by boat, a tour of Gustavia is a must! Your day in town includes shopping in the many boutiques concentrated in this duty-free port and filled with high fashion and luxury goods, an exploration of the vestiges of the islands' Swedish era, a visit to the Wall House museum, and a walking tour in the picturesque streets of St Barth's portside capital.

AN AIRPORT BY THE SEA

Arriving by plane is a simply worth the experience; flying over the Caribbean islands from Guadeloupe (one-hour flight) or from Saint Martin (12-minute flight) is enchanting, while the descent over the "Col de la Tourmente" is in itself an attraction. And the beautiful beach of Saint Jean sits right at the end of the runway.

Take a moment to relax, or spend the entire day on one of the island's most beautiful beaches. Enjoy lunch with your feet in the sand in one of Saint Jean's beachfront restaurant, where the menus offer different styles of cuisine, from elegant to a simple salad bar. Take a quick dive into the waves, rent fins and a snorkel to discover the richness of the marine fauna, bask in the warm rays of the sun, and head back into the sea whenever you need to cool off.

9 SQUARE MILES OF ADVENTURE

If you prefer to explore the entire island, you'll need a vehicle, because even if St Barth is small in size, its landscape is very mountainous. You will find taxis by the ferry terminal in Gustavia, and car rental agencies are located in town or at the airport. You can also explore the island by taking a guided tour on a quad scooter for a set price.

TYPICAL NEIGHBORHOODS & THE ENVIRONMENT

The airport is located where the two sides of the island meet. To the west is the leeward side, dominated by peaks with such names as Grande-Vigie and Colombier. This is the more populated side of the island, which includes the "capital" of Gustavia. The leeward neighborhoods are filled with surprises: secret little coves like the petite-anse or the beach of colombier accessible only by foot or by boat.

The beach in Flamands is beautiful, with its palm trees and restaurants. The leeward side is also home to several typical neighborhoods such as Corossol, with its traditional houses nestled in tropical foliage and its small fishing port. Weaving of palm fronds for baskets and hats is a traditional artisanal activity still practiced here.

The perfect souvenirs to take home from your visit!

To the east, the windward neighborhoods alternate with beautiful beaches. To reach the beach in Lorient, take the path along the picturesque cemetery that runs along the beach. The inlets in Marigot are popular with sea turtles who love the sea plants that flourish here, in a bay also frequented by snorkelers. Humid zones and lagoons, as in found in the area of Cul-de-Sac, provide a veritable paradise for birds, especially the beautiful brown pelican, the symbol of St Barthélemy.

To the Southeast, the point of Toiny and the bay of the same name mark the beginning of the "côte sauvage," or the most unspoiled coastline on the island. The landscapes are breathtaking, from hidden coves and natural pools sculpted into the rock by erosion. This is the side of the island that seduced the great Russian dancer, Rudolph Nureyev, whose wooden dacha-by-the-sea still hangs over the sea on a cliff. The windward side also has charming old stone walls, which divide the land dotted with traditional Saint Barth cottages faded by the sun, and even a few cows in a pasture.

SALINE, SHELL BEACH & ... LE SELECT

Continue your day's journey toward the interior of Saint-Barthélemy, taking narrow, winding roads where you can admire the natural landscapes and breathtaking views. Stop at the various lookout points to observe

the local fauna (turtles, lizards, iguanas, hummingbirds, and other birds of all sorts... and the flora (numerous species of cacti, gaiac trees, aloe, native orchids). Saint Barthélemy is a dry island, without a single source of natural fresh water.

When driving back toward the west, winding around Morne Rouge, don't miss the turnoff to the left toward Grande Saline, without a doubt the most beautiful beach on the island, which is protected by a high dune separating it from the pond where salt was once harvested. Or you can head back to Saint Jean to have lunch with your feet in the sand, and observe the spectacular landing of the island's planes. In Gustavia where many restaurant offer a varied cuisine, do not miss to visit the emblematic bar "Le Select" dating from 1949, and popular with tourists and locals for drinks and burgers.

If you still have time, stroll the streets of Gustavia to visit its historic buildings and boutiques, and refresh yourself literally and figuratively on the shores of Shell Beach from the lighthouse you can see the port of gustavia while enjoying a nice sunset



FROM INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS:

• From Europe

Travelers frequently transit via the island of St Martin or Guadeloupe, with flights on such airlines as Air France, KLM, Corsair or Air Caraïbes. Norwegian Airlines has direct flights from Scandinavia to San Juan (Puerto Rico) where it is easy to get a flight to Saint Martin or Saint Barthélemy.

• Venir North America

Many visitors from Canada and the USA land in Saint Martin or in Guadeloupe. American Airlines, Delta Airlines, United Airlines, Spirit Airlines, Sun Country Airlines, Air Canada, and Air Transat have flights to Saint Martin. American Airlines, Delta Airlines, Air Canada, and Air Transat fly to Guadeloupe and its Caribbean hub at Raizet.

• From neighboring islands

There are flights to Saint Barthélemy from various islands including Saint Martin, Guadeloupe, and Puerto Rico. Charter flights are available from airports in Saint Kitts, Nevis, Dominica, Saint Thomas, and Saint Croix.

• From local islands

It is easy to get to Saint Barthélemy via charter flights or from islands that do not have international or local flights, or on regularly scheduled ferries from St Martin. The crossing is easy by air or sea.

• Daily scheduled flights

- From Saint Martin, average flight 12 minutes.
- From Guadeloupe, average flight one hour.
- Ferry from Sint-Marteen/Saint-Barth, crossing of 1 hour.

• Private charters

Private charter companies can handle the transfer of passengers between islands. Charters can be arranged by air or by sea.