



MAGIC OF THE CARIBBEAN

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YOUR PERFECT WEEK IN ST. MAARTEN & ST. MARTIN

*7 Days of Beaches, Island Flavors &
Unforgettable Caribbean Moments*

LOCAL-INSPIRED ITINERARY





WELCOME

Welcome to Your Perfect Caribbean Week

Some vacations are measured in days. The unforgettable ones are measured in moments: your first swim in impossibly blue water, the dish you are still talking about months later, music drifting across the beach at sunset, and the feeling that—for a little while—you have found your own rhythm in the Caribbean.

That is the kind of week we want you to experience in St. Maarten and St. Martin.

This itinerary takes you beyond a checklist of places. It leads you from colorful local lolos and French-side beach clubs to underwater discoveries, island views, tropical hideaways and a day on the dazzling shores of Anguilla.



We have planned the flow. You bring the curiosity.



HOW TO USE THIS ITINERARY



Think of this guide as a trusted local friend showing you around—not a schedule you have to race through. Use the daily flow as your starting point, then adapt it to your arrival time, the weather and the pace you want for your vacation.



Reserve boat trips, popular restaurants, zipline experiences and the perfume workshop in advance whenever possible.



Keep beach plans flexible. With 37 beaches across the island, there is always another beautiful bay waiting nearby.



Download the Magic of the Caribbean App so your favorite places and island inspiration can travel with you.



Look for the 'We accept MOTC Card' sticker at participating partners to enjoy available savings and benefits.



Use Caribbean Scout when you are ready to explore and book more island experiences.



A GENTLE REMINDER

Opening hours, availability, prices, service charges and tour schedules can change. Confirm current details directly with each venue or operator before you go.



YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE



ARRIVAL

Local flavors, your first beach and a sunset welcome



DAY 4

Mullet Bay, Maho planes and a sunset sail



DAY 1

Orient Bay, Rainforest Adventures and island nightlife



DAY 5

A French breakfast, Loterie Farm and a memorable dinner



DAY 2

Grand Case, snorkeling and Caribbean fine dining



DAY 6

Marigot market, shopping, perfume and poolside dining



DAY 3

A full-day escape to Anguilla, rum and a relaxed dinner



DAY 7

A final island favorite before your flight home

ARRIVAL

Your First Taste of Island Life

Ease into the Caribbean with local flavors, warm turquoise water and a sunset you'll remember long after your vacation ends.



MORNING

Your First Island Lunch

The moment you leave the airport, let the island set the pace. Pick up your rental car and head to one of the island's beloved Lolos—local family-owned restaurants full of authentic Caribbean flavor. Our favorites are located in Grand Case or along the road toward Friar's Bay, just past Outside. Order the grilled fish with Creole sauce, sweet plantains and rice & beans. Simple. Authentic. The perfect first taste of island life.



AFTERNOON

Your First Beach

After lunch, continue to the beach. Take your very first swim. Stretch out on a lounger. Or simply walk barefoot along the shoreline until travel mode slowly fades away. There's no better way to begin your Caribbean week.



EVENING

A Sunset Welcome

As golden hour approaches, make your way to Restaurant JAVA. Order your favorite cocktail. Enjoy fresh Caribbean cuisine. Listen to live music while the sun slowly disappears behind the horizon. With the sea glowing in front of you, your perfect week has officially begun.



MAGIC'S INSIDER TIP

*Don't try to do too much on your first day.
One delicious local meal.
One swim.
One unforgettable sunset.
That's all you need to fall in love with St. Maarten.*



GOOD TO KNOW

A rental car gives you the freedom to explore both the Dutch and French sides of the island at your own pace throughout the week.

DAY 1

French-Side Beaches & a High-Flying Adventure

Begin slowly by the sea—then see the island from an entirely new perspective.



MORNING |

Breakfast in Simpson Bay

Start the day at Zee Best in Simpson Bay. We love the omelettes, or the bagel served with arugula salad, tomato, egg and avocado. The food is fresh, the service is warm and it is exactly the kind of relaxed breakfast that puts you in an island mood.



MAGIC'S INSIDER TIP

Zee Best is cash only, so stop at an ATM before breakfast.



LATE MORNING & LUNCH | Orient Bay

Cross to the French side for a few carefree hours at Orient Bay. Two of our favorite beach clubs are Coco Beach and Aloha Beach—both known for excellent French cuisine, friendly service, loungers and showers. Swim, relax and let lunch linger. On Sundays, stay for Aloha's Sunday Tea Party as the beach comes alive toward sunset.



AFTERNOON | The Island from Above

Ready for a little adrenaline? Head to Rainforest Adventures on the Dutch side. Ride the chairlift up Sentry Hill, take in the sweeping views and race toward the valley on the Flying Dutchman—an unforgettable way to see St. Maarten from above.



EVENING | Dinner & Island Nightlife

Return to the French side for poolside dinner at Ti Palm, where thoughtful cuisine and welcoming hosts create a peaceful finish to the adventure. If you still have energy, follow the music to Simpson Bay or Maho Village for a lively night out.



GOOD TO KNOW

Dutch-side restaurants may add a service charge of around 15–20%. On the French side, customs may differ, so check the bill and ask when unsure.

DAY 2

Grand Case & Underwater Wonders

Spend the day where French-Caribbean flavor meets a protected marine world.



MORNING |

Breakfast with an Ocean View

Begin at Sunset Café at Grand Case Beach Club, overlooking Petite Plage. Take your time over breakfast while the water sparkles below—this is one of those mornings when the view becomes part of the meal.



CHOOSE YOUR MORNING |

Beach or Snorkeling

Stay on Petite Plage and rent a lounge, or join Creole Watersports for a small-group snorkeling trip to Rocher Créole. Your guide enters the water with you and introduces you to the marine park beneath the surface, making the experience feel personal, safe and full of discovery.



LUNCH & AFTERNOON |

Wander Grand Case

Enjoy lunch right on the beach, or walk to the other end of Grand Case Bay and stop at Captain Frenchy's. Afterwards, explore the small shops along the village streets, where you will find souvenirs, fashion and plenty of reasons to slow down and browse.



MOTC CARD MOMENT

Look for the "We accept MOTC Card" sticker at participating partners. Where the benefit applies, you can enjoy 10% savings and keep more of your vacation budget for the next island experience.



EVENING |

Dinner in the Gourmet Capital

As evening settles over the bay, reserve a table at Le Cottage on Boulevard de Grand Case. Grand Case is often celebrated as the gourmet capital of the Caribbean, and tonight is your invitation to experience why: refined flavors, beautiful presentation and the warm atmosphere of a village that lives for good food.



MAGIC'S INSIDER TIP

Give yourself time to walk through Grand Case before dinner. The village is at its most beautiful when the afternoon light softens and the evening begins to glow.



DAY 3

An Island Escape to Anguilla

Trade one beautiful island for another—and spend the day on dazzling water.

Today, the horizon becomes your invitation. Anguilla is close enough for a day trip, yet its powdery beaches and brilliant shades of blue make it feel like a completely new Caribbean chapter.



MORNING TO LATE AFTERNOON |

Choose Your Way Across

Choose the boat day that matches your travel style.

If you want an upbeat trip with an open bar, barbecue, music and dancing, Boomerang Charters SXM departs from the Dinghy Dock.

For a more relaxed sailing experience, consider Scoobi Too or one of our other boat charter partners.

If you are dreaming of something more private and exclusive, explore options with FunSeaker, Respire SXM or PYC.

Whichever boat you choose, expect warm sun, clear water and the kind of carefree day that becomes one of the stories you tell first when someone asks about your vacation.



LATE AFTERNOON |

A Taste of Island Rum

Most excursions return at around 5 p.m. If timing and energy allow, continue to Toppers Rhum for a rum tour. Their motto—"All for Rhum and Rhum for all"—sets the playful tone for a spirited look at one of the Caribbean's favorite flavors.



EVENING |

TJ's Cassava Coal Pot

Try the local cuisine: TJ's Conch Ceviche or Fish Fillet marinated in lemongrass, served on a bed of spinach with mashed potatoes and pickled cassava. Finish with Cassava Pudding and Coconut-Mango Sauce with Guavaberry.

Before you leave, do not miss one of the aromatic herbal liqueurs! We tried the Kinnep and Guavaberry shots—and loved them both.



MAGIC'S INSIDER TIP

Decide what kind of boat day you want before booking: lively and social, relaxed sailing or private and exclusive. The right atmosphere matters just as much as the destination.



GOOD TO KNOW

Boat schedules, border formalities and required travel documents can vary. Confirm departure details and what to bring directly with your chosen operator.



DAY 4

Maho Thrills & a Golden-Hour Sail

From planes overhead to sails on the horizon, today is pure St. Maarten energy.



MORNING |

Breakfast in Maho

Begin at Tortuga Maho with a colorful breakfast bowl, bagel or omelette. Fuel up, because today combines one of the island's most famous thrills with a peaceful sunset on the water.



LATE MORNING |

Mullet Bay

Take a short trip to Mullet Bay and stroll along one of the island's most loved beaches. Swim, relax or simply enjoy the contrast of soft sand, clear water and the green curve of the bay.



MIDDAY |

The Maho Beach Moment

Return next door around midday for the legendary plane-spotting experience at Maho Beach. Watch aircraft descend just overhead as they approach Princess Juliana International Airport. It is loud, exhilarating and completely unique to St. Maarten. Then grab lunch at Sunset Beach Bar and keep your eyes on the sky.



SAFETY FIRST

Enjoy the view from a safe distance and follow all local warnings. Never stand directly behind aircraft during takeoff—the jet blast can be dangerous.



SUNSET |

Sail into Golden Hour

Later, trade the roar of the planes for the sound of water against the hull. Book a sunset sail with one of our trusted boat charter partners, raise a glass and watch the island change color as the sun slips toward the horizon.



EVENING |

Italian by the Lagoon

End the day at Sale e Pepe, overlooking the lagoon and the megayachts in the marina. Italian comfort, glittering water and an elegant evening atmosphere make this a beautiful finish to a day full of contrasts.



MAGIC'S INSIDER TIP

Check the expected flight schedule before visiting Maho Beach. Timing your visit around the larger arrivals makes the experience even more memorable.



DAY 5

A Slow Island Morning & Tropical Hideaway



Today invites you to breathe deeper, linger longer and let nature set the rhythm.



MORNING |

A French Breakfast by the Beach

Stop at On Dirait Le Sud in Orient Bay for a fresh croissant or baguette. You will also find small tapas, cold cuts and salads—perfect for creating an easy breakfast to enjoy near the beach.



LATE MORNING & AFTERNOON |

Loterie Farm

Then climb toward Pic Paradis and enter the lush world of Loterie Farm. This tropical oasis can be exactly what you need it to be: a peaceful pool day, a hiking adventure, another chance to zipline or simply a beautiful place to switch off beneath the trees.

Choose one experience and enjoy it fully. Today is not about fitting in more. It is about feeling the island slow down around you.



EVENING |

A Grand Case Favorite

Return to Grand Case for dinner at Bistrot Caraïbes. Begin with one of our favorite starters, the eggplant "bavoir," then continue with Lobster Thermidor and finish with profiteroles. It is a rich, celebratory dinner—and exactly the kind of meal that turns an ordinary evening into a vacation memory.



MAGIC'S INSIDER TIP

Reserve your pool spot or activity at Loterie Farm in advance, especially during busy travel periods. Bring swimwear, comfortable shoes and a light layer for the greener hillside setting.



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*Markets, Island Style &
a Scent of Your Own*

Discover the French side through its
flavors, boutiques and creative spirit.



MORNING |

Marigot Like a Local

Start with breakfast at *Au Passage Gourmand* in Marigot. Afterwards, stroll through *Rue Kennedy* and *Rue Charles de Gaulle*, browsing boutiques and enjoying the easy rhythm of the French-side capital.

If your day falls on a Wednesday or Saturday, arrive early and visit the waterfront fish market and spice stalls. The colors, aromas and local conversations offer a glimpse of island life that no souvenir shop can recreate.



LUNCH |

Fresh Flavors in Hope Estate

For lunch, head to *Carpaccio* in Hope Estate, Grand Case. Order the tartare of the day or the carpaccio and enjoy a fresh, light meal before the afternoon's creative experience.



AFTERNOON |

Create Your Caribbean Scent

At *Tijon*, join a perfumery class and create a fragrance that is entirely your own. Long after the tan fades, one spray can bring back the warmth, flowers and freedom of your Caribbean week.



EVENING |

Dinner by the Pool

Reserve a poolside table at *Ti Palm* or *L'Astrolabe*. On Mondays and Fridays, *L'Astrolabe* hosts lobster parties and special surf-and-turf evenings with live music—an especially festive way to spend your final full night.



**MAGIC'S
INSIDER TIP**

This is a wonderful day to collect meaningful souvenirs: local spices, a special fashion find and a fragrance you created yourself. Choose memories, not just things.



GOOD TO KNOW

Market activity is best early in the morning. Confirm the current class schedule with *Tijon* and reserve your place before arrival.



DAY 7

One Last Taste Before Takeoff

Leave the island slowly—with one final favorite in hand and a reason to return.

Departure day always arrives too soon. But there is still time for one last small ritual before you say goodbye.



MORNING |

Your Final Island Stop

After checking out, stop at Zee Best on Airport Road on the way to Princess Juliana International Airport. Pick up an iced latte and a banana muffin, plus a wrap or baguette for later. It is practical, delicious and a much better ending than a rushed airport snack.



DEPARTURE |

Until Next Time

Return your rental car, check in and take one last look at the island that filled your week with beaches, flavors, adventure and sunsets.

You may be leaving with sand in your suitcase and hundreds of photos on your phone—but the best part is the feeling that this story is not finished yet.



YOUR NEXT CHAPTER

St. Maarten and St. Martin always leave something for next time: another beach, another favorite table, another bay beyond the horizon.

Start dreaming about Part 2 before you even take off.



MAGIC'S INSIDER TIP

Arrive early at the airport and take your time. A calm goodbye is the perfect way to carry the island with you.



GOOD TO KNOW

Princess Juliana International Airport recommended arrival time: at least 2.5–3 hours before your flight.

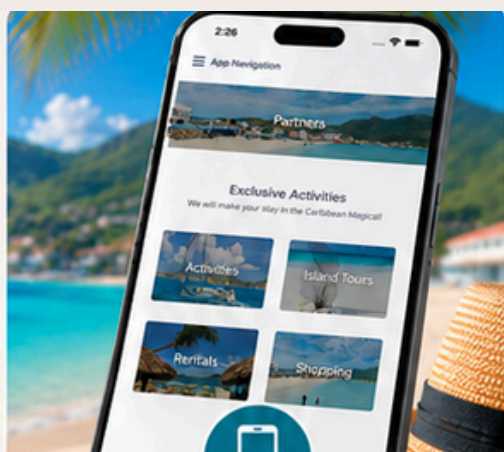


Keep the Magic Going

Your itinerary is the beginning. Once you are on the island, Magic of the Caribbean and Caribbean Scout help you turn inspiration into real experiences—without spending your vacation searching through endless tabs.




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Take the Island with You

Use the Magic of the Caribbean App to keep local inspiration, places and island discoveries close at hand while you explore.

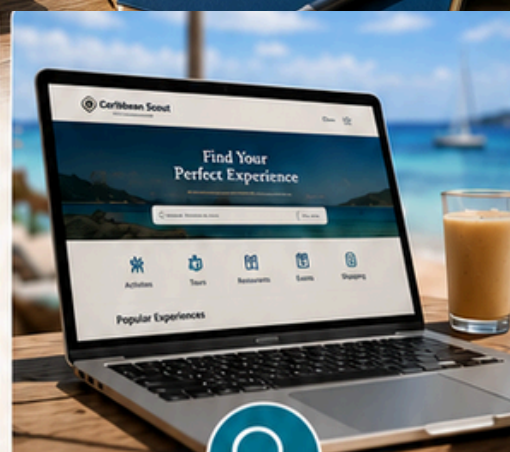
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Your Caribbean story starts here.

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