

Sint Maarten

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Sint Maarten. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

US does not have an embassy in Sint Maarten; the Consul General to Curacao is accredited to Sint Maarten; US citizens may call US Dept of State (202)-501-4444 for emergencies; alternate contact is the Embassy in Curacao [599] (9) 461-3066; US Consulate General in Curacao, PO Box 158, J.B. Gorsiraweg 1, Curacao; ACSCuracao@state.gov; <https://cw.usconsulate.gov/>

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

721

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 912; Fire: +1 721 545-4222 ; Police: 911

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Sint Maarten: typhoid, hepatitis A, polio, yellow fever, chikungunya, rabies, hepatitis B, influenza, COVID-19, pneumonia, meningitis, chickenpox, shingles, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and measles, mumps and rubella (MMR). <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Tropical marine climate, ameliorated by northeast trade winds, results in moderate temperatures; average rainfall of 150 cm/year; hurricane season stretches from July to November

Currency (Code)

Netherlands Antillean guilders (ANG)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

110 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): A, B



Type A



Type B

Major Languages

English, Spanish, Creole, Dutch, Papiamentu (a Spanish-Portuguese-Dutch-English dialect), French

Time Difference

UTC-4 (1 hour ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Major Religions

Protestant, Roman Catholic, Hindu, Christian, Jehovah's Witness, Evangelical, Muslim/Jewish

Potable Water

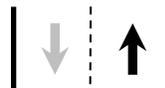
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International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Maho Beach; Front Street; Mullet Bay; Yacht Club at Isle de Sol; Yoda Guy Movie Exhibit; Philipsburg Boardwalk

Major Sports

Soccer, sailing, track and field, rugby

Cultural Practices

The culture of St Maarten is a mixture of Dutch, French, British, and African heritage. all school children on both sides are taught to be tri-lingual in Dutch, English, and French.

Tipping Guidelines

The Dutch side of the island follows the American style of tipping. Staff depends on tips and there is an expectation that the guest is adding 15% to the check for a tip.

Souvenirs

Dutch porcelain, guavaberry products, flavored liqueurs and wine, spices, perfume, cosmetics

Traditional Cuisine

Callaloo — a thick soup made with greens, pork, onions, okra, thyme, and hot peppers

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