INTRODUCTION
Sighted by Christopher COLUMBUS in 1493 and claimed for Spain, the Dutch occupied the island in 1631. The Spanish relinquished the island to the French and the Dutch, who divided it between themselves in 1648. In 2007, the northern portion of the island became a French overseas collectivity.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Emmanuel MACRON, represented by Prefect Vincent BERTON

Head of Government
President of Territorial Council Xavier LEDEE

Government Type
parliamentary democracy (Territorial Council); overseas collectivity of France

Capital
Marigot

Legislature
unicameral Territorial Council (23 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 50 sq km
Land: 50 sq km
Water: 0 sq km

Climate
temperature averages 27-29 degrees Celsius all year long; low humidity, gentle trade winds, brief, intense rain showers; hurricane season stretches from July to November

Natural Resources
salt

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
high-income French Caribbean territorial economy; extremely reliant on tourism, with severe COVID-19 impacts; near-total destruction from Hurricane Irma in 2017; some offshore banking; import-dependent; duty-free commerce; yachting destination

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $561.5 million (2005 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $19,300 (2005 est.)

Industries – tourism, light industry and manufacturing, heavy industry

Agricultural products – NA

Exports NA
gold, special use vessels, furniture, scrap aluminum, rum (2019)
partners: United States 35%, Netherlands 26%, Antigua and Barbuda 21%, France 10% (2019)

Imports NA
jewelry, diamonds, pearls, recreational boats, cars (2019)
partners: United States 76%, Netherlands 7%, France 7% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
32,790 (2022 est.)

Population Growth
0.33% (2022 est.)

Ethnicity
Creole (Mulatto), Black, Guadeloupe Mestizo (French-East Asia), White, East Indian, other

Language
French (official), Dutch, English, Guadeloupir Creole, Haitian Creole, Italian, Martiniquan Creole, Papiamento (dialect of Netherlands Antilles), Spanish

Religion
Roman Catholic, Jehovah's Witness, Protestant, Hindu

as of April 2022