



St-Barthélemy

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Why Go?

In the treasure-packed Caribbean, St-Barthélemy (or, as it's locally known, St-Barth) is a multifaceted jewel. This exquisite island blends French urban flair with a lush tropical landscape of soaring mountains, isolated stretches of sun-soaked, powder-soft sand, windswept cliffs, scrubby green hills, flowering gardens filled with bougainvillea, hibiscus and fragrant frangipanis, and turquoise bays dotted with myriad sailboats.

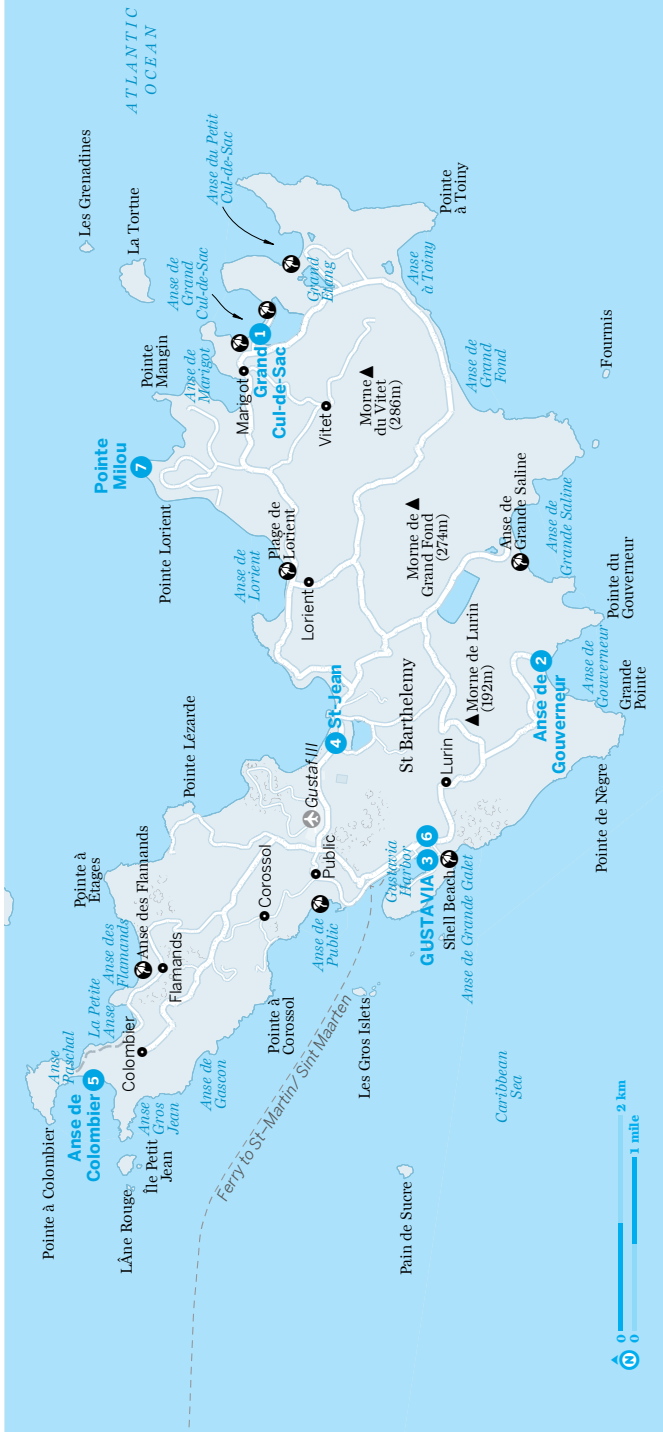
With such a dreamlike setting, St-Barth is, unsurprisingly, a destination of choice for the rich, famous and beautiful for its laid-back tempo, luxurious small-scale hotels, designer-label boutiques and outstanding restaurants. But although St-Barth is undeniably an expensive destination, all beaches are accessible, public and free, and activities from surfing, windsurfing and kitesurfing, to sailing, diving and snorkeling are all possible here. If you visit outside of high season, you can score fantastic accommodation deals.

When to Go

Dec–Jan Share the island with Academy Award winners and tycoons.

Feb–Apr Low-season prices start to kick in by April, late in the *carême* (dry season).

Jul–Aug *L'hivernage* (hurricane season) officially runs from June 1 to November 30; grab bargains before the rains hit.



St-Barthélemy Highlights

- 1 Kitesurfing** (p656)
Soaring above the translucent waters of Grand Cul-de-Sac.
- 2 Anse de Gouverneur** (p656) Rolling out your towel on a perfect stretch of sand.
- 3 Le Petit Deauville** (p651) Cooling off with a sublime sorbet while eyeing Gustavia's super-yachts and chic boutiques.
- 4 On the Rocks** (p654)
Dining on groundbreaking gastronomy high up on a rocky promontory.
- 5 Anse de Colombier** (p652) Following scenic walking trails down to St-Barth's most secluded beach.
- 6 St Bartholomew's Anglican Church** (p650) Hearing renowned local choir La Chorale de Bons Choeurs at this Gustavia church built in 1855.
- 7 Le Ti St Barth** Catching a cabaret amid sumptuous surrounds at this Pointe Milou club.