



MARTINIQUE

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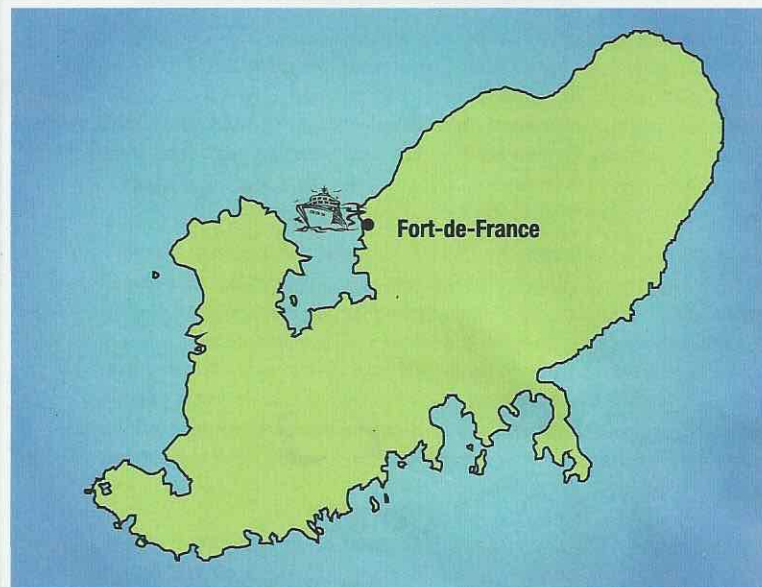
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Safety Ashore Information.

While you will find many great experiences ashore, please remain vigilant about your personal safety and the safety of your belongings. As in any large urban tourist destination, you'll want to take some basic precautions to make the most of your time ashore.

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Avoid short cuts, narrow alleys and poorly lit streets.
- Avoid wandering from the main shopping and tourist areas into unfamiliar territory. If venturing out independently, have a plan, use only licensed taxi operators.
- Identity/Credit Card theft can occur anywhere. Please remain vigilant in monitoring the safe keeping of your personal information.
- Leave valuables in your room safe and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Exercise caution when using ATMs. Cameras and handbags should be carried close to your body or concealed out of sight.
- Leave air transportation tickets and other travel documents in your room safe. When going ashore, each adult is required to carry a Driver's license, passport or other government-issued photo ID. – Note: Some ports may require guests to carry passports ashore.
- Most crimes are easier to commit in dark unlit areas. When going ashore at night, please be extra vigilant about your personal safety.

MARTINIQUE OVERVIEW

Christopher Columbus landed in Martinique on January 15, 1502. He baptized the island with the name given to the indigenous people, Matino (the island of women) or Madinina (the island of flowers).

The mountainous profile of Martinique is shaped by three principal areas. These are an active volcano, Mount Pelée, which rises to 4,583 feet, to the north; the Carbet Mountains, of which Lacroix Peak reaches 3,923 feet, in the center; and Mount Vauclin, rising to 1,654 feet, in the south.

Breathtaking natural beauty is Martinique's claim to fame, but no coast offers quite the same scenery. The north is both rugged and lush, while southern Martinique is calmer, romantic and characterized by brilliant white-sand beaches. Central on the west coast, urban Fort-de-France contains spectacular historic and cultural sites.

The principal agricultural products are sugarcane and bananas, the latter grown chiefly for export. Sugarcane is mainly used to produce rum, which is also exported. Fresh and canned pineapples and pineapple juice, cut flowers, avocados, eggplants and citrus fruits are other exports. Grown for the domestic market are yams, cassava, sweet potatoes and breadfruits. Crabs, lobsters, clams, cod and crayfish are fished mainly for local consumption.

Francophiles appreciate the French island for its cuisine, music, energy, and the availability of the finest French products, from Chanel fashions to Limoges china. French fragrances, designer clothes, scarves, sunglasses, fine china and crystal, leather goods, wine and liquor are all good buys in duty-free Fort-de-France. Among the items produced on the island, look for bijoux creole (local jewelry, such as hoop earrings and heavy bead necklaces); white, dark, and aged rum; and handcrafted straw goods, pottery, and tapestries.

TROIS-ILETS

Take the ferry on the waterfront, adjacent to the cruise terminal across the Bay of Fort-de-France to enjoy the beaches, cafes, restaurants, boutiques and French Riviera atmosphere of Trois-Ilets.

SCHOELCHER LIBRARY

Erected for the same 1989 World's Fair in Paris that saw the debut of the Eiffel Tower, Schoelcher Library ranks among the most distinctive architectural attractions in the Caribbean. Designed by Henri Picq, a contemporary of Gustave Eiffel, the Library was dismantled following the World's Fair, shipped to Martinique and reassembled in Fort-de-France. Walk inland along Rue de la Liberté, which runs parallel to the western edge of the La Savane Park. The library is located just across from the far NW corner of La Savane.

SAINT LOUIS CATHEDRAL

Also designed by Henri Picq, the Saint Louis Cathedral bears a striking Gothic Revival architectural style easily standing out as the most prominent structure in downtown Fort-de-France.

LE MARCHÉ COUVERT (COVERED MARKET)

Another Picq masterpiece, the Covered Market was originally constructed in 1901 and later restored in 1989. Le Marché Couvert is still the place to go for the best of local Martinican spices, herbs, fruits, vegetables, arts and crafts. The restaurants within the market offer some of the very best local cuisine as well.

FORT SAINT LOUIS

This historic bulwark and National Monument established in 1640 offers a rare look at Martinique's military past.

