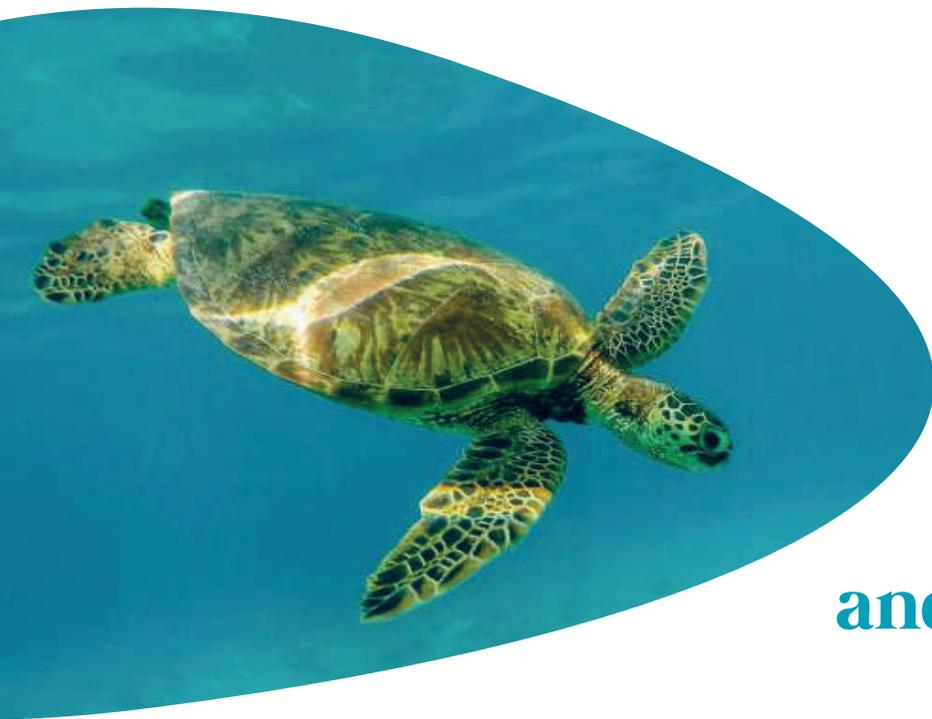




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Saint Martin

well-being and gourmet treats

St. Martin, dubbed the **Friendly Island** is also - and maybe even more famously - known as the '**Festi Island**' or the '**Party Island**'. This year marks the much-awaited return of the music festivals. In June, the best DJs and dancehall, RnB, not to mention Creole music artists are flocking to St. Martin Island.

Discover **the new trendy place-to-be, Boho Beach**, now open on Nettlé Bay beach. Explore the most popular places that tourists like to visit on vacation, **Créole Rock**

and **Tintamarre**, an unspoilt island with a superb beach.

St. Martin is above all **the gastronomy island** with Caribbean specialities to discover at the typical restaurants known as 'lolos' in Grand Case.

You'll also find information about the current weather conditions on St. Martin and the turtle nesting season which has already started.


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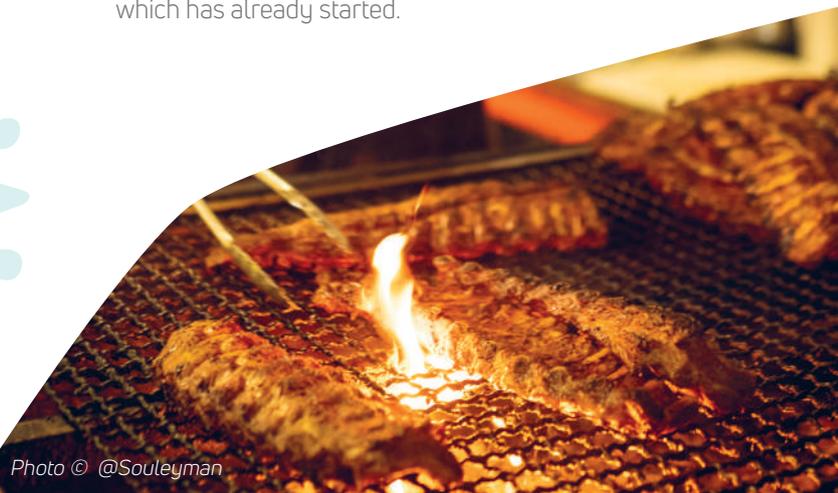


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INTERNATIONAL EVENT

LOV3 DAYS SXM

the festival of Caribbean sounds



This year marks the much-awaited return of music festivals to St. Martin. After the great success of the SXM Festival last March which attracted electronic music fans from all over the world, **the first edition of LOV3 DAYS SXM**, devoted to Caribbean music, takes place at the beginning of June.

The greatest artists from the Creole music scene will be there, including Jocelyne Berouard, the female voice of the iconic band, Kassav'. One of the highlights of the festival will be the performance from Kalash, rap, dancehall and RnB singer. LuCity, 1DA Banton will also be performing, as well as the best DJs from Martinique and St. Martin.

Don't miss three days of exceptional concerts and music in Nettlé Bay.

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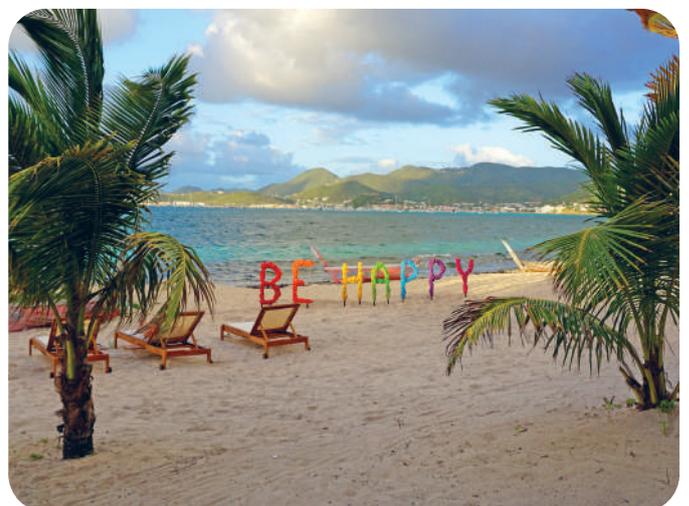
Boho Beach the new trendy place-to-be



Boho Beach is right on the water's edge of Nettlé Bay beach, **overlooking the magnificent Marigot bay**. This brand-new bar, **created to reflect the spirit of the SXM Festival**, is designed for relaxing and partying. **The circular bar** adds a very Caribbean touch to the place. The staff, on the other had, are dressed with African style.

The multicultural spirit is, of course, reflected in the music with **different styles of electro** depending on the time of day. The sounds are softer during the day so everyone can enjoy the sun, sun loungers and relaxing areas on the beach. **The rhythm then picks up in the evenings**.

The restaurant serves Caribbean cuisine and the swimming pool area adds a rather unique touch.



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UNMISSABLE

Creole Rock, a must-see

When you arrive on St. Martin, whether it's by air, by boat or along the coast, **you can't miss the Creole Rock** standing just off the coast in Grand Case bay.

If you're feeling fit and adventurous, you can swim over to Creole Rock, a popular place for both tourists and locals. **Most people explore this place by boat or kayak.**

Once you arrive, **don't hesitate to get out your mask and snorkel**, you'll be blown away. You are literally surrounded by fish with all the colors of the rainbow.

All the boat and jet-ski rental companies organize day trips that stop at Creole Rock, and some of them even offer boat trips at sunset with a cocktail. **Magical!**





DISCOVERY

Tintamarre, an unspoilt beach

Off Pinel Island, you'll catch a glimpse of a small island, **Tintamarre**. Much more impressive than its smaller counterpart, this uninhabited island is **one of St. Martin's treasures**.

The unspoilt beach is of rare beauty.

We can see why Tintamarre is **one of the most visited sites in the area** with charter boats bringing visitors to this magnificent place for an hour or two. At the weekend, locals and tourists hire boats to spend the day here.

If you're feeling adventurous, put on a pair of sturdy walking shoes and explore the island and ruins of the old air base which was closed in the 1950s.

As you approach the beach, you'll most likely catch a glimpse of **turtles or even dolphins** since this area is a protected nature reserve.

Boats are available from the Cul-de-Sac jetty to take you across to Tintamarre.





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A TASTE OF LOCAL LIFE

All the flavors

of local gastronomy at the 'lolos'



The Friendly Island is also **the Tasty Island**. Up and down the French side of St. Martin, **there are culinary delights to suit all tastes**. The many restaurants across the island serve specialties from France and around the globe. But there is one place in particular that always remains popular, **and never goes out of fashion: the 'lolos'**.

In Grand Case especially, foodies never miss a chance to go there for lunch or dinner. The 'lolos' serve **local cuisine** which is always showcased around the barbecue.

As soon as you approach the 'lolos', **the delicious scents will make your mouth water**. The ribs and chicken are grilled to perfection. The lobster crackles as it hits the grill. With **a warm and welcoming atmosphere** to boot. Once you try the 'lolos', you'll never look back.





RECIPE

Stuffed crab a deliciously spicy dish

Stuffed crab is a symbolic dish in the Caribbean culinary world. Along with codfish accras, **it's one of the typical appetizers on our island**. The spicy taste makes it the perfect starter. Stuffed crab is served in the island's restaurants specializing in Caribbean and West Indies cuisine.

RECIPE

- ★ Let the bread soak in cold water.
- ★ Mix in a blender then add the breadcrumbs.
- ★ Strain and pass through a food mill to obtain a paste.
- ★ In a pan, fry the crab meat with a dash of oil before adding the paste, chives, chili and spices.
- ★ Fill the crab shells with the mixture and sprinkle with breadcrumbs.
- ★ Put in the oven under the grill.

INGREDIENTS

- ★ CRAB MEAT
- ★ BREAD
- ★ SPICES
- ★ CHILI PEPPER
- ★ BREADCRUMBS

An aerial photograph of Saint Martin, French West Indies, during a golden sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright, shimmering reflection across the water. The island's coastline is visible, with a prominent peninsula in the foreground. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and scattered clouds. The foreground shows dense green foliage, suggesting the photo was taken from an elevated vantage point.

Enjoy the longest days of the year on Saint Martin

Summer is definitely the best time of year for getting the most out of your day. The sun rises at around 5am and sets at around 7pm, giving over 13 hours of sunlight.

The longest days of the year are coming up, so you can really make the most of the beach and the sea. And don't worry, even in the early evening, you won't be running for your towel after a dip because this is also the hottest time of time of year. **Don't forget to protect yourself from the sun** and drink enough water.

On St. Martin, the minimum temperatures vary between 22 and 24°C and the maximum temperatures are between 31 and 32°C according to averages recorded by Météo France. **The sea can reach 29° during this period.**

Did you know?

Turtle nesting on St. Martin

Turtle nesting season on St. Martin is from March to November. Some of the turtles travel vast distances before arriving in our waters. Scientists studying this nesting period each year have observed that some come from as far as Mexico. Last year, 268 nestings were recorded on 16 of the island's beaches.

Populations of green turtles, leatherback sea turtles and hawksbill sea turtles, loggerhead sea turtles and olive ridley sea turtles have been recorded on St. Martin. But only the first three nest on our beaches, and nesting activity varies from one year to another.

All the beaches on the French side are chosen nesting locations for sea turtles. Some of them see more action than others, so their monitoring is prioritized. This is the case for the beaches in Terres Basses, Tintamarre, Pinel, Galion and Oyster Pond.



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