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St Barths

Yacht Charter Guide

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St Barths Yacht Charter

Region: Caribbean

Gateways: SBH - SXM

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ST BARTHS

Overview

St Barths yacht charter is a peak-week berthing operation around Gustavia - New Year and holiday density, SBH / SXM door-to-deck, and tender culture when the quay is full. We hold outer harbour plans, hotel night-befores and APA before you fly.

St Barths yacht charter - Gustavia berths, New Year weeks, SBH transfers and APA guidance with Blue Ocean Club.

AIRPORTS

SBH, SXM

REGION

Caribbean

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a St Barths week actually runs.: One or two Gustavia nights, Colombier swims, shell beach sundowners - density managed, not ignored.
- Gustavia embark: SBH/SXM transfer, berth or outer plan confirmed.
- Lee coasts: Colombier, Gouverneur, Saline - protect swim mornings.
- Tables locked: Gustavia reservations weeks or months out in peak.
- New Year is a different market.: Berths, villas and tables move together - start early.
- Gustavia: Quay scarce; outer + tender default for megayachts.
- Night before: Hold rooms when late SXM connections risk the slot.
- Colombier: Swim-platform days away from the quay.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

Gustavia & Shell Beach

Harbour nights, shopping and Shell Beach swims.

St Jean & Colombier

Beach clubs and the protected Colombier hike-in bay.

Toward St Martin

Short hop to Marigot / Anse Marcel.

Île Fourchue

Day-anchor between St Barths and St Martin.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Port de Gustavia

Iconic St Barths harbour - megayacht Med-moor density in season. - Max LOA ~80 m - Draft ~5 m - Gateway SBH - Transfer 10-20 min from SBH - Peak lead: 6-12 months for New Year / peak holidays

Anse des Cayes / St Jean tender access

St Jean beach-club tender zone - limited docks. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~3.5 m - Gateway SBH - Transfer 10 min from SBH - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Port de Gustavia outer / Public

Overflow when inner harbour is full. - Max LOA ~60 m - Draft ~4.5 m - Gateway SBH - Transfer Chauffeur from SBH - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorage

Colombier

No-dock nature bay - tender to the beach.

Anse de Grande Saline

South-coast sand day - swell caution.

Île Fourchue

Quiet day-hook en route to SXM.

Petit Cul-de-Sac

East-coast settled-weather stop.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

Le Gaiac

Toiny

Hotel Le Toiny fine dining.

Bonito

Gustavia

Gustavia hilltop dinner.

L'Isola

Gustavia

Italian Gustavia classic.

Taino

Pointe Milou

Christopher hotel beach dining.

Maya's

Public

Local favourite - book early.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

Nikki Beach St Barths

St Jean

St Jean club day.

Pearl Beach

St Jean

Laid-back St Jean lunch.

Bagatelle Beach Club

Gustavia

Shell Beach / Gustavia side scene.

DOOR TO DECK

SBH / SXM to Gustavia.

Short-field SBH or Juliana (SXM) with boat/heli across - choreographed to the gangway.

SBH vs SXM

Aircraft performance decides the gateway - we never force SBH on the wrong jet. SBH Gustavia short road SXM boat / heli corridor

Quay vs outer

Meeting point confirmed the morning of embarkation. Gustavia quay when held Outer harbour tender fallback

Embark utility details New Year lead times and luggage tips.

NUMBERS - ST BARTHS

St Barths fees & APA - the short version.

French Caribbean commercial rules plus peak berth premiums - confirm before contract.

VAT / duties

Confirm French Caribbean treatment for your yacht's commercial structure.

APA

Holiday weeks often need a heavier APA - berths and tables move together.

Berths

Indicative only until Gustavia agent confirms in writing.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

Gustavia

Gustavia is a core St Barths charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Port de Gustavia - Day-anchor: Colombier - Table: Le Gaiac

St Jean

St Jean is a core St Barths charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Anse des Cayes / St Jean tender access - Day-anchor: Anse de Grande Saline - Table: Bonito

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Child destinations

- Gustavia - Crewed yacht charter in Gustavia - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside St Barths.
- St Jean - Crewed yacht charter in St Jean - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside St Barths.

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

How early for Gustavia New Year berths?

Treat as an event week - 6-12 months is normal for larger LOA; outer harbour + tender is the fallback.

SBH or SXM for arrival?

SBH for short-field / turboprop; SXM for larger private jets with boat or heli across.

Can we overnight at St Jean?

St Jean is often tender culture - Gustavia / outer harbour for serious LOA.

What APA should we budget?

Holiday weeks push APA hard - premium berths and shore tables; line-item before deposit.

Combine with St Martin / Anguilla?

Yes on longer Leeward programmes when clearance aligns.

Is a full week necessary?

Many briefs are 3-5 nights around New Year or a single high-impact arrival - we design both.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Port de Gustavia

Extreme in New Year / peak holidays for larger LOA. 6-12 months for holiday quay nights; weeks in shoulder. New Year is the event week - rates and scarcity multiply. Outer harbour + tender is the honest megayacht plan when quay fails.

Gustavia Outer

Weather-dependent roadstead. Confirm holding day-of with captain. Peak densifies the bay - early arrival helps. Default fallback - never a surprise on embark morning.

Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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