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MARINA - BERTHING GUIDE

Port de Gustavia

Berthing Guide

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Port de Gustavia, St Barths
Destination: Caribbean
Ecosystem: Caribbean
Gateway: SXM
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Overview

Port de Gustavia is the heart of St Barths - a Med-mooring harbour ringed by red-roofed colonial buildings, the only deep-water berth on the island, and the social centre of the Caribbean superyacht season. With 60 stern-to berths and a 4m maximum draft, it suits charter yachts up to 60m; larger yachts anchor in Baie de Saint-Jean or off Île Fourchue and tender in.

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QUAY FACTS

Specifications

INDICATIVE MAX LOA **approx. 60 m**	INDICATIVE MAX DRAFT **approx. 4 m**
BERTHS **60**	FUEL **Available**
POWER **Shore power typical - confirm amp rating vs LOA**	WATER **Available**
WASTE **Pump-out on request / by arrangement**	WI-FI **Harbour Wi-Fi variable - starlink aboard preferred**

PILOTAGE NOTES

Approach

Approach Port de Gustavia with local pilotage notes from the captain; high season berths book weeks ahead. Confirm fuel, shore power amp rating and waste before arrival.

HOLDS & LEAD TIMES

Berthing

Peak berths around Port de Gustavia typically need 4-12 weeks for larger LOA. We hold anchorage fallbacks before you fly.

TRANSFERS

Door to deck

Primary gateway SXM. We choreograph chauffeur or helicopter into the gangway window.

AIRPORT	SXM

EMBARK UTILITY

Embark at Port de Gustavia

Door-to-deck for Caribbean: fly into the gateway, transfer timed to the gangway, luggage aboard before guests. We choreograph the buffer - not a taxi scramble.

MEETING POINT	Meeting point: Port de Gustavia - confirm quay / pontoon with the captain the morning of embarkation.
ARRIVAL BUFFER	Plan 60-90 minutes from wheels-down to passerelle for chauffeur corridors; helicopter windows are tighter when helipad access is confirmed.
PEAK LEAD TIME	Peak berths around Port de Gustavia typically need 4-12 weeks for larger LOA. We hold anchorage fallbacks before you fly.

Captain notes

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Tender fallback

When berths are scarce we hold a sheltered anchorage + tender (or captain-only standby) plan before you fly - never a last-minute scramble at the mole.

Luggage / hotel

Night-before hotel near the gateway (or marina) when late arrivals risk missing the embarkation slot - we hold rooms against the transfer plan.

SXM

Primary gateway SXM.

[Draft] Indicative seasonal berth ranges are shared on request - confirm with the marina agent before contract. We never publish unverified nightly rates as fact.

SHORE TABLES

Nearby dining

Bonito St Barth

Hillside terrace over Gustavia harbour - book sunset; ask for table 11 or 12.

L'Isola

Gustavia waterfront - truffle pasta and white-truffle risotto in season.

Nikki Beach - Saint-Jean

Tender to Saint-Jean Bay, lunch on the sand; the New Year's Day party is legendary.

Bonito

St Barths hilltop.

Basil's Bar

Mustique institution.

Copper & Lumber

English Harbour historic.

FALLBACKS

Nearby anchorages

Anse de Colombier
Nature reserve on the north-west coast - protected anchorage, hike ashore, turtles in the bay.

Île Fourchue
Uninhabited islet between St Barths and St Martin - mooring buoys, lunch stop, great snorkelling.

Anse de Grand Cul-de-Sac
Lagoon on the east coast - kitesurfing, Le Toiny hotel, calm overnight in trades.

Colombier, St Barths
Nature bay classic.

The Bight, Norman Island
BVI pirate caves overnight.

Tobago Cays
Grenadines turtle park.

TIMING

Seasonal note

Christmas/New Year week is the Caribbean's most competitive berthing window - Gustavia is fully booked 12 months ahead and superyachts >50m anchor outside in Baie de Saint-Jean. January-March is dry, breezy trades (15-22 kn ENE). Hurricane season (June-November) sees most yachts repositioned to Med or southern Caribbean; July-October availability is wide open but weather risk is real.

INDICATIVE DRAFT

Berth fees

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BEFORE YOU FLY

Berthing FAQ

How do I embark at Port de Gustavia?
Confirm quay / pontoon with the captain the morning of embarkation after your SXM arrival. We brief the chauffeur on the correct marina gate - not a generic harbour drop.

Can I berth a yacht at Port de Gustavia?
Yes when LOA, draft and event weeks allow. For peak season and event weeks, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger LOA; shoulder season is more flexible. Blue Ocean Club opens the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist for Caribbean.

What does berthing cost at Port de Gustavia?
Port de Gustavia berth fees move with demand. Blue Ocean Club holds an indicative band for your LOA and dates, then locks the written quote before APA is set for the Caribbean week.

Is yacht charter available from Port de Gustavia?
Boat charter and crewed yacht charter both use Port de Gustavia as a working berth when LOA fits. We match hull class to quay politics and your itinerary.

How far ahead should we book a berth at Port de Gustavia?

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What is the practical embarkation airport for Port de Gustavia?

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Can we overnight at anchor instead of taking a quay night?

Anse de Colombier is a common alternative when the quay is full - captains confirm holding and shelter before committing.

What services should we expect at Port de Gustavia?

We confirm fuel, shore power, water and waste against your LOA with the marina agent before contract.

Indicative guidance - some berth fee notes are labelled draft. Live rates move with LOA, season and events. Blue Ocean Club confirms in writing before deposit. No invented phone numbers or reviews. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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