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ST. MARTIN
TOURIST OFFICE NEWSLETTER

St. Martin is buzzing!

It's the year of events on St. Martin.

Sports, music, festivals, food
St. Martin never sleeps!

This month, **tradition will be hitting the streets** with Carnival celebrations in Marigot and Tuesday parades in Grand Case. **Art and cultural events** full of glitter, joy, music, and dance.

And there's something else to discover in Grand Case: a **new spot guaranteed to tickle your tastebuds!** Step into **Java** and take in its panoramic view of the Bay. Delight in its ambiance and its unique Israeli flavors. **It's a little slice of heaven.**



For something a little more intimate and exclusive, **Le Martin Hotel in Cul-De-Sac** will give you a peek of its version of Caribbean happiness and wellbeing.

You might even see some of the majestic whales that swim in our waters this time of year during **an incredible seaside walk. It's a timeless experience!** If you're committed to the environment and nature, you will love **Rohan Village, a one-of-a-kind project** nestled in the hills of Orléans.

**On St. Martin,
diversity is our most prized treasure!**



A great year in sight!

Peep at the calendar for 2023, a year full of outstanding events with the St. Martin Tourist Office



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THE FRIENDLY ISLAND
FRENCH CARIBBEAN

calendar of events

- The party starts with Grand Case Tuesdays from January 31 to April 18. It will go on bedazzled with Carnival's glitter and feathers from February 10–21.

- The traditional Heineken Regatta will take place from March 2–5. This internationally renowned event draws incredible sailors, stunning boats, and illustrious artists.

- About 5,000 festivalgoers from around the world will keep the party going at the SXM Festival, vibing to electro for five days from March 8–12. Concerts are also planned for the Love Days (May 26–28) and the Oualichi Festival (July 13–16).

- The 3rd edition of the Culinary Festival will highlight flavorful food from November 11–22. Then Running Night, a costumed relay race, will take place on December 8–9. December is also when all the lights go up and decorate the island's most exquisite homes.



EVENT

Grand Case Tuesdays

let's get the party started!

Every Tuesday from January 31 to April 25, Grand Case Boulevard comes alive, honoring **local culture and craftsmanship**. This year, the event is going big celebrating its **20th anniversary**. Joy, new discoveries, yummy treats, and good-humored fun for young and old are all in the cards!

A hundred or so exhibitors, dozens of artists associated with the street's restaurants and stores will turn these Tuesdays into traditional and enchanting moments. **Grand Case Boulevard will be closed off to cars** to make space for the event that both locals and tourists won't want to miss, with all kinds of stands and **a carnival-like atmosphere** buzzing around the restaurants and bars. Take advantage of this melting pot of genres, open-mindedness, **the shared moment**, and all our friendliness to learn a bit more about our Friendly Island's customs and traditions!

You can't miss this magical event in the Caribbean!





GETAWAY

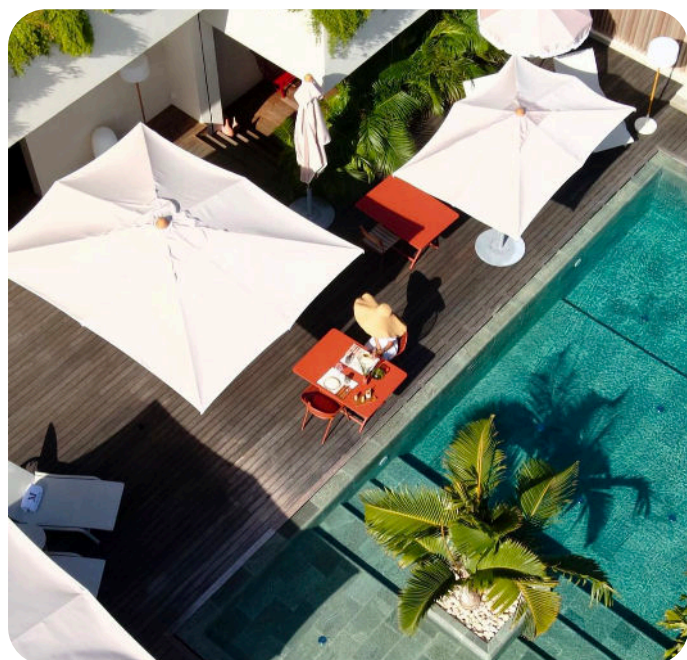
When time

just stops!

Le Martin Boutique Hotel, in Cul-De-Sac, opened its doors at the end of 2022, like a secret we can finally tell. The owners, Marion and Emmanuel, imbued it with their love and memories to ensure each and every guest feels at home.

The hotel is an oasis full of fresh and intimate spots and it showcases a perfect blend of artful travel and wanting to take a break from it all. The six "refuges", as Marion likes to call them, are each named after the couple's grandparents.

All the rooms have a view of the sea and Pinel Island, as well as a terrace covered in greenery.



After enjoying breakfast **poolside**, take the path to the pontoon and hop into a kayak or onto a paddleboard and head toward Pinel Island and the nature reserve. Unless you decide to go for a massage or a yoga class, since **every day here is full of tranquility**. The whole team has honed their hospitality skills.

A top-secret and wonderful location.

Les terrasses de Cul-De-Sac

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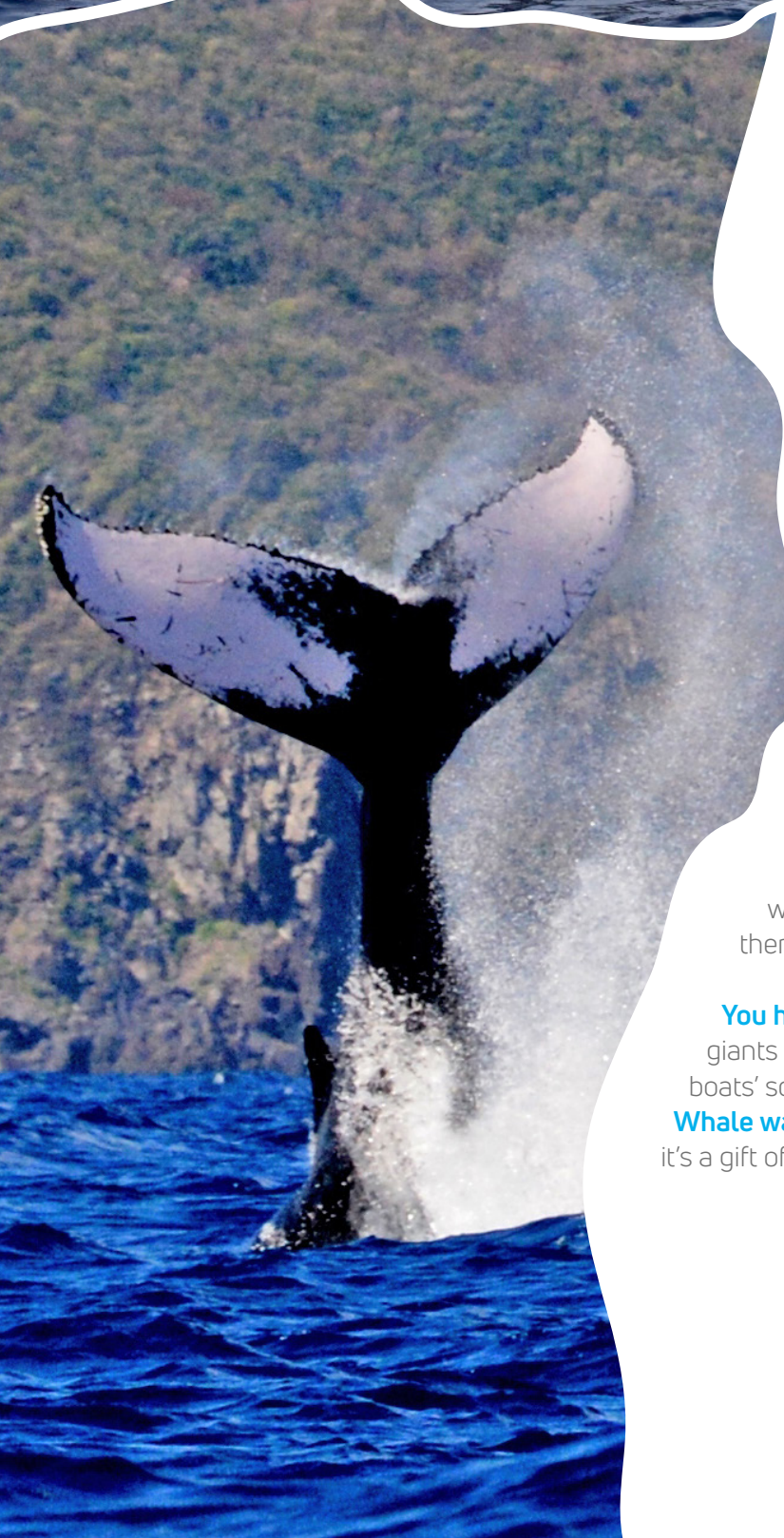
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DISCOVERY

The whales' wanderings!



Whales looking for warm waters to reproduce in **meet around Anguilla, St. Martin, and St. Barts from December to June**. This sanctuary hosts their seasons of love and the birth of their babies, since **they swim back to give birth here, 11 months later, after completing their migration** that leads them to the Caribbean.

Being able to watch them year after year **is truly magical**, but there are rules to follow. To see them along their way, **conditions must be ideal**. The seas and winds should be calm. Trained and certified **"AGOA whale watching"** pros in the field will take you to where **you can see them**, while keeping both you and them safe.

You have to be very respectful toward these moving giants of the sea. **Their songs can even be heard** with the boats' sound equipment. **Whale watching is so much more than a vacation memory;** it's a gift of nature and an **incredible experience**.

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TIME TO EAT

Java

a shared feast!

Java has been open for both lunch and dinner since December and **this restaurant, beach club and bar** has energized Grand Case. Emmanuelle, David, Stéphane, and the rest of the team have **a flair for hospitality**, a skill they have developed over time.

Everything about it just oozes gypset vibes, from the decor, **the magical ever-present bay**, the original cocktails, and the flavors in the dishes, to the choice of artists on stage, **the music, the beach, and the view**, and it's more popular by the day!



Java also has **intimate alcoves tucked away** and a few discreet romantic tables for you to come and **enjoy the good life**.

The backdrop is truly idyllic, and the menu makes it even better. The concept is brand new on St. Martin and enshrines that **art of sharing** and togetherness so dear to Mediterranean and Israeli tables.

Take a trip and a truly authentic, **delicious stopover** during your stay.



JAVA

70 Boulevard de Grand Case

Reservations highly recommended:

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Pig's feet soup

Pig's feet soup is a **typical West Indies recipe!** It's a **traditional dish** shared with family, savored early in the morning before work, or after partying all night. **Trotter soup** is oft enjoyed at dinner during chillier evenings.



DIRECTIONS

- ★ Halve the pig's feet lengthwise, drizzle them in lemon juice, and simmer them in a pot full of water with bay leaves, thyme, an onion stuck with cloves, salt, and a celery stick for an hour.
- ★ Wash and peel the vegetables and cut them into small cubes, though the pieces of turban squash should be larger than the rest.
- ★ Remove the meat and set it aside.
- ★ Place the vegetables and the bouillon cube in the broth and cook for 30mn, then put the meat back in.
- ★ Mash the cooked turban squash to color the soup orange and toss in the vermicelli or rice. Simmer the soup for another 15 minutes or so.
- ★ Turn off the heat and wait for the soup to cool a bit before eating.
- ★ It will be even better the next day, once the flavors of the ingredients have had a chance to blend together.

Dig in!

INGREDIENTS FOR 4 SERVINGS

- ★ 2 PIG'S FEET
- ★ 2 POTATOES
- ★ 4 CARROTS
- ★ 2 LEEKS
- ★ 2 TURNIPS
- ★ 1 PIECE OF CABBAGE
- ★ 1 SLICE OF TURBAN SQUASH
- ★ 1 ONION STUCK WITH CLOVES
- ★ 1 LEMON
- ★ 2 GENEROUS HANDFULS OF VERMICELLI OR RICE
- ★ 1 CELERY STICK
- ★ 2 BAY LEAVES
- ★ 1 SPRIG OF THYME
- ★ 1 CHICKEN BOUILLON CUBE
- ★ SALT



CULTURE

An ecovillage on Mont Saline!



ROHAN VILLAGE

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St Martin Demain has been supporting the **Rohan Village project in Orléans** for several years now. **It's a heartfelt ambition** that finally started taking shape in September 2022. Volunteers come on site every other Saturday to help build the site that will eventually become the ecovillage Kevin Baly dreamed up.

The concept's founder inherited a taste for innovation from his ancestors, the Rohan family. The plans feature **dome houses**, Creole huts, greenhouses, workshops, **a communal kitchen**, an aquaponic tank, sustainable farming, wells, and recycling. **Living in harmony** with nature is the goal. Here, everyone's laying the groundwork, planting, building and committing to founding this **ecological and cultural village**, intrinsically tied to traditions and the elements. Everyone is invited to contribute as little or as much as they can. **The community is growing**. It seeks to embody the idea of stripping back to basics, grow medicinal plants, bring back to light forgotten knowledge and move away from standard economic models.

It's a great initiative and a new way to look at St. Martin!



Useful

TIPS

Dear visitors, we want you to know that the power supplied on the French side of our island is 220V, 60 Hertz. If your appliances (hairdryer, straightener, electric razors, epilators, electric toothbrushes, cameras, computers, etc.) are designed for 110V, make sure to bring a 110V-220V transformer and adaptors for the plugs.

You can plug in and charge your cell phones, tablets, and more with adaptors.

Local electronics stores also sell them. Hotels, villas, and vacation rentals usually have a few on hand and can loan one to you. Don't forget to ask when you book!

Stay connected. Enjoy your trip here!

Electricity on the French side





EVENTS

One island, two carnivals !

Our island's two cultures provide us with **riches** expressed in the Caribbean traditions of both carnivals, one in Saint-Martin and the other in Sint Maarten. **The celebrations are fundamental dates on our calendar.**

On the French side, in Saint-Martin, Marigot kicks off the festivities with the children's parade on February 12, while the adults get ready for the one scheduled for the 19th. Soca will be thumping in the streets and neighborhoods from sunrise to sunset, getting the crowd into a happy frenzy.

Sint Maarten's carnival isn't until April 14, but then you can once again don your light-up outfit and dance as you wander the streets of Phillipsburg or spend the long nights bopping to the major artists and DJs playing at the Carnival Village. The party will go on until May 3.

Shows full of joy after many months of planning costumes and dance routines. **The best troupes** in the parade, each one more ingenious than the other with their creativity and theme, competing for the win.

Get swept away by this extravagantly colorful, musical and dance-filled occasion!



Saint-Martin in Marigot
 February 10-22, 2023
 FB: Carnaval de Saint-Martin

Sint Maarten in Phillipsburg
 April 14 to May 3, 2023
 FB: St. Maarten Carnival

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