# LA MARTINIQUE ELLE VOUS







## **SAIL AWAY**ON MARTINIQUE

With natural moorings in the middle of inlets of turquoise water, islets as remote as Robinson Crusoe's, 350 km of coastline ranging from cliffs and mangroves to sparkling black and white sand beaches, Martinique saves its most beautiful landscapes for sailors. It also offers exceptional infrastructures to ensure that each cruise is unforgettable.



## LAND OF WATER SPORTS

With its exceptional bodies of water and regular winds, the west coast guarantees perfect conditions for regatta competitors.

#### MOORINGS AT THE FOOT OF MOUNT PELÉE

The Caribbean coast is the lushest, most mountainous part of the island, with a series of cliffs and black sand beaches.



#### **DROP ANCHOR IN THE ISLETS**

The eastern side of the island, with less boat traffic, is full of untamed beauty: dotted with islets and stunning white sand shoals where you can swim in the open sea while sipping a fine rum. In case of turbulent waters, boats can seek refuge in natural "hurricane holes" in the bays.



#### **HOIST SAILS**

The southern coast and its coconut palms offers postcard-perfect landscapes. The coastal cities and villages can be reached by many wharves, where you can stop to eat or refuel. This is the perfect jumping-off point to explore Martinique.



## THE TROPICAL DREAM

With water averaging 28° and steady trade winds year round, nothing beats sailing in Martinique.

MID DECEMBER-LATE APRIL NORTHEAST EAST-NORTHEAST 15-20 knots

JANUARY-FEBRUARY OCCASIONAL TOP SPEEDS OF 25-30 knot

MAY-NOVEMBER SOUTHEAST 12-15 knots







## MARTINIQUE, **SAILING CAPITAL OF THE CARIBBEAN**

With the most moorings of any island in the Lesser Antilles, Martinique is the preferred destination for French boaters in the Caribbean. It boasts exceptional services and infrastructures. *Le Marin* marina is currently the largest boating center in the southern Caribbean, with 830 berths and 100 mooring buoys. More than 30 boating-related companies are based there. Throughout the island, you will enjoy dedicated landing stages with refueling stations, Wi-Fi, restrooms, shops, restaurants, and more.

FAIRING CENTERS

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UP TO 440 TONS OF TRAVEL LIFT

SPACES FOR MEGA YACHTS

HIGH FLOW

12,000 LITER/HR FUEL PUMP

## **UNIQUE SERVICES**AND INFRASTRUCTURES

Martinique boasts exceptional facilities for boaters at its marinas in *Pointe du Bout, Le Robert, Case-Pilote, Le François, Port-Cohé, Fort-de-France* and *Le Marin.* The latest addition, *L'Étang-Z'Abricot*, provides outstanding services within the capital with a maximum water depth of 4 meters, 340 moorings, a port office, and an 85-space boat parking lot.



"Le Marin marina's greatest strength lies in the high standards its designers have adopted over the years.

These exacting quality standards apply to the infrastructure, which meets the strictest international standards; the technical and human expertise available; and finally, the immediate natural surroundings. To date, this is the only place to find the complete package in the region, especially since it is committed to balancing economic growth with preserving the biotope.

Our ambition, along with all our public and private partners, is to make *Le Marin* the gold standard for blue tourism in the southern Caribbean, and we continue to make every effort to achieve that goal.

Welcome to Le Marin marina"

**Simon Jean-Joseph** CEO of *Le Marin* marina

## A DREAM WITHIN REACH

With or without a skipper, in a single-hull, catamaran, or motorboat, renting a boat is the perfect way to explore the island.

## MARTINIQUE, WATER SPORTS PARADISE



#### **BOAT TOURS**

Climb aboard a comfortable sailboat or motorboat for day-long cruises to explore the islets, swim on the shoals, or marvel as pods of dolphins swim by.



Over its more than 30-year history, the *Tour de Martinique des Yoles Rondes* has established itself as one of the island's top sporting and popular events. Originally fishing boats, yoles rondes now race at events throughout the year across Martinique's various bodies of water.

Take advantage of your stay to try this traditional sport in the only place in the world it is practiced.





#### **GO FISH!**

Blue marlins, sailfish, mahi mahi and more await fishing enthusiasts in the waters of Martinique. Beginners and experienced fishers alike can take to the seas aboard powerful sport fishing boats to explore the finest big game fishing spots. A fun and exciting way to discover our rich marine fauna.

#### **EXTREME OCEAN SPORTS**

For thrill-seekers, Martinique offers exceptional spots and the latest equipment. Regular wind and a variety of bodies of water allow for year-round kite surfing and wind surfing. Between dives into coral reefs and dozens of shipwrecks, water skiing, jet skiing, parasailing, or Flyboarding, you'll find something to get your adrenaline pumping.





## NATURE **TO EXPLORE**

Float through the mangroves in a glass-bottomed canoe and watch colorful fish dart between the roots, dive with sea turtles or over coral reefs to see gorgonia and spiny lobsters... in Martinique, every dip of an oar and kick of a flipper reveals incredible natural diversity.

#### **GETTING THERE**

Approximately ten airline companies offer service to Martinique.

It takes about eight hours to fly to Fort-de-France from Europe and about five hours from North

www.aircaraibes.com

www.airfrance.fr

www.corsair.fr

www.xlairways.com

www.condor.com

www.aircanada.com

www.norwegian.com

www.americanairlines.com

www.airantilles.com

www.liat.com

www.airtransat.com

www.cubana.cu

#### **LANGUAGE**

French is the official language,

but Creole is also spoken everywhere. English is spoken at most places that welcome tourists.

#### WEATHER

Air temperature

#### **SECURITY**

Martinique is a French department that meets European security standards.

## POPULATION 380.000

#### TIME DIFFERENCE

PARIS

MONTREAL

N WINTER

N SUMMER

#### **FORMALITIES**

Currently valid passport or ID card for EU residents. Passport required for other travelers.

#### **HEALTH**

No vaccinations are necessary.

Rest easy with access to Martinique's high-quality university hospital medical infrastructure.

#### **CURRENCY**

Euro.

#### **CERTIFICATIONS**









## 350KM **OF COASTLINE**

#### WATER SPORTS EVENTS

Martinique Cata Raid (January)

**Round Martinique Regatta** (January)

Schoelcher International Sailing Week (February)

Transquadra (in February every 3 years)

Martinique Surf Pro (April)

Madinina Kite Master (June)

**Tour de Martinique des Yoles** Rondes (late July - early August)

Mini-transat (in November every 2 years)

Le Marin International Sport **Fishing Tournament** (October)

Martinik Cup Caraïbe (November)

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