

BEACHSIDE VILLAS
OCEANSIDE on SIMPSON BAY BEACH

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Our Manager resides at Beachside Villas.

Maid service is provided six days a week. On the premises, you will see maintenance staff, gardeners, and security in attendance each day. The Beach and Gardens are raked daily.

After 5:00 p.m. our security staff patrols the property.

At some time they may ask you for proper identification.

When leaving or re-entering the property please make certain the entry gate is in the proper closed position.

If you are expecting a guest please notify our manager.

NEW AT BEACHSIDE VILLAS...Complimentary
Wireless Internet Access.

CUSTOMS - IMMIGRATION

At Juliana Airport immigration officials will check your immigration card (received and filled out by you on the plane). **As of January 2007, for immigration, you must present a valid passport. (Your original birth certificate and driver's license will not be enough).** You will also be asked your destination, address and length of trip.

Once through immigration, pick up your luggage and take the first taxi to Beachside Villas in Beacon Hill on Simpson Bay Beach.

PLEASE NOTE:

MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT POSSIBLE TO BE NEAR THE FRONT OF THE AIRPLANE SO YOU CAN DISEMBARK AHEAD OF THE OTHER PASSENGERS FOR IMMIGRATION.

ARRIVAL

When you arrive at the airport, take a taxi to the villa, cost is approximately \$ 12.00 for 2 persons w/suitcases, \$18.00 for 4 persons with suitcases. If we have arranged for your rental car it will be delivered to your villa before you arrive. With immediate transportation, you are able to unpack, grocery shop, and still get Sun & Ocean your first day.

DIRECTIONS TO OUR VILLAS

At the airport exit, turn right on airport road, at the 'Round About' stay on the left – Simpson Bay Lagoon will be on your right. At the next 'Round About' about ½ mile, turn left.

- Straight ahead is the Royal Islander Hotel and the ocean.
- Right is to the Maho Resort area, Cherri's, restaurants, shops and beyond the Old Mullet Bay resort.
- Left is towards Sunset Beach Bar, Caravanserai Hotel, and 1/2 mile to Beachside Villas.

TURN LEFT TOWARDS CARAVANSERAI HOTEL, CONTINUE LEFT HUGGING THE AIRPORT PERIMETER FENCE.

When you are on this road, another road will intersect from the left, which will read '*BEACHSIDE VILLAS*'. Again bear left, hugging the airport fence to '*BEACHSIDE VILLAS*'. *This road will dead-end at our gate.*

CAR RENTALS

For YOUR CONVENIENCE, we will be happy to reserve your rental car for you. The car will be waiting for you at the Villa when you arrive. Shortly after you arrive to Beachside Villas, a representative from the car rental agency will arrive to complete your car rental agreement. They will check the vehicle's condition with you. At this time an imprint of your credit card will be taken to be authorized when you return the car.

Before, leaving you must return the car to your rental agency. The car rental agency we use is located close to the airport. After checking your vehicle's condition your credit card will be charged, or you may pay cash at this point. When your car is returned and paid for the rental agency will provide transportation to the airport.

Please refer to the following page for car rates.

THRIFTY CAR RENTAL RATE SHEET for BEACHSIDE VILLAS

Summer Rates: April 15th - December 10th

Winter Rates: December 11th - April 14th

<u>Make and Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>
#1 – ECAR - Economy Car <i>Hyundai i10 or similar</i>	Auto Transmission, Power Steering, A/C, 4 DRS, AM/FM Cassette	Daily \$25.00 Weekly \$125.00	Daily \$35.00 Weekly \$210.00
#2 – CCAR - Compact Car <i>Hyundai Getz or similar</i>	Auto Transmission, Power Steering, A/C, 4 DRS, AM/FM Cassette	Daily \$25.00 Weekly \$145.00	Daily \$40.00 Weekly \$230.00
#3 – ICAR - Midsize Car <i>Hyundai Accent</i>	Auto Transmission, Power Steering, A/C, 4 DRS, AM/FM/CD/MP3	Daily \$30.00 Weekly \$165.00	Daily \$50.00 Weekly \$280.00
#4 – SCAR - Standard Car <i>Hyundai i30</i>	Auto Transmission, Power Steering, A/C, 4 DRS, AM/FM/CD	Daily \$40.00 Weekly \$205.00	Daily \$55.00 Weekly \$305.00
#5 – FCAR - Full Size Car <i>Hyundai Elantra</i>	Auto Transmission, Power Steering, A/C, 4 DRS, AM/FM/CD	Daily \$40.00 Weekly \$220.00	Daily \$55.00 Weekly \$340.00
#6 – PCAR - Premium Car <i>Hyundai Sonata</i>	Auto Transmission, Power Steering, A/C, 4 DRS, AM/FM/CD/MP3	Daily \$55.00 Weekly \$350.00	Daily \$75.00 Weekly \$420.00
#7 – CFAR - Compact SUV <i>Daihatsu Terios</i>	Auto Transmission, Power Steering, A/C, 4 DRS, AM/FM/CD	Daily \$50.00 Weekly \$350.00	Daily \$80.00 Weekly \$475.00
#8 – SFAR - Standard SUV <i>Hyundai Tucson</i>	Auto Transmission, Power Steering, A/C, 4 DRS, AM/FM/CD	Daily \$65.00 Weekly \$380.00	Daily \$85.00 Weekly \$525.00
#9 – FFAR - Full Size SUV <i>Hyundai Santa Fe (7 passenger)</i>	Auto Transmission, Power Steering, A/C, 4 DRS, AM/FM/CD/MP3	Daily \$80.00 Weekly \$450.00	Daily \$100.00 Weekly \$595.00
#10 – LAR - All Terrain Vehicle <i>Jeep wrangler Soft-Top</i>	Auto Transmission, Power Steering, A/C, 2 DRS, AM/FM/CD/MP3	Daily \$60.00 Weekly \$380.00	Daily \$90.00 Weekly \$525.00
#11 – CTMR - Compact Convertible <i>Daihatsu Copen</i>	Manual Trans., Power Steering, A/C, 2 DRS, AM/FM/CD/MP3, Leather Seats, Hard-top convertible	Daily \$70.00 Weekly \$380.00	Daily \$85.00 Weekly \$500.00
#12 – STAR - Standard Convertible <i>Ford Mustang</i>	Auto Transmission, Power Steering, A/C, 2 DRS, AM/FM/CD/MP3, Leather Seats	Daily \$80.00 Weekly \$480.00	Daily \$120.00 Weekly \$650.00
#13 – MVAN - Minivan <i>Dodge Caravan (7 passenger)</i>	Auto Transmission, Power Steering, A/C, 3 DRS, AM/FM/CD	Daily \$70.00 Weekly \$450.00	Daily \$100.00 Weekly \$575.00
#14 – PVAN – Full Size Van <i>Hyundai H-1 (9 passenger)</i>	Auto Transmission, Power Steering, A/C/ 4 DRS, AM/FM/CD/MP3	Daily \$85.00 Weekly \$550.00	Daily \$120.00 Weekly \$675.00
#15 – PVAN - Premium Van <i>Hyundai H-1 (12 passenger)</i>	Auto Transmission, Power Steering, A/C/ 4 DRS, AM/FM/CD/MP3	Daily \$90.00 Weekly \$575.00	Daily \$125.00 Weekly \$695.00

INSURANCE Collision/Loss Damage Waiver	BABY SEAT	\$5.00 PER DAY
\$10 - \$50 PER DAY	ADDITIONAL DRIVER	\$5.00 PER DAY
LIABILITY INSURANCE	GPS NAVIGATION SYSTEM	\$5.00 PER DAY

TELEPHONE AND FAX

LOCAL CALLS - A local, Dutch side only, call may be made from our office. There is no charge for this call.

INTERNATIONAL CALLS - Any telephone call to French St. Martin is an International call. All international calls must be made with the assistance of our receptionist. The charge for this call is \$1.00 per minute. All calls should be paid in cash to our manager.

CELL PHONES - For your convenience, we can provide you with a cell phone. There is a daily \$5.00 charge for the phone. Pre paid phone cards may be purchased at our office, the smallest denomination is \$10.00. Calls to the U.S. are 33 cents per minute.

FAXES - Faxes may be sent or received at our office. There is a \$ 1.00 charge for each page. Our receptionist will handle your fax transmissions. There is no charge for receiving a fax.

WIRELESS internet service is **COMPLIMENTARY**

EMERGENCY NUMBERS AT ST.MAARTEN

DUTCH SIDE

Police	542-2222
Hospital	543-1111
Ambulance	542-2111
Fire	545-4222
Druggist closet to Beachside.....	545-2777
Post Office.....	544-2200

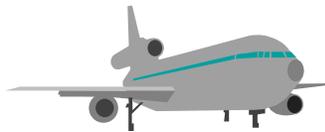
There is a Federal Express office and 'Mail Box' service located just beyond the airport on Airport Road for overnight mail service to the United States.

IF YOU HAVE NOT BROUGHT YOUR LAPTOP ALL INTERNET SERVICES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THIS OFFICE. .

In case of a serious health emergency there is a Learjet Charter or an emergency air ambulance available to leave the island for the United States.

LEARJET CHARTER

**Jene Werner
President**



MELMIK AVIATION

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St. Maarten, Netherland Antilles
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Fax: 001-599-545-4740

SHOPPING

Philipsburg:	Monday - Saturday:	9:00am 'til 6:30pm
	Sunday:	9:00am 'til 1:00pm
Marigot:	Monday - Saturday:	9:00am 'til 12:30pm and 2:00pm 'til 6:00pm
<p>The Waterfront Market in Marigot is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 7:00am until noon.</p>		

Grocery Stores: see page 9 'Grocery Stores' for more information.		
(1) Le Grande Marche	Mon-Sat	8:00am - 8:00pm
On the way to Marigot	Sun	10:00am - 2:00pm
Just before entrance to Port de Plaisance		
(2) Le Grande Marche	Mon-Sat	8:00am - 8:00pm
Over the Mountain	Sun	10:00am - 2:00pm
to Phillipsburg		
NEW Grande Marche		
On Airport Rd. before the SOL Gas Station		
Maho Food Express	7 days	7:00am – midnight
½ mile at the 1 st 'Round About'		

Pharmacies: (see page 10 for location)		
The Druggist	Mon-Fri	8:30am-7:30pm
545-2777	Sat	10:00am-7:00pm
	Sun	1:00pm-3:00pm
Simpson Bay Marina	Mon-Fri	8:15am-7:30pm
544-3653	Sat	9:00am-1:00pm
	Sun	5:00pm-7:00pm

Bridge Openings:				
Summer:	Inbound/Outbound	9:30am	11:30am	5:30pm
Winter:	Outbound:	9:00am	11:00am	4:30pm
	Inbound:	9:30am	11:30am	5:30pm

VILLA CONTENTS

Your "RESERVED" SEATS, on the water" are right in your villa! Eating out is never a necessity, only by choice.

Our kitchen is equipped with all appliances including a microwave. Our refrigerators have a large capacity. The kitchen appliances include a Mr. Coffee maker, blender, thick slice bagel toaster, microwave, and gas stove. A gas barbeque grill is located in the atrium just outside your kitchen window. Great for 'Happy Hour' entertaining.

There is LCD television with cable (including HBO) from the United States. The island station is Channel 15. For movie viewing, a VCR and DVD players are provided.

There is a radio with a CD/cassette player for villa listening, but you probably will want to bring your own radio for walking or beach use.

In our office we have movie videos, DVD's and a wide selection of books for you to enjoy.

Separate Air Conditioners, with remote controls, are located in each bedroom. **Please remember to turn them off when leaving your bedroom for your day activities. They are almost noiseless. WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR CO-OPERATION. It takes less then 10 minutes to cool your room. Electricity on the Island is very expensive, as the turbines are powered by diesel fuel.**

Bed and bathroom linens are provided.

There is an iron and ironing board in the bedroom closets.

Beach Towels are provided early in the morning and exchanged every second day. The housekeepers daily rotate the time of cleaning the villas. If you do not want to be disturbed, please put a note on your door. There is no housekeeping service on Wednesday.

Cribs, high chairs and a stroller is available for children. Please bring your own linens for the crib. We also have plenty of sand type toys.

The villas are equipped with 120v electricity, the same voltage used in the United States. Our friendly island sometimes experiences short electrical failures. Candles and BATTERY LAMPS can be found in each Villa - when you arrive please locate them in case they are needed. Most often electricity will be reinstated in a short time.

FOOD

Several stores cater to our American favorites. Prices are about the same as in the U.S. except for a few items such as film, milk, ice cream, health and beauty products. Even though choice meats are readily available on the island at comparable U.S. prices, I prefer to bring along some of the following items, many of which are frozen. (This way I only need to take time to shop for beverages, dairy and bakery items.)

- Chicken, steak and ground beef.
- Homemade spaghetti sauces (Their pastas are excellent).
- Favorite spices and salad dressings - island selection is large but may not be your favorite or the lite or fat free varieties available in the U.S..
- Favorite deli lunch meats.

FROZEN FOOD PACKED INTO YOUR LUGGAGE AND CHECKED SHOULD REMAIN FROZEN ON ARRIVAL. THIS SHOULD NOT BE CARRIED ON. IF YOU USE A SOFT SIDED COOLER TO PACK YOUR FOOD INTO YOUR SUITCASE, IT CAN BE USED ON THE ISLAND FOR OUTINGS. LUGGAGE IS NOT OPENED WHEN ENTERING ST. MAARTEN. THERE ARE NO CUSTOMS BECAUSE ST. MAARTEN IS A DUTY FREE PORT.

- Frozen lemonade or squeezed lemon juice is not always available on the island.
- Snack food i.e. cashews and pistachios are expensive.
- Liquor, wines and cigarettes are less expensive than duty free shops in the U.S. (Buying warm beverages is cheaper than buying already chilled.)
- ETNA ICECREAM (locally made) is second to none!

GROCERY STORES

MAHO FOOD EXPRESS located at the 'Round About' where you make the left turn to Beachside. It is a well stocked grocery store with fresh fruit and vegetables. it is only ½ mile from Beachside Villas.

LE GRANDE MARCHE (1) on the way to Marigot just before entrance to the Port De Plaisance complex and behind the RBTT bank. Their inventory is well stocked and similar to our large grocery stores in the U.S.

LE GRAND MARCHE (2) at the bottom of the mountain, at the traffic circle, as you turn right to Phillipsburg. Their inventory is well stocked and similar to our U.S. large grocery stores.

DRUG STORES - A very well stocked pharmacy is located on the left, just before the Grand Marche grocery store on the way to Marigot. Another pharmacy is at Simpson Bay Marina. It is open Monday through Saturday 8:30 am to 7:30 p.m., Sunday and Holidays 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. A third pharmacy is located on Airport Road before the drawbridge next to the Windward Island Bank. A pharmacy has opened at the far end of the Maho Shopping strip..

MARIGOT – OPEN AIR MARKET - The Island market is very popular and should not be missed. The market days are Wednesdays and Saturdays. It is located on the wharf at Marigot. - Islanders bring fruit, vegetables and fresh fish. There are many booths displaying various craft items - great fun to negotiate prices, and lots of fun shopping. Be sure to bring your camera, there are many colorful photo opportunities.

CONVENIENCE STORES - In addition to these large markets, there are many small 7-11 type stores with island specialties. Fresh baked bread is best purchased daily and can be bought still warm.

Excellent fresh French pastries and breads (1) CAFÉ ATLANTICO is located in Simpson Bay on airport road just before the SOL gas Station. They are open 6:00 a.m. seven days a week and also serve coffee and some breakfast foods. (2) LA SUCRIERE –has the best French pastries on the Island also on airport road past the bridge on the left next to Federal Express and across the street from Cappucino Diner.

NEW 'SHOPDROP" GROCERY DELIVERY SERVICE Order ONLINE GROCERY DELIVERY at www.shopndropgrocerysxm.co and have groceries delivered to Beachside prior to arrival. Refer to 2nd page of fliers for additional information.

Please see page 8 for grocery store and pharmacy. hours.

DINING - *Sea, sand and sun: these are the trademarks of the Caribbean. Most Caribbean destinations can truly boast of having Sea and Sun for the greater part of the year. So what makes St. Maarten outstanding? One of the most important features is its famous cuisine. No other destination can hold a candle to St. Maarten's 300 plus restaurants when it comes to dining.*

St. Maarten has developed a cuisine base over the years, which in its own right has become a tourist attraction. The memories of sumptuous dinners shared with friends or relatives in a variety of ambiances is what tips the scale in favor of St. Maarten and keeps visitors returning again and again. St. Maarten's cuisine varies from down to earth home cooked meals to the artistic nouveau cuisine, which is served in the plushest restaurants in New York, Paris, or Rome.

So where to begin? It depends on what you're looking for, because surely there are choices to satisfy nearly every taste. The following is dedicated to guiding you in the effort to find yours...

DUTCH SIDE

Simpson Bay area

<p>\$\$ Cheri's</p>	<p>Next to the Casino Royale. American Menu with delicious tropical drinks. For light lunches or dinner, hamburgers, ice cream, and yogurt. Outdoor Island band with late night dancing.</p>
<p>\$\$\$ La Gondola</p>	<p>At the Atlantis Casino complex. Excellent decor, service, and Italian cuisine.</p>
<p>\$ Pizza Pasta</p>	<p>Behind the Maho Plaza, attached to the Casino Royale. Excellent Italian. Reservations a must. <u>Also great for take-outs.</u> 54-54034</p>
<p>\$\$ Paris Bistro</p>	<p>Across from Casino Royale and Cheri's. Varied menu, excellent food and service.</p>
<p>\$\$ Pineapple Pete</p>	<p>Fish, Lobster, Roast Beef and Burgers. Located across from Paradise Casino and theater. Reservations a good idea.</p>
<p>\$\$\$ La Rosa Too</p>	<p>Maho Complex – behind Casino Royale. Great Italian food.</p>
<p>\$\$\$\$ Rare</p>	<p>At the Atlantis Casino complex. Highly Recommended. Sister restaurant to Temptation.</p>
<p>\$\$\$ Grand Duca</p>	<p>Maho Complex, 2nd floor, opposite Cherrie's, Excellent Italian</p>
<p>\$\$\$ Bujatzu</p>	<p>Next to Grand Duca, 2nd floor, Maho Complex. Very Good.</p>

- \$\$ Toppers** Assorted impressive menu includes prime rib dinner on Tuesdays, reservations should be made for this meal.
- \$\$\$\$ Temptation** Excellent food and great presentation. Behind Atlantis Casino complex, next to "Rare"..
- \$\$ Jimbos** Located on airport road behind the Scotia Bank in the Plaza Del Lago Complex.. Breakfast, Lunch and dinner. Great Mexican menu. Reservations important. Very busy!
- \$\$ Sopranos** Located on second floor of Maho Complex excellent Seafood, Italian and American menu. Telephone order take-outs available.

FRENCH ST MARTIN Marigot

- \$\$\$\$ Bistro Nu** Good Country French. One of better known restaurants on the island. On the road to Grand Case. Reservations necessary
Tel: 877739
- \$\$\$\$ Mario's Bistro** Near the bridge, Gourmet Italian
Call for reservations several days ahead.
Tel: 870636.
- \$\$\$ Don Camillo** Across from the cemetery in Marigot.
Great Italian. Tel: 875288
- \$\$ Brasserie De la Gare** Casual, in the Marigot Harbor.
Excellent Pizza. Tel: 872064

Grand Case

- \$\$\$ Rainbow** Excellent food and service.
- \$\$\$ Fish Pot** Seafood Tel: 875088
- \$\$\$ L'Escapade** Very good with great presentation.
French Tel: 87750
- \$\$\$ LeTastevin** On the beach in Grand Case. Good French food with nice atmosphere. Tel: 875545
- \$\$\$ IL Nettuno** Italian cuisine on the waterfront in Grand Case. Lunch and dinner Tel: 877738
- \$\$ Toute Bagaille** New Restaurant in Grand Case. Receiving good reviews from our guests

Approximate costs are expressed by dollar-sign symbols' .

MY FAVORITE OUTING - has always been enjoying a Sunday drive around the Island. and stopping along the Beach road through Grand Case at the outdoor Barbeque pits. All day they grill ribs, lobster or chicken with all the special dishes you could eat. (The area is known as LoLo's by natives). There are many grills our favourite is ' Talk of the Town'. It seems to be the best of the varied grills.

FAVORITE RESTAURANTS (taking into account food, service, cost and ambiance) in order are:

**PINNEAPPLE PETE
LA ROSA TOO
GRAND DUCA
LA GONDOLA
TOPPERS
PARIS BISTRO
JIMBOS
TEMPTATION
SOPRANOS
MARIOS
BISTRO NU**

LaRosa, LaGondola, Temptation, Mario's and Bistro Nu are expensive but worth the experience.

CASINOS – Simpson Bay Area - Las Vegas Rules

(There are no Casinos in French, St. Martin)

Casino Royale	All games. Across from the Maho Resort.
Atlantis at Cupecoy	All games with lots of noisy slots. No craps.
Hollywood	\$5.00 minimum bet at blackjack tables.
Princess Casino	On the back road to Marigot, large and popular with dining and shows, and a crap table.
Paradise	Just over the drawbridge on airport road. Slots, table games and sports betting.
(New) Dunes	Slots only, at Caravanserai Resort

Philipsburg There are several casinos along Front street. Table games and slots are plentiful. There are no crap tables on front street.

SHOPPING

The stores in Marigot and Philipsburg all have varied hours. Some shops are closed during the lunch hour, especially in Marigot. This may be anywhere from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. However, the duty free shops do not close during the siesta time. In Philipsburg, when cruise ships are in, the stores do not close mid day.

Shops in Marigot open around 10:00 a.m. except for the bakeries. The prices in these shops usually cannot be bartered with. Try to see Marigot early in your trip because you may want to do it twice.

The shops in Philipsburg open anytime after 9:00 a.m. Carl's Bakery breads are in the grocery stores at least by 8:00 a.m. every morning.

The Merchants in Philipsburg may be approached for discounts. Later in the day works better than early hours. They wish to make a sale.

GENERALLY

1. Clothing - trendy Paris fashions are found on the French side in Marigot. Make sure to check the French bakeries.
2. Liquor - Better prices are found the further away you get from where the cruise ships unload. Pick one brand of liquor and compare prices shop to shop - make sure it is like kind and quantity. "Splash" and Diamonds on Front Street seem to have great liquor prices as does Cost -U-less on Bush Road #72.
3. Cuban Cigars - At the Amsterdam Shop, most popular brand is PUNCH; they will negotiate prices for large purchases. Remember, you are not allowed to bring Cuban Cigars back to the U.S.
4. Jewelry - Always negotiate! Go through all stores at least once negotiating prices and comparing like kind designs, then most will give an additional 5% discount for cash sales. Best prices and service will be from, ' **Ravi** at **Ballarina, Artistic** (carries *David Yurman* and *Hidalgo*), **Touch of Gold, Princess, and Omni**. They are on Front Street, Phillipsburg. **I do like Robbie** at **Jewels & Linen**, in the Maho Shopping Center. Identify yourself as a Beachside guest and you will always be well treated.

Crystal, figurines and jewelry located at Little Switzerland, Little Europe, H. Stern. They will not negotiate prices, but their selections are outstanding. If asked they will give a 5% discount for Cash purchases.

5. Simpson Bay de Lago, Located just after the drawbridge has a few shops carrying Far East and Asian artworks, a beauty salon, photo processing and restaurants.
6. The Polo Shop, Tommy Hilfiger and Liz Claiborne shops are large, with discounted prices. They are located on Front Street near to where Old Street intersects Front Street.
7. **Greenwich Art Gallery and Frame Shop** is located at the far end of Front Street, across from Benneton. Caribbean art along with many pottery artists are represented. It is a very nice shop.
8. Tom and Jerry's Ice Cream Shop serves Hagen Dazs brand. It is located in the strip mall at the Maho Resort Complex, next to Cheri's.
9. Post Office (with all services) is located on the Airport Road about 200 feet past 'Mail Box'.
10. There is a Cyber Café at the "Mail Box" at the Palapa Shops and at the Business Center in Plaza del Lago.
11. For manicures, (artificial nails) and pedicures New York Nails, located on the Airport Road, across from the Tropicana Casino is a good choice.

*******ATM MACHINES** are not as common as in the United States. The closest ATM is outside the doors of Casino Royale across from Maho resort. They can also be found at the Windward Island Bank on Airport Road, behind the RBTT Bank, Scotia Bank in Plaza de Lago and in Phillipsburg.

TENNIS AND GOLF

TENNIS can be played at the Maho resort, ten minutes away. Reservations are necessary. Private lessons are also available. Port de Plasiance has excellent tennis courts with lights but is 20 minutes away almost at the French border..

GOLF (9 or 18 holes) can only be played at the Mullet Bay Resort. Reservations are necessary and the rate is \$100.00 for 18 holes and \$70.00 for 9 holes with golf cart. Without golf cart the charge is \$45.00 for 18 holes and \$35.00 for 9 holes. First Reservation can be made one week in advance of tee time. Our resident manager can make this reservation for you. The second reservation can be made 48 hours prior to tee time. Golf clubs may be rented for \$30.00 per set for 18 holes or \$25.00/set for 9 holes.

WATER ACTIVITIES

All Water Sports and related equipment are available near or on our beach. A few special favorites are listed below. **For more details please see pages 17 & 18 along with fliers located in the back of this guide.**

1. Rhino Riders - is a fun boat trip for all ages from Pelican Marina to Creole Rock. Snorkeling is included.
2. Pinel Island – Some of the best snorkeling off St. Maarten – Boats leave Orient Beach every 15 to 20 Minutes for a short boat ride.
3. Dive Safari - located at Palapa Marina is very good for scuba diving.

SNORKELING SUGGESTIONS

Here are some suggestions for snorkeling in St. Maarten. There are many options, and you can choose between a package trip or simply exploring on your own.

Packages:

1. s/v Lambada - a full day trip on a large catamaran sailboat to Prickly Pear Island, just north of Anguilla.
2. s/v Golden Eagle - a choice of 2 trips on a 76 ft sailing catamaran. One is a full day sail around the island, stopping at Creole Rock for a swim and snorkel. The other is a half day trip to Tintamarre Island where you can swim and snorkel off a beautiful beach.
3. Rhino Riders - a 2.5 hour guided tour on your own 2-person watercraft to various snorkeling spots (depending on wind and sea conditions). This is a very popular outing with our guests.
4. Sand Dollar - a 3 hour trip to the popular snorkeling spot at Creole Rock in the Baie de Grand Case.

On Your Own:

If you prefer to explore on your own, you can snorkel at Mullet Bay beach - just 10 minutes drive from Beachside Villas. You'll also find snorkeling at Little Bay, Dawn Beach and Baie Rouge. Isle Pinel is a small island just a "stone's throw" away from the main island, and they have snorkeling as well as a unique beach.

Also, you may want to consider taking your own "un-organized" day trip to Shoal Bay, Anguilla, where you will find excellent snorkeling. Anguilla is 5 miles north of St. Maarten, and ferries make the 20 minute trip regularly throughout the day. Round trip is \$25.00 and you need to have a passport.

SCUBA DIVING SUGGESTIONS

St. Maarten offers a diverse range of scuba diving experiences for all divers: from newly certified to experienced. If you've never dived before, or if you want to upgrade your certification, you can take courses here that are recognized by PADI, NAUI, NASDS, and IANTD.

St. Maarten's reefs are healthy and abundant. Dive day and night. Explore reefs and wrecks.

Certified divers of any level can explore the many reefs scattered around the island, including: Simpson Bay, Little Bay, Creole Rock or Frenchman's Reef.

If the lore of the deep is what draws you, more experienced divers can explore several wrecks around St. Maarten at an average depth of 65 feet. The "Proselyte Reef" is named after the British frigate that sank there in 1801. The ship is gone, but her canons and anchors, jettisoned in an attempt to save her, can still be seen. The "Carib Cargo" is also a popular wreck dive. Sunk in 1996, this wreck is located just off Philipsburg. Not yet encrusted by coral, you can explore inside the pilot house and engine room. Another popular wreck site is the "Porpoise," situated off Pelican Key. This recent wreck can be penetrated at a depth of 80 ft.

Sea-life lovers won't want to miss the "Fish Bowl." Aptly named, this reef is teeming with sea creatures. And, of course, there's St. Maarten's famous "Shark Awareness Dive" for the daring! When weather and sea conditions permit, an absolutely stunning dive site can be found at "the Groupers" in St. Barth's. Only a 45 minute boat ride south of St. Maarten, "the Groupers" offers you one of the most beautiful dive locations anywhere.

If you thought the Cayman Islands epitomize the best scuba diving in the Caribbean, think again! St. Maarten is located just an hour away from one of the best kept diving secrets in the Caribbean. The island of Saba, known affectionately as the "Unspoiled Queen," offers some of the best diving in the world. Saba boasts exciting offshore dive sites. These unique, open ocean sites range in depth from 50 to 130 feet, and are best suited to intermediate and advanced divers.

The trip from St. Maarten to Saba takes only an hour by boat, making a dive trip there an easy day excursion. Combine the comforts of your beautiful Beachside Villa and the cosmopolitan delights of St. Maarten with the adventure of a wall dive in Saba!

Let our resident manager help you arrange a diving excursion that's right for you!

Don't forget to pack:

- Binoculars – Cruise Ships and Mega Yachts can be seen from our deck at approximately 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- Sun visors and sunglasses.
- Film
- Suntan lotions to include at least # 50 sun screen protection

MY PERSONAL SUGGESTIONS

RESPECT THE SUN - For several days use at least # 50 sunscreen..

Again, please make sure your airplane carry-on includes swimsuits for everyone, in case you luggage gets delayed. This doesn't happen often, but does occur.

SECURITY

Our friendly island is a safe place for you and your guests. However, PLEASE Use the same common sense rules as you would at home.

There is a safe in each bedroom with an electronic key pad. Therefore safe keys are not necessary. Please make sure you place all valuables in your safe at all times. **IMPORTANT – Please leave the safe open when you leave.**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS - **Please take time to**

DO...

1. **DO LOCK** your villas at night and anytime you leave the villa for an extended period of time. All sliding doors, and keyed doors need to be checked.

ALSO PLACE THE WHITE WOOD ROUND BARS IN ALL THE SLIDING DOOR RUNNERS IN THE LIVING ROOM AND FRONT BEDROOM.

2. **DO USE** the safes in your villa for all valuables.
3. **MAKE SURE ALL DOORS ARE LOCKED WHEN YOU LEAVE THE PROPERTY OR CLOSE DOWN FOR THE NIGHT.**

DON'T...

1. **DO NOT** Leave cash or valuables locked in your car or trunk or unlocked in your villa.
2. **DO NOT** Leave cash or valuables on the beach while you take a dip, especially when away from the front of your villa.

DEPARTURE

Check out time is 12:00 noon.

Please make sure your villa keys have been separated from your car keys and returned to the office.

At least TWO HOURS before your plane is scheduled to leave, you need to return your rental car to its agency location and proceed to the airport. An agent from your car rental company will drive you to the airport.

GRATUITIES - *are not included in rental rates.*

Most Hotels and Guest Houses, on our Island, add a 15 to 20% service charge. We do not add this service charge to our rates. Our guests have the opportunity to reward great service.

Depending on the service you receive, at your discretion, I suggest a minimum of \$10.00 gratuity for your housekeeper per day, per couple.

HOW MUCH CAN YOU TAKE HOME DUTY FREE

"Sure the bargains are great. But what happens when I try to bring it all home?" you may ask. U.S. customs are quite generous with nearly any item you would want to bring home for your personal use. There are some quantity limits, however, on other items. What follows are the basic guidelines to help you structure your shopping - for yourself and others - accordingly.

1. **U.S. Exemption.** U.S. citizens, regardless of age, who have been out of the country for a minimum of 48 hours and who have not used their respective duty-free tax allowance within 30 days are entitled to a \$800 duty-free tax exemption.
2. **Pooling.** Families traveling together can pool their exemptions. This means that a couple traveling with two children can bring home \$ 3,200.00 worth of articles duty-free.
3. **Liquor.** Duty-free allowance for citizens aged 21 and over is one liter, the value of which must be included within the \$ 800 exemption.
4. **Cigarettes.** 200 cigarettes (one carton).
5. **Excess.** Articles valued in excess of the \$ 800 exemption, up to an excess of \$1000 will be levied a 10% flat rate of duty based on the purchase price in the country the acquisition was made. Even with this 10% levy prices are more attractive than stateside.
6. **Mailing.** In addition to the \$ 800 exemption, each traveler can mail an unlimited number of gifts to friends and family in the U.S. (\$25/gift). One gift per addressee.
7. **Exempted from Duties.** Photographic film, original paintings, drawings.
8. **Jewelry.** Gold and silver jewelry could qualify as original works of art under the U.S. program of trade concessions to developing regions. Obtain certificate from the jeweler where item was purchased certifying that the jewelry you purchased was made in the Netherlands Antilles. U.S. customs *may* (no guarantee exists) accept them to be original works of art and exempt them from duty.
9. **Souvenirs.** All locally made souvenirs are exempted from duty.
10. **Understated value.** If you understate the value of an article or misrepresent same, you may be subject to a penalty or the item may be seized or forfeited. If you are uncertain about an item ask your custom officer in the U.S.