

BASE GUIDE

DREAM YACHT  CHARTER

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ENJOY YOUR NEXT DREAM DESTINATION!



THE CARIBBEAN | MARTINIQUE

DREAM YACHT CHARTER



BASE ADDRESS

Le Marin
Bassin Tortue
Le Marin
97290

GPS POSITION: 60.865078, 14.469420

OPENING HOURS: 8:30am – 5:30pm

BASE MAP



BASE CONTACTS

If you need support while on your charter, contact the base immediately using the contact details in this guide. Please contact your booking agent for all requests prior to your charter.

BASE MANAGER

Jean-Marc Hieu

Phone: +596 696 194959

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Aurelye Labenas

Phone: +596 596 747582 / +596 596 748168

BASE FACILITIES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luggage storage |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restaurant |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toilets | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bar |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Showers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supermarket / Grocery store |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laundry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post Office |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi | |

BASE INFORMATION

LICENSE

Sailing license required: Yes No

PAYMENT

The base can accept: Visa Mastercard Amex Cash

DOCK HOURS

Please note the docks in Le Marin Marina close at 7:30pm.

Be advised that all clients who order a taxi after 7:30pm will have a code to access the docks.

EMBARKATION TIME

Embarkation time is 5:30pm. Technical briefing will be carried out the following morning.

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YACHT BRIEFING

All briefings are conducted on the chartered yacht and will take 40-90 minutes, depending on yacht size and crew experience. The team will give a detailed walk-through of your yacht's technical equipment, information about safe and accurate navigation, including the yacht's navigational instruments, as well as mooring, anchorage and itinerary help. The safety briefing introduces the safety equipment and your yacht's general inventory.

STOP OVERS

First and last night stop overs at the marina are free.

DISEMBARKATION TIME

Disembarkation is at 10am.

The team will inspect your yacht's equipment and a general visual check of its interior and exterior. A diver will check its hull, keel, rudder(s) propeller(s) and /or bow thruster. General inspection will take approximately one hour.

BAGGAGE

Please only take soft bags and not suitcases, as they would be too cumbersome onboard.

BASE AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS

- Base emergency telephone number: +596 696 194 959
- Marina emergency telephone number: +596 696 815 882
- Coastguard emergency telephone number: +596 596 709 292
- VHF marina channel: 9
- VHF emergency channel: 16

HOW TO GET THERE?

ACCESS BY PLANE

Martinique Aimé Césaire International Airport (FDF): The airport is 43km from the base, which is a 45-minute journey by car/shuttle. Regular flights are available from most major cities. Please check the schedule on the [airport website](#).

TRANSFERS FROM THE AIRPORT TO OUR BASE

If you need an organized transfer from the airport, please contact our base manager. Major car rental companies operate from the airport, please refer to airport website for info, working hours and contacts. Taxis are regularly available in front of the airport buildings.

ACCESS BY ROAD

Leave the airport and get on the N5. Continue to Le Marin and continue on Morne Courbaril to your destination at our Le Marin base.

Information subject to change without notice.

PROVISIONING & RECOMMENDATIONS

BASE PROVISIONING SERVICE

This base provides a provisioning service: Yes No

- [Direct delivery on the boat](#)
- [Delivery at the marina \(you need to be there\)](#)
- [Pick up delivery](#)

Day	Time
Monday - Saturday	8am – 7pm
Sunday	CLOSED

LOCAL SUPERMARKET

Carrefour Market
Marina du Marin

Opening hours may differ during public holidays and are subject to change without notice.

FUEL AND WATER

Fuel and water are conveniently available at [Le Marin Marina](#), Trois Îlets Marina and Fort de France.

HOTEL SUGGESTIONS:

- [Aqualodge floating villas](#)
Book an Aqualodge if you want to relax near the water. Our floating villas offer modern, chic self-catering facilities and the wonder of being able to easily take a dip or snorkel with tropical fish. You do not need any sailing experience as our Aqualodges are moored and do not sail.
- [Pierre et Vacances Resort, Sainte Luce](#)
- D7, Sainte-Luce 97228, Martinique

RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS:

- [Zanzibar, Le Marin](#)

AREA GUIDE

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LOCAL AREA INTRODUCTION

Martinique is one of the shining jewels of the French Caribbean and is part of the Windward Islands in the Lesser Antilles. It has flawless beaches with white sand on the south coast and dramatic black volcanic sand on the north coast. Enjoy swimming and snorkeling among coral reefs or visit pretty fishing villages, hot springs, thick rainforests and rugged peaks.

The capital of Martinique, Fort-de-France, celebrates every aspect of French culture with style and panache, from the excellence of its cuisine to the chic sophistication of its fine resorts and hotels. Shops, art galleries, theatres and museums all pay homage to its French heritage, and you can watch boules being played in the squares while people sit and chat outside cafés.

TOP THINGS TO DO IN MARTINIQUE:

- 1. Walk the gardens at Jardin de Balata:** Discover the most beautiful flowers and trees of Martinique in these gardens located in Fort-de-France. Amateur botanists and bird watchers alike will enjoy the peaceful, well-manicured grounds.
- 2. Snorkeling in Anse d'Arlet:** We'd recommend cruising to the village of Anse d'Arlet on the southwest coast for snorkeling along the rocky shoreline. Green sea turtles can sometimes be spotted in the grassy areas off the beach.
- 3. Tour the rum factories:** Martinique is well known for the unique rums that have been produced there for centuries. There are 10 distilleries on-island for exploring, and tasting!
- 4. Visit the waterfalls at Les Gorges de la Falaise:** Bring only bathing suits and waterproof gear for this fully drenched adventure where you can hike along the river to the falls.
- 5. Sail to the Tobago Cays:** Cruise toward the renowned Tobago Cays, which is an itinerary highlight. With their glittering cobalt waters and white sand beaches, this location is ideal for snorkeling, swimming and relaxing.

CURRENCY: The currency in Martinique is the **Euro**, while it is the **Eastern Caribbean Dollar** for other nearby islands (St. Lucia and St. Vincent, etc).

VOLTAGE: 220 V

DIALING CODE: +596

INTERNET

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The Wi-Fi in Martinique is free at our marina. Getting online is easy with plenty of Wi-Fi spots in restaurants and cafes, but you may find that speeds vary.

ENVIRONMENT

- Respect your surroundings and leave only footprints in the sand
- Only use the engine or genset when needed (fill up your tanks for the water maker at the docks when you can)
- Recycle your garbage in the correct containers at the marina
- Respect regulations around marine reserves and private islands where disembarking is not permitted

REGULATIONS

Night sailing is not permitted. Fishing with a line or a rod is permitted except in marine parks. Spearfishing in Martinique is forbidden.

CUSTOM CLEARANCE

Due to regulations enforced by BVI authorities, only DYC boats located in the BVI can charter there. Clients not following this rule and entering the BVI on a DYC boats chartered in another Caribbean base like USVI, St Martin, Antigua, etc... will be in breach of contract terms & conditions, & responsible to pay any fine resulting of it.

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SAILING CONDITIONS

SAILING AREA

Depart from Le Marin and cruise along the coast with stops at Petite Anse d'Arlet, Fort de France and St. Pierre, or sail south to the neighboring island of St. Lucia and explore the waterfalls, hot springs and volcano at Soufrière.

For longer stays on your Martinique yacht charter, you can sail farther afield to St. Vincent and the Grenadines islands, including Bequia, Mustique, Mayreau, the Tobago Cays, and many more.

WEATHER

The best time to visit Martinique is between December and April, while the shoulder seasons of May to June and October to November offer fewer crowds.

The average temperature in Martinique is low to mid-80°Fs all year with relatively high humidity.

TEMPERATURE

Climate in Martinique:

- Summer high: The August high is around 88°F

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- Winter low: The December low is 70°F

WIND SYSTEMS

Martinique wind systems typically blow ESE or ENE. The “Christmas Winds” in December and January tend to be stronger and can occasionally reach 30 knots for a few days. From January to mid-April, the northeast trade winds blow steadily and with moderate intensity. From mid-June to mid-November the winds are more irregular yet remain pleasant.

LOCAL FORECAST

You can find local weather forecasts on the [Meteofrance website](#) ahead of your vacation sailing in Martinique.