

VACATIONING WITH GEO AT GUANA BAY

St. Maarten/St. Martin is a small island (only 37 square miles) located between the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. The island has a unique history that dates back 350 years to when the Dutch of the south and the French of the north decided to live in peaceful coexistence. The rich and distinctive cultures of each side of the island combined with the spectacular beaches, pristine waters, lush hillsides, and the abundance of land and water adventures makes this the ideal vacation destination. You can be sure that you will never find yourself wondering what to do next. While in St. Maarten/St. Martin, your home will be Geo's Guana Bay Beach Villas which is set just outside of Philipsburg on the Dutch side of the island.

GUANA BAY BEACH VILLAS

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If for any unforeseen circumstances you are unable to check in before 5pm please contact the Resort Manager.

CHECK IN & OUT

Check In Day: Saturday
Check In Time: 4pm
Check Out Time: 9am

The Monday orientation barbeque is a great way to meet the onsite Geo Manager and to have him arrange the tours you wish to participate in.

DIRECTIONS

Nearest Airport (approx 30 km):

Princess Juliana Airport

Turn right leaving the airport and follow the Airport Road through Simpson Bay. You will pass Tropicana Casino on your left and the road will take a natural turn to the left. Continue on the same road until you come to a Kentucky Fried Chicken on your left.

Just after the Kentucky Fried Chicken there will be a turnoff on your right hand side. Turn right and proceed up the mountain. At the top of the mountain you will come to a roundabout. Continue in the roundabout past the first opening to the second opening and continue on down the mountain.

You will then come to a second roundabout at a shopping mall with the Grand Marche store on your right. Turn right at this roundabout and take the road towards Philipsburg.

As you proceed along this road keep going straight (don't take the left hand turn-off) and you will come to a small bridge. Cross the bridge and continue on straight. You will have the salt pond on your left. Continue on this road until you come to the roundabout. Go around the roundabout and take the second outlet which will take you onto Sucker Garden Road.

Go past the Shell station which will be on your left. About 100 yards past the Shell turn right onto Guana Bay Rd. There should

be a sign saying Guana Bay. Proceed up, around and over the hill, and then down the hill. Near the bottom of the hill, make a left turn at Queen Conch Rd and follow the road (passing Canoe Shell Rd) until Guy Estate Rd. Turn right at Guy Estate Rd (towards the ocean) and go to the end where you will make a left turn and you are there. Check-in is at Villa 8B which is at the back (where you came in) of the property about half way across.

IF YOU ARRIVE AT NIGHT, PLEASE BE CAREFUL ON THE DRIVE UP THE HILL AND ON THE DIRT ROAD LEADING TO THE RESORT, AS IT IS NOT WELL LIT AND THE ROAD IS VERY ROCKY.

BEACHES

There are 37 beaches surrounding Sint Maarten. Considering the island is only 37 square miles, the choices are endless. Sint Maarten is also known as a haven for water sport enthusiasts. Snorkellers and divers are often blessed with visibility of up to 200 feet!!

HISTORY BUFFS

You can get a feeling for the rich history of the island by planning to visit some of the forts from the 17th and 18th centuries when Dutch, French, Spanish and British troops pushed each other from island to island, raising and lowering imperial flags on a regular basis. Best bets are Fort Amsterdam and Fort Willem.

SHOPPING

Sint Maarten has duty free shopping with a wide range of fantastic deals on jewellery, linens and objets d'art, which reflect the island's cosmopolitan character. Please note that most shops are closed on Sunday except when the cruise ships are in dock.

Front Street and Old Street are well known for the treasures they offer, but for higher end shopping look to Mullet Bay and Maho.

APRES SUNSET

After the sun sets, the Dutch side of the island is definitely the place to be for exciting nightlife and casinos. There are a number of casinos offering European-style gaming. The ambiance in a Sint Maarten casino is definitely more 'Monte-Carlo' than 'Las Vegas' style. If casinos are not your game, and you're looking for excitement at night, the island offers a multitude of night spots to choose from.

MARRIAGE ON YOUR MIND?

The nearby island of Anguilla is an extremely popular destination for non-residents who wish to "tie the knot" while on vacation! The island is only 20 min. from Sint Maarten and is easily accessible by catamaran. Just be sure to take your passports and all documentation!

TIPS FOR SINT MAARTEN TRAVELLERS

Bank Services & Money Matters:

Please ask upon arrival for the banking business hours. ATMs dispensing US currency are widely available. Guests may want to traveller's cheques in US dollars.. Although the official currency on the Dutch side is the Dutch Antillean Guilder, U.S. dollars tend to be accepted everywhere. Major credit cards are widely accepted but you may encounter some businesses that do not accept them. It can never hurt to carry your cash and valuables in a front pocket or in a wallet close to your skin.

Car Rentals

A car is ESSENTIAL for this resort. We recommend that all incoming guests make arrangements in advance for a car rental (to either have it delivered to the resort or for you to pick up). The Club has negotiated for discounted car rental rates in Sint Maarten with:

Paradise Car Rental

011.5995.45.3737 / 011.599.546.7709 (phone)
011.5995.45.4378 (fax)

A reservation form can be found on your Geo website. This form can be sent via email to rent@paradisexm.com. When making a reservation, please include "Geo Group Member" after your last name. You will be required to show your Geo Member card when you pick up your car in order to receive the Geo Member discount.

We strongly urge our guests to make sure there is a car alarm that detects motion and to never leave articles of any kind in their cars (whether it is on the seats, the dashboard, or floors). Always keep your car doors and trunk locked! Similar to other areas, car theft or theft of items from parked cars is a reality.

All valid foreign drivers' licenses are accepted on the island. It is recommended to rent a French-registered car, or at least a car without a Dutch-side "R" rental plate or a rental agency sticker because this is what

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will easily identify you as a tourist and a potential target for car thieves.

Climate

Temperatures are between 80 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit year round with comfortable humidity levels

AREA ACTIVITIES/ATTRACTIONS

The Tourist Information office is located at the Deruyter Square in Philipsburg.

Bike rentals

Boat charters

Car rentals

Casinos, Restaurants & Shopping

Diving

Golf (there is one course on the island)

Friar's Bay/Marigot/Philipsburg/Pinel Island

Surfing

RESORT AMENITIES:

2 Barbeques on site (must be used at its location; not to be moved)

Small beach on-site-there can be an undertow at the beach so use caution

Swimming Pool

LAUNDRY

Laundry service is available at the resort for a nominal charge per load.

HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES

Your unit will be cleaned prior to your arrival and on Monday and Wednesdays. Additional cleaning is available for a fee.

LINENS AND TOWELS

Linens and bath towels are supplied by the resort, but you will need to supply your own beach towels.

ELECTRICAL CURRENT

The electrical current in Sint Maarten is 110 volts, which is the same as in Canada.

THE UNITS AT GUANA BAY

The villas at Guana Bay are beautifully furnished in quality rattan and natural wood accessories throughout. There are 2 sliding doors in the units, one is always kept closed to protect the interiors from the damaging effects that the salt water can have.

Studio Unit

The air-conditioned Studio unit has a kitchen (microwave, burners, refrigerator, toaster, stove top burners, coffee maker, pots and pans, dinnerware and flatware), television, CD/DVD player, iron and ironing board, and hairdryer. All units have a balcony/terrace with patio furniture and an ocean view.

This unit can accommodate a maximum of 4 people. There is one queen bed in the sleeping area (which is separated from the living area by a partial wall), and one queen sofa bed in the living area. There is one bathroom.

One Bedroom Villa

The air-conditioned One Bedroom Villa has a kitchen (refrigerator, dishwasher, stove top burners, microwave, toaster, coffee maker, pots and pans, dinnerware and flatware), iron and ironing board, two televisions, and CD/DVD player. The unit has a balcony/terrace with patio furniture and an ocean view.

This unit can accommodate a maximum of 4 people with one queen bed in the bedroom, and one queen sofa bed in the living room. There is one bathroom.

Two Bedroom Villas

The air-conditioned Two Bedroom Villas have a kitchen (refrigerator, dishwasher, stove top burners, microwave, toaster, coffee maker, pots and pans, dinnerware and flatware), iron and ironing board, two televisions, and CD/DVD player. All units have a balcony/terrace with patio furniture and an ocean view.

Each unit can accommodate a maximum of 6 people. There is one queen bed in the master bedroom, two twin beds in the second bedroom, and one queen sofa bed in the living room. There are two bathrooms.

UNIT NOTES

1) There are no ovens in the villas.

2) Please do not leave the windows and sliding doors open when the air-conditioning is on.

SMOKING POLICY

Smoking is not permitted in any of the units. If you choose to smoke in a unit a \$250US cleaning fee will be charged to your account.

IN ROOM TELEPHONES:

1) In room telephones- each unit has its own individual telephone number. Therefore, we recommend that upon arrival at the property you contact your family/friends with the number they can reach you at during your stay. No messaging service is available at the property.

2) Telephone Charges -there is a minimum charge of US\$9.95 for the first 5 minutes, and for each minute thereafter, the charge is about US\$1.17 (all rates are approximate and subject to change). It will be more economical to purchase a telephone card from the Property Manager and use the public telephone onsite.

NOTES:

1) All guests are required to pay a Government Tax of \$50 US per unit for each week. Your credit card statement will reflect this charge in Canadian dollars, and the name of the company is "Geo Management Inc.," which is a subsidiary of The Geo Group. This tax is charged upon check-in. Please note that we are collecting this tax on behalf of the government of the Netherlands Antilles.

2) It is recommended to stop at a grocery store or market (Grand Marche) to buy groceries prior to your arrival at the resort.

3) Pack your own bug repellent prior to leaving home as this product is not easy to find on the island.

4) While on vacation, you may be solicited to attend a timeshare presentation. Please do **NOT** feel obligated to attend.

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