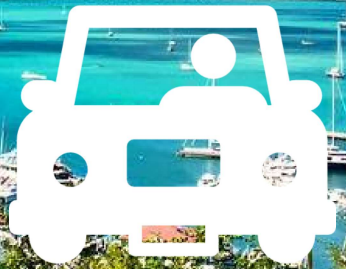


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RENT A CAR

- The best way to explore the island is with car.
- There are many car-rental agencies on the island and a lot of them are located at the airports.
- Many visitors rent cars before arriving on the island on internet. You can also rent a car upon arrival but the supply might be limited and you will take the risk to get a more expensive car that you might not really like, and also to lose some time.
- The major car-rental agencies require that renters be at least 18 years old. But for drivers under 25, a young driver fee may be charged.

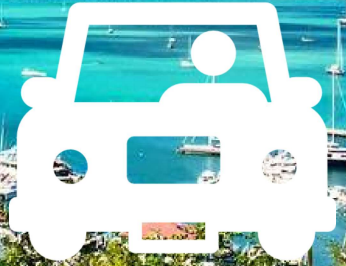
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| - Sax | - Alamo |
| - Budget | - Best Deal Car Rental |
| - Avis | - Safari Car Rental |
| - Hertz | |

NEAR L'ESPÉRANCE AIRPORT

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| - Sixt | - E-Z Rent a Car |

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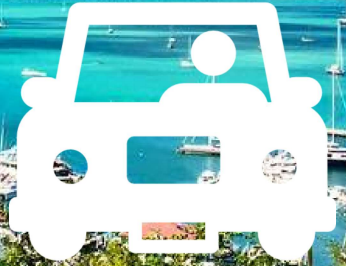
DRIVING

- Driving is on the right side of the road.
- Seat belts and child car seats are mandatory.
- International road signs are observed, and there are no Customs formalities at the border between the French and Dutch sides.
- Expect traffic jams in and around Philipsburg during rush hours, especially in the Simpson Bay area when the Simpson Bay drawbridge is raised to let boat traffic through.
- You can listen to the radio “91.9 FM” for traffic updates.

TAXIS

- You can find plenty of taxis at Princess Juliana International Airport.
- Taxis are unmetered on both sides of the island, but drivers are required to carry government-issued rate sheets based on two-person occupancy).
- St. Maarten taxis have minimum fares for two passengers, and each additional passenger pays \$4 extra. One piece of luggage per person is allowed free; each additional piece is \$1 extra.
- Typical fares around the island are as follows: Princess Juliana Airport to Grand Case: \$25 for up to two passengers and all their luggage; Marigot to Grand Case, \$15; Princess Juliana airport to anywhere in Marigot, \$15 to \$20; Princess Juliana Airport to the Maho Beach Hotel, \$6; and from Princess Juliana Airport to Philipsburg, about \$15. **Note:** Fares are 25% higher between 10pm and midnight, and 50% higher between midnight and 6am.

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- Gerard Taxi Service: tel. 599-553-4727 for the Dutch side. Tel. 0690-76-73-13 for the French side
- Renaldo: tel. 0690-87-09-97 or 718/355-8166 in the U.S.
- Late-night taxi service: tel. 147.
- Taxi Dispatch offices: tel. 599-54-67759 (airport) or tel. 599-54-22359 (Philipsburg).
- On the French side of the island, Taxi Service & Information Center operates at the port of Marigot: Tel. 590-87-56-54.

PUBLIC BUS

- Traveling by public bus on St Maarten can be a little bit of inconvenient and overcrowding.
- Buses run daily from 5am to midnight and serve most major locations on both sides of the island.
- The most popular run is from Philipsburg on the Dutch side to Marigot on the French side.
- The fare is \$2 (\$2.50 8pm-midnight).
- Buses accept both dollars and euros.

