

BEACHES OF ST. BARTHS

Please note! With the exception of Saint Jean beach, Grand-cul-de-Sac and Shell beach, beaches do not have facilities (businesses, restaurants, restrooms). Pack a picnic and bring your own shade, if desired.



SHELL BEACH

Shell beach is walking distance to/from the center of Gustavia. Shell beach is what it sounds like - literally a beach made up of beautiful shells. Incredible! This is a fabulous beach to enjoy lunch at the famous Shellona Restaurant (lunch only). A great spot for before/after some shopping downtown in Gustavia. Or, enjoy the sunset with a bottle of rosé and some French cheeses. Great calm water for swimming.



COLOMBIER

Colombier is one of the most remote beaches as it is accessible only by boat or by various hiking trails (about 30 minutes). According to us, it is well worth the visit. We HIGHLY recommend hiking from Petite Anse beach because you are sure to run into a few wild mountain goats and a ton of turtles (watch where you step)! Sam and Chris are happy to provide detailed directions as it can be a little tricky to find the start of this hike. If you look very carefully in this photo, you will see Chris taking a dip in the ocean!



SALINE

A short walk (10-15 minutes) along a sandy path will take you directly to the middle of one of the most gorgeous and secluded beaches in the world. Families, please be aware that this is also a popular spot for nude sun-bathing. Non-families, live it up. Remember that we are in French territory so topless sunbathing is the norm. Saline beach is never crowded. The water here can be a little rough for timid swimmers. We love Saline beach- worth the walk!

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GOUVERNEUR

Gouverneur beach is a gorgeous and unspoiled white-sand cove on the southern part of the island. This is one of the easiest beaches to access as it has plenty of parking and is only minutes from Gustavia. A favorite for sunbathers. A fabulous beach.



SAINT JEAN

Given its proximity to the airport, this is a fabulous location to view planes taking off and landing. You are sure to see a few. Enjoy one of the beach restaurants (see our restaurant guide) or take advantage of water sports rentals. Easy walking distance from Village St. Barths Hotel.



LORIENT

Lorient Beach is popular for surfers. Small pools have been built naturally by coral reefs and are ideal for young children.



GRAND-CUL-DE-SAC

The Lagoon of Grand-cul-de-Sac is an ideal place for any number of water activities. A favorite of kite surfers, jet ski and kayakers.

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PETIT-CUL-DE-SAC

The entrance to the path of the natural pools begins on this beach! Petit-cul-de-sac is ideal for sunbathing. Or, admire the turtles.