

Philipsburg, Sint Maarten / Saint-Martin

One island, two nations, zero border hassle — and one of the Caribbean's best spectacles. The Dutch side packs duty-free shops, casinos, and Maho's jet-blast beach into a walkable strip from the pier; the French side rewards a short taxi ride with Grand Case's bistros, Orient Bay's turquoise water, and a noticeably different vibe.

 Docked — Dr. A.C. Wathey Cruise Pier

 Typical call: 8–10 hrs

 U.S. Dollar (Dutch side) · Euro (French side)

 Dutch / English / French

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Dr. A.C. Wathey Cruise & Cargo Facility, Great Bay — up to 6 ships simultaneously

Best For: Duty-Free Shopping · Maho Beach · French Side Day Trip

To center: 5 min walk or short water taxi to Front Street, Philipsburg

Don't Miss: Planes landing over Maho Beach — check Flightradar24 for timing

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  \$7 USD round-trip ·  **Rideshare**  not available ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Maho Beach Plane-Spotting** — Princess Juliana International Airport's runway ends just meters from the beach — commercial jets pass directly...
- **Orient Bay — French Side Showcase** — The French side's signature beach stretches nearly a mile along calm turquoise water.
- **Grand Case: Caribbean Culinary Capital** — A single main street on the French side lined with the best French-Creole restaurants in the entire region.
- **America's Cup Sailing Race** — Race a retired 12-metre America's Cup yacht in Great Bay alongside fellow passengers.
- **Loterie Farm & Fly Zone Ziplines** — A private eco-reserve on Pic Paradis (the island's highest point) with rainforest trails, a spring-fed pool, and...

BEST WALKS

- **Pier to Front Street & Great Bay Beach** ~1.5 km · 20 min · easy — Walk straight off the pier along the Great Bay promenade.
- **Fort Amsterdam & Little Bay** ~2.5 km · 45 min · easy-moderate — Head west from the pier to the Fort Amsterdam headland — a 17th-century Dutch fortification (the oldest in the Caribbean, built 1631)...
- **Great Bay Boardwalk Loop** 1.5 km · flat · 30 min — Walk the Great Bay Beach boardwalk from Bobby's Marina westward, dipping in and out of Front Street's duty-free shops.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	45°	25°	12d
Jun	67°	43°	13d
Aug	77°	50°	6d
Sep	67°	42°	8d
Oct	52°	31°	11d

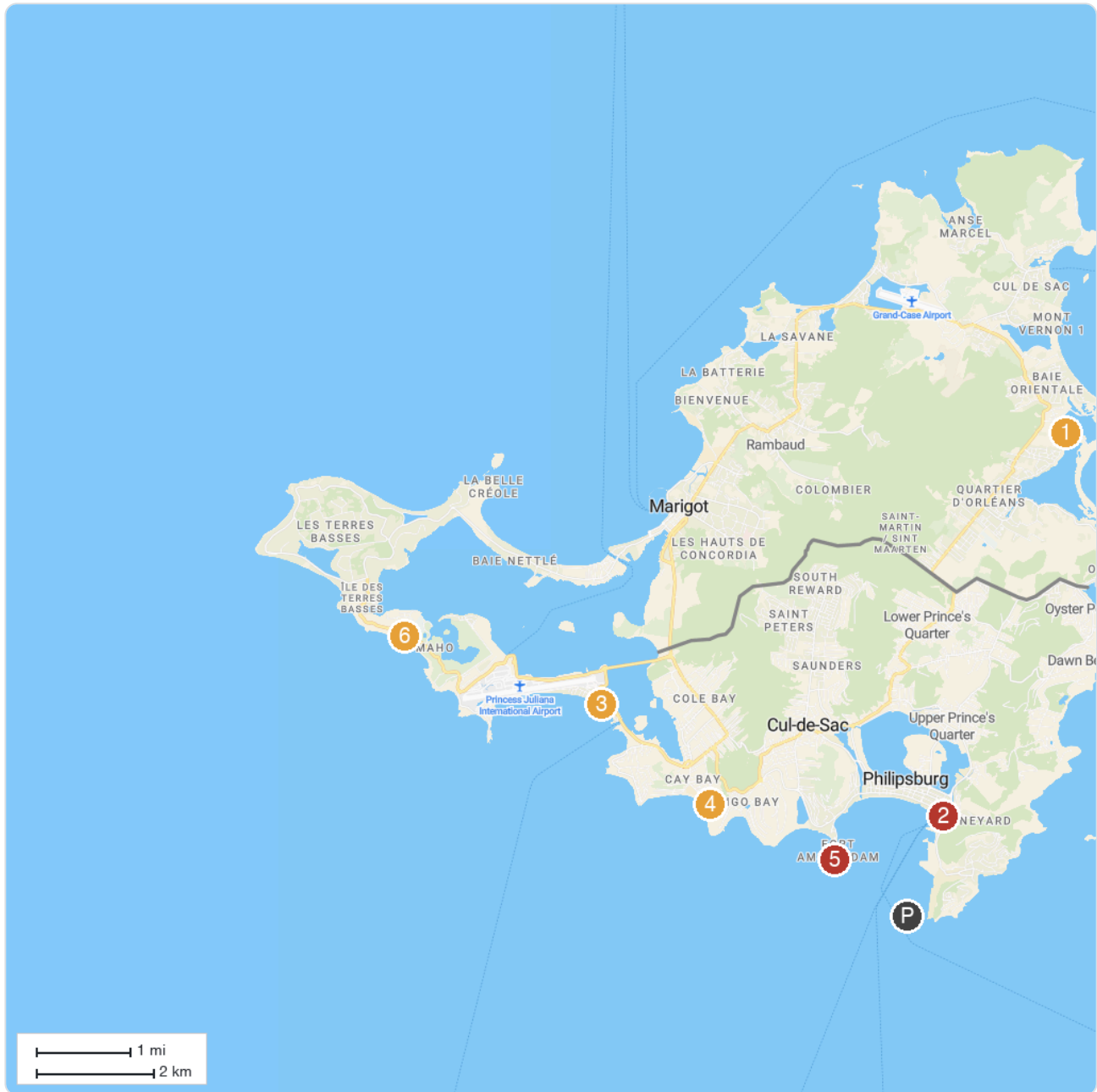
DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:45AM–8:21PM · Jun 5:40AM–9:27PM · Aug 6:32AM–8:41PM · Sep 7:11AM–7:43PM · Oct 7:51AM–6:45PM

Philipsburg, Sint Maarten / Saint-Martin — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 The Butterfly Farm** Walk through a lush garden filled with hundreds of live butterflies.
- 3 Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church** A beautiful, historic Catholic church in Philipsburg.
- 5 Fort Amsterdam** Explore a historic fort with panoramic views and birdwatching.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Diamond Casino SXM** A casino offering slots, table games, and live entertainment.
- 4 Seaside Ranch St. Maarten** Enjoy horseback riding, often on the beach, at this ranch.
- 6 Starz City Casino** A modern casino with slots, table games, and entertainment.