

Gustavia, St. Barthélemy, France

The Monaco of the Caribbean — a chic, Swedish-tinged French island where super-yachts crowd the harbor, duty-free boutiques line cobblestone streets, and pristine beaches wait just minutes away.

 Tender port (no cruise pier)

 Typical call: 6–8 hrs

 Currency: Euro (USD accepted)

 Language: French (English widely spoken)

 Duty-free shopping

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor offshore; 10–15 min tender ride to Quai d'Honneur

Walk to center: 0 min — tender drops you at the harbor heart of Gustavia

Best For: Luxury shopping, harbor walks, Shell Beach, French dining

Don't Miss: Fort Gustav panorama, Le Select bar (the 'Cheeseburger in Paradise' bar), Shell Beach

 Getting around:  Taxi  €20–€55 ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Shell Beach on Foot** — A 10–15 minute walk from the tender dock leads to Anse de Grand Galet — a crescent of millions of tiny polished shells, calm clear water, and the...
- Colombier Beach by Catamaran** — Colombier is a secluded marine reserve only reachable by a 30-min coastal hike or by boat.
- Fort Gustav & Lighthouse Views** — Hike north of the harbor to the active lighthouse and ruins of Fort Gustav, built during Swedish rule.
- Mini Moke Island Tour** — Rent an open-top Mini Moke or small 4x4 and wind through St.
- Gustavia Harbor Walk & Le Select** — Stroll the U-shaped harbor past Swedish-era red-roofed warehouses and mega-yachts.

BEST WALKS

- Harbor Loop to Fort Karl** 1.5 km · 30–40 min · Easy–Moderate — Walk the full harbor crescent past luxury boutiques and super-yachts, then climb the wooden stairs to Fort Karl for sweeping views of Shell Beach and neighboring islands.
- Quai to Shell Beach** 800 m · 10–15 min · Easy — Head south from the tender dock along the harbor edge and follow signs to Anse de Grand Galet (Shell Beach).

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		79°	77°	10d
Jun		82°	79°	10d
Aug		83°	80°	15d
Sep		83°	80°	17d
Oct		83°	80°	17d

 **DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 5:55AM–6:27PM · Jun 5:36AM–6:47PM · Aug 5:54AM–6:37PM · Sep 5:59AM–6:13PM · Oct 6:05AM–5:48PM

Currency: Euro (USD accepted)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Sunday = closed shops. St. Barths observes the French Sabbath strictly. If your ship calls on Sunday, nearly all boutiques and retail stores will be shut. Restaurants and beaches remain open.
- Bring Euros or a card. The Euro is official; USD accepted but change comes back in Euros at unfavorable rates. Credit cards work everywhere — use them.
- Taxis don't roam — go to the stand. The official taxi stand is right at the tender dock. A ride to St. Jean or Gouverneur Beach runs €25–35 each way. Confirm the fare before you board.
- Dress for 'casual chic.' Walking Gustavia's shopping streets in swimwear without a cover-up is frowned upon and technically against local ordinance. Light resort wear is fine.
- Budget for sticker shock. St. Barths is one of the Caribbean's priciest islands. A water at a café is €6+, cocktails €18–25. Le Select and the boulangeries offer the most wallet-friendly options.
- Tender weather matters. If seas are rough, tenders can be delayed or cancelled. Keep an eye on ship announcements, especially in winter swell conditions.

Gustavia, St. Barthélemy, France — Port Map

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



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| 1 Fort Karl | Historic fort ruins offer panoramic views of Gustavia harbor. | 2 Gustavia Lighthouse | Active lighthouse provides scenic views over Gustavia and the sea. |
| 3 Piscines Naturelles Grand Fond | Natural rock pools formed by the ocean, great for swimming. | P Cruise port / terminal | |