

Terre-de-Haut, Les Saintes, Guadeloupe

Often called the St. Barths of thirty years ago, Terre-de-Haut is a two-square-mile volcanic jewel with a bay ranked among the world's most beautiful and a distinctly French pace that feels nothing like the rest of the Caribbean.



Tender port (no pier)



Typical call: 6–8 hrs



Currency: Euro



Language: French



Golf carts & scooters dominate

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in Baie des Saintes; tender to Débarcadère pier in Le Bourg

Best For: French Creole culture, beaches, Fort Napoléon, snorkeling, golf-cart exploring

Walk to center: 0 min — you step off the tender into the heart of the village

Don't Miss: A warm Tourment d'Amour tartlet sold at the pier — the island's iconic pastry



Getting around:

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Fort Napoléon & Botanical Garden** — A 19th-century hilltop fort housing a naval history museum dedicated to the 1782 Battle of the Saintes.
- **Le Chateau Summit Hike** — The island's highest point (309 m / 1,014 ft) topped by a Napoleonic watchtower.
- **Plage de Pompierre** — A calm, palm-shaded bay almost fully enclosed by a small islet, keeping it nearly wave-free.
- **Pain de Sucre Snorkeling** — The dramatic volcanic Sugarloaf cliff plunges into crystal-clear water with the island's richest snorkeling.
- **Le Bourg Village & Creole Food Crawl** — Stroll the pastel-painted streets, stop at a waterfront café for accras de morue (salt-fish fritters) and a Ti' Punch...

BEST WALKS

- **Village Loop & Fort Napoléon** 2.5 km • ~50 min • Easy to moderate (uphill to fort) — From the pier, walk through Le Bourg, browse the boutiques and waterfront, then follow the road up to Fort Napoléon for views and...
- **Pier to Plage de Pompierre** 1.3 km one way • ~20 min • Easy, flat — A straightforward flat walk from the tender pier through the southern edge of Le Bourg to the sheltered, palm-lined beach at Pompierre.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tourment d'Amour — buy immediately. Local women sell these warm coconut-and-jam tartlets in baskets right at the tender dock. They sell out early.
- Book your golf cart before you arrive. Rentals at the pier sell out within minutes on busy port days. Reserve online or go straight there the second you land.
- Fort Napoléon closes at 12:30 PM. It's the island's top paid attraction — make it your first stop after tendering, not your last.