

Philipsburg, St. Maarten



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Tour Summary

Philipsburg is the capital of Dutch St. Maarten. While the official language is Dutch and the Antillean florin is still around, English is the common language and American dollars are the way to pay. In Philipsburg, visitors can go for a sunny stroll on the boardwalk, a shopping spree in the duty-free stores, a refreshing dip in the Caribbean Sea, an exhilarating excursion, or a walk past historical buildings. Fort Amsterdam offers amazing views and a sense of history, whereas St. Maarten Park pleases the kids with exotic animals. And, the vibrant Carnival in Philipsburg is not to be missed!

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Introduction





Philipsburg is named after governor John Philips and owes its development to the salt industry.



The capital of St. Maarten is a mix of old and new, with historical buildings and curious artifacts from the past blended in with modern government buildings and duty-free shops.



The attractive looking Courthouse, built in 1793, is Philipsburg's most famous historical building.



In the museum you will learn everything about the history, nature, and geology of St. Maarten.



The biggest historical attraction is Fort Amsterdam, located on the peninsula between Great Bay and Little Bay.



The views from the fort are amazing, and informative signs teach you about its past.



An interesting and fun stop for the children is St. Maarten Park, the biggest zoo in the Caribbean.



The boardwalk and the wharf dominate the waterfront of Philipsburg. Taking a stroll here is very enjoyable.



The wharf offers a good view over Great Bay and its cruise ships.



White beaches line the Caribbean Sea. Is there a better place to cool off from that strong Caribbean sun?



Guavaberry, the legendary island folk liqueur of St. Maarten, is made and sold in town. Sample it in one of the many stores.



The biggest, most wonderful event of the year in Philipsburg is its colorful, exhilarating Carnival.

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