

SAINT-BARTHÉLEMY · 17.90° N — 62.83° W

The *Sensory* Almanac of Saint-Barthélemy

Twelve months, twelve states of the island — the light, the sea, the silence, and the moment each one makes possible.

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An island is not visited, it is read. Each month has its light, its swell, its crowd and its secret. Here is the year as someone who lives here knows it — not a calendar of tourist seasons, but the sensitive score of St Barts, month by month. Keep it: it will tell you when to come for what you are truly seeking.

01 January

SEA

North swell, powerful

LIGHT

Dry, cutting light

CROWD

High season, island full

The month of great swells: Flamands, Lorient and Colombier wake up, the south stays glassy. The air is crystalline, the sunsets spectacular.

THE SECRET

Surfers know it: the best wave window of the year. For calm, the south — Saline, Gouverneur — is yours.

BOOK 9 TO 12 MONTHS AHEAD

02 February

SEA

North swell, still present

LIGHT

Sharp clarity, brisk wind

CROWD

Very high season

The peak of the social season: yachts in the harbour, full tables, talked-about evenings. The trade blows firm, perfect for wing at Grand Cul-de-Sac.

THE SECRET

Valentine's transforms the island: book the scouting of a deserted cove at sunset early — this is the month of proposals.

BOOK 9 MONTHS AHEAD

03 March

SEA

The swell settles

LIGHT

Golden, soft light

CROWD

High but more fluid

The perfect month for many: still the season's energy, already its softness. The sea calms, days lengthen, the water stays alive.

THE SECRET

February's light with more space. For a first visit without calendar constraints, this is where to look.

BOOK 6 TO 9 MONTHS AHEAD

04 April

SEA

The sea smooths

LIGHT

Ample, warm light

CROWD

Easing crowds

The end of high season, and one of its finest moments: the island relaxes without emptying, regattas animate the harbour, the sea turns inviting.

THE SECRET

The ideal window for sailing and the first days at sea. Providers have found time again to compose bespoke.

BOOK 4 TO 6 MONTHS AHEAD

05 May

SEA

Oil-flat, warm

LIGHT

Tender light

CROWD

Low season, island breathing

The start of the soft season: the trade weakens, the sea turns glassy, the island is lived from the water. Availability returns, silence as a bonus.

THE SECRET

The month of turtles at Colombier, water at its clearest. The perfect window for the Deep Blue collection and Île Fourchue days.

BOOK 2 TO 4 MONTHS AHEAD

06 June

SEA

Calm and warm

LIGHT

Long, generous light

CROWD

Low season

The island to yourself. The longest days of the year, bath-warm sea, everything available and the rhythm slowing.

THE SECRET

The ideal month for the Breath collection: sunrise yoga on Saline's deserted sand, spa at quiet hours, the island as a retreat.

BOOK 2 TO 3 MONTHS AHEAD

07 July

SEA

Warm, calm

LIGHT

Radiant light

CROWD

Moderate, families

The summer of European families: lively without being crowded, warm, festive. The sea is at its gentlest for children and first times.

THE SECRET

The best time for surf initiation at Lorient and snorkelling at Marigot: warm water, forgiving waves — the First Times collection finds its hour.

BOOK 3 TO 4 MONTHS AHEAD

08 August

SEA

Warm, calm, some squalls

LIGHT

Intense light, shifting skies

CROWD

Moderate

Full heat, punctuated by short showers that cool the air and make the vegetation burst. The island is green, alive, generous.

THE SECRET

Squalls pass in twenty minutes: keep the spa and sheltered tables for those moments, and the beach returns right after.

BOOK 2 TO 3 MONTHS AHEAD

09 September

SEA

Flat, very warm

LIGHT

Heavy, saturated light

CROWD

The great silence

The quietest month of the year. Some houses close, the island rests. For those seeking the absolute void and calm, it is unique — subject to the hurricane season.

THE SECRET

The maximum availability and intimacy of the year. To be booked with a concierge who follows the weather closely and can rearrange everything.

BOOK 1 TO 2 MONTHS AHEAD

10 October

SEA

Warm, swells possible

LIGHT

Returning, crisp light

CROWD

Low, awakening

The island prepares: houses reopen, vegetation is at its greenest, the air cools gently. A confidential in-between.

THE SECRET

The month when all is new and no one is there yet. To discover the island in its freshness, before the crowd, is a rare window.

BOOK 1 TO 2 MONTHS AHEAD

11 November

SEA

The sea firms up

LIGHT

Clear, revived light

CROWD

Growing crowds

The rebirth: the island fully reopens, everything fresh, renewed, ready. Energy climbs week by week toward high season.

THE SECRET

Thanksgiving brings the first Americans and launches the season. Booking now for Christmas is already late — the best villas go.

BOOK AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE FOR WINTER

12 December

SEA

North swell returns

LIGHT

Dry, festive light

CROWD

Maximum season

The great month: legendary New Year's Eves, a harbour tight with hulls, the island at the peak of its brilliance. The north swell returns to wake the northern beaches.

THE SECRET

Christmas and New Year book nine to twelve months ahead, with minimum stays. What we sell then is not the experience — it is access when all is taken.

FULL VERY EARLY — ANTICIPATE BY A YEAR

This almanac is alive: today's conditions are read in real time on our site. And whichever month you choose, there is a way to live it so that it stays with you. That is our craft.

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