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Hit hard by Hurricane Irma in 2017, the capital of Dutch Sint Maarten has now fully recovered and is enticing visitors back. Stroll its streets and discover everything this city on Great Bay has to offer.

Sip As the name suggests, **Guava-berry Emporium** showcases this berry that grows high in the island's mountains. Once picked, the fruit can be used in savoury sauces such as barbecue, but it's best-known as the main ingredient in the national liqueur, which also contains cane sugar and rum.

Tour The weird and wonderful **Yoda Guy Movie Exhibit** highlights everything *Star Wars*, including past storyboards and other items from a galaxy far, far away. The museum is run by Nick Maley, one of the makeup artists who helped bring legendary Jedi master Yoda to life, and also features other famous movie franchises. You may even run into Maley himself, who often hangs around the museum's gift shop.

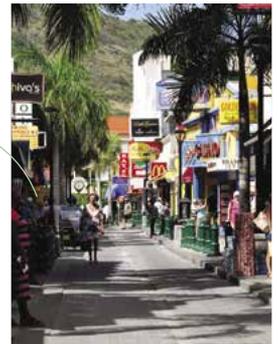
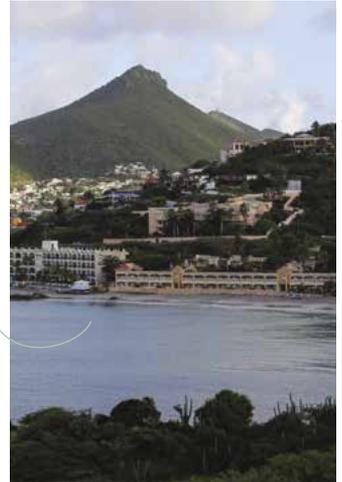
Relax **Lazy Lizard Beach Bar & Grill** has long been a favourite among locals and visitors. Here, you can dine on island specialties such as shrimp in creole sauce or curry chicken paired with rice and peas. Or grab a bucket of beers and sink into one of the beach chairs right out front and take in the views of the bay.

Pamper Book yourself a relaxing massage at **Indulgence by the Sea**, a spa located inside Divi Little Bay, a resort that backs onto a stretch of beach just east of the city. The full menu of treatments uses local products, from citrus to seaweed, and you have the option of enjoying it all in a cabana set up beside the water.

Browse A pedestrian zone lined with broad balconies beneath a canopy of palm trees, **Front Street** is filled with lots of small, specialized stores to satisfy all your shopping needs. The entire island enjoys duty-free status, and among the (very) inexpensive bottles of rum and well-rolled cigars you'll find small spots offering jewelry crafted from diamonds, gold and emeralds.

Go Dutch Located between the city's cruise port and the end of the boardwalk, **The Amsterdam Cheese & Liquor Store** offers a variety of products from The Netherlands, including Jenever (a Dutch gin) and a variety of cheeses (Gouda, Edam and others). Pop in for a cheese tasting, then vacuum-pack some samples to take home with you.

—Tim Johnson



Shop

Travel to nearby Simpson Bay to check out The Art Box, where you can pick up items (from glassware to jewelry) handcrafted on the island and inspired by the West Indies.



GETTING THERE

WestJet flies to Sint Maarten three times a week from Toronto.



Drink

Grab a drink at the Sunset Beach Bar, located at the end of the Princess Juliana International Airport's runway, and watch the planes fly overhead and land.