

St. Lucia



As one of the most popular destination for Caribbean vacations, the magnificent island of St. Lucia offers its visitors the pampering of its majestic resorts; a nonstop schedule of activities to please anyone and everyone; towering mountains, volcanoes, and valleys blanketed in luscious green; and the breathtaking allure of swaying palm and banana trees, accented by powdery-soft, white-sugar beaches and shimmering, green-blue topaz waters stretching as far as the eye can see. This uncompromising beauty attracts couples, honeymooners, and those who desire to retreat, relax, rejuvenate, explore, and revel in all that this awe-inspiring island has to offer.

Package includes:

- Choice of accommodations
 - Hotel taxes and maid gratuities
 - Roundtrip transportation between airport and hotel
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Frequently Asked Questions

Who should go?

Honeymooners

A destination for lovers, St. Lucia provides couples with a lush, green backdrop filled with mountains, sloping hills, palm trees swaying in the ocean breeze, and enough private beaches, resorts, and activities to satisfy the most adventurous and the most laid back of newlyweds.

Beach Lovers

St. Lucia's delicately whitewashed beaches, along with dusky-hued, black-sand beaches, combined with perfect, balmy weather all year round make this island a paradise for those who love to lie on the soft sand, bask in the sunshine, and frolic in the incredible, crystal-clear waters.

Scuba Divers/Snorkelers

Observe the wonder of the world underneath the sea, from a kaleidoscope of marine life—including unique coral formations, astonishing fish, octopuses, and sea horses—to twisted shipwrecks and plunging ocean depths.

What's the climate like?

	Winter	Spring	Summer	Autumn
Average High	82° F	84° F	85° F	85° F
Average Low	76° F	78° F	80° F	79° F
Average Rainfall	5.6"	4.4"	9.5"	9.4"

Water temperature ranges from 82°F in the summer to 79°F in the winter.

How do I get around town?

Transfers

Transfers from the airport to your hotel are included with your air and hotel package. It will take about 2 hours to travel between the airport and hotel.

Taxi

The best mode of transportation in St. Lucia is a taxi. All taxis are unmetered, but many drivers adhere to standard fares. Make sure your driver tells you the price before you get in, and also make sure you both understand if the payment is EC\$ or U.S. dollars. Your hotel will be able to help you with more information.

What kinds of dining and nightlife are available?

If you are staying at an all-inclusive resort, all your meals are included. Your hotel will also offer a variety of live entertainment, karaoke, beach parties, and much more. Most of St. Lucia's nightlife revolves around its resorts.

If you want to truly experience and explore St. Lucia and its culture, head into town to the elegant Great House, where you will be served by staff in native St. Lucian costume. The menu changes daily, and the cuisine ranges from local crab served with lime, to pumpkin-and-potato soup and freshly sautéed shrimp in Creole sauce, topped off with cocktails at the open-air lounge overlooking an exquisite Caribbean sunset.

Where should I go shopping?

You will be able to do most of your vacation shopping within your hotel, but some of St. Lucia's shops are a must for any vacationer. For instance, Caribelle Batik is housed in a Victorian mansion perched atop the Morne, one of St. Lucia's grand mountains, with a beautiful view of the capital of Castries. The shop—where you can also buy refreshments and enjoy bright, tropical flowers—features seamstresses who create silk-screen printed clothing and hangings right there in the shop.

If you're looking for something other than clothing, try out Noah's Arkade, also located in Castries. This gift shop features authentic St. Lucian woodcarvings, straw mats, hammocks, and other local commodities.

When are the local events?

St. Lucia Jazz Festival

May. This annual event is one of the biggest music events in the Caribbean. Performances will take place all over the island. Past programs have featured artists such as Al Jarreau and George Benson.

Calypso King and Queen Contest

July. The finest singers of St. Lucia will compete in this contest for the title of Calypso King or Queen. Calypso is an energetic and lyrical form of music, and this annual contest attracts massive crowds. If you love music and thrive in a lively, exhilarating atmosphere, this is the event for you.

St. Lucia Carnival

July. The most extravagant event on the island, St. Lucia's summer carnival attracts great crowds, who participate in gala parades bright with color and beauty pageants, and listen to the calypso competitions that are the highlight of the carnival.

The Rose Festival

August. This event is held in honor of this beautiful flower, and wouldn't be complete without a full night of partying, brilliant, native costumes, dance, song, and St. Lucian royalty. This festival usually lasts well into the next day.

What are my sports and recreation options?

Fishing

St. Lucia's tropical waters are known for their abundance of fish, from blue marlin to barracuda, and kingfish to tuna; these game fish are plentiful and attract many a devoted fisherman to this island.

Scuba Diving

Fantastic coral reefs bring many snorkelers and scuba divers to this island. A major attraction is the intentionally sunk freighter ship, Lesleen M. This ship provides divers with the opportunity to explore a sunken ship in its entirety. It is located off the coastline of Anse Chastanet.

Travel tidbits

The Pitons

St. Lucia's twin peaks poke their 2,000 foot-high summits into the sky as one of the island's most well-known and famous landmarks. Dare to ascend these mountains, or simply take a boat offshore to appreciate their full majesty.

Rare Wildlife

The Maria Islands, 2 small islands off the coast of St. Lucia, are home to 2 rare species found nowhere else in the world. One, the Kouwes snake, is considered to be the world's rarest snake. The second is called the Zandoli Te, a ground lizard that sports a bright blue tail.

Soufriere Drive-In Volcano

If you're looking to explore St. Lucia and are up for an adventure, take a tour or taxi up to the top of the Soufriere Volcano, where you can experience the world's only drive-in volcanic crater. Observe steaming mud, bubbling sulfur springs, and hissing pools. It's a one-of-a-kind adventure every visitor simply has to experience.

Good to Know:

Airport Name: 3-letter Code:	Hewanorra International Airport UVF
Best Weather:	December – May
Best Values:	May – November
Currency:	Eastern Caribbean dollar (EC\$). The U.S. Dollar is accepted, however, change may be given in EC\$. Traveler's checks and most credit cards accepted in hotels.
Language:	English
Time Zone:	Atlantic Standard Time. However, St. Lucia does not follow Daylight Savings, so from April – October, the island follows Eastern Standard Time.
Proof of Citizenship:	Government legislation requires all people traveling via air to and from the United States and Canada to have a valid passport. For details on passports, visas, and health requirements, see Entry Requirements .
Tipping:	Many hotels in St. Lucia are all-inclusive, so tipping is not necessary. A 10% gratuity is added to your bill for waiters and taxi drivers, and \$1 is suggested for maids and bellboys. However, visitors are free to tip above this percentage at their own discretion.
Dress:	Casual, lightweight clothing is accepted and suggested for most events; however, swimwear is only appropriate at the beach. If going out at night, men should wear long pants and a collared shirt; women should wear long pants or dresses.