

## 7 Best Beachfront Restaurants in St Martin & St Maarten (French side and Dutch side)

Beautiful [St. Martin](#) (also known as *St. Maarten* or *Sint Maarten*) may be a small island, but it is a foodie paradise. When you travel to St Martin you can choose from many restaurants, since the island is half Dutch and half French, you'll see influences from both cultures, as well as from the Caribbean.

But St. Martin isn't just about its upscale gourmet restaurants. It is also known for its *lolos*, which are small, open-air food stalls. While they may not be fancy in appearance, these small St Maarten restaurants serve up generous portions of delicious, authentic island fare at reasonable prices.

In this article we selected the best beach restaurants where you can enjoy the best views while enjoying a good meal.

Check out this curated list of some of the best restaurants in **St Martin**.



### **Rainbow Café, Grand Case**

**Insider tip:** Rent chairs and hang out on the beach after lunch or breakfast at the Rainbow Cafe.

**Atmosphere:** Fun, carefree, Boho-chic

**What we love:** the award-winning pâtisserie chef whipping up their delicious desserts

**Overview:** You'll find a little bit of everything on the Rainbow Cafe's menu, which features French, Caribbean and Asian cuisine, as well as tapas. Breakfast, sunset drinks, and dinner are available in the rooftop lounge, while lunch is served in the beachfront restaurant. On the lunch menu, you'll find an interesting mix of dishes, ranging from an upscale burger to a braised and seared octopus to poke bowls.

**Location:** Grand Case, French side. **Address:** Boulevard de Grand Case #176. **Phone:** 590 690 888 444

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## **Le Shambala, Grand Case**

**Insider tip:** the homemade ice cream or a pineapple carpaccio marinated in saffron.

**Atmosphere:** Romantic, upscale but beachy vibe

**What we love:** Enjoy one of St. Martin's spectacular sunsets while dining on Le Shambala's terrace, which overlooks the sea.

**Overview:** Le Shambala Gourmet Restaurant is located in a small boutique hotel of the same name. It serves up modern Caribbean cuisine, with an emphasis on seafood. Think of a casserole dish of lobster or fish cooked in banana leaf. But it's not all seafood here. The restaurant also serves other dishes, including roasted duck and rack of lamb.

**Location:** Grand Case, French side. 28 Bd.de Grand Case, **Phone:** 590 590 29-17-09



## **La Cigale, Laguna Beach**

**Insider tip:** Reservations required.

**Atmosphere:** Romantic, tropical chic

**What we love:** La Cigale's stunning, Instagram-worthy desserts.

**Overview:** Life doesn't get much better than enjoying the flavors of Provence while gazing over the beautiful blue Caribbean Sea. This is the joy you'll experience at La Cigale. The views of the Nettle Bay lagoon are lovely and the gourmet food is artfully plated.

**Location:** French side. **Address:** 101 Laguna Beach, Baie Nettle, **Phone:** 590 590 87 90 23

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## **Kontiki Beach, Orient Beach**

**Insider tip:** Sundays are this beach club's busiest day, so either come to party or, if you'd prefer a quieter atmosphere, choose another day for your visit.

**Atmosphere:** Classy, but with a chill beach vibe

**What we love:** There is a kids menu available if you have little ones in tow.

**Overview:** Dining at Kontiki Beach isn't just a treat for your taste buds, but also for your eyes. The view of Orient Bay is stunning. And the restaurant serves cuisine it describes as "refined international gourmet." Kontiki Beach is at the Hotel La Plantation, which was voted one of the best hotels in the Caribbean.

**Location:** Orient beach, French Side. Parc de La Baie Orientale. **Phone:** 590 690 47 86 54.



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## **Anse Marcel Beach Restaurant, Anse Marcel Bay**

**Insider tip:** Call for a reservation

**Atmosphere:** Peaceful. Tropical elegance with a Cote d'Azur vibe

**What we love:** the cabanas if you're interested in a more private dining experience.

**Overview:** Anse Marcel Beach offers beautiful food that perfectly complements the gorgeous views of the turquoise blue seas and sugar-white sands. The restaurant offers modern and creative French, Mediterranean and Caribbean dishes that vary, depending on what is fresh and available that day. So, for example, you're likely to find grilled fish and seafood, as well as elevated sandwiches and salads.

**Location:** Anse Marcel Bay, French side. 26 Rue de Lonvilliers, Anse Marcel Beach. **Phone:** 590 690 26 38 50

## **Sun Beach Clubber, Orient Bay**

**Insider tip:** live music or a DJ on Sundays gives the restaurant a classy party atmosphere.

**Atmosphere:** Friendly, welcoming, beachy bistro chic

**What we love:** Spectacular views of the sea .

**Overview:** The Sun Beach Clubber is an upscale French bistro transported to the sands of Orient Beach. Here, you'll find creative dishes that are artfully plated, with a slight emphasis on seafood. In addition, service is friendly and the staff strives to make guests feel welcome.

**Location:** Orient Bay, French side. Plage D'orient Bay, Orient Bay 97150. **Phone:** 590 690 71 66 90.



## **Sunset Café, Grand Case**

**Insider tip:** Check out this restaurant's website for its specials. For example, there is a discount on lobster dinners on Friday nights.

**Ambiance:** Refined beach chic, romantic, especially at night

**What we love:** The Sunset Cafe offers beautiful views of the bay.

**Overview:** Sunset Cafe serves up modern Caribbean and French cuisine with an emphasis on seafood. Some of the delectable dishes you can choose from include a Creole Mahi Mahi served with rice or a Jerk chicken stew. Sunset Cafe also offers sandwiches, salads and hamburgers for those in search of something lighter.

**Location:** Grand Case, French side. **Address:** 21 Rue de Petite Plage. **Phone:** 590 590 87 51 87

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