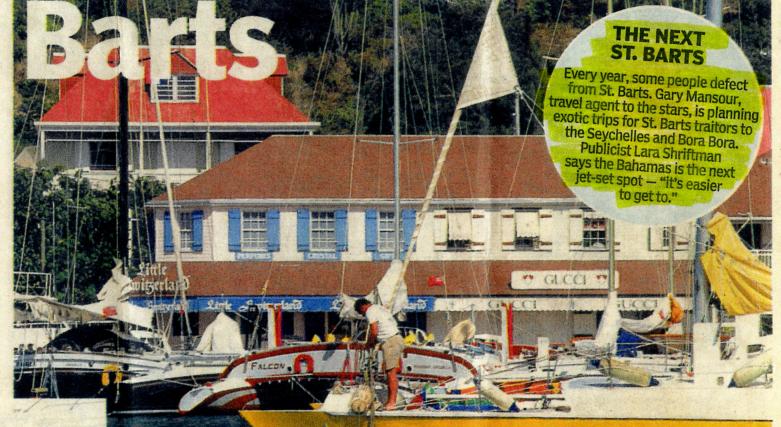
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Travel Inn Hotel ([011-599] 545-3353) has rooms for \$119; rates at St. Martin's Hotel Beach Plaza start at \$176 over Christmas ([011-590-590] 87-87-00).

Lunch: Le Select is frequented by a friendly crowd of locals. Singing "Cheeseburger in Paradise" is required; this is where Jimmy Buffet wrote the song.

Do: Colombier, a private beach at the northern tip of the island reachable by boat or by hiking down a rocky goat path, is great for picnics and skinny-dipping.

Sail: Cheap charters? Ha! Without \$20,000 to burn, your options are limited. Try renting a sailboat from Saint-Barth Caraibe Yachting (27-52-06) or the St. Barth Yacht Club (27-70-41). Or, just hang near the Gustavia slips and look pretty. You never know what might happen.



Good luck finding a spot in tony Gustavia harbor — reservations have to be made a year ahead.

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A modest P. Diddy jet skis, robe in tow. Big Pictures USA