

St. Barts

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.



THE NEXT ST. BARTS
 Every year, some people defect from St. Barts. Gary Mansour, travel agent to the stars, is planning exotic trips for St. Barts traitors to the Seychelles and Bora Bora. Publicist Lara Shriftman says the Bahamas is the next jet-set spot — "it's easier to get to."



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

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

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