



Pointe-à-Pitre

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The butterfly-shaped islands of Guadeloupe, a French overseas territory in the Lesser Antilles, are one of the Caribbean's best-kept secrets. Travellers in the know have caught on and begun visiting this mesmerizing archipelago and the city of Pointe-à-Pitre to enjoy the fascinating mix of French tradition and Creole culture, the overwhelming natural beauty found in these islands, and the relative scarcity of tourists. With a burgeoning hotel infrastructure and an important cruise port welcoming seafarers, there has never been a better time to visit.

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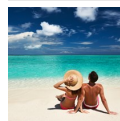
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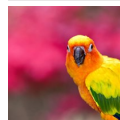
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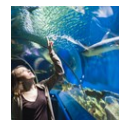
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THE CITY



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The French overseas territory of Guadeloupe is composed of a small group of enchanting and fascinating islands in the Caribbean, where French tradition meets Creole culture in surroundings of absolutely stunning natural beauty. The main island, charmingly shaped like a butterfly, is divided into two parts: Basse-Terre, where the Grand Soufrière volcano towers over the Guadeloupe National Park, and Grande-Terre, home to idyllic beaches and the major urban settlement of Pointe-a-Pitre.

With a history dating back to the mid 1600's, Pointe-a-Pitre encompasses the cultural blend that characterizes Guadeloupe, with 19th-century architecture, interesting museums, bustling markets and the sounds, colours and flavours of a vibrant Creole society. The downtown area, just to the south of the airport and right next to the cruise port terminal, is home to Place de la Victoire, the main square and heart of urban life, as well as the city's best shopping in the covered spice market and its surrounding commercial streets. To the south lies the district of Le Gosier, which bubbles with life in the many restaurants, cafes and bars that surround the marina.

Guadeloupe's smaller islands are all easily accessible from Pointe-a-Pitre by air and sea, and

are well worth exploring, boasting mesmerizing beauty both in lush tropical landscapes and picture-perfect beaches.

DO & SEE



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Pointe-a-Pitre is compact and easily navigable, offering nicely-preserved 19th-century architecture, vibrant marketplaces, excellent museums and the lively Place de la Victoire, the central square around which much of urban life revolves. The city also serves as a great home base for exploring the nearby natural beauty of the islands, with easy access to the imposing volcano La Grande Soufrière, the Guadeloupe National Park on Basse-Terre, and the other idyllic islands that make up Guadeloupe.

Place de la Victoire



Place de la Victoire is the beating heart of life in Pointe-a-Pitre, a picturesque park and plaza lined with palm trees, historic houses and sidewalk cafes on three sides and the clear waters of the harbour on the fourth. The plaza is also the centre of historical and cultural events, hosting festivals, concerts and other events.

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Address: Place de la Victoire, Pointe-a-Pitre

Église Saint-Pierre et Saint-Paul



Nicknamed the 'Iron Cathedral' because of the iron girders it has supporting the traditional arches (a structural necessity to protect the building from earthquakes and hurricanes), the quaint Église Saint-Pierre et Saint-Paul is one of the prettiest buildings in the city and well worth checking out.

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Address: Rue du Général Ruillier, Pointe-à-Pitre

Aquarium de la Guadeloupe



Aquarium de la Guadeloupe is located in the area of Gosier, a short distance to the south of Pointe-a-Pitre, but the trip is well worth it, as it is often cited as one of France's best aquariums. It showcases the rich marine life of the area, with more than 60 species of tropical fish, sharks, turtles, and many more.

Photo: fischers / Shutterstock.com

Address: Place Créole, La Marina, Le Gosier

Opening hours: Daily 9am-7pm

Phone: +33 5 90 90 92 38

Internet: www.aquariumdelaguadeloupe.com

Email: info@aquariumdelaguadeloupe.com

La Grande Soufrière



La Grande Soufrière is an imposing volcano located in the Guadeloupe National Park and the tallest peak in the Lesser Antilles. It is still active and has erupted several times in the last few

centuries, and is thus dotted by numerous hot springs, mud pools and fumaroles, which can be explored on the approximately 2-hour hike to the top.

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Address: La Soufrière, Guadeloupe National Park, Basse-Terre Island

La Pointe des Châteaux



The easternmost point of the island of Grande Terre is known as La Pointe des Châteaux, a scenic isthmus of rugged rocky beauty. A hike from the village through the rock formations ends up at a vantage point from which the neighbouring islands of La Désirade, Petite-Terre and Marie-Galante can be admired on a clear day.

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Address: La Pointe des Châteaux, Grande-Terre

Museum Saint John Perse



This beautiful and carefully restored colonial house is the site of a wonderful museum dedicated to poet, Nobel laureate and national treasure Alexis Saint-Leger. Visitors to the museum can simultaneously admire the authentic Creole period house and explore exhibits on Saint-Leger's life and work.

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Address: 9 Rue de Nozières, Pointe-à-Pitre

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm

Phone: +590 590 900192

Gosier

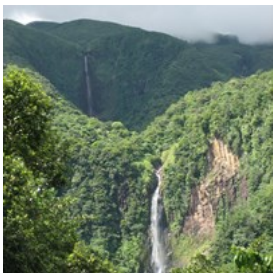


Le Gosier a district of Pointe-a-Pitre located to the south-east, a picturesque beachside town with plenty of charm and tourist

facilities, including accommodation, a large marina and lots of shopping. A favourite spot among tourists is the lighthouse on the Isle of Gosier, just a short distance off shore.

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Address: Le Gosier, Guadeloupe

Guadeloupe National Park

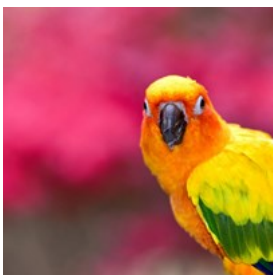


On the large island of Basse-Terre, about half an hour from Pointe-a-Pitre, is the beautiful Guadeloupe National Park, a UNESCO

World Biosphere Reserve. The park has over 300 kilometres of hiking trails through lush vegetation, imposing mountains and volcanoes, and a wide array of flora and fauna, including 100 species of orchid and 11 different kinds of bats.

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Address: Guadeloupe National Park, Basse-Terre Island
Phone: +590 590 41 55 55
Internet: www.guadeloupe-parcnational.fr

Zoological and Botanical Park



The Zoological and Botanical Park of Guadeloupe, located in Basse-Terre comprises four hectares of rainforest dedicated to

the conservation of rare and endangered

animals. There are hiking trails that run through the forest where visitors can admire turtles, monkeys, jaguars and numerous colourful birds species.

Photo: Tracy Starr / Shutterstock.com
Address: D23 Route de la Traversée, Bouillante
Opening hours: Daily 9am-6pm
Phone: +590 590 98 83 52
Internet: www.zoodeguadeloupe.com

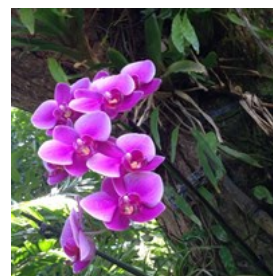
Port-Louis



Port-Louis is a small and charming fishing village in the north of Grande-Terre, filled with brightly-coloured houses. The area is also home to Plage du Souffleur, one of the most spectacular beaches in the country.

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Address: Port-Louis, Grande-Terre

Jardin Botanique de Deshaies



The northwest coast of the island of Basse-Terre is home to the lovely Jardin Botanique de Deshaies, a lush garden displaying some of the most beautiful specimens of the rich flora of the Caribbean islands.

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Address: Jardin Botanique de Deshaies, Villers, Deshaies
Opening hours: Daily 9am-5:30pm
Phone: +590 590 284302
Internet: www.jardin-botanique.com
Email: info@jardin-botanique.com

Terre-de-Bas Island



Located just south of Basse-Terre Island, Terre-de-Bas is one of the smaller islands that make up Guadeloupe, and by far one of the most

beautiful. It boasts picturesque fishing villages and beaches, as well as some lovely hiking trails, including one to the towering Grande Montagne.

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Address: Terre-de-Bas, Guadeloupe

Terre-de-Haut Island



Terre-de-Bas' eastern counterpart, Terre-de-Haut is arguably more charming and distinctly French than the other island of Les

Saintes. The beautiful bay of Bourg des Saintes, the island's main settlement, is bordered by pure white sands, quaint wooden houses and colourful fishing boats, all the while towered over by the volcanic "Sugarloaf" hill.

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Address: Terre-de-Haut, Guadeloupe

Sainte-Anne



Sainte-Anne is one of Guadeloupe's top tourist destinations, easily reachable from Pointe-a-Pitre, on the southern coast of

Grande-Terre. The village dates back to the 17th century and boasts one of the most fantastic beaches in all of Guadeloupe, lined by a welcoming promenade. You can find the remains

of old sugar mills in the area, as well as some great dining and shopping opportunities

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Address: Sainte-Anne, Grande-Terre, Guadeloupe

DINING



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Guadeloupean cuisine, like much of the island's culture, is the result of a mix of influences. Creole specialities have strong French characteristics and use local spices and flavours to give dishes their unique character. Seafood features heavily on most menus, but local specialities are diverse, including things like goat and many exotic fruits. Many of the city's best restaurants are located around the Marina at Le Gosier, offering expertly prepared dishes and stunning harbour views.

Aux Artistes



A hidden gem in the area of Le Gosier, Aux Artistes is a laid-back restaurant with a real Caribbean feel to it. Visitors always get a friendly welcome and can

dine on plastic chairs and tables out on the terrace. French and Creole cuisine are on offer, the seafood options being the centrepieces of the menu.

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Address: Route du Bas du Fort, Pointe-a-Pitre

Yoshi



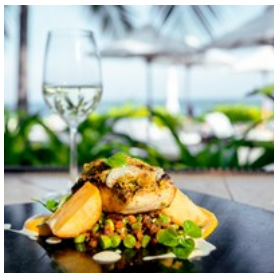
Yoshi is a fantastic Japanese restaurant located across the bay from Pointe-a-Pitre, in the area of Baie-Mahault on the island of Basse-Terre.

They offer a wide selection of Japanese specialities, including sushi, maki, sashimi and some very inventive rolls, as well as vegetable dumpling appetizers and very affordable sake.

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Address: Rue Jean-Claude Paris, Baie-Mahault
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12-2:30pm, 7-10:30pm
Phone: +590 590 94 62 04

La Route du Rhum



La Route du Rhum's open design allows diners to enjoy the great view of the Marina Bas-du-Fort both from the indoor and outdoor seating. There is also a bar area where you can enjoy some of the brightly-coloured house cocktails while waiting for your meal from the varied menu which includes seafood, mixed meat dishes and some typical Creole sides.

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Address: Marina Bas-du-Fort, Pointe-a-Pitre
Opening hours: Daily 10am-11pm
Phone: +590 590 909000
Internet: www.restaurantlaroutedurhum.com
Email: rest-route-du-rhum@wanadoo.fr

Délices Nature



Délices Nature invites patrons to discover the flavours and health benefits of vegetarian cuisine. They have a passion for healthy eating and sacrifice nothing in terms of taste, serving fresh juices, smoothies, ice cream and sorbets, as well as snacks and light meals like sandwiches and pies (both sweet or savory).

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Address: Rue Neil Armstrong, Pointe-à-Pitre
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 7am-5pm, Fri 7am-3:30pm
Phone: +590 590 886601
Internet: www.restaurant-delicesnature.com
Email: contact@restaurant-delicesnature.com

Des Saveurs et des Mots



Des Saveurs et des Mots is a quaint artisanal creperie and cafe in the Bretonne style, as well as a sharing library with a surprising amount of books to choose from. They have a simple but tasty menu consisting of homemade crepes and pastries, salads and other light snacks.

Photo: Mutita Narkmuang / Shutterstock.com

Address: La Marina de Bas du Fort, Pointe-a-Pitre
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 11:30am-3pm and 6pm-11:30pm, Sun 5:30pm-11pm
Phone: +590 590 82 02 94
Internet: www.des-saveurs-et-des-mots.fr
Email: contact@des-saveurs-et-des-mots.fr

Le Yacht Club



Le Yacht Club is one of the swankiest places in town, a restaurant and jazz bar with plenty of style and an exceptional view of the marina. The menu features seafood, barbecue and Creole specialities, and regular special events are held, including live musical performances and karaoke nights.

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Address: Quai Lardenoy, la Darse, Pointe-à-Pitre

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 12pm-3pm, Fri-Sat 12pm-3pm and 7pm-10:30pm

Phone: +590 690 745711

Email: yachtclub.ptp@gmail.com

Al Dente



Al Dente is a classy and sleek yet traditional Italian restaurant located near the Marina du Bas-du-Fort. The menu consists largely of

seafood and pasta dishes, as well as specialities like gnocchi with gorgonzola, and of course, numerous varieties of pizza.

Photo: Denizo71 / Shutterstock.com

Address: 43 Le Mole Portuaire, Pointe-a-Pitre

Restaurant Fairouz



For a taste of the Middle East, try Restaurant Fairouz. With its pleasant interior and hearty servings of top quality Lebanese food, including

hummus, vegetarian dumplings and chicken skewers, they never fail to please. They also host events and special celebrations and can

accommodate large parties.

Photo: bonchan / Shutterstock.com

Address: 17 rue Jean-Jaurès, Pointe-à-Pitre

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-3pm and 7pm-10pm

Phone: +590 590 913969

Email: restaurant.fairouz@gmail.com

Le Plaisancier



As one of the oldest restaurants in the marina, Le Plaisancier boasts years of experience that few other restaurants in the city can match. The

menu consists of a unique blend of Creole and traditional French cuisine, relying heavily on the fresh seafood available in the area, and using it to prepare exquisite creations.

Photo: 54613 / Shutterstock.com

Address: 12 Residence Du Moulin, Bas Du Fort, Pointe-a-Pitre

Phone: +590 590 90 71 53

Internet: www.leplaisancierguadeloupe.com

Email: plaisancier@orange.fr

Byron Burger Bar



Yet another modern and breezy restaurant on the marina, Byron Burger Bar serves top quality homemade burgers with a harbour view. Everything

is meticulously prepared using fresh ingredients, including the fries and salads. To cool off on a hot day, try one of their superb milkshakes.

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Address: Route de la Marina, Le Gosier, Pointe-à-Pitre

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 12pm-2:30pm and 7pm-10:30pm

Phone: +590 590 90 94 83

Lewoz Kafe



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island's best local musicians on a regular basis. Located by the fishing harbour, patrons can try some of the best Caribbean cuisine to be had on the island and admire the paintings and photographs of the region.

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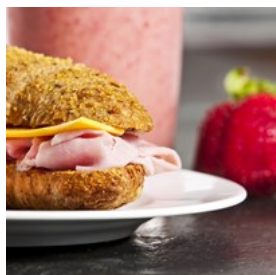
Address: Face Au Vieux Port De Lauricisque, Pointe-a-Pitre

Opening hours: Thu-Sat 7pm-10:30pm

Phone: +590 590 212319

Email: lewozkafe.restaurant@gmail.com

Renée



Renée offers a wide range of quality products infused with Caribbean flavours, including pastries, croissants, and some fast food, but the

trademark product is the Renée sandwich, a special sandwich made with bacon and cheese. Today Renée has several locations around the city of Pointe-a-Pitre, including the centrally located one listed below on Rue Frébault.

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Address: 53 Rue Frébault, Pointe-à-Pitre

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6:30am-5pm, Sat 6:30am-3pm

Phone: +590 590 89 03 79

Internet: www.renee.gp

Email: info@renee.gp

More Info: Instagram:

www.instagram.com/renee_restaurants/

CAFES



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Guadeloupe has one of the oldest coffee-growing traditions in America, producing delicious beans as far back as the 1720s. Guadeloupe boasts many patisseries and cafés serving excellent local coffee, as well as traditional French pastries with a Creole twist. Many cafes boast great, breezy locations by the water, including many at the Gosier Marina.

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Email: lewozkafe.restaurant@gmail.com

Desirs du Palais



Fabienne Youyoutte is the chef behind the creations of Desirs du Palais, which often seem more like works of art than pastries. They also sell creamy ice cream and sorbets in incredibly creative flavours, including coco flour, sugar cane, pumpkin and sweet potato.

Photo: rnl / Shutterstock.com

Address: 53 Chemin des Petites Abymes, Pointe-a-Pitre

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 11am-7pm, Sat-Sun 10am-7pm

Phone: +590 590 885440

Email: desirsdupalais@gmail.com

Pinkberries



Pinkberries may not seem like much at first glance, with its plastic chairs and wonky tables, but it is a fantastic creperie that serves up some truly

decadent desserts, including crepes, speciality ice cream, all covered in heaps of chantilly and chocolate or caramel sauce.

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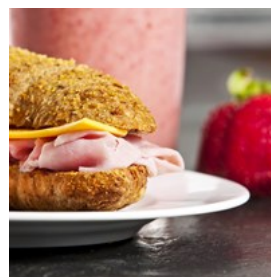
Address: Marina de Bas du Fort Gosier, Pointe-a-Pitre

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 3-10pm, Fri-Sat 2pm-12am, Sun 12-10pm

Phone: +590 590 21 86 26

Email: pinkberries.guadeloupe@gmail.com

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Internet: www.renee.gp

Email: info@renee.gp

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La Maisonnette d'Arthur



La Maisonnette d'Arthur offers light dishes and desserts with Creole, French and Mexican influences, including fritters, pies, pizzas, quiches, tarts, rice pudding, panna cotta. The head chef has years of experience working in Paris and can ensure high quality products.

Photo: 5 second Studio / Shutterstock.com
Address: 4, Place de l'église, Pointe-à-Pitre
Phone: +590 590 465583
Email: lamaisonnette.traiteur@gmail.com

Couleurs Du Monde



If you find yourself in need of a snack and a place to relax while on Terre-de-Haut, visit Couleurs Du Monde. As the name indicates, it is

certainly a colourful place. It is a breezy beachfront cafe decorated in vibrant greens, pinks and yellows that offers hot coffee, refreshing summer wines and light meals, as well as free WiFi, newspapers and books.

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Address: 33 Rue Jean Calot, Terre-de-Haut
Phone: +590 590 927098

Karissima Cafe



Multifaceted Karissima Cafe is a wildly popular cafe, restaurant, creperie, juicebar and saladbar offering Caribbean flavours with an Italian

twist. The pleasant and breezy outdoor terrace overlooks the central and picturesque Place de la Victoire.

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Address: Place de la Victoire, Pointe-a-Pitre
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-7pm, Sat 9am-7pm, Sun 4pm-9pm
Phone: +590 590 829 223

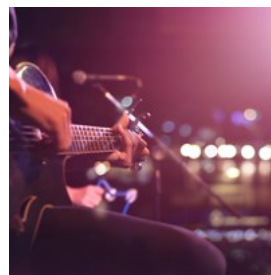
BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Guadeloupian nightlife moves to the beats of Biguine, a unique type of music and dance that blends typical French ballroom dancing with infectious African rhythms (although the exact origin of Biguine is disputed, in Guadeloupians will emphatically claim that it is theirs, and NOT Martinique's), while Zouk and jazz are also very popular on the island. The Marina at Le Gosier is the place to be after dark, with tons of bars, lounges, restaurants, and cafes offering cold drinks, good vibes, and great views of the harbour.

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Opening hours: Thu-Sat 7pm-10:30pm

Phone: +590 590 212319

Email: lewozkafe.restaurant@gmail.com

Zoo Rock Café



Established over 20 years ago, Zoo Rock Café is a popular restaurant-bar-nightclub located in the marina at Le Gosier. Meat dominates the menu, with barbecued, grilled and skewered items in abundance. After dinner the atmospheric bar area livens up with an active dance floor and occasional live music.

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Address: Route de la Marina, Pointe-a-Pitre

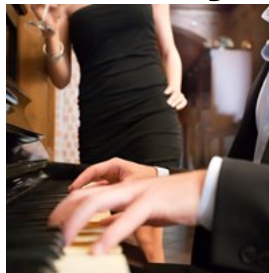
Opening hours: Daily 6pm-5am

Phone: +590 590 907777

Internet: www.zoo-rock-cafe.com

Email: zoorockcafe@wanadoo.fr

Le Bar at Auberge de la Vieille Tour



The Auberge de la Vieille Tour is one of Guadeloupe's loveliest boutique hotels, located on the southern coast of Le Gosier over crystal clear waters. Le Bar, at the Auberge, is a fancy piano bar where visitors sip on cocktails or rum with live entertainment on the weekends.

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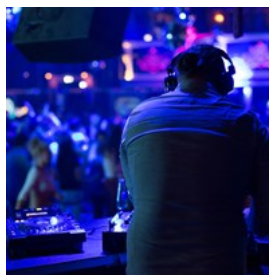
Address: Montauban, Le Gosier

Phone: +590 590 842323

Internet: www.auberge-vieille-tour.fr

Email: resa@auberge-vieille-tour.fr

L'Instant Discothèque



Located to the north of the city, towards the airport, L'Instant Discothèque is one of the hottest nightclubs in the area of Pointe-a-Pitre. There is frequent live music, featuring some fantastic groups, as well as other events and performances worth checking out.

Photo: Pavel L Photo and Video / Shutterstock.com

Address: Rue Rolière Arnoux, Les Abymes, Pointe-à-Pitre

Phone: +590 690 739 639

Casino du Gosier



Casino du Gosier is one of the entertainment hotspots on the island, with slot machines, game tables and spectacular shows performed in the lounge, music bar and restaurant. It is located in the beautiful resort area of Gosier and attracts hosts of visitors with its bright lights and promises of riches.

Photo: Fer Gregory / Shutterstock.com
Address: Le Gosier
Phone: +590 590 847 968
Internet: www.casinodugosier.com
Email: gosier@groupecogit.com

Blueberry 5



The open-air space of Blueberry 5 is an inviting place to relax in a breezy setting, protected from the harsh afternoon sun, with a cocktail and some tapas. It is also possible to enjoy some hookah with lounging on the terrace, overlooking the Gosier Marina.

Photo: sergey_sfoto / Shutterstock.com
Address: La Marina, Le Gosier
Phone: +590 690 688 054
Email: blueberry5.gp@gmail.com

SHOPPING



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Visitors to Guadeloupe can find many imported French luxury items, including fashion, perfumes, jewellery and delicatessen, like cheese and liquor. But the most rewarding shopping comes from supporting local industry, which offers wonderful handicrafts, rum and typical clothes and accessories, among others. Markets are a particular pleasure, filled as they are with the colours, sounds and aromas of the islands, and the numerous speciality boutiques carry

some unique gifts and mementos.

Village Artisanal de la Pointe des Châteaux



The Village Artisanal located on the far east of Guadeloupe, at Pointe des Châteaux (Castle Point) is home to a range of shops and boutiques selling souvenirs, handicrafts and knick-knacks ranging from chic to kitch. Colourful decorations and tasteful local jewellery line the shelves, and some unique items can be found.

Photo: hutch photography / Shutterstock.com
Address: Route de la Pointe des Châteaux, Saint François
Opening hours: Daily 9am-7pm
Phone: +590 590 215 204
Internet: www.village-artisanal.com
Email: info@village-artisanal.com

Centre Saint-John Perse



Centre Saint-John Perse, located right next to the hotel of the same name, is a small business centre where shoppers can find jewellery, cosmetics, perfume and other such beauty products and accessories.

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Address: Centre Saint John Perse, Quai des Croisières, Pointe-à-Pitre

Shopping Streets



Being an overseas French territory, many imported French products can be found on Guadeloupe, especially in Pointe-a-Pitre. The shopping streets of Frebault, Nozieres and

Schoelcher are some of the main commercial avenues and are home to numerous shops and boutiques featuring such items.

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Marché aux Épices



The Marché aux Épices (Spice Market) is the city's central market for produce. Located in a covered but breezy and open space, visitors can

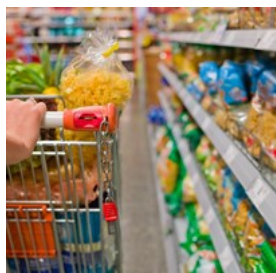
buy the freshest fruits and vegetables, as well as flowers, oils, spices and decorative items.

Photo: Asram / Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: Rue Frébault, Pointe-à-Pitre

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 6am-2pm

Carrefour Contact



For a one-stop shopping solution you can head to Carrefour, in the north of the city, a short distance from the airport. The French retail giant offers

shoppers a huge array of products, including, but not limited to, food, homeware, clothes, accessories and even electronics and home goods.

Photo: Lisa S. / Shutterstock.com

Address: Residence Vieux Bourg Grand Camp, Les Abymes

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-8pm, Sun 8am-12:30pm

Phone: +590 590 901 212

Internet: www.carrefourguadeloupe.com

Madras Bijoux



Located on the popular shopping street Rue de Nozière, Madras Bijoux offers high-quality jewellery, including necklaces, rings and

earrings, and specializing in gold merchandise. The designs are simple, elegant and tasteful, and often reflect Caribbean influences.

Photo: Jasmin Awad / Shutterstock.com

Address: 115 Rue de Nozière, Pointe-à-Pitre

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 9am-1pm and 3pm-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm

Phone: +590 590 82 88 03

Pascal Foy's Kaz an Nou Gallery



For some of the best local art in all of Guadeloupe, head to the island of Terre-de-Haut, where local artist Pascal Foy has his workshop and

boutique. He specialises in paintings of local scenes and traditional Creole architecture, wildly popular among tourists and Guadeloupians alike.

Photo: Denis Kuvaev / Shutterstock.com

Address: Route a Pompierres, Terre-de-Haut

Phone: +590 590 995 229

Internet: www.artmajeur.com/fr/member/pascal-foy

Dody



Directly across from the Marché aux Épices lies Dody, a lovely boutique that showcases colourful and locally-designed and produced dresses. All

items are elegant and classy and carry an unequivocal Caribbean flair and aesthetic.

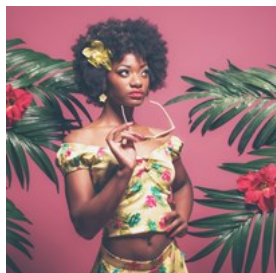
Photo: Verena Matthew / Shutterstock.com

Address: 40 Rue Frébault, Pointe-a-Pitre

Phone: +590 590 831 373

Internet: www.dodyshop.com

Ochun Fashion Design



Ochun Fashion Design is another wonderful and unique boutique that offers modern and elegant dresses with Caribbean motifs and flawless craftsmanship. The items are colourful, happy and absolutely cutting-edge in terms of design. Jewellery, bags and other accessories can also be found.

Photo: Ysbrand Cosijn / Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Centre St John Perse, Pointe À Pitre

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm

Phone: +590 590 684 137

Email: ochunfashiondesign@yahoo.fr

Phoenicia Guadeloupe



Phoenicia is a speciality boutique and perfumerie offering a great range of cosmetics and beauty products. Creams, oil, make-up, jewellery and accessories of major international brands are all on offer, but the main attraction is the wide selection of perfumes and colognes.

Photo: Billion Photos / Shutterstock.com

Address: 121 bis Rue Frébault, Pointe-a-Pitre

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5:30pm, Sat 8:30am-1:30pm

Phone: +590 590 822 575

Internet: www.phoenicia-gp.com

Email: parfguad@gmail.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Airport



Pointe-à-Pitre

International Airport

(PTP) is located in

Abymes, about 2.5

kilometres north of

Pointe-à-Pitre. It is the

main hub for Air Caraïbes and Air Antilles Express, handling regular flights to Paris, Miami and Montreal, as well as numerous Caribbean destinations. There are also seasonal flights from New York, Boston, Frankfurt and Milan.

For transportation to the city, taxis are the most convenient option. Some have metres (make sure they get used) and others charge a flat rate. There are also two car rental agencies at the airport (Sixt and Hertz) and numerous shuttle companies that can be booked in advance. There is no public transportation to or from the airport.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Pointe-à-Pitre International Airport, Morne Mamiel, Les Abymes

Phone: +590 892 689 755

Internet: www.guadeloupe.aeroport.fr

Public Transport



There are two bus stations in Pointe à Pitre. The first is at Bergevin, in the north of the city, which routes to Basse-Terre. It has a ticket office and fixed timetables. The other station, in the southern district of La Darse, has service to destinations on Grande-Terre. Tickets here must be bought on the buses themselves as there is no ticket office. Transport can be slow, so if you're in a hurry it may be best to hire a car or take a taxi (though they can be pricey). There are also regular flights and ferries connecting Pointe-a-Pitre to the other islands of Guadeloupe.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



Taxis are widely available throughout Pointe-a-Pitre, especially around hotels, as well as at the airport. Many of them are metred, but if not be sure to agree on a price beforehand. Rates tend to be quite expensive on the island, so if you plan on doing a lot of moving around, you may prefer to rent a car.

Loic Taxi (Les Abymes)
+590 690 842 828

Taxi Leader (Pointe-a-Pitre)
+590 590 822 626

Taxi Dan (Le Gosier)
+590 590 237 280

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Port



The most important cruise ship terminal in Guadeloupe is in Pointe-a-Pitre, which was named the "most flexible and reliable Caribbean harbour" in 2014. It is conveniently located right next to the city centre, just a 10-minute taxi ride away from the airport, and has a lounge, bar and arts and crafts bazaar.

Photo: Pham Thi Dieu Linh / Shutterstock.com

Post

La Poste Bergevin



Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: Bergevin, Rue Euvremont Gene, Pointe-à-Pitre
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-5:45pm, Sat 7am-12pm
Phone: +590 590 21 7922
Internet: www.laposte.fr/particulier/outils/trouver-un-bureau-de-poste/bureau-detail/pointe-a-pitre-bergevin-bp/17878A

Pharmacy

Pharmacie H. Cava



Photo: Gemma Garner
Address: Boulevard Legitimus, Pointe-à-Pitre
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat 7:30am-3pm
Phone: +590 590 82 0536

Telephone



Country code: 590 Area
code: 590

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



220-240 V 50 Hz Socket
types C,D and E

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

Pointe-à-Pitre: 16,343 (2015)
Guadeloupe: 395,700 (2016)

Currency

1 Euro, € = 100 cents

Opening hours

Shops usually open from 8am to 12pm and then again from 2pm-6pm. Most businesses and establishments are closed on Saturday afternoons, Sundays, holidays, and occasionally also on Wednesday afternoons.

Newspapers

Caribbean News Now (in English)
St. Barth Weekly (in English)
France-Antilles
Le Journal De St. Barth

Emergency numbers

Emergency services: 112
Fire brigade: 18
Police: 17
Medical service: 15

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5 place de la Banque, Pointe-à-Pitre
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www.lesilesdeguaadeloupe.com