



Dear Charter Guest,

We hope that you are getting excited about your upcoming charter. Each sailing experience provides you with unique stories and memories that will not soon be forgotten. Once you are on the yacht, you are free to relax and take in the sights, sounds, and experience of sailing St. Maarten. To make sure that you are well-prepared for your charter, we have listed some helpful information below to help you pack and make the arrival process as simplified as possible.

What should I pack?

When packing, keep in mind that storage space is limited. Since your luggage will need to be stored in your cabin along with your personal items, soft-sided luggage is required. We suggest that you bring a pair of sandals or flip flops for the time you spend ashore, but no shoes are to be worn on the yacht. **Bring plenty of sunscreen!!** Sunscreen sprays can make the boat deck slippery; therefore, we ask that you only bring lotion. It's a great idea to pack a dry bag to take your personal belongings onshore and a wide-brimmed hats or a sailing cap. During the cooler months, you may want a long sleeve t-shirt or cover up for the evenings. There are standard electrical outlets on board for your chargers, laptops, e-readers, and music players. There are also connections for your music players. We suggest bringing a standard 1/8 in. audio cable as well to connect your player. We strongly suggest if you bring a hair dryer, bring a low wattage dryer (ie. travel size). Curling and flat irons are not allowed onboard. If you are planning on diving, you will also want to make sure that you bring your certification card. Don't forget those passports!

What are Onward Accommodation Documents?

Our St. Maarten itinerary requires us to clear customs when traveling between St. Maarten, St. Barths, and Anguilla. Immigrations will want to see proof of documentation for the day following your charter. **Please bring a hard copy of your airline itinerary or lodging reservation that shows where you're staying or departing to on the day following your sailing vacation with us.** Simply put, they just want to know what you're doing when you are finished sailing with us. Whether you are flying home or opting to spend a few extra nights on the island, you simply need to print out a hard copy of your confirmation for each guest and bring it with you. You will give your crew your printed confirmation and your passport when you arrive. They will do the rest for you throughout the week.

Now that you're all packed, you'll want to make sure you know exactly where you are going.

After arriving at the Princess Juliana International Airport (SXM), our yachts are located just a few moments away at **Porto Cupecoy Marina**. Taxi service is available from the airport to the marina and generally has an approximate cost of \$10 per person. The meeting time to board the yacht is 5pm on Saturday where you will have dinner aboard the yacht that evening. Because of time needed for provisioning and yacht preparation, no one will be able to board prior to 5pm on Saturday. You will check-in at the yacht which is indicated by the Festiva Sailing Vacations flags and markings.

Dividing on your Charter

Dividing is available at an additional cost and will be conducted through an outside dive company and require proof of certification to participate. Be certain that you have indicated your interest in diving on the preference form and please let your crew know upon arrival.

If you encounter any delays when arriving to the catamaran, please contact The Atrium Resort at 1-888-992-8748 and they can notify your crew. Also, please use this as an emergency contact while on your vacation.

CSA Travel Protection Program

Festiva Sailing Vacations offers superior coverage through a partnership with CSA Travel Protection. CSA offers 24-hour emergency assistance services, concierge services and on demand medical care as well as exceptional customer service.

It is important to understand what is and is not included in your charter.

Included in the cost of your charter

- Licensed Captain and First Mate/Chef
- All meals except 2 dinners ashore
- Drinks (including spirits, wines, beers, fruit juice, sodas and water)
- On-board sporting equipment
- All cruising fees
- All government taxes while aboard
- Mooring fees and marine park fees
- Fuel for engines, dinghy and generator
- Water
- Linens

NOT Included in the cost of your charter

- Two dinners ashore
- Crew gratuities*
- Transfer services (taxi)
- Optional SCUBA diving**

**suggested gratuities range from \$600 (good service) to \$1,000 (superior service) per cabin*

***diving not included on non-member charters*

We look forward to your visit.

The Festiva Sailing Vacations Team

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