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St. Kitts may be small in size, but in all ways—it is strong. Close to both the US and Canada, the Caribbean island is accessible to a diverse group of travelers connected by a mutual draw toward truly intrepid adventures. Sister isle Nevis sits just two-and-a-half miles south, and together, the territories constitute the smallest country in the Western hemisphere. Luckily, they contain a whole universe of singular experiences.

Embark on a natural departure from your own expectations. A distinctly Caribbean island, St. Kitts welcomes you with the region's signature spirit all while revealing its own serene soul. Uncover its treasures between the walls of an ancient fortress, from the rails of a scenic railway as it sweeps across fields and forests. When Kittitians share their love for everything local, listen. Their land is their heritage. When you're invited to a street party or parade, or dared to zipline across the rainforest, say yes.

Be bold in your exploration and follow your curiosity. Find a seat at an abundance of restaurants serving cuisine rich in homegrown fruits, vegetables, fresh-caught seafood and the land's finest cuts. St. Kitts' culinary diversity is reflective of its history—each dish is a cherished heirloom from the island's French, Caribbean, and Indian influences. Delight in both beachfront and inland accommodations that range from oceanfront luxury to mountaintop seclusion. Local rum experiences and live entertainment accompany most meals, keeping spirits high. Joy comes with ease when you're surrounded by so much warmth—both from the land and local Kittitians.

HISTORY & HERITAGE



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Hike. Zipline. Snorkel. Daydream.

TIME FOR PLAY

To a child's eyes, St. Kitts is a warm, joyful playground where sailing, sandcastles, swimming and underwater exploration are daily possibilities. For parents, it is a place to lay claim to a soothing spot of sunshine on a quiet shoreline—an oasis of peace and quiet. A trip to St. Kitts can be educational too, as older children and adults learn about the region's nature and storied history. The island particularly suits active families looking to immerse themselves in rugged outdoor exploration.

OUT AND ABOUT

Just 18 miles long, St. Kitts encompasses a lush and verdant landscape centered on a mountainous heart cloaked in rainforest—Mt. Liamuiga. To the southeast lies a long, undulating peninsula scalloped with golden beaches and a single resort: the fivestar Park Hyatt St. Kitts. International flights land at Robert L. Bradshaw Airport, while KayanJet welcomes jets and small aircrafts to a luxury terminal and private lounge. The marina at Christophe Harbour and the dock at Port Zante welcome visitors arriving via yacht or cruise ship.



The population of St. Kitts hovers around the 40,000 mark.

VHERE THE PAST IS

Brimstone Hill Fortress is also a national park and ideal for families – pack a picnic.



St. Kitts is where the story of the modern Caribbean begins. In 1623, English settlers established a colony at Old Road, with the French landing the following year.

The legacy of this era, along with that of the indigenous Arawak and Carib peoples, can be found in petroglyphs, gravestones, venerable trees, evocative ruins and place-names from Sir Timothy's Hill to Belle Vue.

Basseterre is home to the St. Kitts National Museum and historic spaces such as The Circus, inspired by London's Piccadilly Circus, and Independence Square (formerly 'Pall Mall').

GETTING AROUND



You can explore St. Kitts in any number of satisfying ways: rent a car, take a taxi tour or join an organized excursion. A recommended half-day adventure is a clockwise drive round the north coast with visits to the heritage sites mentioned and making further stops at the St. Kitts Eco-Park and the wave-swept Black Rocks.

For something truly unique, book a tour on the double-decker carriages of the St. Kitts Scenic Railway. Departing from Needsmust Station, this travels round the north coast to La Vallée Station in Newton Ground, with a 45-minute bus ride completing the circle.

Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site-storied and respected.

RUINS & FORTRESSES

Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park is home to a World Heritage-listed military fort dating from 1690. There are bastions, lime kilns, and the engrossing Fort George Museum. History lovers will also enjoy Wingfield Estate,

where the ruins of the first working estate and rum distillery in the Caribbean have been uncovered, as well as the gardens of Romney Manor, which were once owned by a forefather of Thomas Jefferson.



Shop for some richly-colored, island-made batiks sold by Caribelle Batik at Romney Manor.



SETTLE IN

Step off the plane and into a waiting Porsche Cayenne that whisks you straight to KayanJet, a standalone private terminal that provides a fivestar fast-track in and out of Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport. Relax in a refined space with champagne and canapés, and prepare for high-touch customer service. There's no better way to touchdown in St. Kitts—and when you depart, there's an outdoor pool area with sun loungers.

GO FOR A RIDE

As the vibrantly painted carriages of the St. Kitts Scenic Railway curve around the coast, a Kittitian choir in traditional dress serenades delighted passengers. Running for 18 miles (29 kilometers), this narrow gauge line was originally built in 1926 to transport sugar cane. These days, it serves as a memorable two-hour ride round the north coast, complete with informative guided commentary, refreshing drinks and sugar cakes.

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ADVENTURE TIME

Meet "De Boss" challenge, the longest of Sky Safari's five zip-lines strung through the rainforest canopy at Wingfield Estate. Find yourself whizzing past lush trees and stunning island landscapes in thrilling zip line rides that will have you soaring at 250ft (76.2 m) and traveling at top speeds of up to 45mph (72.4 km/h).

ECHOES OF THE PAST

Dramatic stone battlements, a line of rusty cannons still aiming towards the sea, ghostly barracks and even a historic cemetery, it is no wonder Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park was made a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1999. Once the home of over a thousand soldiers and their families. this formidable citadel is one of the most remarkable historical sites in the Caribbean. Enjoy an enlightening audio-guided tour and spend some time in its extensive museum.



EPICUREAN JOURNEYS

Freshly caught, the tuna arrives seared to perfection and delicately laid over a crisp, organic salad that is almost as stunning as the majestic view of golden sand and turquoise sea behind your plate. Your champagne sparkles with the sunset. Moments like these are precisely why you travel to the Caribbean. Rums in St. Kitts offer yet another flavorful journey. Mango. Coconut. Vanilla. Tough choices must indeed be made. The perpetually exquisite Hibiscus Rum and precisely bold Old Road Rum are also yours for the tasting.

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you'll need to bring along an ID.

Lady Luck is in your corner and the Royal

Resort has gaming tables and slots—but

Beach Casino in the St. Kitts Marriott

SOARING ADVENTURE

Even with an early morning start, the steep climb up the flanks of Mt Liamuiga, the crowning glory of St. Kitts, makes for a full day of outdoor exploration. Standing at 3,792 feet, this dormant volcano makes for a spirited hike, and those who persevere will find themselves staring down into the rim of an intensely green, halfmile-wide volcanic crater known as "The Giant's Salad Bowl."



ISLAND SOUNDS

The lights dazzle, the music sizzles and bodies sway all night. Held each June in Basseterre, the St. Kitts Music Festival is one of the biggest and greatest parties in the Caribbean. Kool and the Gang, Roberta Flack and John Legend have all played at the festival, as well as other international icons such as Lionel Richie. Michael Bolton, Sean Paul, and Shaggy.

Kittitians love cricket – top level international matches are played in Basseterre's Warner Park Stadium.

SAIL AWAY

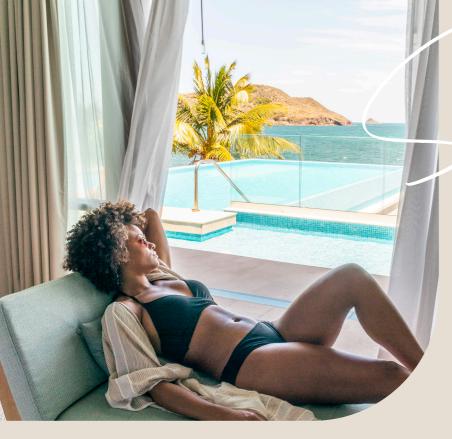
The sails are hoisted and the catamaran is tearing along over a blue gradient. The gorgeous green peak of Mt Nevis looms ahead. There is nothing quite like booking a day-sail with an experienced and knowledgeable local catamaran operator to enjoy a fun day out at sea filled with laughter, music, and overall bohemian enchantment. Upon reaching the sister isle, they'll drop anchor for a barbecue lunch on the beach with rum cocktails galore.



Fancy exploring sister island Nevis? Whether you go via the 45-minute or 30-minute ferry, the 20-minute car ferry or the 6-minute water taxi, Nevis is easily accessible and well worth any length of travel. Take an island tour and visit the Old Bath House, the historic museum, the beautifully landscaped botanical gardens and St. John's Anglican Church—where Lord Nelson and Fanny Nisbet were married.







THE NIGHT

PARK HYATT ST. KITTS

This magnificent hotel sits beside Banana Bay on the south-east peninsula, offering 126 sophisticated rooms, including 48 suites, with some offering roof-top pools. Amenities include three signature restaurants, two pools (one adults-only), a destination spa, and a rum bar, plus watersports and children's activities. *stkitts.park.hyatt.com*



SUNSET REEF ST. KITTS

Sunny days set into cool nights in this relaxing boutique hotel located in Palmetto Point in the Parish of Trinity. Perched above the Caribbean Sea and offering beachfront views and spectacular tropical sunsets, you can book one of its beautiful suites or reserve the entire villa for the ultimate luxury Caribbean experience in St. Kitts & Nevis. *sunsetreefstkitts.com*

PRIVATE VILLAS

Villa accommodation ranges from complexes such as the hillside Calypso Bay Resorts near South Frigate Bay, with a choice of one- to three-bedroom residences overlooking the Caribbean Sea, to away-from-it-all Turtle Beach House on the south east peninsula with three-bedrooms and an infinity pool. **stkittstourism.kn**



ST. KITTS MARRIOTT RESORT

In North Frigate Bay, the island's largest resort borders the Royal St. Kitts Golf Club and boasts 320 rooms and 69 suites, five restaurants, three pools, a dazzling white beach and a spa and casino. Wellsuited for families, it's a popular one-stop resort with plenty of alternative dining options just a stroll away. **stkittsmarriott.com**

Ø KOI RESORT

Located on Half-Moon Bay, Koi Resort is part of the Curio Collection by Hilton and offers modern suites and stunning views with access to nearby attractions, tranquil beaches and scenic golf greens. With on-site dining and spa services, the Koi guarantees a completely harmonious vacation experience. *Koiresort.com*



Ø BIRD ROCK BEACH HOTEL

With views of the Caribbean Sea at Basseterre, this affordable accommodation features 46 rooms in two-storey blocks with two restaurants, a pool, secluded beach and private dock. It is popular with divers as it gives them easy access to the on-site Dive St. Kitts, which organises day trips to explore the island's best wrecks. **birdrockbeach.com**

Q RAMADA BY WYNDHAM

Serving as the only all-inclusive resort in St. Kitts, Ramada by Wyndham Resort St. Kitts pairs first-class accommodation with precise attention to detail and customization. Your Ramada experience includes an array of on-property amenities including on-site dining, bars, spa, recreational activities and more. **Ramadaresortstkitts.com**

† TIMOTHY BEACH RESORT

Right beside South Frigate Bay and the lively watering-holes of "The Strip", this keenly-priced resort appeals to families and sociable travellers. Many of the 60 rooms have kitchen facilities and amenities include a large pool, relaxed ocean view restaurant and The Dock bar with live music on Sundays. *timothybeach.com*

PROYAL ST. KITTS HOTEL

Backing onto a private lagoon, this newly refurbished, family-run resort in North Frigate Bay has a mix of 215 studios, oneand two-bedroom suites, all with wellequipped kitchens and contemporary furnishings. There are two restaurants, a large pool and laundry facilities. **royalstkittshotel.com**

OBELLE MONT FARM

Part of Kittitian Hill, an organic farm and eco-minded resort development in the verdant hills of northern St. Kitts, this lofty and luxurious property has stunning coastal views, gorgeous accommodation and a terrific modern Caribbean restaurant, The Kitchen. **bellemontfarm.com**

SUGAR BAY CLUB

Enjoying a five-acre oceanside site in North Frigate Bay, this family-friendly resort has 89 rooms, half of which were recently remodelled. Accommodation options range from studios to two- bedroom cottages, plus there are two pools and four restaurants including Japanese and Indian cuisines. *sugarbayclub.com*

© CONDOMINIUMS

Frigate Bay offers the greatest choice of condos including Silver Reef with one- to three- bedroom properties overlooking the Royal St. Kitts Golf Course. The beachside Sealofts has two- and three-bedroom townhouses set in tropical gardens with a communal pool, while Island Paradise Beach Village includes one- bedroom units. **stkittstourism.kn**

GOWHERE GOODNESS OWS

St. Kitts' rich culinary culture fuses Caribbean island ingenuity with Old World traditions. Passionate chefs create cuisine that soars with fresh-off-the-boat seafood and homegrown produce, while restaurateurs dream up evermore magical settings to enjoy it all.

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St. Kitts rum is inexpensive and makes a great souvenir – pick up a bottle in the duty free shops in Port Zante or at the airport.



SOPHISTICATED MENU & EXTENSIVE WINE CELLAR

THE PAVILION

Considered by many as the top dining experience in St. Kitts, Pavilion's luxe ambience is matched by its epicurean offerings. Nestled in the exclusive Christophe Harbour, this hidden gem in the southeast peninsula represents the pinnacle of culinary experience while overlooking Sandy Bank Bay. Its open air dining hall is architecturally stunning in its design and a popular pick for an intimate night out.



ELEGANT & SPACIOUS



The Stone Barn stands as one of the most beautiful dining halls in St. Kitts. Wide open doors lead to a stunning view of sister island Nevis across the narrows, while offering culinary excellence and execution at its finest. Located at the Park Hyatt in Banana Bay. Stewed Saltfish. Coconut Dumplings. Seasoned Breadfruit. Spicy Plantains. Savour St. Kitts.

OPEN-AIR DANCE FLOOR & LIVE MUSIC



Head to The Strip for festive island nightlife. No plans needed – just walk until one of the many dining & entertainment establishments catches your eye, then head to the next as soon as you're ready for a new vibe. Dance to live music on open-air dance floors as you sip and savour authentically Kittitian drinks & dishes.



BEST CRAFT COCKTAILS & SUNSET SPOT

SALT PLAGE

Ideal for sunset and evening fun, SALT Plage is understandably one of the busiest bars in St. Kitts. Barefoot sophistication and one of the most extensive selection of spirits on the island await just steps from the Christophe Harbour marina. Indulge in island pleasures — a glimmering sunset, sailboats in the distance, chill Caribbean beats and a frozen Jumbie — all from the comfort of an inviting daybed or suspended hammock.

HACIENDA-STYLE AMBIENCE & INNOVATIVE CUISINE

CARAMBOLA BEACH CLUB

A lively daytime beach club transforms into a dining destination as soon as the sun goes down. Day and night, Carambola Beach Club comes alive with both visitors and locals seeking to enjoy a hacienda-style ambience and creative international fare. ECLECTIC MENU & FRESH-CAUGHT SEAFOOD

FISHERMAN'S VILLAGE PARK HYATT

Designed to reflect the huts and berths that once lined the St. Kitts coastline, Fisherman's Village is the place to enjoy stunning ocean views paired with islandinspired dishes and seafood fresh off the deck. Don't forget to order a customised Boulevardier at the outdoor lounge.

ICONIC BRUNCH & DINNER LOCATION

SPICE MILL

Sensory delight & satisfaction guaranteed. Highlights include delicious plantbased cuisine, fresh seasonal ingredients, and a gorgeous Cockleshell Beach sunset.



Held every July, St. Kitts & Nevis Restaurant Week showcases the flavours of the islands with bars and restaurants offering special menus.





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The VIP treatment awaits your arrival when you check into the Kayan Jet private jet terminal at Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport.

With its multi-hued beaches, emerald landscapes, tropical climate and worldclass resorts, St. Kitts is tailored for lovers. This island knows all about helping couples bond, whether they are new friends, recently engaged, tying the knot, honeymooning, renewing their vows, celebrating a milestone anniversary, or simply in the mood for adventure. Romance means sharing unforgettable experiences, and there's no shortage of those in St. Kitts. From thrilling zipline rides over trees to journeying through the sugar cane fields on a scenic train, or cuddling up on a catamaran cruise as the sun sets, passion lives in St. Kitts. In St. Kitts, true beauty is discovered slowly. Striking moment after striking moment.



HELLO, HONEYMOON

For luxury and privacy, hide away in the hills at Belle Mont Farm, where rooms have a private plunge pool and an al fresco roll-top bath. Idyllic honeymoons happen at gorgeous Sunset Reef, meanwhile the Park Hyatt St. Kitts at Banana Bay offers the chance to lounge in a rooftop pool suite.

Easily explored by hire car or taxi tour, St. Kitts offers couples plenty to discover à deux, from horse rides in the hills to a tutored rum tasting. At night, savour an intimate dinner under the stars at The Kitchen in Belle Mont Farm.

SAYING "I DO"

We're not particularly fond of red tape here in St. Kitts, which is why we keep it to a minimum – and that includes marriages. There's no residency requirement and our local wedding planners make everything run smoothly.

Many couples automatically think 'beach', with the immaculately-kept sands of the St. Kitts Marriott Resort in North Frigate Bay, a favourite, but there are plenty of options. Ceremonies held at luxury villas or aboard a sunset catamaran are popular choices for small, intimate celebrations, while photogenic locations include Brimstone Hill Fortress, the exclusive Palms Court Gardens and Romney Manor, with its magnificent 400-year old saman tree.



SHORES

The best beaches on St. Kitts adorn its southeast peninsula and have clean sands, sheltered waters and scenic views of nearby Nevis. Here Cockleshell Bay is the most popular, yet never feels over-crowded. It offers plenty of lively bars, delicious restaurants and thrilling watersports. Adjacent to this, crescentshaped Banana Bay is home to the Park Hyatt St. Kitts resort. The sands on the more southern Caribbean Sea-facing side of the island are the most family friendly. South Friars Bay is ideal for a long beachcombing walk with a generous offering of bars along the way. Beaches on the northern Atlantic-facing side are bolder with fewer facilities, so they are better suited for a bracing walk or an exhilarating kite-boarding session, with striking black volcanic sands in the north at Dieppe Bay.

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It's a six-mile (9.6 km) scenic drive from the center of the island to the beaches on the peninsula, so rent a car or take a taxi.





BEACHES

PARTY TIME

First the sundowners, then it's the bonfire on the beach, then the live band takes the stage. Soca or reggae, both are perfect to dance to under the stars at The Strip in South Frigate Bay. Here, the bar names include Zanzi Bar & Grill, Monkey BaBoozies, Vibes, Buddies and the quirky-sounding Mr X's Shiggidy Shack. Collect moments of joy—and see how they fill you.



Kittitians love to hang out at the beach on weekends. If you seek more deserted sands try Major's Bay or Turtle Beach on a weekday.



WATER WONDERS

Cockleshell Bay is home to Reggae Beach Water Sports where you can rent kayaks, paddleboards, jet-skis and fly-boards.

Snorkelling enthusiasts flock to the crystal clear waters of Whitehouse Bay where local operators take divers to top sites like the wreck of the River Taw freighter and the Monkey Shoals reef. Leatherback turtles nest on St. Kitts from February to July, with hatchlings emerging in late September. You can learn more about these endangered creatures during fascinating nighttime eco-tours organised by the St. Kitts Sea Turtle Monitoring Network. They run from April to June and are free for children 12 and under.







If a meaningful encounter with nature is what you're after, St. Kitts delivers with a myriad of diverse landscapes, respectful development, and abundant historic attractions. A quarter of St. Kitts is covered in verdant forest, and all land above 1,000ft (305 m) is protected. Everywhere you look flamboyant flowers and fruit trees sprout, including red and yellow heliconias, breadfruits, towering royal palms, and the scarletpetalled poinciana, the national flower of St. Kitts & Nevis.

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Ever tried kite-boarding? Experience exhilaration with St. Kitts Water Sports.







ADVENTURE & NATURE

Here, soul-stirring discoveries embolden you to explore a little further.

PEAK VIEWING

Do you prefer the view from the top? Then the two-hour hike up to the 3,792ft (1,156 m) peak of Mt Liamuiga is a must. This six-mile, round-trip from Newton Ground is best done with a knowledgeable Kittitian guide who will be an informative companion as you climb up through the cathedral-like rainforest.

The journey can be a little physically demanding, but your ascent is rewarded with cooler temperatures. Visitors looking for a less strenuous activity enjoy Greg's Safaris and Oneil Mulraine's educational, family-friendly adventures on foot and by 4x4 vehicle. Birdwatchers should head to Romney Manor in Old Road to spy forest birds, while Half Moon Bay on the Atlantic coast is a good spot for pond and sea birds.

THRILLS FOR ALL

A well-established zip-lining course set high up on the Wingfield Estate, Sky Safari guarantees an adrenaline rush. Five lines are suspended up to 250ft (76.2 m) above the ground and children aged six and above are welcome.

Close by, Spectrum ATV Tours and 869AT Ventures run off-road group trips by all-terrain vehicle (quad bike), a two-hour drive through the sugar fields and old plantations (minimum age 16). For horseback riding, Trinity Inn Stables in Palmetto Point has trails along the beach leading into the rainforest, and Fun in the Saddle offers horseback riding in the Monkey Hill area.

Leeward Island Charters offers catamaran cruises out of Basseterre that sail along the coast with stops for snorkelling. Other notable catamaran operators include Blue Water Safaris and Coastal View Charter. You can even book a full day sail across to Nevis and back.







Garden-lovers should visit the St. Kitts Eco-Park near Sandy Point, which has the largest greenhouse in the Caribbean.



FORTEES

Dramatically windswept and gorgeously satisfying, the driving range and fairways at the Four Seasons Resort Nevis West Indies delight and enchant golfers of all skill levels.

Visit its elegantly appointed Golf Pro Shop and enquire about lessons and clinics before heading out. Then, take in the sweeping views of the resort and the neighbouring island of St. Kitts as you tee off at the Robert Trent Jones II signature 18-hole, par-71 course winding over 6,766 lush yards (6,187 metres) from the slopes of Nevis Peak down to the edge of the Caribbean Sea. The journey will take you via a vibrant tropical landscape promising a few fascinating encounters along the way.

Early on, you discover that this is not just another day out in the green as the remnants of an old sugar mill behind the second tee find you.

Enchanting views of the misty mountains that earned Nevis its name will follow you throughout the day, and the drive to the sixth hole brings you face to face with The Lonely Tunnel. "This tunnel is the only tunnel in Nevis," the inscription reads. "Good fortune will accompany you each time you enter and exit."

Meanwhile, green vervet monkey sightings are common, especially during the late afternoon hours as these playful primates seem to be avid fans of the game. Keep an eye out for majestic banyan trees and wildly photogenic herons.

Wind down the day with fantastic sunset views from the 13th hole, and then make your way to hole 15 via a winding drive under a canopy of island greenery to fulfill the Lonely Tunnel's cheerful prophecy.



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CALENDAR

JUNE - St. Kitts Music Festival Three nights of musical acts in Basseterre, with related events happening across the island.

JULY - Nevis Mango Festival Local celebrity chefs get creative with mango inspired dishes.

St. Kitts & Nevis Restaurant Week A celebration of Caribbean cuisine with special menus and promotions on offer.

AUGUST - Culturama Traditional folklore and calypso shows in Nevis, and a public holiday on St. Kitts.

OCTOBER - Latin Festival St. Kitts

St. Kitts and Latin America come together for a week-long fiesta at Port Zante, Basseterre.

DECEMBER/JANUARY - St. Kitts-Nevis National Carnival (Sugar Mas)

It's party time with costumed parades and the crowning of national queen as well as soca and calypso monarchs.

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