

VIKING DAILY

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Weather: Partly Cloudy / Windy. 82° F / 28° C

Sunrise: 6:07 AM | **Sunset:** 6:25 PM



ST. MARTIN (PHILIPSBURG), THE NETHERLANDS & FRANCE

St. Martin is a fascinating mix of France and Holland, lush with Caribbean beauty all its own. The island has been shared by the two nations since 1648. The early economy relied on cotton, tobacco, salt and sugar. A large salt pond remains, once harvested by the Dutch East India Company for trade. Today, the Dutch side of the island, anchored by its capital, Philipsburg, is dotted with resorts and casinos; the French capital, Marigot, exudes the romance of a quaint village. The renowned Rotary Lookout Point offers stunning international views of the vast Simpson Bay Lagoon and surrounding islands. And the famous Orient Beach is a stunning 1.5-mile swath of white sand.

Viking Mars

*Please take me back to the ship: Bitte bringen Sie mich zurück zum Schiff. (Dutch)
S'il vous plaît me ramener au navire. (French)*

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Ship Location

CPN-NE

Arrival Time

12:00 PM

Back On Board

5:00 PM

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Today on *Viking Mars*

MORNING

8:00 AM–8:00 PM

Nordic Restart (80/110 min): Kick-start your day with an exfoliating full-body cranberry scrub, a Swedish deep-tissue back-of-body massage and a scalp ritual that will leave you feeling fresh and energized. Treatment charge applicable. Reserve at Spa Reception.
The Nordic Spa (1)

9:00 AM–6:00 PM

Sports Deck Is Open: Sports equipment is available for use. (*Weather permitting*)
Sports Deck (9)

9:15 AM

Viking Resident Historian Iconic Lecture with Dr. John Bratzel: "Islands in History." Consider the diverse roles and the significance of islands in determining the outcomes of colonial, economic and geopolitical history.
Star Theater (2)

9:30–10:00 AM

Interdenominational Service: Join fellow guests for service hosted by your Cruise Director, Aaron.
Torshavn (2)

10:30 AM

Guest Lecture with Sue Stockdale "Grit & Resilience—Early Female Explorers." Be inspired by the exploratory spirit of women from the 1900s who discovered new lands.
Star Theater (2)

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Sail-in Wildlife Watch with Mr. Robin Petch: "The Whale and Dolphin Man." Watch for and record marine wildlife and learn more about your sightings.
(*Please bring your Quietvox headset and set it to Channel 1*)
Explorers' Lounge (7)

AFTERNOON

12:00 PM

Arrival: *Viking Mars* docks in **Philipsburg, Sint Maarten**. An announcement will be made in the public areas once the ship has received clearance from local authorities. You are required to carry your **Stateroom Keycard** when proceeding ashore today. Please note that local regulations **do not allow food to be taken ashore, however, bottled water is permitted.**

4:00–5:00 PM

Afternoon Tea: Enjoy tunes performed by our Resident Pianist, Artur while sipping afternoon tea.
Wintergarden (7)

5:00 PM

Back On Board: Please ensure you have embarked by this time. *Viking Mars* will be preparing to set sail for **Funchal (Madeira), Portugal**. (2,640 nautical miles)

5:00 PM

LGBTQIA+ Get Together: Join fellow Guests for an informal meet & greet. (*Un-hosted*)
Explorers' Lounge (8)

EVENING

6:00–6:45 PM

Munch Moments: Our Resident Pianist, Artur plays traditional Norwegian music while Munch's calm scenes and landscapes grace the Atrium screen.
Atrium (1)

6:00 PM

Feature Documentary: Drain The Oceans – "The Bermuda Triangle" What lies beneath the mythical triangle? With the aid of data from sophisticated sonar surveys, National Geographic explores what the ocean floor looks like below the Bermuda Triangle (45 mins).
Star Theater (2)

6:00–7:45 PM

Scenic Sounds: Marvel at sweeping views accompanied by the melodies of our Guitar Entertainer, Jobie.
Explorers' Lounge (7)

7:00–11:00 PM

Georg Jensen Collection: Visit our onboard shop to peruse a collection of sophisticated, timeless jewelry by Scandinavian design brand Georg Jensen. And treat yourself or a loved one to the genuine sterling silver pieces—everything from rings and earrings to bracelets and necklaces.
Juveler (2)

7:00–11:00 PM

Målerås Glassware: Discover Målerås. Skilled glassblowers, painters, grinders and engravers have put their love into every product. If you own an item from Målerås Glassworks you are guaranteed a Swedish handmade crystal masterpiece.
The Nordic Shop (2)

7:00–7:45 PM

Atrium Classics: Our Classical Duo, Agnes and Paulina perform classics in the heart of the ship.
Atrium (1)

8:00 PM

Name That Tune Trivia - Decades: Join your Entertainment Team to test your musical knowledge throughout the years in teams of up to six.
Explorers' Lounge (7)

8:00–8:45 PM

Musical Interlude: Relax in the soaring Atrium with accompaniment from our Resident Pianist, Artur.
Atrium (1)

9:00 PM

The *Viking Mars* Vocalists present tonight's performance of "The ABBA Songbook" Join our Viking Vocalists for a musical performance celebrating the Swedish pop phenomenon, ABBA. Renowned for their irresistible melodies, prepare for an evening filled with nostalgia and feel-good fun.
Star Theater (2)

9:00–10:45 PM

Relaxation & Conversation: Mingle with like-minded guests with musical accompaniment from our Classical Duo, Agnes and Paulina.
Atrium (1)

9:30–10:15 PM

Torshavn Acoustics: Our Guitar Entertainer, Jobie performs acoustic favorites in an intimate environment.
Torshavn (2)

10:00–10:45 PM

The Piano Bar: Experience the Explorers' Lounge as our Resident Pianist, Artur closes out the evening with classical melodies.
Explorers' Lounge (7)

10:30 PM–Closing

After-Dinner Party: Join the Viking Band for upbeat hits and smooth ballads in this intimate, late-night venue, accompanied by Resident Vocalists, Elsa and Arlando.
Torshavn (2)

Things to Remember

Please note that local regulations **do not allow food to be taken ashore, only sealed snacks and bottled water is permitted.**

Shore Excursions

The following shore excursions **meet Pierside (Ashore)**:

GROUP 1 – 4	Scenic St. Martin (Included)	(2½ Hours)	Meets at	12:15 PM	
GROUP 5	History of Philipsburg by Foot	(3 Hours)	Meets at	12:15 PM	QV
GROUP 6 – 10	Scenic St. Martin (Included)	(2½ Hours)	Meets at	12:45 PM	
GROUP 11	America's Cup 12-Meter Regatta	(3 Hours)	Meets at	12:45 PM	
GROUP 12	Tranquil Turquoise Water Snorkeling	(4 Hours)	Meets at	12:45 PM	
GROUP 14	Half-Day St. Martin by Land & Sea	(4 Hours)	Meets at	12:45 PM	QV
GROUP 15	Rhino Safari	(4 Hours)	Meets at	12:45 PM	
GROUP 16	Beach Day by Catamaran	(3½ Hours)	Meets at	1:15 PM	
GROUP 17 – 20	Scenic St. Martin (Included)	(2½ Hours)	Meets at	1:15 PM	
GROUP 21	Topper's Rhum Distillery	(3 Hours)	Meets at	1:15 PM	QV
GROUP 22 – 24	Scenic St. Martin (Included)	(2½ Hours)	Meets at	1:45 PM	

- Only excursions marked above with “(QV)” require a **Quietvox** audio headset. Your local tour guide will determine the extent to which the Quietvox will be used. Please plan ahead and charge your headset.
- Excursion durations are approximations and may be subject to change due to local conditions and circumstances beyond our control.
- We kindly ask that you allow guests with limited mobility access to the front seats on all motor coaches.
- If you would like to be in the same excursion group as your travel companions (e.g. family and friends), please plan in advance to meet and disembark the ship together.
- Remember to bring your shore excursion ticket(s). They will be collected by your tour guide and only guests who are able to present their ticket(s) will be permitted to board the motor coach.
- Be sure to arrive on time at your respective meeting location. Today, departures to and from shore excursions cannot be delayed as we may experience a higher volume of traffic and your punctuality will help ensure we remain on schedule. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Port Map

A port map of the ship's docking location can be viewed digitally on your tablet or smartphone. Please see the back page of the *Viking Daily* and scan the Port Map QR code with your device's camera.

Local Currency

The local currency in Phillipsburg, Sint Maarten is the **Netherlands Antillean Florin (NAF)**. The approximate exchange rate is **NAF 1.80 to \$1.00 USD**. We regret that Netherlands Antillean Florin cannot be purchased or exchanged on board.

Public Health Advisory

We remind all guests to be mindful when going ashore today. Be cautious when consuming local foods and beverages. Consuming un-bottled water, ice cubes and raw or uncooked food items pose potential health risks if not properly prepared or handled. They have been identified as likely causes of common symptoms of gastrointestinal issues and food poisoning. If you are feeling any symptoms of illness or discomfort, please report to the Medical Center immediately.

Port Advisory

Take care when traveling in unfamiliar areas and avoid walking through less travelled areas alone. Take sensible precautions and remain vigilant to protect yourself and your belongings. Avoid leaving drinks unattended.

Viking Heritage

Browse our special onboard exhibit and learn about the daily lives, rich history and inspiring legacy of the Vikings. The Viking Heritage exhibit is located in the Atrium on Deck 2, showcasing realistic replicas of fascinating artifacts.

Veranda Washing

Today in **Philipsburg, Sint Maarten**, our deck and housekeeping staff will be working on both the **Starboard** and **Portside** of this vessel. Please ensure no items have been left on your veranda for this very important procedure. Should you wish to have this work postponed, please contact Guest Services on Deck 1.

Fireplaces

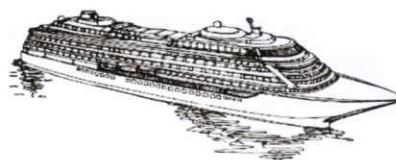
You may have wondered if the fires you see in the Explorers' Lounge and The Nordic Spa are real. We would love to have fireplaces at sea; however, they do not conform to maritime regulations. Instead, we use nature's water vapors and colored light to create the illusion of fire. We hope you enjoy their ambiance.

Water Conservation

At Viking, we strive to be environmentally responsible. We would like to invite you to join us in our efforts with your thoughtful use of water, remembering to turn off the faucet after each use.

Lost & Found

Guest Services on Deck 1 has lost and found for guests who may have misplaced their personal items.



Dining

Early Risers

The Living Room	Deck 1	6:00–9:00 AM
Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	6:30–7:30 AM

Breakfast

The Restaurant	Deck 2	8:00–9:30 AM
World Café	Deck 7	7:00–10:00 AM

Late Risers

Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	7:30–11:00 AM
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Lunch

The Restaurant	Deck 2	Closed
Pool Grill	Deck 7	11:30 AM–2:30 PM
World Café	Deck 7	11:00 AM–2:30 PM
Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	11:30 AM–2:30 PM

Teatime

Wintergarden	Deck 7	4:00–5:00 PM
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Dinner

Manfredi's*	Deck 1	6:00–9:00 PM
The Chef's Table*	Deck 1	6:00–9:00 PM
The Restaurant*	Deck 2	6:00–9:00 PM
World Café	Deck 7	6:00–9:00 PM

Reservations can be made during opening hours for breakfast or lunch in the World Café or by calling Ext 2052.

*Dress code: elegant casual.

Coffee and tea are available 24 hours from the World Café.

Snacks

Pool Grill	Deck 7	2:30–5:00 PM
Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	4:00–5:00 PM
Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	10:00 PM–Midnight

Lounges & Bars

The Viking Bar	Deck 1	6:00 AM–Midnight
Torshavn	Deck 2	9:00 PM–Closing
Aquavit Bar	Deck 7	10:00 AM–10:00 PM
Explorers' Lounge	Deck 7	10:00 AM–Midnight
Pool Bar	Deck 7	10:00 AM–7:00 PM

Directory

Boutique & Shops (1/2)	Ext 9321	7:00–11:00 PM
Travel Consultant (2)	Ext 9710	By Appointment
Guest Services (1)	Ext 9710	24 Hrs.
Fitness Center (1)	Ext 9300	6:00 AM–10:00 PM
The Nordic Spa (1)	Ext 9300	8:00 AM–8:00 PM
Medical Center (a)	Ext 9206	8:00–9:00 AM
		5:00–6:00 PM
Room Service	Ext 6502	24 Hrs.
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES	Ext 999	24 Hrs.

To make an appointment with our Travel Consultant, please call 9710 or visit Guest Services on Deck 1.

Port Map

Philipsburg, St. Martin



To view the port map, scan QR code with your camera.

GEORG JENSEN

Browse the timeless and unique Scandinavian-designed jewelry collection.

To learn more, visit Juveler on Deck 2.



SAUNA BOOST

Based on traditional Nordic bathing culture, we offer saunas and cold baths. Release muscular tension, eliminate toxins, improve circulation and strengthen your immune system.

See Spa Reception for details.

