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The butterfly-shaped islands of Guadeloupe are one of the Caribbean's best-kept secrets. Travelers 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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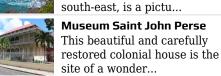


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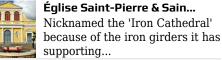
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# THE CITY



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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-à-Pitre.

With a history dating back to the mid-1600s, Pointe-à-Pitre encompasses the cultural blend that characterizes Guadeloupe, with 19th-century architecture, interesting museums, bustling markets, and the sounds, colors, and flavors 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, cafés, and bars that surround the marina. Guadeloupe's smaller islands are all easily accessible from Pointe-à-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 harbor on the fourth. The plaza is also the center of historical and cultural events, hosting festivals, concerts, and other events.

Photo: Bgabel/CC BY-SA 3.0/Wikimedia(image cropped) Address: Place de la Victoire, Pointe-à-Pitre

# Église Saint-Pierre & 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.

Photo: Bgabel / Wikimedia Commons(image cropped) Address: Rue du Général Ruillier, Pointe-à-Pitre Phone: +590 590 82 02 17

# Aquarium of Guadeloupe



The Aquarium of 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, sea 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.

Photo: Jakob Fischer / Shutterstock.com 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 neighboring islands of La Désirade, Petite-Terre, and Marie-Galante can be admired on a clear day.

Photo: Olga S. Andreeva / Shutterstock.com 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 Léger. Visitors to the museum can simultaneously admire the authentic Creole period house and explore exhibits on Léger's life

#### and work.

Photo: Aristoi/CC BY-SA 3.0/Wikimedia(image cropped) Address: 9 Rue de Nozières, Pointe-à-Pitre

#### Gosier



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

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

Photo: rachel\_thecat / Wikimedia Commons(image cropped) 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 kilometers 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.

Photo: bobyfume / Wikimedia Commons(image cropped) Address: Guadeloupe National Park, Basse-Terre Island Phone: +590 590 41 55 55 Internet: www.guadeloupe-parcnational.fr/fr

#### Zoo de Guadeloupe



The Zoo de 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 colorful bird 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, dotted with brightly-colored houses. The area is also

home to Plage du Souffleur, one of the most spectacular beaches in the country.

Photo: Alexia Boulot/CC BY-SA 2.0/Wikimedia(image cropped) 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.

Photo: Kelly Sikkema/Unsplash (cropped) Address: Jardin Botanique de Deshaies, Villers, Deshaies

Opening hours: Daily 9am-4:30pm Phone: +590 590 28 43 02 Internet: 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.

Photo: sgustin78/CC BY-SA 2.0/Flickr(image cropped) 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 colorful fishing boats, all the while towered over by the volcanic "Sugarloaf" hill.

Photo: Stéphane Batigne/CC BY 3.0/Wikimedia(image cropped) 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  $17 \mathrm{th}$ 

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.

Photo: haveseen / Shutterstock.com Address: Sainte-Anne, Grande-Terre, Guadeloupe

# DINING



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Guadeloupian cuisine, like much of the island's culture, is the result of a mix of influences. Creole specialties have strong French characteristics and use local spices and flavors to give dishes their unique character. Seafood features heavily on most menus, but local specialties 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 harbor views.

### Yoshi Moudong



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 specialties, including sushi, maki, sashimi, and

some very inventive rolls, as well as vegetable dumpling appetizers and sake.

Photo: funkyfrogstock / Shutterstock.com Address: Rue Jean-Claude Paris, Baie-Mahault Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-2:30pm / 7pm-10:30pm; Sun closed Phone: +590 590 94 62 04

#### **Délices Nature**



Délices Nature invites patrons to discover the flavors 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 and savory).

Photo: Timolina / Shutterstock.com Address: Rue Neil Amstrong, Pointe-à-Pitre Opening hours: Mon-Thu 8am-4:30am, Fri 8am-3:30am, Sat & Sun closed Phone: +590 590 88 66 01

### 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-à-Pitre Opening hours: Tue-Fri noon-2:15pm / 7pm-10:30pm; Sat 7pm-11pm, Sun 6pm-9:30pm Phone: +590 590 82 02 94

#### 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 specialties, and regular special events are held, including live musical performances and karaoke nights.

Photo: PopTika / Shutterstock.com

Address: La Darse, Quai Lardenoy, Pointe-à-Pitre Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-10pm, Sun noon-4pm Phone: +590 690 74 57 11

#### **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.

Photo: bonchan / Shutterstock.com Address: 17 Rue Jean Jaurès, Pointe-à-Pitre Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11am-3pm / 7pm-8pm; Fri & Sat 11am-3pm / 7pm-10pm; Sun closed Phone: +590 590 91 39 69 Email: restaurant.fairouz@gmail.com

# Le Poisson d'Or



If you're looking for a place to eat in the north of the island, check out Le Poisson d'Or in Port Louis. At first glance, it doesn't seem like much,

but it might be one of the best Creole restaurants in all of Guadeloupe. The bright and

colorful seating areas are simple but meticulously planned out and decorated, and the fish is fresh and prepared to perfection.

Photo: Seqoya / Shutterstock.com Address: 19 Rue Achille Rene Boisneuf, Port-Louis Opening hours: Tue-Sun noon-4pm, Mon closed Phone: +590 590 22 88 63

#### **Byron Burger Bar**



Another modern and breezy restaurant on the marina, Byron Burger Bar serves top-quality homemade burgers with a harbor 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.

#### Photo: Jag\_cz / Shutterstock.com

Address: Le Mole Portuaire, Rte de la Marina, Pointe-à-Pitre Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-2:30pm / 7pm-10:30pm; Sun closed

Phone: +590 590 90 94 83

# Léwoz Kafé



Léwoz Kafé exchanges high-brow for authentic, giving visitors a chance to experience a typical Guadeloupean night out, showcasing some the

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.

Photo: Nomad\_Soul / Shutterstock.com Address: Port De Lauricisque, Pointe-à-Pitre Phone: +590 690 16 76 49 Internet: www.instagram.com/lewozkaferestaurant

#### Renée



Renée offers a wide range of quality products infused with Caribbean flavors, 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-à-Pitre, including the centrally located one listed below on Rue Frébault.

Photo: Foodpics / Shutterstock.com Address: 53 Rue Frébault, Pointe-à-Pitre Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6:30am-5pm, Sat 6:30am-3pm, Sun closed Phone: +590 590 89 03 79 Internet: renee-restaurants.com

# CAFÉS



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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 cafés boast great, breezy locations by the water, including many at the Gosier Marina.

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#### Désirs du Palais



Fabienne Youyoutte is the chef behind the creations of Désirs du Palais, which often seem more like works of art than pastries. They also sell

creamy ice cream and sorbets in incredibly creative flavors, including coco flour, sugar cane, pumpkin, and sweet potato.

Photo: rnl / Shutterstock.com

Address: 53 Chemin des Petites Abymes, Pointe-à-Pitre Opening hours: Tue-Sun 11am-7pm, Mon closed Email: desirsdupalais@gmail.com

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# **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 colorful place. It is a breezy beachfront café 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.

Photo: Freedom\_Studio / Shutterstock.com Address: 33 Rue Jean Calot, Terre-de-Haut Phone: +590 590 92 70 98

# **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, Guadeloupians will emphatically claim that it is theirs, and NOT Martinique's). 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 cafés offering cold drinks, good vibes, and great views of the harbor.

### Le Yacht Club



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menu features seafood, barbecue, and Creole specialties, and regular special events are held, including live musical performances and karaoke nights.

Photo: PopTika / Shutterstock.com Address: La Darse, Quai Lardenoy, Pointe-à-Pitre Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-10pm, Sun noon-4pm Phone: +590 690 74 57 11 Email: yachtclub.ptp@gmail.com

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Photo: Nomad\_Soul / Shutterstock.com Address: Port De Lauricisque, Pointe-à-Pitre

#### 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.

Photo: Pressmaster / Shutterstock.com Address: Route de la Marina, Le Gosier Opening hours: Daily 5:30pm-5am Internet: www.instagram.com/zoorockcafeguadeloupe/

# Le Bar at Auberge de la Vieille Tour



The Auberge de la Vieille Tour is one of Guradeloupe'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.

Photo: Minerva Studio / Shutterstock.com Address: Montauban, Le Gosier Internet: 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-à-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 73 96 39 Internet: www.instagram.com/linstantclubdiscotheque

### 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: 43 Pointe de la Verdure Le Gosier Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-3am, Fri & Sat 10am-4am Phone: +590 690 54 30 50 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: Route de la Marina, Pointe-à-Pitre Internet: www.instagram.com/blueberry5\_gp

# SHOPPING



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Visitors to Guadeloupe can find many imported French luxury items, including fashion, perfumes, jewelry, 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 colors, sounds, and aromas of the islands, and the numerous specialty 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. Colorful decorations and tasteful local jewelry line the shelves, and some unique items can be found.

Photo: hutch photography / Shutterstock.com Address: Route de la Pointe des Châteaux, Saint François Internet: 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 center where shoppers can find jewelry, cosmetics,

perfume, and other such beauty products and accessories.

Photo: hutch photography / Shutterstock.com 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-à-Pitre. The

shopping streets of Frebault, Nozieres, and Schoelcher are some of the main commercial avenues and are home to numerous shops and boutiques. Photo: Diego Cervo / Shutterstock.com

#### Spice Market



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/CC BY-SA 3.0/Wikimedia(image cropped) Address: Rue Frébault, Pointe-à-Pitre Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-2pm, Sat noon-3pm, Sun closed

#### Madras Bijoux



Located on the popular shopping street Rue de Nozières, Madras Bijoux specializes in gold merchandise and offers high-quality jewelry,

including necklaces, rings, and earrings. The designs are simple, elegant, and tasteful, and often reflect Caribbean influences.

Photo: Jasmin Awad / Shutterstock.com Address: 115 Rue de Nozières, Pointe-à-Pitre Opening hours: Mon 9am-1pm, Tue-Fri 9am-1pm / 3pm-5:30pm; Sat 9am-1pm Phone: +590 590 82 88 03 Internet: madrasbijoux.com

### Phoenicia



Phoenicia is a specialty boutique and perfumery offering a great range of cosmetics and beauty products. Creams, oil, make-up, jewelry, 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-à-Pitre Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5:30pm, Sat & Sun closed Phone: +590 590 82 25 75 Internet: www.phoenicia-parfumeries.com Email: contact@phoenicia-parfumeries.com

# **TOURIST INFORMATION**



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# Pointe-à-Pitre International Airport (PTP)



Pointe-à-Pitre International Airport is located in Abymes, about 2.5 kilometers north of the city. 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 meters (make sure they get used) and others charge a flat rate. There are also car rental agencies at the airport 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 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-à-Pitre to the other islands of Guadeloupe.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

# Taxi



Taxis are widely available throughout Pointe-à-Pitre, especially around hotels, as well as at the airport. Many of them are metered (make sure they

get used) or be sure to agree on a price beforehand to avoid headaches. 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.

Photo: ArrivalGuides

#### Port



The most important cruise ship terminal in Guadeloupe is in Pointe-à-Pitre, which was named the "most flexible and reliable Caribbean

harbor" back in 2014. It is conveniently located right next to the city center, just a 10-minute taxi ride away from the airport, and has a lounge, bar, and arts and crafts bazaar.

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#### Post



Post office in Pointe-à-Pitre, Guadeloupe: Rue Euvremont Gene, Pointe-à-Pitre Opening hours: Mon

8:15am-2:45pm, Tue 7:15am-2:45pm, Wed closed, Thu & Fri 7:15am-2:45pm, Sat 7:15am-noon, Sun closed

Photo: Andy Fuchs Internet: www.laposte.fr

#### Pharmacy



Pharmacie H. Cava Boulevard Legitimus, Pointe-à-Pitre +590 590 82 05 36 Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat 7:30am-6pm, Sun closed

Photo: Gemma Garner

# 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: 13,687 (2023) Guadeloupe: 395,600 (2023)

**Currency** 1 Euro, € = 100 cents

#### **Opening hours**

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

#### Internet

www.lesilesdeguadeloupe.com/tourisme/fr-fr

**Newspapers** France-Antilles : www.guadeloupe.franceantilles.fr

#### Emergency numbers

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

#### **Tourist information**

Tourist information center in Pointe-à-Pitre 5 Place de la banque, Pointe-à-Pitre +590 590 82 09 30 Opening hours: Mon & Tue 8am–4pm, Wed 8am–1pm, Thu 8am–4pm, Fri 8am–1pm, Sat & Sun closed