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Along with St Martin, Martinique has French sovereignty giving this island a relaxed, sophistication. The mix of Gallic and Creole heritage produce the excellent, local cuisine and one of the finest Rums in the Caribbean. Northernmost of the Windwards, it is known as the "breezy islands". The north of the island is mountainous with Mount Pele at 1,397m giving way to a central plain where pineapple and banana plantations abound. The coastline changes from rugged coves and mangrove inlets to sandy golden bays. In the south, the majority of hotels and resorts are based around the capital, Fort de France; with its narrow winding streets and colourful markets. The whole island is only 65km by 31km so easy to explore by car.

Sailing Spot & Conditions

Pointe du Bout sits at the tip of a semi-island peninsular, facing Fort de France, on the west coast. The trade winds accelerate over the central plain of Le Lamentin and rush into the bay. The wind is onshore at the launch area and at 90 degrees to the whole sailing area. The launch area has waist high flat water and soft sand under foot. Slightly protected from the wind, it is excellent for entry level and kids. Further out the sailing area is very large and safe with easy freeride conditions. About 400m out is a shallow, waist deep sand bank, perfect for waterstart and gybe training. Kite surfers and windsurfers share the spot in harmony. The flat water and bump and jump conditions combined with the long runs make this destination a free riders heaven.



Hotel Carayou



Location: Approximately 30 minutes from the airport. A Creole style hotel located in tropical gardens at La Pointe du Bout facing the bay of Fort de France.

Accommodation: 201 air conditioned and spacious rooms all with sea, garden or swimming pool views and balcony, ensuite bathroom, hair dryer, Sat TV, telephone and safe. Quads & interconnecting rooms available.

Facilities: 3 restaurants, beach bar overlooking the sea. Private beach, swimming pool, solarium, boutique, babysitting service and children's club during holiday periods. Activities include volleyball, table tennis, badminton, tennis. Diving center onsite.

Windsurfing/Kitesurfing: Fanatic Boarders Centre is based here.



Hotel La Pagerie



Location: Approximately 30 minutes from the airport. Centrally located to the Pointe du Bout area with the marina, shops and amenities in walking distance.

Accommodation: Colonial style building with 94 air conditioned rooms all are nicely decorated with balcony or terrace, telephone, fridge and ensuite bathroom with tub and/or shower. Some interconnecting and/or kitchenette.

Facilities: Restaurant, bar, large swimming pool, disco, tennis and a shop.

Windsurfing/Kitesurfing: It is just a short walk to the beach and Fanatic Boarders Centre and set in attractive gardens.



Prices (7 nights) from:	Low	High
Hotel Carayou	£1419	£1985
Hotel La Pagerie	£1319	£1459

Price includes return flights, accommodation & transfers.



Fact File

Best Time: November to March, June and July.

Launch: Shallow, sandy, 30m wide.

Wind Direction: Onshore. Wind blows at 90 degrees to whole sailing area.

Wind Type: NE Trades.

Shorebreak: None.

Water Conditions: Flat water, windchop, bump & jump.

Suitability: All abilities.



Air°C	27	27	26	27	28	28	28	29	29	29	28	28
Water°C	27	27	27	27	27	28	28	29	29	28	28	27

FANATIC BOARDERS CENTRE

At Hotel Careyou, meters from waters' edge. Slight windshadow at launch. Spacious chillout deck, jetty, bar, WC & showers. Rescue Boat and Baywatch service. Kit Range: 2009/10 Fanatic/North approx 25 Boards & 40 Rigs. North Sails 3.7-8.4 m². Kids/Junior boards/rigs - School Sails 1.9-3.2m².

Board Hire 1 wk £206 2 wks £377

Kitesurfing area: Large kiting area surrounded by greenery/mangroves. Narrow launch, boat service for outside launch. Rental: 2009/10 Fanatic/North Kiteboarding approx 10 boards and 15 North/Cabrinha kites sizes from 3.5-12m².

Kite Hire 3 hours £64

Instruction: All levels.

Other Sports: Hobie Cat, Kayak, Wakeboarding & Waterskiing, Diving, Snorkelling, Surfing. Big game fishing. Mountain biking. World Class Golf at Les Trois Ilets.

Excursions: Mount Pele. Active Volcano museum. Rum Distilleries. Waterfall, rainforest walk. Shopping Fort de France.

