



Mega marinas

From the exclusivity of St Barths' Port de Gustavia, to the superiority of Yacht Haven Grande St. Thomas in the US Virgin Islands, there is always an event for the most luxurious mega and super yachts in The Caribbean

ST BARTHS

Saint Barthelemy's popularity in the super yachting world is due in part to its geographical location – it lies midway between Antigua and Virgin Gorda – two major sailing centres. On any given day, the island could take up to 500 yachts (mostly at anchor), but Gustavia's harbour (Port de Gustavia) is where everyone wants to be.

At 13-16 feet deep, one of the most stunning natural harbours on Earth, full-service centre Port de Gustavia has mooring and docking facilities for 40 yachts. Berthing there requires dropping an anchor and going stern to the quay wall. Before manoeuvring within the port, all yachts must obtain specific authorisation from the Port Captain's office (call VHF Ch. 12 'Port de Gustavia').

While Port de Gustavia does not officially take reservations,



yachts are well advised to email ahead a maximum of 24 hours before arrival with the yacht's dimensions. This enables Harbour Master Ernest Brin – assisted by dock master Jacques – time to plan berthing accordingly.

Mega-yachts anchor in front of Gustavia's harbor and their passengers are transported

to the harbour via the ship's tender boats. Fuel bunkering by truck to yachts in the port can be arranged.

A short walk from the Port's docking pier, cruise passengers can enjoy duty-free shopping, gourmet French cuisine and a thriving club scene. Thanks to a colourful yachting events calendar,

and the charisma and vibrancy of St Jean, there is a lot of fun to be had here all year round. The charm of Gustavia lies in its architecture, from the vestiges of the Swedish era to various colonial-style houses, some painted in bright Caribbean colors. St Jean and Grand-cul-de-sac are best known for their water sports facilities. Among the most popular beaches are Flamands, Gouverneur, Colombier, Grand Galet and Grande Saline.

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Above: Luxury motor super yacht Milestone at the Cruise Port of Charlotte Amalie, St Thomas, USVI in the Caribbean

US VIRGIN ISLANDS

Awarded the coveted 5 Gold Anchor Platinum Award, and twice named the Superyacht Marina of the Year in 2019 and 2016, IGY's Yacht Haven Grande in the historic Charlotte Amalie Harbor in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands is one of the grandest mega yacht marinas in the world. World-class amenities, extraordinary service, a beautiful location and idyllic sailing climate make Yacht Haven Grande a premier destination.

Considered by many to be the premier marina facility for megayachts in the Caribbean, Yacht Haven Grande Marina boasts a 46-berth superyacht marina and a shopping Galleria with three restaurants and more than 80,000 square feet of retail space. There are also exclusive dining and entertainment options, recreational amenities and sought-after seaside residences.

Featuring side-to-berthing for yachts up to 200m (656'), in-slip high-speed fuelling, waste and oil removal, Wi-Fi, 24-hour



security, full concierge support, crew placement, Customs and Immigration, specialist provisioning services, a National Marine chandlery outlet, a fitness centre, two spas, a Medical Family Practice, Wellness Centre and ships' chandlery, the marina is a

focal point of activity for the island of St. Thomas, hosting a wide variety of events and activities throughout the year. Marina clients and yacht crew may also enjoy the use of two tennis courts, a volleyball court, swimming pool and – if they wish – office space.

This island is the perfect playground on and off shore, with rainforest land tours, horseback riding along the beach, island hopping, deep-sea fishing, sailboat sightseeing, snorkelling or scuba diving, as well as its countless turquoise-blue water beaches.

One of the best times to visit St. Thomas is during the yearly carnival from mid-April to the beginning of May, to experience the vivacious music and dancing, delicious Caribbean cuisine and colourful pageantry.

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Above: Super Yachts anchored in Port de Gustavia on St. Barths. **Left** Mega yacht complete with helipad and helicopter in the USVI Marina on St Thomas US Virgin Island