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The hills on the edge of the town offer a breathtaking panorama of Capesterre with its small houses with colored roofs and its church which stands on the edge of the turquoise sea streaked by the white foam of the waves. Further east, in the Galets district, the wild countryside unfolds

An immersion in a unique area of steep rocks beaten by the waves, arid plains where the remains of indigo and small unexplored woods are enthroned. For beach bar lovers, go to Capesterre! All along the Feuillère beach, you can sip a planteur while enjoying a good grilled fish in the shade of the palm trees.



A heavenly bay sheltering dozens of pleasure boats. Magnificent white sand beaches stringing together from Anse de Mays to Vieux-Fort where there is a mangrove that is offered to visitors to then continue on the grandiose relief of the Bas area. Breathtaking sunsets that come every evening over the sea and its boats. Saint-Louis has everything of a little paradise. Vieux-Fort, today a district far from the center, was the first town of French colonization. Part of the current city center was an area of swamps which in places retains some wetlands where some people fish or crabs at Easter.

The fishing village, which seems to have stood still in time, is the favorite anchorage point for boaters who come to moor their boats in the calm bay of Saint-Louis or Anse Canot. A small seaside town par excellence, it is also the arrival point for an annual transatlantic race, the lles du Soleil rally in November. Weekends end with music in Saint-Louis. In particular "Chez Henri", a small bar on the edge of the water which welcomes musicians from all over the world for convivial musical jams.



Plage de Grand-Bourg







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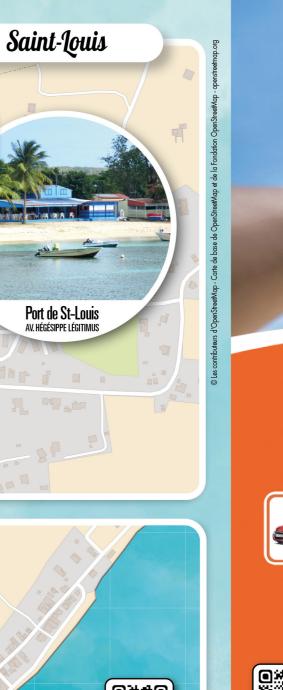
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# PARTENAIRE DE VOS VACANCES À MARIE-GALANTE













# Grand-Bourg a colorful and lively little town

**Grand-Bourg** 

Grand-Bourg is the administrative, economic, political and educational center of Marie-Galante. With its 5670 inhabitants and the arrival of boats, it is the liveliest town. Grand-Bourg is the gateway to Marie-Galante. This small town, which lives to the rhythm of the boats, is populated by old century-old wooden houses and worked ironwork. Take the time to walk the streets to admire these illustrious creole kaz in shimmering colors! Do not forget to stop at the town hall and the Tourist Office (located in the old Court), these two buildings are the legacy of the Ali Tur architectural era. The streets are populated with small shops where artists, craftsmen and producers exhibit their skills.

On Saturday and Sunday morning, the Place de l'Eglise hosts the traditional farmers' market. Sun-drenched fruit stalls, spices, pastries and delicious juices... To bring back little treasures from Marie-Galantais, nothing better than a shopping trip to Grand-Bourg! Beyond the city center extends the typical countryside of the island: cane fields and plains along the coast, and in the hinterland a string of hills where ponds and mills are nestled.

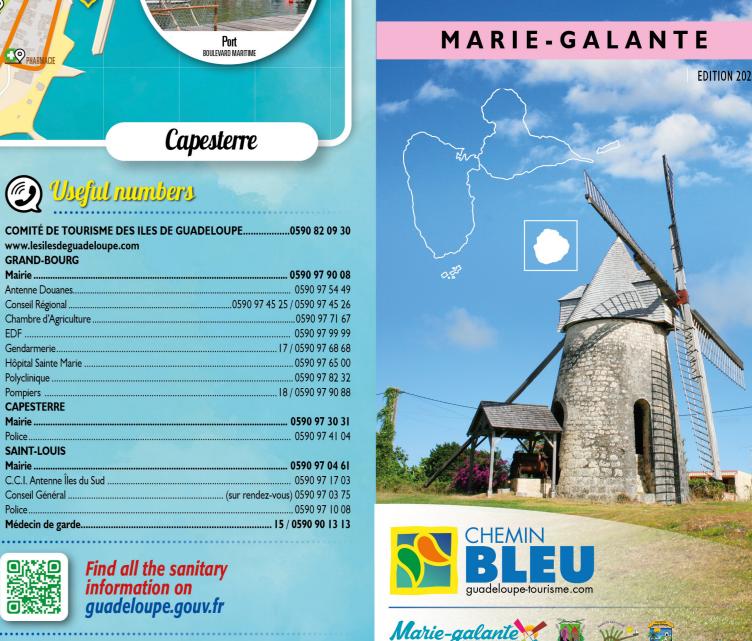
High place of Marie-Galante's history, Grand-bourg is home to many heritage sites to visit between idleness sessions on the beaches. Trois-llets in particular is a Caribbean turtle nesting hotspot. Protected by lush greenery, it is one of the prettiest beaches on the island with that of the Third Bridge.

City of fishermen, Capesterre is today the capital of Marie-Galante Street-art. Located to the east of the galette, the town hosts its Just Graff It FWI festival every year in July.

Under the impetus of the capesterrian artist, Al Pacman, several talents in the discipline have mobilized to cover the walls of disused buildings in the city and private houses with frescoes. The alleys of the town have become colorful works that contrast with the blue sky. Explore them on foot to be able to take beautiful shots.











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- Monday - Tuesday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. / 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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# Discovering Marie-Galante The essentials

#### hâteau Murat

This building is one of the finest examples of civil architecture in the West Indies. It is the main residence of a former sugar estate founded in the 17th century and then gradually expanded to include 180 hectares and nearly 300 slaves in the 19th century. In addition to the mansion, several vestiges of this property now preserved testify to its agricultural past: a windmill, an animal mill, a sugar refinery... Murat is today the seat of the Marie-Galante ecomuseum.

## L'église Notre-Dame de Marie-Galante

The current church of Grand-Bourg, built in 1846, occupies the same location as all those that preceded it since the beginning of colonization. This place of worship has indeed had to suffer many disasters: fire (1838), earthquake (1843), cyclones (1865 and 1928). This neo-classical style building has been listed as a historic monument since 1979.

#### ueule Grand Gouffre

It is a natural site in the extreme north of the island: a natural arch of great beauty dug into the rock by the ocean, visible from the top of a chasm 30 meters in circumference born from a closed depression (sinkhole). Warning: scrupulously respect the safety barriers..

#### La mare au pund

This pond is located on the former estate of the Pirogue dwelling, one of the oldest on the island. It is said that this pond would bear this name since the news of the abolition of slavery in 1848, the slaves had celebrated their liberation by pouring into it the stocks of sugar and rums of the property, thus achieving a gigantic punch...

### L'habitation Roussel-Trianon

The remains of this sugar estate form an exceptional ensemble whose interest has earned it the status of historical monuments. There is a windmill, a large stable, a mule park, the buildings of the central factory, a chimney, and an underground water cistern. Like Château Murat, this site is now the property of the Departmental Council.

### s moulins à vent

Characteristic of the landscapes of Marie-Galante, the mills bear witness to the intense sugar-producing activity of Marie-Galante from the 18th century. Those that remain visible in the countryside were built of stone, but could also be of wood. 6 to 9 meters high, they were used to crush the cane to extract the juice intended to make sugar or to be distilled into rum. The wings of the last mills stopped turning in the early 1940s.







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