



La Samanna, an Orient Express Hotel

Hotel Rating: 5 Star ★★★★★

Overview

Mediterranean-style resort located on the crescent-shaped Baie Longue Beach in French St. Martin.

Cloaked in lush foliage and colorful flowers, 81 newly renovated rooms include marble floors, dark wood furniture and luxurious bedding.

The hotel's restaurant serves contemporary and classic French dishes with a Creole twist. Enjoy the complimentary breakfast buffet.

What to Expect: Popular with couples, the resort combines Gallic charm and relaxed Caribbean hospitality. The resort's 55 acres fall gently from a 30.5-m (100-ft) limestone cliff to sea level, with a paved path winding through tropical gardens. (Complimentary shuttle service is available throughout.) The resort's staff speaks English, and U.S. currency is accepted.

Amenity Highlights: Furnished with cushioned lounge chairs and umbrellas, the resort's 1.5-km (1-mi) beach fringes Long Bay and provides beachcombing opportunities. (Part of the beach erodes in summer but fills in during autumn.) A pool with a three-tier waterfall overlooks the Caribbean Sea from a hillside above the beach. The resort's open-air restaurant features sea/sunset views, a 10,000-bottle wine cellar, and French/Asian cuisine.

Insider Tip: Located at the base of the island's signature 455-m (1,492-ft) Paradise Peak (Pic Paradis), a 150-acre nature preserve 15.25 km (9.5 mi) from the resort called Loterie Farm offers guided and unguided forest hikes and features an obstacle course through the treetops.

Location:

P.O. BOX 4077
ST. MARTIN, 97065

Airport:

Princess Juliana International Airport - SXM

Room Features

Premium 1 Bedroom Terrace Suite These newly renovated suites feature oversized bathrooms in beautiful bright yellow and blue tile with tropical accents, dual vanities in modern style, separate shower and bathtub, mahogany finishing, a signature open wardrobe. These one-bedroom suites offer a separate living room, some with kitchen area and access to a private rooftop solarium fitted with luxury lounge furniture. The bedroom has either a king-sized bed or two twin beds. The outdoor patio is furnished with relaxing lounge chairs. Premium style available, which offers special added luxuries including in-room check-in, champagne and fruit upon arrival, in-room CD and stereo with selection of music, personal fax machine on request.

Premium 1 Bedroom Suite Recently renovated suites located steps from the beach. Suites feature full size bathrooms tiled with bright tropical accents, dual vanities in modern style, separate shower and bathtub, rich mahogany finishing, signature open wardrobe. These one bedroom suites offer separate living room, and most with kitchen areas, patios or balconies. These suites can accommodate families with one child. Premium suites offer added luxuries including fresh fruit upon arrival, in-room stereo CD player with selection of music, personal fax machine on request.

Baie Orient Suite The Baie Orient Suite offers a magnificent view of the Caribbean Sea. It is situated on the first floor of the Main Building, has a separate living room and private balcony facing the gardens. The bedroom faces the ocean with magnificent views of Baie Longue and also features a covered terrace. This fully air-conditioned suite has been decorated in Caribbean colors and comfort. The bedroom features a king-sized bed with a pop-up television at the foot. It is truly one of the finest hotel suites in the Caribbean.

4 Bedroom Villa Featuring generous living quarters, master bedrooms with alcoves and oversized private terraces, the villas are palatial yet comfortable and laid back, with a Caribbean spirit. Each of the villas at La Samanna feature a sunken living room, wrap-around terrace and pool, outdoor shower, outdoor and indoor dining rooms, an office area, oversized open kitchen with stainless steel appliances, air conditioning, three master bedrooms with their own master baths (four bedroom configurations also available), common second floor terrace with breathtaking views of Baie Longue, and independent entrances for first and second floor. All bedrooms feature television, DVD player, bathrobes, and ample bathrooms with hairdryers, L'Occitane bath amenities and fresh flowers. Villas feature fully equipped kitchens allowing guests the pleasure of entertaining in the villa. The interiors feature exquisite materials and incredible attention to detail, providing a luxurious home away from home for the discerning traveler.

Baie Royale Suite Our new specialty suite, the Baie Royale, offers honeymooners and couples luxurious accommodations. La Samanna's version of a Honeymoon Suite, it overlooks Baie Longue and has breathtaking views. This one-bedroom suite offers generous light, a separate kitchen, bedroom and living room with flat panel televisions. It features rich white marble floors throughout. The oversized marble bathroom features a separate shower and deep soaking tub. A truly fantastic accommodation. The suite has three balconies, one off the living room and two off the bedroom (one serving as a large private solarium having a covered sitting area with luxury lounge furniture and a plunge pool) all overlooking the blue waters of the sea. In the sleeping room the bed is positioned to allow maximum enjoyment of warm Caribbean sun and ocean views.

Baie Rouge Suite One of five specialty suites, the Baie Rouge Suite offers the most magnificent view of the pool and Caribbean Sea at the hotel. It is located on the second floor of the main building and has a private outside entrance. The bedroom features a king-sized bed with a pop-up television at the foot. It is truly one of the finest hotel suites in the Caribbean. This fully air-conditioned suite has an octagonal living room with views in all directions from its wrap-around terrace. The bedroom also has its own private terrace facing the sea and has been fully decorated in Caribbean colors and comfort. The Baie Rouge bathroom has a separate dual shower, deep soaking bath, and double vanity.

2 Bedroom Terrace Suite One of five specialty suites, the Terrace Suite is one of La Samanna's finest accommodations. Situated in the main building, this suite was so named because its terrace is unique to the hotel and to the Caribbean - approached from the living area, it stretches the entire length of the suite and offers a large sunning area and outdoor wet bar, all of which can be enjoyed while overlooking the sea. This suite has been specially created to incorporate the grand Orient-Express style of decor with Caribbean colors and comfort. Each of the two bedrooms has a magnificent private bathroom with separate shower and bath, double vanities, large walk-in closets and either one king-sized or two twin beds with pop-up televisions at the foot of each.

2 Bedroom Suite These suites feature ample and inviting living rooms facing the Caribbean Sea, small kitchen areas, elegant master bedrooms in tropical or French Provencal styles, fully equipped with TV, VCR and CD player. Generous bathrooms with rich L'Occitane amenities, modern dual vanities, deep soaking bathtubs, mahogany finishing, signature open wardrobes, and relaxing balconies or patios.

Baie Longue Suite One of five specialty suites, the Baie Longue Suite offers you the ultimate La Samanna experience. We are very proud that this three-bedroom suite won the Hospitality Lodging magazine's prestigious award for design. To create this suite we added a third story to our main building at the hotel. It is, therefore, our version of a 'presidential' suite occupying the entire top floor. The terrace stretches the entire length of the suite and offers amazing views of the Caribbean Sea. Each of the three bedrooms has a private bathroom with separate dual shower and bath, large walk-in closets and either one king-sized or two twin beds. Special details such as a butler's pantry, stereo system with CD player and pop-up televisions at the foot of each bed, make this one of the most luxurious accommodations in the Caribbean.

1 Bedroom Pool Suite These newly renovated suites feature oversized bathrooms with dual vanities, separate shower and bathtub, rich white and sand-colored marble floors, open wardrobe. There is also a separate living room, kitchen and access to a rooftop solarium fitted with luxury lounge furniture, covered gazebo, outdoor shower and private soaking pool.

3 Bedroom Villa All Premium three-bedroom villas are newly renovated and located directly on the beach. Large families or couples traveling together love these very unique accommodations which offer two bedrooms downstairs, and one master bedroom upstairs, which is actually a Junior Suite with its own private entrance. Each of the bedrooms has either a king-sized bed or two twin beds with a private bathroom. The lower floor also has a large furnished living area. There is also an outdoor dining area and furnished sunning patio with steps leading right to the beach. The master bedroom upstairs also features a private outdoor living area and patio. Premium category offers special added luxuries including in-room check-in, champagne and fruit upon arrival, in-room CD with selection of music, personal fax machine on request.

1 Bedroom Suite These newly renovated suites with breathtaking ocean views feature oversized bathrooms with dual vanities separate wet-room style showers with rain shower heads, separate bathtubs, rich white and sand-colored marble floors and mahogany finishing, signature open wardrobe. They also include a king-sized bed or two twin beds, separate living room, kitchen area and patio area.

Ocean View Room Located throughout the resort, these intimate and well-appointed rooms feature ample terraces or charming balconies with breathtaking views of the Caribbean Sea. Every Ocean View room has a king bed or two twin beds, private bathroom, and large closet space. All are appointed with a writing desk and comfortable chair. These rooms are perfect for a couple, or two adults sharing.

Room Amenities

Air conditioning	Coffee/tea maker	Iron/ironing board	Television
Bathrobes	Complimentary toiletries	Makeup mirror	Turndown service
Blackout drapes	Cribs (infant beds) available	Massage - available in room	VCR
Bottled water in room (complimentary)	Hair dryer	Minibar	Voice mail
Cable/satellite TV	Housekeeping	Non-smoking rooms	Wake-up calls
Ceiling fan	Hypo-allergenic bedding available	Premium TV channel(s)	Window opens
Child care (in room, surcharge)	In-room safe	Rollaway beds	
Climate control	Internet access - high speed	Sewing kit	
Clock radio	Internet access - surcharge	Slippers	

Hotel Details

Property Amenities

The resort's health-and-beauty spa features treatment rooms with private outdoor showers in a garden setting. Rooms can be closed for air-conditioning or left open to breezes. Treatments include French Body Polish, "sunburn rescue," and facials. A lobby computer with a high-speed connection provides Internet access, and wireless access is also available in the lobby (surcharges for both). Self parking: Complimentary.

Subject to change without prior notification. Ground transportation:

Shuttle vans and private cars of varying prices are available. They can be reserved during the process of booking a reservation for this hotel, via this Web site, and added to the total trip cost.

24-hour front desk	Conference room(s)	Limo or Town Car service available	Security guard
Audio-visual equipment	Currency exchange	Medical assistance available	Shopping on site
Ballroom(s)	Doorman/doorwoman	Multilingual staff	Swimming pool - outdoor
Banquet facilities	Dry cleaning service	Parking (free)	Tour assistance
Bar/lounge	Event catering	Poolside bar	Video library
Beauty services	Fitness equipment	Porter/bellhop	Wedding services
Business services	Hair salon	Restaurant(s) in hotel	
Complimentary newspapers in lobby	Internet access in public areas - high speed	Room service (24 hours)	
Concierge desk	Internet access in public areas - surcharge	Safe-deposit box - front desk	

Policies

Extra person charges may apply and vary depending on hotel policy.

Rollaway beds and cribs (infant beds) may be available and should be requested at the time of booking; fees may apply.

Photo identification and credit card or cash deposit are required at check-in for incidental charges.

Special requests are subject to availability upon check-in. Special requests made via this Web site cannot be guaranteed and may incur additional charges.

Pets not allowed

Check-in time: 3 PM

Check-out time: Noon

Dining

A **complimentary French/American buffet breakfast** is provided each morning in La Samanna Restaurant. Tuesday afternoons feature a **complimentary cocktail party** with drinks and appetizers beside the pool.

La Samanna Restaurant

Open-air restaurant with panoramic Caribbean Sea/sunset view. Buffet, à la carte, and Continental breakfasts. À la carte lunch and dinner. Lunch choices such as lobster salad, whole fish of the day, herb omelet, hamburgers, French sandwiches. Dinner choices such as sushi, lobster tartar with carrot emulsion, smoked-scallop salad with Japanese beans and pineapple coulis, five-spice duck breast with sour-orange reduction and scallion pancake, beef tenderloin with Thai red curry and green-tea noodles, mahi mahi with saffron and fruit salsa. 10,000-bottle wine cellar. Dinner dress code: long pants, collared shirts for men.

The Poolside Grill

Covered and open-air terrace seating with Caribbean Sea view. Open late morning to late afternoon. Lunch choices such as salad niçoise, fried calamari, baguette sandwiches, hamburgers, mango tart, chocolate pizza.

Beach Bar

Seating on wood deck above beach. Open late morning to late afternoon for salads, baguette sandwiches, tropical drinks. Lobster barbecue for lunch on beach with 24-hour advance reservation. Lobster barbecue every Monday night.

La Samanna Bar

Open-air spot in main building. Moroccan decor featuring draped-fabric ceiling, built-in cushioned banquettes, mosaic-tile bar. Open mid-morning to late night for cocktails, cognacs, tropical drinks.

Recreation

A 1.5-km (1-mi) beach fringing Long Bay (Baie Longue) provides beachcombing opportunities. (Part of the beach erodes in summer but fills in during autumn.) A 25-m (27.5-yd) pool featuring a gentle three-tier waterfall overlooks the Caribbean Sea from a hillside. The pool's sundeck includes potted plants and cushioned lounge chairs. Personal watercraft, kayaks, windsurfers, Hobie Cat sailboats, snorkeling gear, and use of three lighted artificial grass tennis courts are complimentary. Day trips for swimming and snorkeling to nearby islands and water skiing are available for surcharges. The resort's powerboat can be hired for sunset cruises and excursions. Buildings on a hilltop above the resort's main building house a fully equipped contemporary Pilates studio (surcharges) and a complimentary air-conditioned fitness center equipped with cardio and weight machines as well as free weights. Twice weekly, the Pilates studio offers complimentary yoga classes. The recreational activities listed below are available either on site or near the resort; fees may apply.

Fishing	Horse riding/rental	Pilates classes/instruction	Volleyball
Golf - driving range	Jet skiing	Scooter/Moped Rentals	Water skiing
Golfing	Motor boating	Scuba diving	Windsurfing
Helicopter/airplane sightseeing	Mountain biking	Snorkeling	Yoga classes/instruction
Hiking/biking trails	Parasailing	Tennis	