

Foreign travel advice

Martinique

Warnings and insurance

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Latest update: New information about dual nationals returning to the UK ('Entry requirements' page).

Before you travel

No travel can be guaranteed safe. Read all the advice in this guide. You may also find it helpful to:

- see [general advice for women travellers](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/advice-for-women-travelling-abroad) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/advice-for-women-travelling-abroad>)
- read our [guide on disability and travel abroad](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disabled-travellers) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disabled-travellers>)
- see [general advice for LGBT+ travellers](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/lesbian-gay-bisexual-and-transgender-foreign-travel-advice) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/lesbian-gay-bisexual-and-transgender-foreign-travel-advice>)
- read about [safety for solo and independent travel](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/solo-and-independent-travel) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/solo-and-independent-travel>)
- see [advice on volunteering and adventure travel abroad](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safer-adventure-travel-and-volunteering-overseas) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safer-adventure-travel-and-volunteering-overseas>)

Travel insurance

If you choose to travel, research your destinations and [get appropriate travel insurance](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/foreign-travel-insurance) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/foreign-travel-insurance>). Insurance should cover your itinerary, planned activities and expenses in an emergency.

About FCDO travel advice

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Entry requirements

This information is for people travelling on a full [‘British citizen’ passport](https://www.gov.uk/types-of-british-nationality) (<https://www.gov.uk/types-of-british-nationality>) from the UK. It is based on the UK government’s understanding of Martinique’s current rules for the most common types of travel.

Martinique is an Overseas Department of France (‘Département d’Outre-Mer’). The authorities in Martinique set and enforce entry rules. If you’re not sure how these requirements apply to you, contact

the [French Consulate General in the UK](https://uk.ambafrance.org/-Consulate-in-London)
(<https://uk.ambafrance.org/-Consulate-in-London>).

Passport validity requirements

Your passport must have an 'expiry date' at least 3 months after the date you plan to leave Martinique.

Check with your travel provider that your passport and other travel documents meet requirements. [Renew your passport](https://www.gov.uk/renew-adult-passport/renew) (<https://www.gov.uk/renew-adult-passport/renew>) if you need to.

You will be denied entry if you do not have a valid travel document or try to use a passport that has been reported lost or stolen.

Dual nationality

When returning to the UK, British citizens must carry a valid [British passport](https://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports) (<https://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports>) or [certificate of entitlement](https://www.gov.uk/right-of-abode/apply-for-a-certificate-of-entitlement) (<https://www.gov.uk/right-of-abode/apply-for-a-certificate-of-entitlement>). See [Dual citizenship](https://www.gov.uk/dual-citizenship) (<https://www.gov.uk/dual-citizenship>).

Visa requirements

Martinique is an Overseas Department of France and so is part of the EU.

You can visit Martinique without a visa for up to 90 days, for tourism or business. To stay longer, to work or study, for business travel or for other reasons, check the [visa application process and timelines](https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en/royaume-uni) (<https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en/royaume-uni>) on the French visa website.

UK residents of Martinique

Carry your residence document, as well as your passport, when entering and exiting Martinique. If you have applied but not yet received your

residence document, carry your certificate of application. You will have received this as an email.

Vaccine requirements

To enter Martinique, you must have a certificate to prove you've had a yellow fever vaccination if you're coming from a [country listed as a transmission risk](https://nathnacyfzone.org.uk/factsheet/65/countries-with-risk-of-yellow-fever-transmission) (<https://nathnacyfzone.org.uk/factsheet/65/countries-with-risk-of-yellow-fever-transmission>).

For full details about medical entry requirements and recommended vaccinations, see [TravelHealthPro's Martinique guide](https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/country/143/martinique#Vaccine_Recommendations) (https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/country/143/martinique#Vaccine_Recommendations).

Customs rules

There are strict rules about [goods you can take into or out of Martinique](https://www.douane.gouv.fr/fiche/volume-and-value-based-customs-and-tax-allowances) (<https://www.douane.gouv.fr/fiche/volume-and-value-based-customs-and-tax-allowances>). You must declare anything that may be prohibited or subject to tax or duty.

Taking food into Martinique

You cannot take [meat, milk or products containing them into EU countries](https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/animalproducts/personal_imports_en) (https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/animalproducts/personal_imports_en). There are some exceptions such as powdered baby milk, baby food and special foods or pet feed required for medical reasons.

Taking money into Martinique

Check [what cash and valuables you need to declare](https://www.douane.gouv.fr/fiche/obligation-declare-cash-securities-and-valuables) (<https://www.douane.gouv.fr/fiche/obligation-declare-cash-securities-and-valuables>) to bring them into Martinique.

Safety and security

Terrorism

There is a high threat of terrorist attack globally affecting UK interests and British nationals, including from groups and individuals who view the UK and British nationals as targets. Stay aware of your surroundings at all times.

UK Counter Terrorism Policing has information and advice on [staying safe abroad](https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/safetyadvice/) (<https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/safetyadvice/>) and what to do in the event of a terrorist attack. Find out [how to reduce your risk from terrorism while abroad](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/reduce-your-risk-from-terrorism-while-abroad) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/reduce-your-risk-from-terrorism-while-abroad>).

Terrorism in Martinique

Although there is no recent history of terrorism in Martinique, attacks cannot be ruled out.

Ongoing Protests

Following the outbreak of protests, since 23 September, authorities have banned the sale and transport of fuels, petroleum, pyrotechnic articles and explosive products. You should remain aware of what is happening around you and avoid areas where protests are taking place. Follow the advice of local authorities.

Due to the ongoing social unrest, further restrictions and curfews have been imposed at short notice. These may be amended at any time. There may be disruption to transport networks, including air travel, and you should check with your operator before leaving your accommodation. Other businesses and shops may also be disrupted. The latest updates can be found here: [Préfet of Martinique](https://www.martinique.gouv.fr/) (<https://www.martinique.gouv.fr/>).

Crime

Protecting yourself and your belongings

Crime levels are low in Martinique, but to reduce your personal risk:

- avoid isolated areas, including beaches, after dark
- do not carry large amounts of cash or wear expensive jewellery
- use hotel safes for passports, credit cards and other valuables when not in use

Outdoor activities and adventure tourism

Swimming safety

See [water safety on holiday](https://www.rlss.org.uk/safety-on-holiday) (<https://www.rlss.org.uk/safety-on-holiday>) from the Royal Life Saving Society.

Scuba diving

Diving schools may have limited resources and do not always observe safety and maintenance standards. Always:

- check a dive operator's credentials
- check the conditions on your insurance policy – some policies require dive instructors to have certain qualifications
- make sure safety equipment is available on the boat, particularly oxygen
- ask about safety precautions, including the ability to transfer divers to a hyperbaric chamber

If you have not had any previous diving experience, check what to do if something goes wrong, including how to call for help while at sea.

Transport risks

Road travel

If you are planning to drive in Martinique, see [information on driving abroad](https://www.gov.uk/driving-abroad) (<https://www.gov.uk/driving-abroad>) and check the [rules of the road in the RAC's France guide](https://www.rac.co.uk/drive/travel/country/france/) (<https://www.rac.co.uk/drive/travel/country/france/>) as French driving laws apply. The guide lists driving regulations and other legal requirements you need to be aware of.

Check with the local authorities or your car hire company what documents you need. You may need an [international driving permit \(IDP\)](https://www.gov.uk/driving-abroad/international-driving-permit) (<https://www.gov.uk/driving-abroad/international-driving-permit>) as well as your UK driving licence.

Extreme weather and natural disasters

Find out what you can do to prepare for and respond to [extreme weather and natural hazards](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tropical-cyclones) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tropical-cyclones>).

Hurricanes

Hurricane season in Martinique is normally from June to November. Monitor local and international weather updates from the [World Meteorological Organization](https://severeweather.wmo.int/tc/cgn/) (<https://severeweather.wmo.int/tc/cgn/>) and the [US National Hurricane Center](https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/) (<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>).

Volcanic eruptions

Montagne Pelée is an active volcano. It is closely monitored. See the [Volcanological and Seismological Observatory of Martinique](https://www.ipgp.fr/en/observation/ovs/ovsm/) (<https://www.ipgp.fr/en/observation/ovs/ovsm/>) for more information.

Health

Before you travel check that:

- your destination can provide the healthcare you may need
- you have [appropriate travel insurance](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/foreign-travel-insurance) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/foreign-travel-insurance>) for local treatment or unexpected medical evacuation

This is particularly important if you have a health condition or are pregnant.

Emergency medical number

Call 15 and ask for an ambulance.

Contact your insurance company quickly if you're referred to a medical facility for treatment.

Vaccine recommendations and health risks

At least 8 weeks before your trip:

- check the latest [vaccine recommendations for Martinique](https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/country/143/martinique#Vaccine_Recommendations) (https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/country/143/martinique#Vaccine_Recommendations)
- see where to get vaccines and whether you have to pay on the [NHS travel vaccinations page](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/travel-vaccinations/) (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/travel-vaccinations/>)

See [what health risks you'll face in Martinique](https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/country/143/martinique) (<https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/country/143/martinique>), including:

- Zika virus
- dengue
- chikungunya

Medication

The legal status and regulation of some medicines prescribed or bought in the UK can be different in other countries.

Read [best practice when travelling with medicines on TravelHealthPro](https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/factsheet/43/medicines-abroad) (<https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/factsheet/43/medicines-abroad>).

Healthcare in Martinique

In general the healthcare facilities, including emergency treatment in hospitals and the availability of doctors, are of a similar standard to those in France. Specialist treatment is also available.

Health insurance cards

To get medically necessary state healthcare in Martinique, you need a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) or a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

The NHS's [getting healthcare abroad webpage](https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/) (<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>) has details about:

- how to apply for a GHIC
- how to get temporary cover if you lose your card or it does not arrive in time
- who qualifies for a new EHIC instead of a GHIC
- what treatment counts as medically necessary

A GHIC or EHIC is not an alternative to travel insurance. You may have costs your GHIC or EHIC does not cover, including:

- changes to travel and accommodation bookings
- additional standard costs for treatment
- medical repatriation to the UK
- treatment that is ruled non-urgent
- private healthcare
- private clinics

Healthcare for residents

If you plan to live in Martinique, consult the UK Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) about long-term entitlement to healthcare under the French national system.

DWP Overseas Medical Benefits helpline: +44 (0)191 218 1999

You can also get English-language [information about French social security services online](https://www.cleiss.fr/index_en.html) (https://www.cleiss.fr/index_en.html) or on +33 (0)820 90 42 12. You can get French-language information online about [state services in Martinique](https://www.martinique.gouv.fr/) (<https://www.martinique.gouv.fr/>).

Travel and mental health

Read [FCDO guidance on travel and mental health](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/foreign-travel-advice-for-people-with-mental-health-issues) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/foreign-travel-advice-for-people-with-mental-health-issues>). There is also [mental health guidance on TravelHealthPro](https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/factsheet/85/travelling-with-mental-health-conditions) (<https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/factsheet/85/travelling-with-mental-health-conditions>).

Getting help

The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) cannot provide tailored advice for individual trips. Read this travel advice and carry out your own research before deciding whether to travel.

Emergency services in Martinique

Telephone: 112 (ambulance, fire, police)

or

Ambulance: 15

Fire: 18

Police: 17

Contact your travel provider and insurer

Contact your travel provider and your insurer if you are involved in a serious incident or emergency abroad. They will tell you if they can help and what you need to do.

Refunds and changes to travel

For refunds or changes to travel, contact your travel provider. You may also be able to make a claim through insurance. However, insurers usually require you to talk to your travel provider first.

Find out more about [changing or cancelling travel plans](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/about-foreign-commonwealth-development-office-travel-advice#changing-or-cancelling-travel-plans) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/about-foreign-commonwealth-development-office-travel-advice#changing-or-cancelling-travel-plans>), including:

- where to get advice if you are in a dispute with a provider
- how to access previous versions of travel advice to support a claim

Support from FCDO

FCDO has guidance on staying safe and what to do if you need help or support abroad, including:

- getting help if you're a [victim of crime](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/victim-of-crime-abroad) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/victim-of-crime-abroad>)
- what to do if you're [in hospital](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/in-hospital-abroad) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/in-hospital-abroad>)
- if you're [affected by a crisis](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-deal-with-a-crisis-overseas) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-deal-with-a-crisis-overseas>), such as a terrorist attack

Contacting FCDO

Help abroad

See [how to get help from the UK government abroad](#) (<https://www.contact.service.csd.fcdo.gov.uk/posts/martinique/british-embassy-paris>) including in an emergency.

Help in the UK

You can call FCDO in London if you need urgent help because something has happened to a friend or relative abroad.

Telephone: 020 7008 5000 (24 hours)

[Find out about call charges](#) (<https://www.gov.uk/call-charges>)

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