



# Daphne's Cottage

Saba



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#### Reservation

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#### Caretaker

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599-416-2254

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#### Taxi

##### Garvis

-Home: 416-2358

##### Manny

-Home: 416-2246

-Mobile: 552-8871

#### Car Rental

##### Caja's Car Rental

Tel: 416-2388

Mobile: 522-7755

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## Getting To and Around on Saba

All travel to Saba connects in St. Maarten (SXM). Several major airlines from North America, Europe and South America carry daily flights into St. Maarten. Special charter flights area also available from major cities during the winter season. We've included the following to help make your trip as easy as possible:

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## By Air from St. Maarten

▶▶ [Winair](#)

(Windward Islands Airways) makes five or more flights each day to Saba's Juancho E. Yrausquin Airport. Inter-island flights can be arranged, some are scheduled weekly. The airport departure tax is \$5.00 to Windward Islands, \$20.00 per person elsewhere.

**New!** Passengers and travel agents can now make their Winair booking for any destination online and will receive an e-ticket for their travel. Go to [www.fly-winair.com](http://www.fly-winair.com) for online reservations and ticketing.

Reservations can also be made by calling:

▶▶ [Winair Reservations/Ticketing](#)

Windward Islands Airways

Telephone: 800 634-4907 or local telephone reservations: 011-599-5-454237

Telephone: 011-599-5452568 - Main Office

Telephone: 203 261-8603

In terms of the Winair flight, people might have differing opinions on this one. But, my suggestion is to allow yourself at least 2 hours between flights (maybe even 3). It may sound over cautious, but this is what I do. The planes down to SXM are big so it takes a while to get off the plane and gather your baggage once you land. Take a look at the walk-through steps below and think about how long this can take.

## When you reach SXM Airport

 **Almost in Saba! Hang in there ... SXM can test your patience** 

**♦ IMPORTANT:** Winair has baggage agreements with LIAT, CO, USAIR, and Delta. (this changes periodically – so it's best to check) This means that you can, in theory, check your bags from your home airport through to your final island destination: Saba. The airport code for Saba is SAB. **Be sure to tell them at your home airport that**

**you're final destination is Saba for proper ticketing. Otherwise, you will not be able to take the shortcut below in SXM.**

→ **Arriving in SXM on one of the airlines with baggage agreements:**

Upon landing in St. Maarten, you will be directed to a covered walkway that follows the building to the right. At the walkway, turn left (*do not follow crowd to the right – they're going to immigration and baggage claim*). Follow the walkway to the end looking for signs that read "GATE 10 and/or *In Transit*". Enter here and take this shortcut to the departure security area, metal detectors etc. Go through metal detectors and proceed to **Gates 8 and 9**. Flights are announced but it's hard to hear so check in with them periodically. (No need for departure tax receipt as long as you do not leave the security area)

→ **Arriving in SXM on another airline:**

- 1) **Get your bags.** Once you get off the plane, you go inside and grab your bags in the arrival area. Under the covered walkway and to the right. Most of the crowd will be going this way to customs and then the luggage carousel.
- 2) **Check in at Winair.** Go through the car rental and little "mall" type area toward the "departure" section to check in. Between the "mall" (10 little touristy stores) and the departure counter area is the "departure/security area entrance" and a little window on the left where you get an "in transit" voucher. This is the "departure tax" window. If you are traveling with a companion and you have a close Winair connection, have one person wait for the luggage while the other gets in line at Winair (exit the arrivals terminal and travel past the car rental gauntlet and stores to the departures area where the Winair counter(s) are clearly marked, both to the far right). Especially in high season, there are often numerous "last flights" for several islands and this line can be tedious. It is well worth paying a porter \$1/bag to help the one person with luggage while the other "queues up" at the Winair counter.
- 3) **Obtain an "in transit" voucher at the Departure Tax window** once you have checked in at Winair. It's free because you're leaving SXM and not staying over. If you're in St. Maarten for less than 24-hours, you do NOT pay to depart this airport – but must have a voucher to enter the departure area. This is just a formality – fill out the form, hand it in and they give you a receipt. Also, it's not unusual for no one to be at this window. Just stand there and look like you need help. Someone will come over ... eventually. *It's the islands, Mon, try to keep your cool.* You'll find there are many opportunities to chuckle at the systems they have in place at this little airport and this is one of them. Keep smiling. There's probably one person in charge of three stations and they just keep rotating. Fill out a transit voucher - should be a stack at window.
- 4) **Enter the Departure Area and proceed to Gates 8 & 9.** The entrance to the departure area is to the left of the Departure Tax window. New heightened security measures at this airport have made longer lines awaiting the x-ray station for carry-on luggage. Especially in the late afternoon, this could take an hour, so allow enough time for this. Often the flight to Saba is not announced on the loud speaker AND can leave up to 30 minutes early (*or late, it's the islands, Mon!*). Grab a cold drink and enjoy the people watching but don't stray far from the gate. Flights are announced but it's hard to hear so check in with them periodically. They sell Ben & Jerry's ice cream in the gate area. That can help pass the time (I grew up in Vermont).



Try to get a window seat on the right!

### By Boat from St. Maarten

The boat option can work well for travelers who overnight on St. Maarten. Ferry service from St. Maarten is available via "[The Edge](#)" (Wednesday through Sunday) departs 9:00 a.m. from Simpson Bay/Pelican Marina - e-mail: [aquamania@sintmaarten.net](mailto:aquamania@sintmaarten.net); Tel: 599-544-2640 or Fax: 599-544-2476. Although it's a short trip, if you are prone to sea sickness, take the normal precautions.

#### ▶▶ [The Edge](#)

Travels to Saba from St. Maarten on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sundays, departing St. Maarten at 9:00 a.m. for the 1 hour trip and returns from Saba, departing Fort Bay harbor at 3:45 p.m., arriving back on St. Maarten at 5:00 p.m.

The rate is \$60 roundtrip for adults and \$30.00 for a child. One way trips are available for Adults \$40 and children \$20. Check in is at 8:15 a.m. on SXM and departs at 9 a.m. sharp.

Email: [aquamania@sintmaarten.net](mailto:aquamania@sintmaarten.net)

Website: [www.stmaarten-activities.com](http://www.stmaarten-activities.com)

◆ Prices and schedules can change. Call or check their website to confirm.

### Getting Around on Saba

Trails are well marked and there's a map at the cottage ... but, if you choose not to walk or hike, transportation, on and around the island, is simple on the ten miles of concrete roads. You'll notice the roads are secured to the mountainside with hardy stone walls. Taxi drivers in modern vans can be your guide for your trip, or you can rent a car and explore on your own.

#### ▶▶ **Caja's Car Rental**

Located in The Bottom - approximately \$50 per day

Tel: 599-416-2388

Mobile: 522-7755

Contact: Kennedy Levenstone

#### ▶▶ **Taxi**

Approximately \$12 to or from the airport. We're happy to arrange a pick-up for you with one of these gentlemen.



**Manny "Junior"  
Lynch:**  
Home: 416-2246  
Mobile: 552-8871



**Garvis Hassell:**  
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