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Saint Barth Fully Open To Tourists





Saint-Barth Is Sizzling!

Now that Saint Barth is officially open to tourists once again and cases of Covid-19 are at a minimum, the island is hopping. There are still some rules for entering, as spelled out in this issue of *The Weekly*, and visitors should be aware of major road work that is impacting traffic, especially as the road in Camaruche is closed in both directions.

Sunday, July 4 will be a busy day on the island with both the street market in central Gustavia and the book exchange on the main dock. Two wonderful opportunities to see people and catch up on the local news, as well as shop for goodies and pick up a few free books. Speaking of books, a lovely new photography tome, "Saint Barthélemy, Land & Sea," is available at Les Artisans in Gustavia and features images by Rosemond Gréaux and Edmund Gudenas. If you stop by the market on Sunday, Rosemond will be at Les Artisans to personally sign your copy!

And be sure to stop by the Wall House Museum for the exhibit, "Let There Be Light," featuring four local artists, and presented by the Collectivity and Artists Of Saint Barth, a non-profit association.

Coming up later this summer is the 13th edition of Diana Bourel's Yoga Summer Camp—definitely recommended to get your body and soul rejuvenated, from traditional yoga techniques to aqua yoga and strenuous hikes up and down the island's rugged terrain.

I'll be at the yoga zen classes in the evening. With summer camp taking place at the Cheval Blanc Isle de France this summer, I can't wait to take a nap on my yoga mat with the sound of the waves in the background!

Should be a great summer!

Ellen Lampert-Gréaux

Only Three New Cases Of Covid-19 In Saint Barth



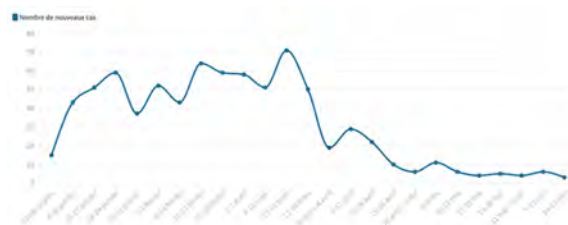
The Regional Health Agency (ARS) and the prefecture issued their weekly bulletin indicating that there were only three new cases of Covid-19 diagnosed in Saint Barthélemy between June 14-20 (week 24). There were six cases recorded the previous week. Since the beginning of the pandemic, 953 cases have been counted on the island. In week 25 (June 21-28), two new cases were added by the health services.

During week 24, 479 tests (PCR and antigen) were

done in Saint Barth, for a total of 32,494 since the beginning of testing on the island.

At the same time, in Saint Martin, the number of reported Covid-19 cases was down, with 49 positive tests in week 24. Since June 21, a total of 15 new cases were recorded out of 725 tests.

Hospitalized in the ICU in Guadeloupe for several weeks, a Saint Martin resident passed away early in the week. This marked the 34th death in Saint Martin due to the virus since the epidemic began.



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Saint Barth Fully Open To Tourists From The United States!

The news that Saint Barth was open to tourists had been anxiously awaited for many a long month. Especially the news that visitors from the United States could once again travel to the island. In early June, the French government published a list of countries for which our borders would once again be open as of June 9. That's all it took for the Territorial Tourism Committee to launch an informational campaign, letting American tourists know that the coast was clear.

“We are happy to inform you that the French government has authorized Saint Barthélemy to open its borders to fully vaccinated citizens of the United States as of Wednesday, June 9,” wrote Nils Dufau, president of the Tourism Committee, in a letter dated June 5.

In the meantime, things have evolved and the island is delighted that the French Government has included the USA and Canada among the green list countries (low risk of Covid-19 transmission). A second letter by Dufau, published on June 21, lists the current requirements for entry to the island, for tourists



who are vaccinated and those who are not:

1. Vaccinated visitors must provide (not required for children of age 11 and under): Official proof of complete vaccination status; A negative RT-PCR Covid-19 test performed within three days prior to boarding. Alternatively, an antigen test within 48 hours prior to departure is also accepted. Once on St Barth, no quarantine or self-isolation will be necessary. No Covid-19 tests will be required during the stay, except the usual one required according to the return destination, if needed.

2. Non-vaccinated travelers must provide: A negative RT-PCR Covid-19 test performed within three days prior to boarding. Alternatively, an antigen test within 48 hours prior to departure is also accepted (No

will self-isolate during 7 days and perform a Covid-19 test on day 7th.

At the same time, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) informed American citizens that Saint Barthélemy is now at Level 1 for Covid-19, the CDC's lowest level in terms of the virus. More good news for the tourism professionals on the island, who are hoping for a busy summer season.

Covid-19 test is required for children of age 11 and under), plus a sworn statement indicating that, once on St Barts, they



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The Collectivity Facing Controversy

Two local topics have been rather controversial over the past few months. The first concerns the construction of a new hotel, L'Etoile, on the beach in Saint Jean. This future luxury property is being built on the site of the former Emeraude Plage, which was destroyed by hurricane Irma in 2017.

A vast hotel complex, L'Etoile will comprise 14 buildings plus all necessary mechanical systems. The Collectivity approved the project in 2019 and issued a building permit. Following commentary related to the height of some of the buildings, a modified permit was submitted and accepted. However, it's not the height of the walls that is the source of the principal opposition.

The truth is that an environmental association, Saint-Barth Essentiel, has voiced major opposition to the construction of a 5,000 sq-meter underground parking lot. The association went to court to try and get the work on the hotel sus-

pending, but their efforts were unsuccessful. In addition, the Conseil d'Etat dismissed the case. However, the court still has to rule on the validity of the building permit. While waiting, Saint-Barth Essentiel continues to openly protest against the project, and held two public demonstrations on May 1 and May 8, in front of the construction site.

At the same time, Saint-Barth Essentiel asked two scientists to provide distinct evaluations of the eventual consequences of the work on the flora, fauna, and coastline of Saint Jean Bay. The content of these reports leads one to believe that the consequences for the bay would be dramatically negative.

The president of the Collectivity, Bruno Magras, has pointed out that there is no legal decision to keep the work from progressing. He believes that the Collectivity cannot oppose free enterprise or projects considered necessary for the development of the island. A position he maintains concerning

other controversial building permits as well.

The second issue flared up in late May, when the Collectivity's executive council approved a building permit for a new cement factory, which would be the third one in Saint Barth. This one would be built in the industrial zone in Petite Saline, where two rock crushing machines are already operational. Once again, there are those opposed to the project, even amongst the territorial majority. Marie-Angèle Aubin, territorial council member and president of the Territorial Environmental Agency, was vocal in her disagreement concerning the construction of a third cement plant and denounced the project as "an acceleration of the paving over of Saint Barth." President Magras replied by explaining the need for such a structure for the island.

In any case, at this time, and in spite of the opposition, both projects have the required authorization they need to move forward.

EJA Law Firm Announces Collaboration with Andersen Global


Emmanuel Jacques Almosnino (EJA) Law Firm has announced that it is partnering with Andersen Global. Andersen provides a wide range of tax, valuation, financial advisory and related consulting services to individual and commercial clients. The collaboration agreement signed on January 29, 2021 will allow Andersen to expand its coverage into the Caribbean and work together with EJA Law Firm through an exclusive partnership on complex legal matters for high-net-worth individuals and multinational firms.

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Road Work and Construction Everywhere!

The Collectivity is doing quite a lot of improvements this summer, from repaving the roads to the installation of broadband fiber optic internet across the island.

Camaruche Hill Closed

One of the major projects concerns the section of the road known as “Camaruche Hill,” which leads from Lorient to Pointe Milou. For at least the next five months, the road is closed to all traffic, which needless to say has impacted the habits of those who go that way, as they now must follow a long detour through Marigot, Grand Cul de Sac, Toiny, and Grand Fond to get to Lorient. Those who live along the road have a special pass that allows them to get to their homes while the work is happening, but only from the bottom of the hill in Lorient. Access from the direction of Point Milou is closed.

Corossol, Flamands, and Carénage

At the same time, the Collectivity is doing similar work in the neighborhoods of Corossol and Flamands. Here, once again, fiber optic internet is being installed as well as improvements made to the roads. This work should also take about five months.

The road in Carénage in Saint Jean (from Eden Rock along the pond) is also being repaved with fiber installed. This should only take a few weeks.

Grand Fond Almost Finished

The road work in Grand Fond is



coming to a close. This has been a long-term project to widen and improve the road that runs along the water from Grand Fond to Toiny.

A 9,000 m2 Project in Gustavia

The Collectivity has also started work on a future complex of 9,000 square meters on the Rue de la

Paix above the main part of Gustavia. This complex will comprise a theatre with close to 300 seats, and underground parking for 100 cars. In addition, the underground portion of the complex will serve as a hurricane shelter. The expected cost of this project is 15M€.

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Let There Be Light: Art Exhibit at The Wall House

The Wall House Museum in Gustavia is featuring the work of four local artists in a group show that runs through August 31. Organized by the association, Artists of Saint Barth in conjunction with the Collectivity of Saint Barthélemy, the show is a combination of paintings, photographs, and sculpture. Titled “Let There Be Light,” the exhibit shines the spotlight on four artists for a period of four months. Open since April 30, the show includes the work of Vanessa Tuillier (photography), Pati Guyot (painting), Julie Furmat (photography), and Igor Couston (sculpture). In the main galleries at the territorial museum, the exhibit is open Monday thru Saturday as fol-



Pati Guyot (painting), Julie Furmat (photography), Vanessa Tuillier (photography) and Igor Couston (sculpture)

lows: Monday-Friday from 9:30am-12pm and 3pm-7pm; Saturday from 9:30am-1pm. Free entry.

Saint Barth Market On Sunday, July 4

The Covid-19 pandemic caused many events on the island to be suspended or postponed. Not only annual festivals and regattas, for example, but also things happening on a more regular basis. A good example is the Saint Barth Market, usually held on the first Sunday of the month. As the Covid situation has considerably improved, the market was revived on Sunday, June 6, and will be held again on Sunday, July 4, much to the delight of the merchants and local artisans who participate. “It’s good news,” says Arnaud from the Epicerie du Goût. “It’s a nice event and needed to be revived. Véronique from Les Petits Carreaux agrees: “It’s a good thing,” she says. “This market is a success and people enjoy it. It’s an added attrac-

tion. My shop is not necessarily in the best location, so this gives me the chance to meet new people, make new contacts, and make additional sales.” Christine from Candles and Soaps is of the same opinion: “It has come back to life. At this market, people sign up but don’t come all the time, I have been here since the beginning. It’s wonderful to meet so many people and talk with them. It’s really a people-oriented event. We also had the Christmas Market but it wasn’t the same kind of thing.”

Saint Barth Market, Sunday, July 4, 8am-12pm, Rue du Général-de-Gaulle, Gustavia.

Book Exchange on Sunday July 4



In conjunction with the Saint Barth Market in Gustavia on Sunday, July 4, the association Saint B’Art will be holding its Book Exchange. Tables will be loaded with books—many of which are in English—and are free for the taking even if you don’t have any to exchange. Usually part of the Jazz & Book Festival, this popular event will be held on the main dock, Quai du Général de Gaulle, from 9am-1pm, during which time local authors will present their books to the public and the winner of the association’s postcard design competition will be announced.

Saint Barth As Seen by Rosemond Gréaux and Edmund Gudenas

The island may have been in the doldrums during the pandemic, but a perfect remedy for the Saint Barth blues can be found in a new book, “St Barthélemy, Land & Sea,” with photographs by Rosemond Gréaux and Edmund Gudenas.

The beauty of Saint Barthélemy unfolds in this book by these partners-in-crime, as it were, who have spent many years photographing all aspects of the island: Rosemond Gréaux and Edmund Gudenas share new and archival images, with short texts by Ellen Lam-pert-Gréaux and graphic design by Florence Voix. An American originally from Ohio, Edmund Gudenas spends his winters in Saint Barth and this is not his first photographic outing, as he has already published two oversized books with views of the island: “St Barth Souvenirs” in 2018 and “St Barth XL” in 2013.

“This is a project we thought about doing for a long time,” recalls Saint Barth native Rosemond Gréaux. “Ed and I met for the first time in the late 90s. My wife Ellen and I saw him taking lots of wonderful pictures at Le Select. Over the years, we became friends and started talking about doing a photography book together. I like to say he became my acolyte in taking local photos.”



Sports editor and photographer at Le Journal de Saint-Barth for over two decades, Rosemond suffered an illness that kept him from working for the better part of a year, but he didn’t forget this project: “In December 2019, I decided to search in my archives for some of the best photos I had taken for Le Journal de Saint-Barth as well as for Harbour Magazine over the years. I spent many hours with my computer to select them!”

The title of the book, “Land & Sea,” was not chosen by chance. “Ed is fascinated by Saint Barthélemy, its landscapes, its horizons, and its festivities on land,” explains Rosemond, “while I was more at home out on the waves.

get close to the racing boats to capture the moment and immortalize the sailors in action. As for Ed, he takes nine or ten successive photos of the same scene and links them together with special software.”

A book that is only surprising in that it represents just a tiny fraction of the photos these two friends have taken over the years. “For me, this book is just the first, I hope to publish a few more,” concludes Rosemond.



As a sports journalist, I covered an incalculable number of regattas such as The Bucket, The Cata Cup, Les Voiles de Saint-Barth Richard Mille, and the Transat. So, it was natural for me to concentrate on the nautical section of the book.”

The photos are all impressive, from one to the next, thanks to individual techniques: “Over the years I refined my way of taking photos of the different sports events,” says Rosemond. “For example, for the regattas, I go out in a small motorboat with a pilot. That allows me to

When you browse the pages of the book, perhaps you will catch a glimpse of yourself. In fact, if you participated in a sports event, a regatta, Carnival, or a party at Le Select, you just might be in the pages of this island souvenir.

“Saint Barthélemy, Land & Sea”
Rosemond Gréaux & Edmund Gudenas
Available at Les Artisans
Rue du Général-de-Gaulle, Gustavia.
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Yoga by The Beach : Diana Bourel's Summer Camp

From July 15 to August 15, 2021, Diana Bourel, a yoga teacher and therapist with more than 30 years experience, is organizing the 13th edition of her Yoga Summer Camp, to be held at Cheval Blanc St Barth Isle de France this year. Featuring practitioners from around the globe and experts in techniques from yoga and sound healing to osteopathy and breathing techniques, the month-long program is designed to be accessible for everyone, from residents to guests on the island for only a few days, while also providing a deeper level of immersion for those committed to a longer wellness journey.

Bourel created the program to help people better understand the mind/body effects of the past year, and how to embrace and transform these changes. The weekday schedule offers morning, afternoon, and evening yoga classes, including mid-morning aqua yoga on Flamands Beach to complement more traditional sessions. Evening meditation and Zen practices are a good way to wind down from the day. On weekends, Yoga University includes challenging hikes and aqua yoga as well as workshops and discussions with international guest teachers and healers.

Bourel has been practicing in St Barth since 1999 and has developed the "Art of Self Care," a multi-modal, broad-spectrum approach wrapped around a core of yoga, meditation, personal growth, and mindfulness. She designed this summer's program to directly address the challenges faced as the world reopens: "As the chaos subsides, we are coming back out, re-



emerging in a sort of happy disbelief to the lives reshaped by Covid," she says. "There is an eagerness to get 'back to normal' but in taking another look, we may see that things have shifted."

Embracing the theme of "From Fragmentation to Re-Emergence, Celebrating our Golden Brokenness," the ateliers will explore how to transform the challenges of the past year. Bourel explains, "In the yogic philosophy, the idea of unmani encompasses the formless awareness, an understanding of the impermanence and change as cen-

tral to the human experience. In cultivating compassionate sensitivity and investigating our flaws and breaks not as events that need to be hidden or concealed but as milestones to be applied in our path forward, we begin to repurpose and recompose with the fragments of our new reality."

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Ateier de Joël Robuchon	05.90.77.30.30
Bagatelle	05.90.27.51.51
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Bonito	05.90.27.96.96
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Sin Garden	05 90 87 21 24

Flamand

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La Cabane (Cheval Blanc)	05.90 27 61 81
La Langouste	05.90.27.63.61
Shatira	05.90.27.68.67
Chez Rolande	05.90.27.51.42

Corossol

Le Régal	05.90.27 85 26
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Colombier

Les Bananiers	05.90.27.93.48
François Plantation (Villa Marie)	05.90.77.52.52

Saline

Esprit Jean-Claude Dufour	05.90.52.46.10
Grain de Sel	05.90.52 46 05
Tamarin (Le)	05.90.29.27.74

Lurin

Santa Fé	05.90.27.61.04
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Anse des Cayes

Chez Yvon	05.90.29 86 81
Le Manapany	05.90.27.66.55

Lorient

Jojo Burger	05 90 27 50 33
Le Bouchon	05 90 27 79 39
La Bohème	05 90 27 52 52
La Licorne	05 90 87 37 93
Le Portugal à St Barth	05 90 27 68 59

Pointe Milou

Mango Bar Restaurant (Lunch)	05.90.27.63.63
Christo (Diner & Lounge)	05.90.27.63.63

Toiny

Jarad (Le Toiny)	05.90 27.88.88
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Grand Cul de Sac

Aux Amis (Le Barthélemy)	05.90.77.48.48
Yo Sushi Mania	06.90.62.69.83

Public

Maya's	05.90.27.75.73
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Saint-Jean

Chez Joe (Airport)	05.90.27.71.40
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L'Ardoise	05.90.77.41.97
La Terrasse	05.90.27.52.21
Le Glacier	05 90 27 71 30
Le Jardin	05 90 27 73 62
Le Piment	05.90 27.53.88
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