

My sweet SAINT-PIERRE

This week I'm going for a less adventurous and more practical article. I will share my favorite places with you! We'll take stock of what I can advise you. Be careful, the list is not exhaustive, you can always add more (and I certainly will too). But I'll try to make you a small list of restaurants, bars or simply places that I like here. It should be seen as a small tour of the island to simplify your trip or your day if you live here. This article will evolve. I think I will add things as I go along.

As I said before, this island isn't very big but it doesn't prevent it from being full of different and really nice places. This article is a first like that and I know that if you go on TripAdvisor you will easily have some addresses. But I'm getting every time "do you know a good restaurant?" or "do you know a good doctor here?" that we can have when we live in a place pushes me to say, that people like certainly the websites but especially the feedback of their relatives.

I wondered for a long time how I was going to approach this kind of article! I use to write adventures. I've been living on SAINT-PIERRE in the south of the island for over a year and it's the place I know most! But I didn't want to limit myself either. So how to do it? by theme? by city? I decided to do it city by city (or area by area) which will make it easier to search. There are places where I won't say anything because per example, a city like SAINT-ANDRE I've never been there. But I will try to give you my favorites. I will surely help me with friends to enrich this article even if I wish to share with you what I know to be sure of what I tell.

Let's start with the south and the city of SAINT-PIERRE! Shall we?

SAINT-PIERRE is a "big" city in the south of the island. You can find restaurants, bars, various shops, activities related to the island, its history and culture, and even other activities.

What to do? a little cultural...

- Obviously, and even if I am not a fan of markets, **the fair market of Saint-Pierre** is a must. Fruits, vegetables, spices, souvenirs etc... the atmosphere is really good, and you can eat hot samosas while watching the ocean. *The fair market of Saint-Pierre, every Saturday morning from 6am to 1pm.*
- You might want to go to **the Rum Saga**. You will have a guided tour on the history and the process of making Rum. The estate is pretty nice, and the guide is pretty funny. As you can imagine, a small tasting will finish this visit. You can also buy some. *La Saga du Rhum, every day from 10am to 6pm, reserved for guided tours.*
- **Le domaine du Café Grillé**: I would have to do it to tell you about it! But all my friends (and even my mother) loved it! From the discovery of plants and their benefits to the coffee tasting at the end.

Where to eat?

To eat...I'm going to give you some very urban places, but which are for me, part of the nice places when you like to go out to eat!

- Without hesitation, if you are looking for a cosy place, where you can eat fresh and good food during the day, I advise you **Line Coffee & shop!** It's a small restaurant like a tearoom, very girly (obviously) where you are very well welcomed. It's small which can make the place a bit noisy. But eating homemade tacos at lunchtime, or pastries in the afternoon with a coffee or a tea is a real pleasure. Line Coffee Shop, 50 rue François de Mahy, 97410 SAINT-PIERRE, Tuesday to Saturday from 8am to 5pm.
- **Hippi eat!** Of course! if you like brunch or lunches a little green and hipster this is the place for you! Sweet potato fries, avocado toast and granola, it's all there! Of course tea or detox juice will be present too! The decoration is in the colors of the place's name! It's a place I love for Sunday lunch with a little view of the ocean from your table! If you are lucky! Hippi Eat, 25 rue Amiral Lacaze 97410 SAINT-PIERRE, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am-3pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am-3pm.
- A desire for chocolate? **Chocola Té!** This place is dedicated to chocolate! Imagine, you choose to have a homemade waffle, then what a chocolate melt on top...a craving for hazelnut? Just ask and we'll add hazelnuts on top! Served with tea, coffee or other hot beverages! Maybe the drinks are a bit expensive, but the tea is always a bit expensive. Ideal for a snack in a very cute place, decorated with taste! Chocola Té, 79 rue du Four à Chaux 97410 SAINT-PIERRE.
- **Fleur de tartare** in TERRE SAINTE, welcomes you for a good meal! Friday evening all-you-can-eat tartar for fish fans! The atmosphere is fun and the place, small enough, is suitable to a cosy moment. Fleur de Tartare, 94 avenue du Président Mitterrand, 97410 SAINT-PIERRE.
- Sushi fan? Not Very few good sushi restaurants exist here! For SAINT-PIERRE I advise you **KAMPAI**, fresh and exquisite. More for a meal to go! If you want a moment in an immersion place, I advise you **MATSUSHI!**
 - KAMPAI Takeway, 34 rue Rodier 97410 SAINT-PIERRE, from Tuesday to Saturday 11h30-13h30 and 18h-21h30, Sunday 18h-21h30. Attention for the evening if you know already call the lunch to order, the orders are quickly full.
 - MATSUSHI, 57 rue Suffirent 97410 SAINT-PIERRE, Monday 19h30-22h, Tuesday to Saturday 11h30-14h and 19h30-22h.

I can also mention the best burger in town, Frère Metiss, La villa sauvage, the Kimbap, Mezzé, Giulietta's take-away pizzas, Aux ptit's Oignons or Les bons enfants! Les bons enfants is a bit of an institution! You will find Creole (typical meal) cuisine for cheap. I didn't give you an address for a Creole dish because for me, it's not in SAINT-PIERRE that you can find the best! Find someone who knows how to make a good sausage rougail and there you will win!

Of course, you must go at least once in a snack bar to have gratin, paninis or just "bouchon"! and I don't even talk about the chicken skewers on the barbecue at the weekend! After the market with a little beer!

I can't list all the places, I think we would be on a real restaurant guidebook and it would be too long!

Where to have a drink? (and eat a little too...)

For the bars, it's the same thing. After a year and a half in the city I have endless places but I will list some of them:

- For the beer lovers, there is inevitably the **V&B!** Beer and wine bar, nice atmosphere where you can nibble salami and cheese at the same time! There is also a liquor store where you can find a lot of different beers. *Le V&B, 69 Rue Albert Luthuli 97410 SAINT-PIERRE, Monday 14h-20h, Tuesday 10h-20h, Thursday to Saturday 10h-21h.*
- **The bodega** will welcome you with Spanish tapas and sangria! A really nice place for an evening of sharing with friends! *La Bodega, 2 Rue Auguste Babet 97410 SAINT-PIERRE, Tuesday to Saturday 5pm-00:30pm.*
- If you like small bars where everyone knows each other, where the owner is really cool and where the tapas are good, I advise you **O Tapas'Soif!** *5 Rue Auguste Babet 97410 SAINT-PIERRE, from Tuesday to Saturday 18h-00h.*
- A little last one? **Le Toit d'abord!** Place of concert, drinks, but also a restaurant part! Very nice place, very cool decoration, nice music even if sometimes we would prefer it to be less noisy! the most? their toilets leave no one indifferent! haha *Le Toit d'abord, 16 Rue Auguste Babet 97410 SAINT-PIERRE, from Wednesday to Saturday 18h-00h30.*

And of course, one of the best ways to have a drink in this city is to do it right on the beach, at sunset time! Memories guaranteed!

Living in a city like SAINT-PIERRE, you discover new addresses every week! I didn't have a car so by walking around the city I was able to discover places more easily and I still have plenty of them, but I'll let you leave me a comment if you want more!

There is a whole series of bars/restaurants on the waterfront as often but there are few that I consider to be too much. We are rather on the tourist attraction. So, I wouldn't speak about it. Be careful, some places are cool but well, it's not my thing.

And the beaches?

When we talk about beaches on the island, we immediately think of the west coast and its lagoon, but SAINT-PIERRE has nothing to envy it! This may be colorless. Nevertheless, from Terre Sainte to Ravine Blanche, you will find plenty of places to put your towel and even your hammock on some parts. The sunset is stunning, and you will find some nice fish!

For Terre Sainte the small beach is always a good place to be with a view on the lighthouse and the little snack where you can have a drink to watch the sunset. If you continue a little further there is the small hidden beach which is a little more confidential.

My favorite part is Ravine Blanche where you can put down the hammock, a beer on the weekend or just a book and your friends! There are less people on the beach and swimming is a treat!

For a more general point about beaches, you'll have to wait for the article where I'll talk about the other places on the island!

Think also of "la pointe au diable" for family walks, jogging or walking your dog!

SAINT-PIERRE remains "the" city of the south, you can really go shopping there, be close to the wild south, to the piton de la Fournaise (the volcano), while being not so far from the west!

Don't forget to pass by the mosque (you can hear the call to prayer, it's quite incredible when you're not used to it) or the Chinese temple!

If you're looking for a small souvenir store, I recommend *Nanas Vanille*, 3 Rue Victor le Vigoureux 97410 SAINT-PIERRE, rum, tea, Clavé posters, and other local products and objects! I can stay there a long time!

I could write an even longer article because I love this city and its atmosphere so much!

I hope that if you are looking for some addresses you will find what you are looking for in this article, and that if you plan to go there it will help you! It will surely evolve!

While waiting for the next article where we will climb the highest point...

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