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MARINA - BERTHING GUIDE

IGY Isle de Sol

Berthing Guide

CRAFTING SIGNATURE CHARTER YACHT EXPERIENCES

IGY Isle de Sol, Simpson Bay: A Superyacht Guide
Destination: St Martin / Sint Maarten
Ecosystem: St Martin / Sint Maarten
Gateway: SXM
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Overview

IGY Isle de Sol sits inside Simpson Bay Lagoon on the Dutch side of St Maarten, a natural crossroads between the Leeward Islands, St Barths, Anguilla and the wider eastern Caribbean. Yachts come here for the combination that matters on charter: protected lagoon berthing, experienced superyacht handling, strong technical support and quick access to beaches, restaurants, airports and onward cruising grounds. Arrival is theatrical rather than remote. After the bridge opening, the boat moves from the swell of Simpson Bay into a lagoon animated by tenders, masts, shipyards, waterfront bars and aircraft descending towards Princess Juliana International Airport. The marina feels international, practical and polished, with the infrastructure of a serious yacht hub rather than a resort-only stop. For owners, guests and crew, Isle de Sol works as both a comfortable base and a staging point: a place to reset, provision, entertain ashore and then be off towards Grand Case, Anguilla, St Barths or the quieter coves of Saint-Martin.

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DESTINATION	St Martin / Sint Maarten (https://blueoceanclub.com/charter/destinations/st-martin-yacht-charter)

QUAY FACTS

Specifications

INDICATIVE MAX LOA **approx. 100 m**	INDICATIVE MAX DRAFT **approx. 5 m**
BERTHS **45**	FUEL **Available**
POWER **Shore power typical - confirm amp rating vs LOA**	WATER **Available**
WASTE **Pump-out on request / by arrangement**	WI-FI **Harbour Wi-Fi variable - starlink aboard preferred**

PILOTAGE NOTES

Approach

Approach IGY Isle de Sol with local pilotage notes from the captain; high season berths book weeks ahead. Confirm fuel, shore power amp rating and waste before arrival.

HOLDS & LEAD TIMES

Berthing

Peak berths around IGY Isle de Sol typically need 4-12 weeks for larger LOA. We hold anchorage fallbacks before you fly.

TRANSFERS

Door to deck

Primary gateway SXM. We choreograph chauffeur or helicopter into the gangway window.

AIRPORT	SXM

EMBARK UTILITY

Embark at IGY Isle de Sol

Door-to-deck for St Martin / Sint Maarten: fly into the gateway, transfer timed to the gangway, luggage aboard before guests. We choreograph the buffer - not a taxi scramble.

MEETING POINT	Meeting point: IGY Isle de Sol - confirm quay / pontoon with the captain the morning of embarkation.
ARRIVAL BUFFER	Plan 60-90 minutes from wheels-down to passerelle for chauffeur corridors; helicopter windows are tighter when helipad access is confirmed.
PEAK LEAD TIME	Peak berths around IGY Isle de Sol typically need 4-12 weeks for larger LOA. We hold anchorage fallbacks before you fly.

Captain notes

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Tender fallback

When berths are scarce we hold a sheltered anchorage + tender (or captain-only standby) plan before you fly - never a last-minute scramble at the mole.

Luggage / hotel

Night-before hotel near the gateway (or marina) when late arrivals risk missing the embarkation slot - we hold rooms against the transfer plan.

SXM

Primary gateway SXM.

[Draft] Indicative seasonal berth ranges are shared on request - confirm with the marina agent before contract. We never publish unverified nightly rates as fact.

SHORE TABLES

Nearby dining

The Palms Restaurant

A relaxed Simpson Bay favourite with island cooking and genuinely warm service. It suits an easy first night ashore after arrival.

Sale & Pepe

A polished waterfront Italian option near the Simpson Bay yacht scene. Useful for owner dinners when comfort, wine and service matter.

SkipJack's Seafood Grill, Bar & Fish Market

A well-known Simpson Bay seafood address with a broad menu and lagoon-side buzz. Good for mixed charter groups and family dinners.

Lagoonies Bistro & Bar

A Cole Bay institution for crews, live music and casual meals. It is informal, sociable and very much part of the lagoon's yacht culture.

Isola Restaurant & Pizzeria
A dependable Pelican-side choice for pizzas, pastas and family-friendly dining. It works well when guests want quality without ceremony.

Beirut SXM
Generous mezze, grilled meats and a lively sharing-table atmosphere in Simpson Bay. A useful change from seafood and Italian menus.

FALLBACKS

Nearby anchorages

Simpson Bay
Yachts anchor outside the lagoon for beach access, bridge timing or a simple overnight before entering or departing.

Baie Longue
A handsome French-side beach anchorage used in settled conditions for clear water, villa views and a quieter feel.

Baie Rouge
A scenic west-coast stop with red-tinged cliffs, swimming and easy proximity to the marina when conditions allow.

Grand Case Bay
Popular for French-side dining, sunset views and tender access to one of the island's best restaurant villages.

Île Pinel
Chosen for shallow turquoise water, beach restaurants and relaxed snorkelling on the quieter north-east side.

Tintamarre
A favourite fair-weather nature anchorage with clear water, turtles at times and a stronger sense of escape.

TIMING

Seasonal note

St Maarten's prime superyacht season runs broadly from December to April, when the northern Leewards sit in the path of the easterly tradewinds and the island becomes a major charter, service and provisioning hub. Christmas, New Year, February school holidays and major regatta periods require the longest lead times for marina space, restaurant tables, technicians and rental cars. The trades are generally reliable in winter, giving pleasant temperatures but also lively passages and exposed anchorages on windward or swell-affected coasts. Cold fronts to the north can send northerly swell into some bays, so captains should match anchorages to the forecast rather than the brochure image. Hurricane season runs from June to November, with September and October the most sensitive months. Shoulder periods can be attractive for flexible charters: May and early June often bring warmer, quieter conditions, while late November can work well before the festive rush, provided weather planning remains conservative.

INDICATIVE DRAFT

Berth fees

Indicative seasonal berth ranges are shared on request - confirm with the marina agent before contract. We never publish unverified nightly rates as fact.

BEFORE YOU FLY

Berthing FAQ

How do I embark at IGY Isle de Sol?

Confirm quay / pontoon with the captain the morning of embarkation after your SXM arrival. We brief the chauffeur on the correct marina gate - not a generic harbour drop.

Can I berth a yacht at IGY Isle de Sol?

Yes when LOA, draft and event weeks allow. For peak season and event weeks, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger LOA; shoulder season is more flexible. Blue Ocean Club opens the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist for St Martin / Sint Maarten.

What does berthing cost at IGY Isle de Sol?

Berthing at IGY Isle de Sol is quoted by LOA, season and events - we share indicative ranges labelled as draft, then confirm in writing before deposit. Never treat a published nightly figure as a hard fact.

Is yacht charter available from IGY Isle de Sol?

Yes - IGY Isle de Sol is a practical embarkation for crewed yacht charter in St Martin / Sint Maarten. We sequence the berth, transfers and first-night plan before you fly.

How far ahead should we book a berth at IGY Isle de Sol?

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What is the practical embarkation airport for IGY Isle de Sol?

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Can we overnight at anchor instead of taking a quay night?

Simpson Bay is a common alternative when the quay is full - captains confirm holding and shelter before committing.

What services should we expect at IGY Isle de Sol?

We confirm fuel, shore power, water and waste against your LOA with the marina agent before contract.

Indicative guidance - some berth fee notes are labelled draft. Live rates move with LOA, season and events. Blue Ocean Club confirms in writing before deposit. No invented phone numbers or reviews. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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