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# A lot to offer

*The return of "The Best Of", after a one-year pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic, serves as confirmation that the island is slowly but surely getting back to normal – although the Omicron variant has prompted a new outbreak.*

In any case, this past year's recovery justified again having the informal survey from mid-December to mid-January regarding people's favourite businesses and personalities in various categories during 2021.

Judging from the responses, interest for the annual popularity contest continues to be strong, with many candidates also actively seeking the support of their patrons in the poll. Of course, not everyone can finish first, but all nominees may rightfully be considered winners as well. There are also various relatively new establishments that could not yet be considered or perhaps failed to get enough backing this time around, but will hopefully do better in 2022.

Even if not mentioned, they should see this as an incentive to work even harder this year to make a positive impression on the public and try to have customers vote for them. If there's one thing this revived edition of "The Best Of" proves, it is that "The Friendly Island" still has a lot to offer.

The Publisher



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## Best High-End Restaurant

### AVANTIKA

*To dine is one thing. To dine at Avantika Thai Kitchen and Lounge in the Puerta del Sol complex in Simpson Bay is a whole experience to be savoured.*

It's not just the delectable dishes – intently prepared to perfection from scratch with the freshest ingredients to tempt palates – that make Avantika #1. It's also their seasoned and professional team members, who are versed in catering to the desires of your palate, that make them stand out.

The menu is influenced by unique Thai flavour and includes favourites like fried rice,

noodles, curries, stir fries, salads, soups and proteins. Avantika caters to all manner of tastes and your pick (tofu, vegetables, chicken, pork, beef shrimp, roasted duck, seafood combo, fish) can be made mild, medium, hot or Thai spicy. Ask about their vegan and gluten free options.

Guests can choose to dine in the cosy and intimate air-conditioned interior or enjoy the fresh breeze of the outdoor terrace. Whatever you choose, Avantika is the place to be, to enjoy a dining experience to remember.



Avantika



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## Best Thai/Vietnamese Food

### Avantika

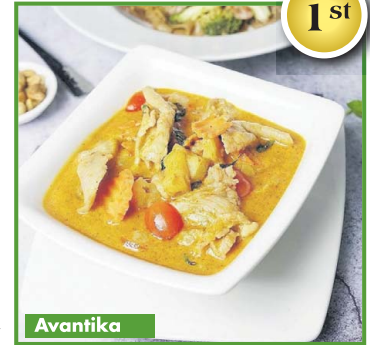
*If you have had food from Avantika, it will come as no surprise that they have won the category of Best Thai/Vietnamese Food for 2021!*

Diverse and delicious flavours make Thai cuisine popular in many different countries! There are so many reasons to love Thai food! It tastes great and most dishes are quite healthy. There are many gluten free options and Avantika also has Vegetarian and Vegan-friendly dishes on their menu.

You can have your dishes mild or as hot/spicy as you like. Thai food has a reputation for being nutritious, largely consisting of vegetables, lean proteins, fresh herbs and spices. Avantika prides itself on using the freshest ingredients.

If you've never tried Thai cuisine before, we urge you to try it out at Avantika – voted St. Maarten's Best Thai/Vietnamese Food on the Island!

When it comes to Thai cuisine, sharing

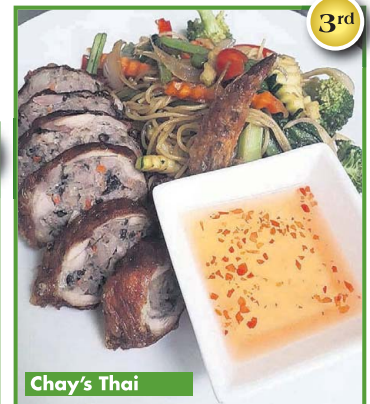


Avantika

with friends and family is a big part of the experience. Enjoy this experience with Avantika and find out for yourself why Avantika is the best!



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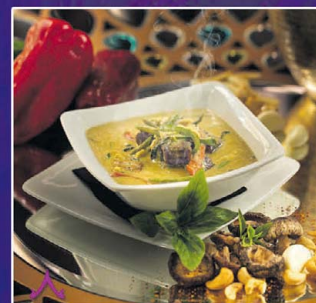


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## AVANTIKA

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# 1 BEST HIGH  
END RESTAURANT

# 1 BEST THAI  
RESTAURANT

AGAIN!!!







## Best New Restaurant

### Sublime Resto. Bar

*If you're looking to have a memorable dining experience, where the food is delectable, the ambiance par excellence and the service second to none, then Sublime Resto.Bar in Maho Village is the place to go.*

Sublime began pleasing palates a year ago after opening in December 2020. It quickly blossomed into a favourite dining destination for many.

The restaurant offers an enviable selection of international dishes. From their beef short ribs; beef filet and their sublime spicy tuna, to the flavoursome rack of lamb; sublime salads and their Chilean seabass foie gras, there are options to please just about every appetite. The man behind the magic, Chef Surendra Lal Das, comes with a wealth of experience having worked at the former



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highly-rated Temptations Restaurant.

The great thing about Sublime is that you can dine, party and/or lounge at one general location. After dinner, the excitement continues at the recently opened Moonbar on the rooftop; or you can relax and enjoy live music and cocktails at the White Rabbit Piano Bar.



Sugar Mill Café



Astra





## Best Breakfast Spot

### Chesterfields

*Serious foodies know that the first thing you put in your stomach in the morning should be the most important. Make your first meal of the day your best meal of the day at Chesterfields.*



This waterfront dining paradise has been doing breakfast right over the years coping the title of Best Breakfast spot for more than two decades, cementing its place as the true leader for breakfast on the island. And it's not just the wide options and tasty delights that set Chesterfields apart, it's also the relaxing ambiance, breezy atmosphere and their team of enthusiastic staffers who are always ready to cater to your culinary desires.

From their triple egg omelettes (plain, ham and cheese, mushroom, shrimp/crab, cheese Spinach and mushroom and cheese options) to their French toast and pancakes, breakfast sandwiches, juices, warm beverages and fresh fruit, there is something on the menu for everyone. Their dockside combinations and specials are must-tries. Enjoy your treats with a side order of toast, bacon, sausage and/or home fries.



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**On behalf of the Management and Staff,  
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- # 1 Best place for breakfast
- # 2 Best place for lunch
- # 3 Best seafood restaurant



## Best Sushi

### Ginger

*Ginger Sushi is a sushi lover's paradise: the taste of their treats, price points, atmosphere, staff friendliness and options are hard to beat.*

Diners have an array of sushi/sashimi options to choose from including sushi pizzas, regular sushi rolls, and special chef sushi rolls. Also, if

you're not in the mood for sushi, they also have rice, noodles and other options. The "angry dragon roll" – an all-time favourite for many – is a must try.

Having won second place in previous years, Ginger is honoured to emerge #1 this year. "We are very happy to win the award and to get first



Ginger



Wasabi Charlie



Bamboo

place," says manager Lisa. Like many businesses, things have been tough in the past two years due to the pandemic, but Ginger remains positive and committed to maintaining high standards in its food and service.

"Thanks again to those who like and support Ginger Sushi. With your support, we can go further. In the future, we'll work harder to make more delicious sushi."

Visit Ginger Sushi today and see why their sushi is so highly rated!

# Ginger II



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## Best Photographer

### Elvis Harrigan

*Local photographer Elvis Harrigan is a boss when it comes to capturing special moments with his camera. Consecutively voted Best Photographer on island twice already, Harrigan has a special eye for finding beauty and capturing it with his lens.*

Harrigan was born and raised right here on The Friendly Island. Photography is what he is most passionate about. In some ways, graphic design has been a major factor that ultimately led him to photography, he says in a brief bio on his website. However, it was only after he received his first DSLR camera and saw the quality of the images he had been capturing that he became inspired and decided to take it further.

Elvis does a bit of every-



Elvis Harrigan

thing, but finds fulfilment in the interaction that goes along with photographing people. Working with kids and babies is a fun challenge that he's getting a lot more used to, as a proud father of his little girl.



Cameron Hyman



Lili Peterson







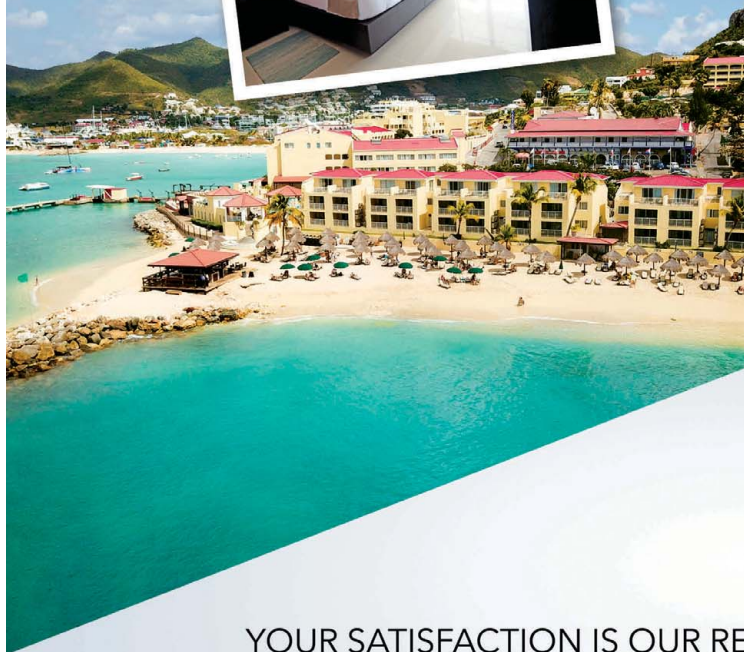
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## Best Pizza

### Domino's Pizza

*There's something special about sinking your teeth into a freshly made, piping hot pizza from Domino's. The taste, the aroma, the combination of flavours – it does something special to your taste buds.*

Domino's has been titillating appetites on the island with its assortment of pizzas, wings, oven baked sandwiches, and more, since it started operations in St. Maarten almost three decades ago.

Domino's has the largest selection of pizza and you'll also always see Domino's coming to the rescue in times of need like after Hurricane Irma, and more recently during the pandemic. Domino's delivers a slice of happiness.

Pizzas are prepared from scratch by hand with your choice of toppings and your de-

sired crust. Only the freshest vegetables are used. Domino's friendly and efficient team is dedicated to satisfying appetites and delivering great service.

So the next time you have a craving, order some Domino's to satisfy your cravings. There are three locations to serve you. Order online at [www.dominos.sx](http://www.dominos.sx) or download their app; Domino's Caribbean in the



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## Best Seafood Restaurant

### Pineapple Pete

*On a Caribbean island, you can expect seafood on every restaurant menu and in every fridge. But according to the people of The Friendly Island, Pineapple Pete does it best. With their famous lobster thermidor, crab stuffed shrimp, and grilled snapper, it is no wonder fish enthusiasts selected Pineapple Pete as Best Seafood Restaurant in St. Maarten/St. Martin for 2021.*

With the pineapple being an international symbol of hospitality, Pineapple Pete has been a hotspot for both locals and tourists for 18 years. And judging by their wall of "Best Of" plaques, the establishment has achieved excellence in various food-, drink- and entertainment- categories many times.

Not only does Pineapple Pete have the best seafood, its burgers, steak, sushi and local foods all placed in the top three this year – and that is just the food. Owner Pierre attributed the success of Pineapple Pete to St. Maarten's superb food scene. "We are forced to always elevate ourselves because



Pineapple Pete

of all the high-quality restaurants on the island," he explained.



Lee's



Chesterfields

## Best Place for a Sandwich

### Carl & Son's



Carl and Son's

*There are few things more fulfilling than a tasty sandwich built your way from Carl & Son's. This home-grown, local dining destination serves up some of the tastiest sandwiches on the island. The wide assortment of these delicious treats means your appetite will never be bored.*

Choose from cheese, ham, egg, turkey, club, salt fish, chicken, bacon, roast beef and salami. Most of these options come alone or in combination with egg and/or cheese. And because Carl & Son's also bakes its own bread

daily, you are guaranteed freshness every time. Yum!

And don't worry about burning a hole in your pocket. These delectable sandwiches are amongst the most affordable you will find – they are low in price and big in taste.

So what are you waiting for? Get that sandwich from 2021's Best Place for a Sandwich on island today! Located in Cole Bay and Philipsburg, Carl & Son's friendly staffers are ready to whip up your favourite choice.



Topper's



Café Atlántico



## Best Mexican Restaurant —

### 3 Amigos

If there is ever a time you want to get a taste of well-known Mexican dishes, there can be lots of options. However, 3 Amigos continues to clinch the title of Best Mexican Restaurant on the island of Sint Maarten.

Located in Maho Village, 3 Amigos has lots of open-air seating and stellar service. If you choose to dine at 3 Amigos, you get the opportunity to enjoy bold and flavourful cocktails with delicious Mexican and American cuisine. Try their famous soft and hard tacos, burritos, margaritas, or any other Mexican-fusion specials.

3 Amigos serves lunch and dinner and stays open until late to cater to those who love to party and enjoy a wide variety of music.



3 Amigos

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If you've tried their food, you're bound to return to the scene of deliciousness. If you haven't tried their food, stop waiting and become a regular at 3 Amigos. Go check it out.



La Patrona

2<sup>nd</sup>

Come y Calla

3<sup>rd</sup>

## Best BBQ —

### Original Fat Boy Jimmy's

Walk up to this staple in local BBQ goodness and be greeted by music, that will have your waist moving, and smells, that will definitely draw you closer. The servers are friendly and prove why it's easy to choose them as the number one pick on Sint Maarten.

Try the array of soups, stews, burgers, fried crab, fried snapper and other delicious specials. But the main event comes in the form of their BBQ. Whether you order ribs, chicken legs or chicken wings alone or as a complete plate, just understand that this will not be ordinary.

The prices are reasonable and the food portions are generous. The structure is a developed food truck on the Pondfill stretch, but there's plenty of seating and

ample parking all around. Standing outside Original Fat Boy Jimmy's on a Saturday afternoon is reminiscent of standing in line at the Festival Village waiting for your meal to get off the hot coals.



Original Fat Boy Jimmy's

1<sup>st</sup>

Captain D's Rib Shack

2<sup>nd</sup>

Mark's Place

3<sup>rd</sup>

## Best Place for Dessert —

### La Sucriere

From the translations we've found, La Sucriere means "The Sugar". On any early morning, you'll smell the heavenly scent of sugar, butter and delectable bread and pastries all fresh at La Sucriere.

Easily accessible on the Simpson Bay strip with ample parking, it's easy to just pull in, grab any of the various baked goods and run out again. With the new location on Old Street in Philipsburg, they're spreading the goodness around the island! But La Sucriere is also well-known and loved as an easy-going place to just sit and have breakfast or lunch and relax while you take in the atmosphere.

In need of a birthday cake, desserts, pies, all kinds of delicious authentic French pastries, a few baguettes, sliced breads or even chocolate twists? They've got it! Everything looks so tempting when you walk right in, and the staffers are always ready to serve with a smile.



La Sucriere

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Gelateria Milano

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## Best Place for Lunch

### Topper's

*Topper's is an institution going back generations that somehow seems to withstand the tests of time. That's partially why there is no surprise it's been voted "Best Place for Lunch" in 2021.*

The great food choices are just one reason, you also have the excellent customer service from staff we've come to know and love, who always have a smile and a good word!

Besides Topper's being conveniently located in the middle of the action in Simpson Bay, their drinks and cocktails are the perfect blend, thanks to the locally-made Topper's Rhum! Try anything from the drink menu and you're bound to find more than one favourite drink.



Topper's

Whether you're in the mood for something to warm your belly and put some fire in your chest; or just a quick sandwich, it's always a wise choice to stop in at Topper's. Visit them at their new location in the Carousel building, or stop by the original location at Kim Sha.



Chesterfields



Top Carrot

## Best Italian Restaurant

### Sale & Pepe

*Dining at Sale & Pepe in Simpson Bay is much like sitting at one of the top-rated restaurants in the centre of Sicily, Italy, except that you are in the hub of the sunny Caribbean – St. Maarten.*

Sale and Pepe brings the best of two worlds together – the beautiful tropical nature of the Caribbean and the authenticity of fine Sicilian food, thanks to its native Sicilian Chef and Owner Davide Zagami, who runs the restaurant with his wife Scarlet.

Davide uses his culinary skills to create magic in the kitchen for customers. Sale & Pepe's menu ranges from an array of salads and classic appetizers, to soups, pastas, pastas and more pastas, grilled meats and fish, steamed options and some delectable

desserts. There is something for everyone, including vegetarians.

The restaurant has indoor and outdoor seating right by the waterside with spectacular lagoon views. A large mega yacht terrace and a team of friendly servers and bartenders will complete your Sicilian experience in the Caribbean.



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#1 Best place for Lunch

#2 Best place for Steak • #2 Best Happy Hour

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## Best Place for Vegetarian Food — Top Carrot

Top Carrot has been tantalizing the appetites of veggie lovers since 1998. This family-run restaurant and ethnic boutique have been growing ever since.

With a passion for health and wellness, Top Carrot serves a wide range of foods that are healthy, sustainable and local to the island.

The menu grabs influence from Mediterranean, vegetarian and Caribbean cuisine and offers a selection of daily specials including local fish, quiche, soup, and vegetarian meals. Some signature options that have been fan favourites over the years include their smoothies, such as the "lemon breeze" and "summer dream", as well as the Top

Carrot platter.

From its inception, Top Carrot has always aimed to create a delightful dining experience in a relaxingly safe environment that not only satisfies cravings for good food, but also nourishes the body, mind and soul. In addition to the restaurant, the ethnic boutique contains a range of crystals, unique artwork and antiques, jewellery, clothing, gifts, incense, and other items for the spiritual wellbeing.



Top Carrot

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## Best Place for Steak — JAX

Ah, the classic steak, one of the most popular options in the restaurant business! Most eateries have some form of cattle on the menu – but no one does steak like JAX. It is no surprise that the steakhouse won Best Place for Steak on St. Maarten/St. Martin for 2021.

JAX's high-quality certified Angus Beef Prime Cut is marbled and broiled to perfection. The end result? A juicy, tender and melt-in-your-mouth steak, which makes for an unforgettable eating experience.

But steak is not the only thing JAX has to offer, the Maho establishment is also known and loved for its spectacular service, classy drinks, intimate lighting, up-scale atmosphere and live DJ sessions that encourage guests to interact and mingle.



JAX

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Though the restaurant specializes in steak, prime rib, filet mignon and all things meat, vegetarians and fish lovers need not fear. JAX's amazing kitchen staff can prepare delicious vegetarian risotto, tasty seafood pasta, satisfying salads or a perfect catch of the day. Not convinced yet? Check out their options at [www.jaxsxm.com](http://www.jaxsxm.com).



Arena Base Café

2<sup>nd</sup>



Freedom Fighters Ital Shack

3<sup>rd</sup>



Topper's

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Pineapple Pete

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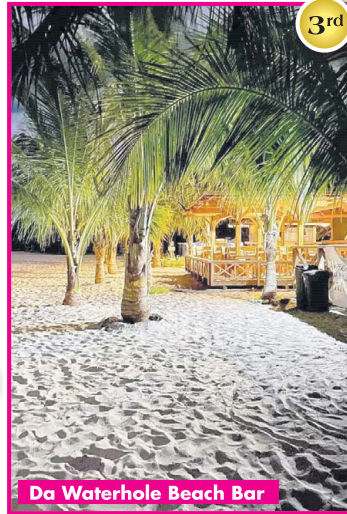
## Best Beach Bar

### Buccaneer Beach Bar

Why was *Buccaneer Beach Bar* chosen as Best Beach Bar on SXM for 2021? So many reasons: Great menu, awesome beach location, good live-entertainment! The venue is so cool, fun and relaxed; it could be on any beach and would still be a winner!

In these Covid times, everybody prefers the freedom of being outdoors at open-air venues! *Buccaneer* is super busy on Fridays, as everybody flocks there for drinks, entertainment, relaxation, socializing and the beach. You will also find many families whose kids enjoy the chill, fun atmosphere with lots of space to play and dance!

Stop by for drinks, watch a game on the large flat-screens, play in the sand, watch the sunset, and enjoy the fabulous nightlife. When can one go to *Buccaneer Beach Bar*? Their website states that their opening hours are from 10:00am until... "356 days a year". So there's no excuse to miss out on all the fun at the location that's been voted St. Maarten's Best Beach Bar for 2021!

**Buccaneer Beach Bar****Da Waterhole Beach Bar****Sunset Beach Bar**

## Best Happy Hour

### The Greenhouse

There are SO many "happy hour" spots all over Sint Maarten that this is truly not an easy category to judge. You need to win the hearts of residents and tourists; older and younger generations – and you'd better be consistent, as people must love being at your spot, having a drink and feeling good vibes. People got to be comfortable!

It looks like *The Greenhouse* really hit all the right notes in 2021, when it came to having a good Happy Hour experience. With two great locations, one in Philipsburg and the other in Simpson Bay, The

*Greenhouse* consistently provides an award winning experience, making sure that nobody misses out.

Drink and be merry at the spot that's been voted the Best Happy Hour place on the island for 2021. Happy Hour is every day from 4:30pm to 7:00pm with 2 for 1 on all drinks, and reduced prices on appetizers.

**The Greenhouse****Topper's****Buccaneer Beach Bar**

*Thank you Sint Maarten/Saint Martin for voting*



**BUCCANEER BEACH BAR  
# 1 BEST BEACH BAR FOR 2021 !!!**



## Best Indian Restaurant

### Shiv Shakti

*You, the voters, have chosen Shiv Shakti as your Indian restaurant of choice. It is true that Shiv Shakti is busy any day of the week!*

Just walk into the restaurant and the gorgeous scents of Indian cuisine hits you; it is irresistible. No matter what dish you try, it is cooked to perfection and the flavours are totally distinct one from another. Shiv Shakti is well located in Pelican between a few hotels and resorts and has made quite a reputation for itself over the years with tourists and locals alike.

Overlooking the well-known Kim Sha Beach, you can dine on rich and deliciously



Shiv Shakti

flavoured Indian cuisine that keeps everybody coming back for more. The food is so in demand that not long after opening their Simpson Bay location in 2009, they had to open a second location in Philipsburg. Clients just can't get enough of this Indian restaurant and the island's voters want everybody to know Shiv Shakti is the Best Indian Restaurant on SXM.

## Best Shawarma Place

### Little Jerusalem

*There's nothing little about the taste of the shawarmas at Little Jerusalem. Their shawarmas do something special to titillate taste buds.*

Owners Abraham and his wife Cathy have been satisfying appetites since 2011. Abraham is always in the kitchen whipping up something special for customers from "The Famous", shawarma and "The Roti", to "The Buffalo", "Hummus Mix" and all-time favourite "The Special" – a mixed chicken and lamb with sautéed bell peppers and Gouda cheese, stuffed in pita bread with lettuce, tomatoes, and their famous shawarma sauce.

Shawarma lovers can now take the Little Jerusalem taste home as the shawarma sauce is now being sold at the restaurant.



Little Jerusalem

"We're inspired by serving the best and most affordable food to customers who've been returning since we opened. It's great to hear customers from abroad say this is one of the first places they eat when visiting St. Maarten. That's why we love our work: meeting people from around the world, and introducing them to our flavourful shawarma."



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## Best Middle Eastern Restaurant

### Little Jerusalem

*Little Jerusalem is a Middle Eastern food lover's wonderland. Their wide menu options, superb tasting palate pleasers and friendly team make the open-air restaurant stand out in the crowd. The restaurant offers a fusion of authentic Middle Eastern delicacies with vibrant Caribbean flavours.*

Diners can enjoy a range of plates from potato and fried rice to spaghetti, hummus, salad and a variety of specials. They also now carry vegetarian and vegan options with choices that include the falafel plate adorned with falafel, freshly made hummus, babaganoush (mashed roasted eggplant), mixed salad, a side of pita bread, and shawarma sauce (optional). Yum! The new Shawarma sandwich with Falafel, hummus and eggplant is a must try. Vegans can enjoy the same veg-

gie options – just ask to hold the shawarma sauce.

Owner Abraham is the master of the grill, while his co-owner wife Cathy makes the delicious hummus and babaganoush that is always freshly prepared from scratch.

For the busy bees, they also offer delivery



Little Jerusalem



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# Best French Cuisine

## Le Moulin Fou

Feel like you're dining in the heart of France right here in St. Maarten at Le Moulin Fou in the Maho Plaza.

For the past 15 years, Le Moulin Fou has been romancing appetites with delectable authentic French cuisine with service synonymous only to France itself. Owner Eric Herbert credits the Best French Cuisine title to the establishment's consistency over the years serving its meals with the freshest ingredients.



Mario's Bistro

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Le Moulin Fou uses fresh, locally caught fish and fresh meat, vegetables, fruits and seasonings. Everything from meals, desserts and bread, to the 12 sauces served is made in-house from scratch. Pair your meal with your choice of beverage or wine. There are more than 100 different wines from all over the world for you to choose from.



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You can dine in the cosy air-conditioned indoors or outdoors under the stars. Le Moulin Fou seats up to 100 persons so it doesn't matter how big your dinner party, they can accommodate you. Herbert thanks customers for their patronage and staff for their professionalism.



Le Moulin Fou

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## Best Burger

### Pollos Hermanos

With two central locations, delicious specialty roast chicken, satisfying burgers, creamy milkshakes, and authentic Latin dishes, it is no wonder Pollos Hermanos has been selected as the Best Place to Enjoy a Burger in St. Maarten/St. Martin for 2021.

Pollos Hermanos offers an ample menu of food and drink. Their burgers have become so popular among customers that Pollos Hermanos adds the bestsellers of their monthly specials to the regular menu.

The ultimate bestseller is undoubtedly the SXM Burger, which comes with crispy chicken breast, beef patty, bacon, egg, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles and their homemade garlic-cilantro sauce. But people also love their Hermanos Chicken Burger and Hennessy Flamed Beef Burger. Not into meat? No problem. Pollos Hermanos' Ma-

hi-Mahi Burger and their Veggie Burger are equally delicious.

Owner Christian attributes the success of their burger to his amazing staff: "We are always looking for the freshest ingredients, the most delicious brioche bun and all those small details that make every burger special, tasty and affordable."



Pollos Hermanos

## Best Latin Restaurant

### Pollos Hermanos

The people of St. Maarten/St. Martin have once again selected Pollos Hermanos as The Best Latin Restaurant for 2021. Locals and tourists alike flock to either of the two central locations for their specialty Roasted Chicken and Tex-Mex specialties, such as quesadillas, burritos, nachos (moro), cassava (yuca), empanadas, patacones and, of course, the seasoned rice and beans for an amazing and authentic Latin American flavour.



Pollos Hermanos

looking to try something new.

According to owner Christian, it is "the hands of talented Chef Andrea Fernandes who knows very well Latin gastronomy with studies in Venezuela, Peru, Argentina and Spain, combined with the aforementioned that make Pollos Hermanos the place to be" – and we could not agree more.



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## Best Fast Food Place

### McDonald's



*Let's face it; juggling work, the kids, their activities, home, gym and other daily commitments is already time consuming. No one has time to wait around to get their food. Thanks to McDonald's; you don't have to wait too long to get some of the best tasting fast food.*

McDonalds boasts an enviable selection of options for those who want their food on the go. Whether it's their famous Big Macs or their French fries, chicken McNuggets, sandwiches, quarter pounders, wraps or salads, McDonalds has something for ev-

eryone. There is a special breakfast menu for those early birds with fulfilling treats like Egg McMuffins, sandwiches and hash browns.

Wash down your favourite appetite pleaser with something from the beverage menu, and for those with a sweet tooth, check out their desserts which include sundaes, cones, shakes, McFlurries and apple pies. There are Mc Donald's locations in Marigot, Dutch Quarter and Simpson Bay so you can never be too far from satisfying your appetite in the shortest possible time.



## Best Local Food Place

### Yvette's Kitchen

*Yvette's Kitchen is the longest standing #1 Best Local Food Restaurant on the island! Since 1980, three generations of the Hyman family have kept Yvette's recipes and vision for Authentic Local Creole Cuisine alive.*

The fresh, local ingredients – combined with the expertise, consistency and precision from those preparing your food – guarantee that your meal will be just as rich and flavourful, whether it's been two weeks or 15 years since your last visit.

Just as the Hyman Family has passed down their special family recipes and traditions, so have their loyal customers, many of whom first experienced Yvette's Kitchen as a child, find themselves still coming back as regulars to enjoy the delicious crab

backs, fresh red snapper or the famous Conch Yvette – but now with children and grandchildren of their own.

Open six days a week from 12 noon to 2:30pm and 6:00 to 9:30pm (except Wednesday) for dine-in and take out, Yvette's Kitchen is located in Quartier D'Orleans, French Quarter.



## We thank

In these difficult times, we want to thank our valued customers for their loyalty along the years, and our committed staff for their dedication to reaching McDonald's quality standards.



## Best Chinese Restaurant

### White Swan

Perhaps the best-known Chinese restaurant on the island, and the top-pick in the Best of Survey for more than 15 years, is White Swan. Tucked into a side street off the busy Simpson Bay strip, White Swan offers an enticing array of dishes in an elegant yet cosy setting.

Their exceptionally long string of awards tells you that the experience on a whole is consistently the best and that it appeals to so many, both locals and tourists.

You'll never have to worry about different diets or preferences, as there is something for everyone to enjoy, whether it's your favourite authentic Chinese dish, or you're looking to try something new. The menu

includes a delicious variety of vegan and vegetarian options.

White Swan serves excellent Dim Sum, hard to find on the island. Try the combination platter for a lovely selection of tastes and textures – also a great idea if you want to try it for the first time. Visit White Swan to see what the hype is about.



White Swan

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## Best Bakery

### Carl & Son's

Carl & Son's Unique Bakery has been satisfying St. Maarten-ers' carb cravings since 1982, and seeing that it's their 40th anniversary, it's fitting that it was voted Best Bakery on the island for 2021.

Bread lovers pop in and out of Carl & Son's two central locations all day long for fresh bread, delicious cakes, flaky pastries, creamy coconut tarts, homemade soups and satisfying sandwiches.

With the bakery's extensive opening hours, hungry persons are always just a few minutes away from a yummy breakfast, a sweet or savoury snack, or a tasty lunch.

But Carl & Son's is not just a fan favourite for their daily baked goods. The bakery goes above and beyond when it comes to treats for your very special occasions and

holidays. Whether you want to surprise someone with a personalised birthday cake, impress your family with a perfectly cooked turkey for Christmas or Thanksgiving, create an amazing wedding cake, or treat your co-workers to some delicious snacks; Carl & Son's is your go-to place.



Carl &amp; Son's Unique Bakery

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## Best Place to have Coffee

### Coffee Lounge

With two central locations, a serene ambiance, and 86 delicious coffee-, tea-, and smoothie- flavours, it is no wonder that Coffee Lounge has once again been selected as the best place to get your cup of coffee and enjoy it too.

Those in dire need of their daily dose of caffeine can breathe easy. As soon as they step out of the hot sun and into any of the two Coffee Lounge locations, they are met by friendly staff, soothing jazz music, the sweet aroma of coffee and a pleasant temperature. Whether you want to catch up with a friend over lattes, work remotely, or grab a Frappuccino for the road, Coffee Lounge is the place to be.

Not into a cup of locally roasted coffee? No problem. Despite its name, Coffee Lounge offers much more. Think matcha or chai lattes, coconut pistachio mochas, or fresh fruit smoothies. Hungry? Try their speciality samosa panini, salmon avocado bagel, homemade pastries or vegan omelette.



Coffee Lounge



La Sucriere



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## Best Beer Brand

### Heineken

Inspired by its consumers, Heineken brews the best beers. Heineken is a global brand that believes that great moments shared together are the best in life. This belief has served as the foundation of its long-standing and proud history with the island of St. Martin and its people.

"We are very proud of our journey of becoming a trailblazer within the brewing industry as we've created a unique success story that spans more than 150 years fuelled by innovation and continual improvement in our brewing process. As people are at the heart of our company, we see our strength in trust, diversity, and progress.

"We find great importance in standing by our values: passion for quality, enjoyment of life, respect for people, and for the planet. Here at Heineken, we are strong advocates for responsible consumption. As we carry on in our quest to reduce the impact we make on the planet, we will continue to brew great beers, build great brands, and remain committed to surprising and exciting our consumers everywhere."



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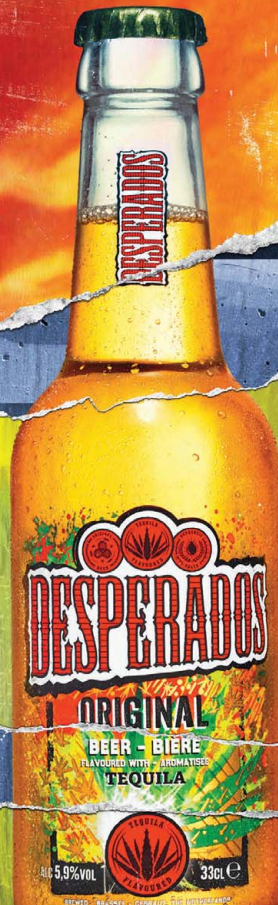
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## Best Adult Entertainment Club — Red Diamond

Red Diamond is no stranger to the winning position on the Best Of ranking for Adult Entertainment, and it's not for no reason that both singles and couples go there to enjoy an intimate experience like no other. Escape to Red Diamond for a luxury, sensual experience, second to none.

Leave your worries at the door and relax as you sit back and gaze at topless dancing beauties in a luxurious lounge setting. Or, enjoy nude private dances. Get the night started at the bar before seeing where the night takes you. VIP champagne and bottle service is available. Enjoy champagne rooms and marina-view tables. The club prides itself on customer service and making sure customers have the best experi-

ence possible.

Located in the middle of Simpson Bay's nightlife scene, Red Diamond is the best way to end your night out. Make sure to check out their weekly theme parties. The club can also put together the best Bachelor, Bachelorette and Yacht parties.



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2<sup>nd</sup>



3<sup>rd</sup>

## Best Place to Play Pool — Pineapple Pete

Though various bars and restaurants on the island have a pool table, no one comes close to Pineapple Pete. The restaurant is the only establishment with not one, not two, but three of these classic green tables. So, it is not surprising that Pineapple Pete was once again selected as the Best Place to Play Pool for 2021.

Not only can lovers of the game come in to play with however many of their friends, but they can also play at any time. The pool room opens daily around 5:00pm, but players can come in as early as 9:00am if they shoot Pineapple Pete a message.

The charming eatery also scores major points with their extensive menu. Here, players do not have to stick to a beer and boring bar-snacks. Instead, they can enjoy the restaurant's exquisite cuisine and wide selection of drinks. Options include their famous lobster thermidor, prizewinning sushi and one of the best steaks on the island.



1<sup>st</sup>

Pineapple Pete



3<sup>rd</sup>

The Greenhouse



2<sup>nd</sup>

Red Piano

## Best Casino — Casino Royale

Casino Royale, located at the heart of Maho Village, is the definition of a destination within a destination. It's no surprise that it has once again been selected as the island's top rated casino, boasting 21,000 square feet of options for gamers and the largest theatre, offering free, stunning, weekly entertainment.

The gaming emporium offers the ultimate gaming experience, with classic games like Poker, Craps, Blackjack and Roulette along with 400 slot machines and the only Bingo slots on the island where you can play Bingo all day every day for your chance to win the Progressive Jackpot starting at US \$5,000! The new Sportsbook features self-

service kiosks that handle all straight bets and parlays for any sport, including the NBA, MLB, NFL and all European Soccer leagues.

Be sure to ask about the Players Club – the best players club on the island with the most rewards with large value rebates, hotel stays, fine dining and more. New members receive \$15 free credit when joining!



1<sup>st</sup>

Casino Royale



2<sup>nd</sup>

Princess Casino



3<sup>rd</sup>

Rouge et Noire Casino

## Best Sports Bar — Pineapple Pete

Pineapple Pete is not just known for its great food, excellent ambiance and great entertainment. When it comes to enjoying a good vibe when watching sports, it's just about the best place to be on the island.

The sports bar, located in the restaurant, is equipped with big, flat screen televisions all around the bar, so no matter where you are sitting or standing, you will be able to catch all the action live. The supersized bar is stocked with all your favourite imbibes for you to quench your thirst while you watch your team in action.

Pineapple Pete has the complete package for sport fanatics.



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Pineapple Pete

While at the sports bar, shoot some pool in Pete's award-winning Pool Room, which features several pool tables. Try your luck at the darts or have some fun in their arcade, which is equipped with a number of games for kids and kids at heart.



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## Best Live Music Venue

### The Red Piano

Live music is its own entertainment experience. Whether you love vibrant, bold bands or more intimate one-person performances, The Red Piano is the place to be for the best musical entertainment, any night of the week. You're sure to be impressed with its line-up of live acts, paired with its cosy setting, friendly staff, and world-class bar.



The Red Piano

Tucked away in Pelican, not too far from the Simpson Bay strip, The Red Piano has been a go-to destination for music lovers for years. A stone's throw away from hotels and villas, it's also a great find for visitors in-the-know.

The Red Piano features a host of talented,



Soggy Dollar Bar

international, musical artists. Follow the venue on Facebook to keep up to date on performances. Head on over every Monday night to experience the band, Church on Monday, whose energy is guaranteed to get you up and off your seats. Doors open at 7:00pm, with live music starting nightly at 8:00.



The Hole in the Wall

## Best Nightclub/Disco

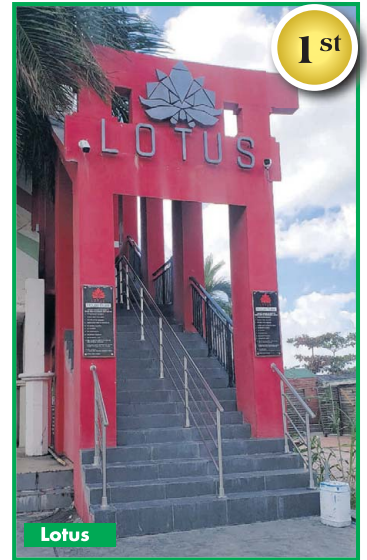
### Lotus Nightclub

Keen partygoers and night owls know that when it comes to truly enjoying nightlife, clubbing and dancing, no one does it better than Lotus Nightclub in Simpson Bay.

It is not just the great music and good vibes that make Lotus stand out in the crowd, it's also the welcoming atmosphere, chill ambiance and attractive décor. The friendly team members are also always ready to get your favourite imbibe to help you relax and unwind, not forgetting the stocked bar overflowing with just about all your favourite thirst quenchers.

Over the years, Lotus has truly cemented itself as an all-time favourite night-time destination. Not only do you get to kick up your heels and dominate the dance floor, but you also get to meet up with old friends and new acquaintances, have celebrations and, most of all, you get to have memorable experiences.

There are often live performances and top deejays spinning at the turntables to turn up the heat. There really is no better place to be when the sun goes down.



Lotus



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## Best Excursion/Activity

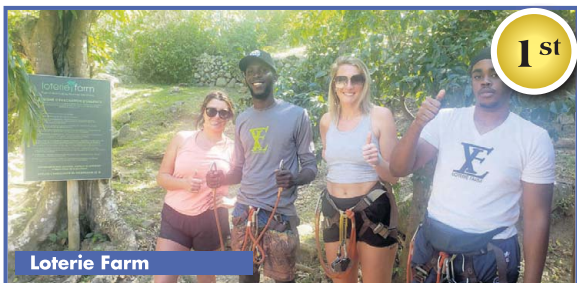
### Loterie Farm

Whether you want to hike, experience a tree top fly zone, dine, or just enjoy nature in its purest form, Loterie Farm is the place to be.

Loterie Farm's experiences include a Treetop Adventure Forest Canopy tour; a Fly Zone Extreme Canopy Tour, in which you're harnessed to a zip line and you go from tree to tree, and a self-guided hike through the tropical forest where you can embrace nature and see some remnants of the old plantation at Loterie Farm.

The Jungle Kids Adventure Park allows the little ones to play in the pool, on the slides and on a jumping castle.

The mix of Loterie Farm's unique location in St. Martin and the tropical vibe coupled with friendly staffers make the establish-



Loterie Farm

ment stand out.

Loterie Farm is honoured to be #1 for Excursion/Activities.

Chief Operating Officer Pierre Lenoci: "We appreciate the patronage and honours associated with this award. We're ecstatic that guests appreciate the hard work our staff have done over the years and continue to do for our guests."



Heineken Regatta

## Best Local Band

### Control Band

One of the best ways to unwind after a week of hard work is jamming to the beat of Control Band.

The band has been delivering sweet music to audiences for an impressive 40 years and lead vocalist Mirougia Richardson says the Best Local Band recognition couldn't have come at a better time: "We're very excited," she quips.

Forty years ago, some of St. Maarten's finest musicians came together forming "Control." The group played at a local hotel and quickly became popular for their blend of voices. They eventually started playing at different venues around the island and abroad and contributed to the success of many dancing spots in St. Maarten. They have shared the stage with some top regional and international artists.

The success of Control Band is due to their consistent, good sounding, versatile music, which made them attract fans from all walks of life.



Control Band

Members include Jules, Vital and Raymond Carty; Farley Coffie; Sylvere Mingau; Nicholas Henrieta; Joseph Olivacce; Roderick Greaux, Dr. Michel Petit and Richardson.



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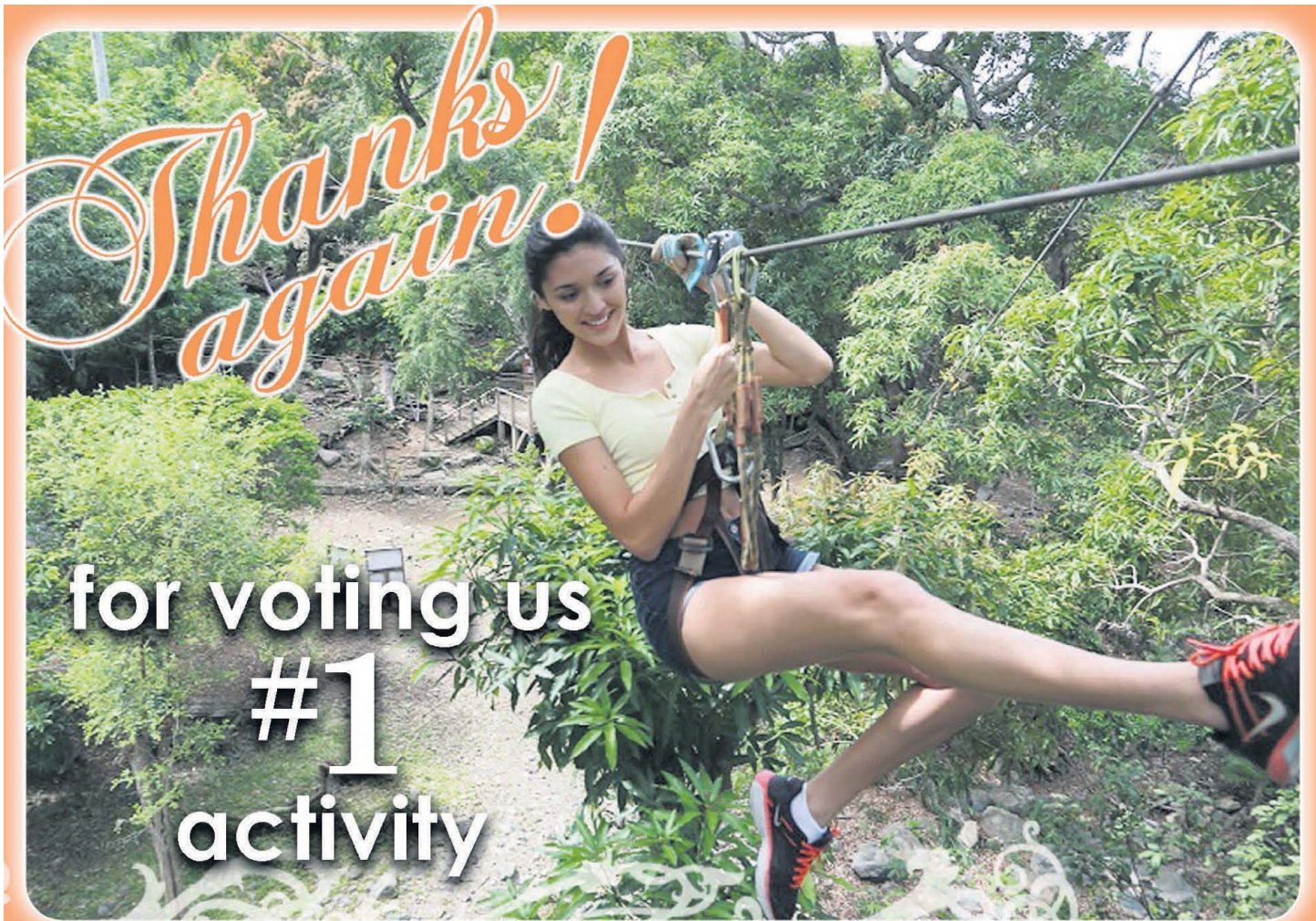
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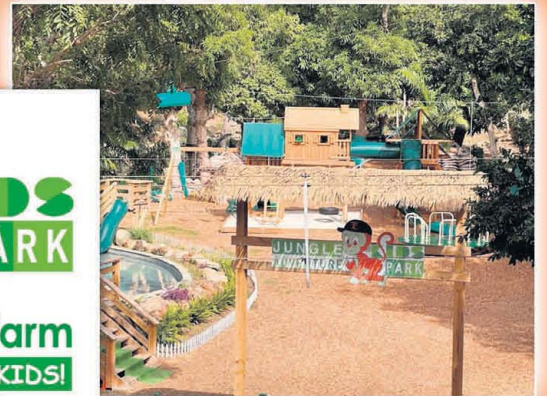




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## Best Guest House

### L'Esperance

*L'Esperance has once again claimed the win when it comes to the island's favourite guest house. Quaint, warm, and run by friendly and welcoming staff, the boutique guesthouse is the perfect getaway for regional and international travellers alike.*

The location offers easy access to both Simpson Bay and Philipsburg – while not being caught in the middle of the hustle and bustle – making it convenient for both leisure and business travellers.

The 22-room, family-run establishment is

nestled into a quiet residential area in Cay Hill, making visitors feel right at home. Rooms are spacious and have all the expected conveniences and practical facilities, including full kitchenettes. This makes it a lovely, fuss-free option for visiting friends and family.

Relax at the poolside with a good book, and enjoy being surrounded by bright and colourful bougainvillea, golden trumpets, and other natural charms which adorn the entire property.



L'Esperance



Carl's Unique Inn



Travel Inn

## Best Hair Salon

### Addicted Hair Lounge

*Addicted Hair Lounge was first named Best Hair Salon three years ago, and hasn't stopped since. Professional and friendly service, personal touches and advice, and the range of techniques being used are just some of the reasons customers return to Rachel Forrester-Annicette and her team.*

But the recognition doesn't mean that Rachel will think of staying still. During the pandemic, many businesses requiring close contact with customers went through an especially tough time. Besides the financial aspect, there had been an air of anxiety ebbing and flowing over the past two years.

Nevertheless, the salon adapted as it needed to and while Rachel accepted that she cannot control the situation, she took advantage of these low periods to build herself and her business, taking online courses and levelling up her skills in styling, colouring, cutting and business management, among other things.

Whether you know exactly what you want, or you're looking to find your new favourite look, let Addicted Hair Lounge get you to your hair goals.



Addicted Hair Lounge



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- Members will receive 20% discount coupon if they attend our Workout Blast. *Coupon must be redeemed by March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022.*
- New members will receive 15% discount on the spot if they pay and register on the day of our workout blast

*\*Discount does not apply to corporate memberships\**

- Raffle prizes:** win all-inclusive fitness memberships and beverage coupons from our liquid energy menu such as protein shakes, cold pressed juices, smoothies and more.
- Non-members will receive a **FREE** day pass for each group fitness class they attend on the day of our workout blast, which can be redeemed at the Fitness Center at a later date.
- Employees from companies who attend our workout blast with a group of 10 or more persons, will receive one **FREE** week of membership. A job identification or proof of occupation is required.

Please visit our Facebook and Instagram page to view our group fitness class schedule for our workout blast.

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## Best Gym

### Belair Fitness Center

*At Belair Fitness Center, achieving your fitness goals has never been easier. Voted #1 gym on the island for 2021, Belair Fitness Center offers supportive fitness activities for healthy living in a family-oriented environment.*

It is a one stop shop because of its all-inclusive facility, which offers a fully-equipped gym with a range of exercise equipment to work out every part of your body. It also has two squash courts; two tennis courts; a table tennis room and a 25-metre lap pool. As a member, you have unlimited access to

all of these amenities at no extra fees – everything is included in your membership.

It also offers group fitness classes. There are also various membership packages offered at discounted prices for seniors, young adults, civil servants, corporate groups and more. The spacious air-conditioned locker/changing room and showers mean that you can freshen up and hit the road refreshed after every workout.

Get started with your health and fitness goals at the Belair Fitness Club today.







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## Best Spa

### Indulgence by the Sea

*Most of us have long days and short nights being on the grind trying to juggle work, the kids and our other responsibilities. That's why it's super important to relax, rejuvenate and unwind every once in a while, and helping you do just that is serious business for the professional team at Indulgence by the Sea – our readers' pick for Best Spa on the island for 2021.*

This highly rated spa offers soothing massages, rejuvenating facials, manicures, pedicures, comforting body scrubs, relaxing wraps, and more. Try their organic facial, custom deluxe massage, full body exfoliation and wrap, citrus-c manicure and pedicure or their pure relaxation massage and mojito body exfoliation. You'll be ready to conquer life again!

The spa pays keen attention to details. They have skilled therapists, a friendly team and



breath-taking views to complete the magical experience that awaits you. Indulgence has been pampering clients in St. Maarten since opening in March 2004. Check them out at Divi Little Bay Beach Resort.



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## Best Radio Station

### Laser 101

When it comes to entertainment, information and great music, no one beats Laser 101. The station has an entertaining line-up of programs that you can enjoy while in your car or doing whatever you do daily.

From The Suppa Duppa Morning Show, to the AM/PM Workload Show with Gee Money, the Power Hour with the Cut Creator DJ Outkast, and Sagan's Playground, you can't go wrong tuning in to Laser 101 Mondays to Fridays. Saturdays now also feature the energetic sounds of the Weekend Drive with DJ Sly and Bobbie Dee.

The station is grateful for the win. "We at



Laser 101

Laser 101 thank listeners for voting Laser 101 the Best Radio Station on St. Maarten. For the past two and a half decades, we have given the best possible customer service and value for money. We have strived to give our utmost in times of disaster and have demonstrated being a real friend and community minded partner," says Manager Francis Carty. "Listening to Laser 101 is food for the soul."

## Best Radio Personality

### Suppa

Kevin "Suppa" Petrona can only be described as a "gem" amongst entertainers. With decades of expertise under his belt, Suppa uses his platforms to keep the island informed while still making everyone smile and laugh.

Suppa's humour transcends radio and has spilled onto social media, where he is vocal about everything, from his loving family to political intrigue. Suppa is not one to hold back his voice. He's a mentor to many, very open to helping others and can be found doing charity work for foundations and small businesses.

His Suppa Duppa Morning Show rose in popularity over the years, winning its own award for Best Radio Show in the past, hosted on "the best radio station of 2021", Laser 101. Clearly, Suppa has the magic touch when it comes to radio. He got his start on radio at a very young age, and al-

most didn't get into it, because he was too shy to speak on air.

Thankfully, he grew out of his shyness and blossomed into an amazing radio personality.



Suppa



SOS Radio



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## Best Resort/Hotel

### Simpson Bay Resort

It is no surprise that Simpson Bay Resort was once again selected as Best Hotel/Resort for 2021 as it has been offering marvellous staycation- and vacation-experiences since 2010. With its 430 gorgeous rooms, majestic ocean views, on-site dining, fantastic pools and dedicated staff, the award-winning resort truly has it all.



Simpson Bay Resort

soon-to-be Bovin Steak House – all without leaving the resort's premises.

Members and guests can soak up the sun at five different pools, sip on refreshing piña colodas at three swim-up bars, watch the sunset from the resort's beach bar, enjoy a Mexican dish at La Patrona, order a gourmet meal at Juliette's Bistro, cheer on their favourite team at Replay Sports Bar, or sink their teeth into a perfectly prepared steak at

The resort's hospitality and dedicated employees are what make a stay at Simpson Bay Resort truly unforgettable. That is why General Manager Marcel Javois expressed his gratitude to his staff "for always going beyond the call of duty and staying committed to providing excellent service".



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## Best Pharmacy

### Simpson Bay Pharmacy

Standing in line for your prescription at Simpson Bay Pharmacy, you'll notice a long line of plaques issued by The Daily Herald's "Best Of" team. Since 2006, this pharmacy has consistently been ranked among the top two on the island, and this is the 10th time that Simpson Bay Pharmacy is being awarded the #1 place! The team could not be more delighted to be chosen by the general public once again.

It has been an interesting two years, Pharmacist Tamar Landino shared with us. COVID-19 has obviously changed how things are done; the dedicated team worked hard through the lockdowns, and saw more clients in distress. But all in all, they have fared well and are proud to have been able to continue serving the community, now in better times.

The pharmacy offers prescription drugs, over the counter medications, and a variety of personal care products, and is conveniently located in Simpson Bay Yacht Club, a stone's



Simpson Bay Pharmacy

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## Best Bank

### Windward Islands Bank

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Its staffers work tirelessly to improve the experiences of customers. Trainings, evaluations and de-

velopment of its key asset are what motivate WIB to constantly seek ways to improve its image and service.

WIB's 2021 customer satisfaction survey gave clients a chance to express their feelings about services offered and give feedback on improvements. Heeding suggestions received, WIB began initiatives to further improve customer experience.

Winning Best Bank for the 11th time demonstrates the confidence clients have in WIB, which understands its responsibility, takes its role seriously and is committed to continue improvement as "Your Partner in Progress".



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## Best TV Provider

### KIWISAT

We might not have gone out much this year, but we sure had plenty of time to indulge in our favourite shows and movies. While there are several Satellite TV service providers, KIWISAT is said to have the most affordable rates, no hidden charges, great customer service and high-speed streaming. That is why viewers voted KIWISAT as Best TV Provider of 2021.

Satellite TV is a popular entertainment option for users around the world, especially those in remote areas KIWISAT has Satellite TV, currently providing quality services to thousands of customers in St. Maarten/St. Martin and elsewhere every month.

Unlike most TV options, KIWISAT does not work with binding contracts and cancellation fees. Instead, the Best TV Pro-

vider of 2021 offers customers a prepaid model so they can pay on a monthly basis without having to worry about cancellation fees.

With KIWISAT's high-speed streaming, viewers don't have to wait for long buffering and loading times; and last but certainly not least, the provider does not charge extra for HD channels and other add-ons.



## Best Insurance Agency

### NAGICO Insurances



*NAGICO Insurances is the epitome of success. Locally founded and built in 1982, the NAGICO brand quickly expanded to 20 other Caribbean territories becoming a household name, now synonymous with insurance.*

NAGICO credits its success to its expertise in insurance, combined with providing exemplary service to clients. The company believes that its family oriented culture and community mindedness have led it to giving back to the communities in which it operates – this is "the NAGICO Way!"

people of St. Maarten for allowing us to serve them and to live out our company's mission of being fast, fair and always there," says Managing Director/Head of NAGICO St. Maarten, Eric Ellis.

"Your vote of confidence and your patronage over the years ensure that NAGICO remains the leader in the insurance industry. We are proud to have been voted #1 for 15 consecutive years and look forward to continue serving you for many more years to come."

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## Best Construction Company — St. Maarten Concrete

*Building, extending or altering your dream home, business or project is serious business for St. Maarten Concrete (SMC).*

The company has been helping dreamers build since opening its doors on July 1, 2010, with one truck and a dream to help customers achieve the best. Founder Franklin David bought and sold concrete to clients around island. Through perseverance, SMC blossomed and is currently fuelled by 30 staffers and an impressive fleet of mixer and pump trucks.

SMC has scored many firsts with the only line pump on the island supplying concrete to hard-to-reach areas and is the only company with a dry and a wet mix plant, after acquiring a Putmeister wet mix concrete

batching plant in 2021.

SMC supplies sand, gravel and concrete for any project from small initiatives to large ones like the new St. Maarten General Hospital. Concrete strengths range from 2,000 to 6,000 PSI. Not sure how much concrete your project needs? Their professional team can guide you with a free quote.



Sint Maarten Concrete



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## Best Telecommunications Provider — TelEm/TelCell

*No one does telecommunications quite like TelEm Group of Companies – and their many “Best Of” plaques attest to their outstanding service. The people of The Friendly Island have yet again selected TelEm Group of Companies as the island’s Best Telecommunications Provider for 2021, due to their high-speed internet and reliable phone services. This is TelEm Group of Companies’ third consecutive “Best Of” win.*

TelEm Group Chief Executive Officer Kendall Dupersoy attributes their winning streak to the consistent efforts being made within the Group of Companies to meet and exceed the demands of customers with constantly improving products and services.

“Whether it’s the high-speed Fibre infrastructure currently being laid throughout St. Maarten by our own staff, or the high



TelEm/TelCell

quality channels on TelTV+ replacing the legacy of Cable TV, customers can be assured that we will not stand still when it comes to the telecommunication services we offer to our valued customers,” said Dupersoy.



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## Best Construction Material Provider

### Kooyman

Facing a big home improvement project, renovations, or building a patio or shed from scratch? You'll need a reliable one-stop shop that boasts a wide variety of building materials. Look no further than Kooyman, the public's number one pick for yet another year.

Kooyman has continued to upgrade its inventory over the years, and you can be sure to find just about everything needed for home improvement and construction under one roof. From lumber, ply and cement, to PVC pipes, tiles, windows, doors and full kitchens, Kooyman is your partner in projects from start to finish.

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Kooyman

as materials needed for the finer details and general maintenance. Coming in for bulky items like lumber and ply wood? Kooyman makes it easy for you to get back to work, just use the convenient drive-through and you'll be on your way. Don't forget to sign up for Fun Miles so you can earn points on your purchases!

## Best Hardware Store

### Kooyman

Kooyman is a longstanding leader in the industry of building materials, hardware and home improvement supplies. With over 80 years of experience, Kooyman knows what customers want and does its utmost to provide it.

Kooyman is fuelled by a team of 60+ employees and has a solid network in the industry that helps to maintain stock levels. "This has proven difficult since the pandemic, as the entire world is experiencing shipping delays. However, our management of the supply chain, and increased efforts from our inventory team, have allowed us to... prevent shipment delays and maintain our stock on products to the best of our ability," says Commercial Officer Evencia Carty.

Kooyman is the #1 retailer of European



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products and it puts quality first. "Kooyman will not settle for inferior goods. If we can't do it well, we won't do it."

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## Best Auto Dealer

### Motorworld

*With so much going on in the world today, the last thing you should be worried about is your ride. Motorworld and its team of certified professionals remove your worries, getting you on the road safely and in style.*

Motorworld doesn't just offer the largest fleet of vehicles, it also has competitive price points to suit just about every consumer; is equipped with a well-stocked Auto Parts Department where you can easily access the authentic parts your vehicle needs and has a top-of-the-line body shop to keep your vehicle in tip-top shape.

From the much-loved Hyundai and Volkswagen brands, to the superb Mazda, Honda, Isuzu, Jeep, Ford, Audi, Dodge, Chrysler and Ram brands, Motorworld has something for everyone. Can't get a loan or not

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## Best Non-profit Organization

### K1 Britannia

*Established in 2014, K1 Britannia Foundation was originally founded as a maritime foundation but has grown to encompass a variety of charitable projects focused on evolving social issues of youth on St. Maarten.*

Over the years, K1 has focused on rehabilitating and providing opportunities for vulnerable and troubled youth, while also helping children in foster care through an array of programs.

K1 maintains a large network of local and international volunteers through their volunteer program and initiated a disaster relief program due to the dire need immediately after Hurricane Irma on St. Maarten in 2017.

Since then, DIRECT has responded to an earthquake and various hurricanes locally and in the region and has played a leading



K1 Britannia Foundation

1<sup>st</sup>

role in food distribution efforts on the island since the COVID-19 crisis in 2020.

All of K1's programs are only made possible by committed team members and hundreds of volunteers. Volunteers are the heart of K1 and they have dedicated over 30,000 hours over the past two years in helping to better the St. Maarten community.



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# Best Electronic Store

## Musicman



*Musicman continues to blaze the trail when it comes to equipping the island with the best in electronics.*

From a wide selection of TVs, smart phones, computers, radios, tablets and video games to speakers, music systems, security cameras, envious accessories and more, Musicman has everything under one roof at its Front Street #20 location. Customers have the comfort of knowing that all of their favourite brands in their favourite electronic items are stocked.

Not sure what to get? No worries; their team of knowledgeable professionals is ready to guide you with accurate information on what's hot and what's not.

No one beats Musicman when it comes to price points. Known as the "Black Friday Man," Musicman has the best Black Friday deals hands down and maintains competitive prices year-round.

With so many positives, it's no wonder Musicman has copped Best Electronic Store in St. Maarten multiple times! Check them out online, where you can browse and shop till you drop.



# Best Children's Store

## Bébé n' KIDS



*Keeping kids trendy and dressed in the latest styles that are durable, comfortable and cute is always easy when shopping at Bébé n' KIDS in Bellevue, French St. Martin.*

Bébé n' KIDS carries a wide assortment of just about all you need for babies and kids, from beautiful tops, dresses, skirts, pants, leggings, jeans, shirts and rompers to an assortment of beachwear and footwear, as well as comfortable attire that includes an assortment of onesies/bodysuits.

They also stock strollers; car seats; bounc-

ers; nursery furniture pieces that include cribs, playpens/bassinets (some with matching furniture); a wide assortment of toys for all ages and fun accessories for children from birth to little-big kids.

It's like having the convenience of getting everything you need for the kids and babies under one spacious roof. It's no wonder Bébé n' KIDS is a multiple-time winner of Best Children's Store on the island in *The Daily Herald's* "Best Of" readers' poll.

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# Best Barber Shop

## Top of the Line



Top of the Line

*Top of the Line Barber Shop, which has been consistently featured among the three top barbers on the island over the years in our Best Of publications, has triumphed and taken the number one spot this year.*

With decades of experience in the business, Jack Williams decided to open Top of the Line back in 2005. Williams has an expert touch and very versatile skill set; a wide base of loyal repeat customers is the result of those qualities.

The name says it all, doesn't it? Top of the Line offers top quality cuts and grooming, for different hair needs, in a professional setting. Williams also cuts women's hair – he is used to working with men, women and children, with different hair lengths and textures.

Customers come to Top of the Line for the style, dependable quality, good atmosphere and professional service. The barber shop is conveniently located on

A.T. Illidge Road. Customers are welcome Monday through Saturday from 9:00am to 7:00pm, with an appointment.



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*Best Department Store***ACE Mega Center**

*Shopping for all the essentials you need for your home or project is easy when doing it at ACE Mega Center in Cole Bay.*

ACE's various departments carry items for just about any part of the home and for all your building and renovation projects.

ACE Mega Center is outfitted with an extensive paint studio where you can get any colour paint you desire; a houseware section with everything for the kitchen, from large and small appliances to just about every kitchenware utensil; cleaning supplies;

plumbing; electrical and lighting with a selection of modern and trendy light fixtures to brighten your space; hardware; lumber; hands and power tools; sporting goods; automotive; lawn and garden; outdoor living where you can get your grills and patio sets, and air conditioning section.

There is also an Ashley Gallery with all the furniture you'll need for your bedroom, living room and patio. The wide selection of everything, coupled with the knowledgeable staff, makes your shopping experience a pleasant one.

*Best Supermarket***Carrefour**

*Filling up your pantry and kitchen cupboards has never been more rewarding than doing so with items obtained from Carrefour.*

Carrefour is a one stop shop when it comes to grocery items. They are equipped with the largest fresh produce section with an array of vegetables and fruits, provision, meats, fish and delis. The fresh produce section has an organic section for those who want healthier options.

As for condiments and seasonings, you won't find a bigger variety anywhere else.

With residents from all parts of the world living on the island, the supermarket prides itself on having an impressive international section featuring a selection of products from around the world.

Carrefour bakes its own line of fresh bread and bakery products. Customers can still get breads from other brands. Grab a bite for breakfast, enjoy a snack or an entire takeaway meal at the food court. Carrefour has four locations: Bush Road, Cole Bay, Porto Cupecoy and Jordan Village.



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## Best Nail Salon

### Vietnam Original Nails

*Nails are one of the most important parts of your appearance. It completes your look, adding that sparkle that hair and makeup just cannot compete with. Our readers know this and have selected Vietnam Original Nails as Best Nail Salon on the island for 2021.*

Vietnam Original Nails is committed to caring for your nails and giving you that unique look that you desire. Their nail care services include manicures, pedicures, fancy nails, 3D nail designs, Swarovski stone, acrylic nails, pink and white and gel nails. The salon has a

wide selection of nail polishes in every colour of the rainbow.

The salon is fuelled by a team of motivated and skilled nail technicians who are attentive to your needs and who use their skills to trim, shape, file, and buff your nails, to create the perfect look for you. They also offer massages and waxing.

Put that sparkle in your nails at Vietnam Original Nails today, and remember: "Nails without a little sparkle is like cake without frosting."

1<sup>st</sup>

Vietnam Original Nails

2<sup>nd</sup>

13 Paws

3<sup>rd</sup>

Georgina's Nails

## Best Gas Station

### Sol R&R Tackling Cole Bay

*Tanking up is always a pleasant experience when it's done at the Sol R&R Tackling Service Station in Cole Bay. The station was refurbished in 2019 with new tanks, pipes, canopy, dispensers and lighting, as well as with the installation of security features in the area of the shop cashier in line with Sol's retail philosophy of saving lives.*

The station has four fuel pumps, two of which are solely unleaded gasoline (ULG); one diesel fuel and ULG, and one diesel fuel only. The station is completely full service – uniformed pump attendants are friendly and ready to help you tank up to get you back on the road faster.

The station is equipped with a well-stocked convenience store where you can pick up all the necessary essentials from a wide assortment of snacks and beverages to automotive supplies. For a quick bite, you can grab a fresh hot dog or two.

You can't go wrong at SOL R&R Tackling.

1<sup>st</sup>

Sol R&amp;R Tackling

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Texaco (Simpson Bay)

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## Best Musical Artist - International

### King James

*King James approaches his music through the eyes of a perfectionist; hands on, with the best interest of fans in mind and by giving 100 percent.*

Born Kelvin James, this soca artiste/singer/songwriter was born in St. Thomas, but grew up in St. Maarten. With a passion for music from young, James honed and nurtured his talent, bursting onto the musical scene with "Wine On Ya Bumper", in 2015.

He went on to bag the 2018 and 2019 St. Maarten Road March title; released hit "Never Have I Ever", with Shenseea in 2018 and captured the Groovy title with

"Jooking Meh", in 2019. "My Team Lit", is another loved hit.

In 2021, James landed a spot on the internationally renowned Gas Station Riddim led by International Stephen with his track "Roll It," alongside soca artists Skinny Fabulous and Ricardo Drue.

He's performed around the world: Europe, USA, and Asia and shared the stage with the likes of Machel Montano and others.

James is grateful and honoured to be rated #1 and thanks his supporters, team, family, and friends for always having his back.



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## Best Musical Artist - Soca

### Tatiana Gibbs

*Tatiana Gibbs describes music as her first love. If you didn't know her before as a performer in youth choir, competitions, collaborations with Ku-J, Red Eye Crew, and Rudynumba4, you probably recognise her from her two latest songs "SXM Just The Way You Are" and "Christmas" which became hits, and were complemented by beautifully made music videos that showcased her style, skills, and the island she loves.*

"SXM Just The Way You Are" expresses her love for the island, encourages patriotism and showcases what both residents and visitors can experience here. With "Christmas", the artist focused on how the holiday is celebrated in Caribbean culture, and brought in the warm holiday spirit. Look out for future performances with the new Sparkle Band, which started last year.

Tatiana loves writing her own songs and making a difference. She loves performing



Tatiana Gibbs

soca, gospel, and a little rap. With interests as wide as her taste in music, Tatiana is also a high school cooking instructor and artistic baker. Follow the journeys: @IamTatianaGibs and @EdibleSensationsByT.



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Their price points are competitive and their friendly and experienced sales team is always ready to help guide you to select the best options for your place of abode. Be sure to check them out online, where you can also browse and shop till you drop!



## Best Furniture Store - Ashley Furniture



*There is furniture and then there is Ashley Furniture, one of the biggest furniture manufacturers and top furniture brands in the world. The Ashley Furniture brand has been available on a small scale in St. Maarten with Ashley Galleries at ACE Mega Center in Cole Bay and ACE Home Center in Cay Hill since 2016.*

In November last year, brothers Sami Alyousef and Yousef Elyousef took a major stride forward opening the Ashley Furniture Home Store in Cole Bay, dedicated

solely to Ashley furniture and offering a much wider variety of options to customers looking for excellence in craftsmanship.

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## Best Flower Shop

### Lydia's Flower Shop



When it comes to fresh and beautiful floral arrangements, Lydia's Flower Shop has few equals. Lydia's has been arranging fresh blooms for customers and putting smiles on faces since opening its doors 21 years ago.

The shop has maintained its high standards over the years and has been at the same Bush Road #60C location ever since. Just pass by and let them know what you want and they will make an arrangement

that is sure to satisfy.

Owner Lydia Vanterpool is an emblem of strength, having had to run the shop while battling health issues at one point. But just like the fighter she is, so is her shop. "Through it all, we are still open thanks be to God and our loyal customers, family and true friends. The struggle is real, but I am still here – thanks be to God. Thank you, one and all, for being in my life. The support means the world to me," says Lydia.



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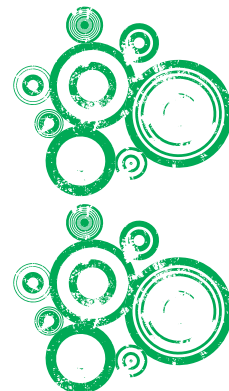
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 A photograph of the Au Temps des Fleurs storefront, showing a person standing in front of the shop.

all districts in St. Maarten, Owner & Head Broker Ritika Nanwani thanks the people of St. Maarten for their loyalty in choosing Century 21 over all the other agencies. Their full-time agents Pooja Asrani, Melford Hazel, Bob Barron, Lal Baharani and Charlotte Plannerlove turn dreams into reality. Let them transform yours today!







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# Best Women's Boutique

## Affordable

*The name "Affordable" says it all! Women have been stepping out in style in the most attractive and trendy attire for years without burning a hole in their pocket at Affordable on Back Street.*

From all types of dresses and tops, to all sorts of pants, leggings, jeans and intimates, Affordable has just about everything to dress women for any occasion. Get something trendy for work, for casual wear or just to lounge around at home.

"We are so grateful for the pleasure of serving you and

hope we met your expectations," say owners Umesh "Nash" and Mahesh "Morris" Chellani. "We pride ourselves on carrying a wide/inclusive range of women-, men-, and children's wear at reasonable prices. Our staff are at the core of our business providing helpful and friendly services."

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## Best Perfume Store

### Penha

Renowned for offering a large assortment of fragrances, liquor, tobacco, skin care and treatments at great prices, Penha has been chosen as the island's favourite perfume store. With great deals and packages, duty-free shopping, friendly staff, and three convenient locations spread throughout the island (as well as one in the airport), Penha stands out as an excellent choice.

Whether it's for Christmas, birthdays, Valentine's Day or "just because", shopping at Penha is a sure-fire way to select the best gifts for family and friends – or to treat yourself, of course. Keep an eye out for holiday deals and join the Penha Privilege Programme to save even more.

Penha's sleekly designed and spacious

stores offer a luxurious shopping experience, and are conveniently located in Front Street, Simpson Bay, and Maho. Visitors leaving the island can also shop at Penha within Princess Juliana International Airport.

Browse at your leisure through the wide selection of fragrances, including all the classics and new-releases of your favourite brands like Givenchy, Paco Rabanne, Versace, Dolce & Gabbana, and Dior.



Penha

## Best Men's Boutique

### Polo Ralph Lauren

Polo Ralph Lauren has been a staple and iconic clothing boutique on Front Street for around 30 years, and is as popular as ever. Sophisticated, quality designer clothing, an accommodating staff, and great location are part of what makes it the island's number one pick when it comes to men's clothing.

Men can look their best from head to toe, with the timeless clothing and accessories available at Polo Ralph Lauren. Versatile pieces available in both neutral colours, and select bold hues, offer a put-together designer look, suited to work or play.

The familiar faces known by the store's many regulars have all been with the com-

pany for some 17-27 years. Safe to say they know their brand, and are happy to help customers explore their options and find shirts, pants, belts, hats, jackets and accessories that are just right for them.

Visit Polo Ralph Lauren in the heart of Philipsburg if you haven't yet seen for yourself why they are the island's number one choice in men's clothing.



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# Best Gift/Souvenir Shop

## Shipwreck Shops

*When it comes to getting that perfect island souvenir or gift, there is no better place than Shipwreck Shops, voted Best Gift/Souvenir Shop on the island for 2021.*

With a large stock of quality items ranging from trendy and must-have island souve-

nirs and accessories to beach wear, gourmet products, T-shirts, headwear, footwear, Kipling apparel and some special Caribbean flavoured necessities, such as Toppers Rhum and Guava-berry, Shipwreck Shops has something for everyone.

Shipwreck Shops has cemented itself as a leader in the souvenir and gifting industry, supplying must-have items since 1972. Their team of friendly staffers are ready to help you choose the right item for your special occasion.

The Shipwreck Shops idea was born in the 60s, when a couple's small yacht shipwrecked during a heavy storm in the Caribbean. The stranded couple started a "shipwreck" shop and decorated the store with wreckage from the yacht. The concept was successful and the duo expanded by planting stores throughout the islands, which eventually brought Shipwreck Shops to St. Maarten.



Family Bookstore



Shipwreck Shops

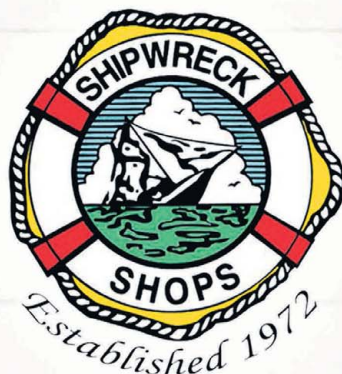


Good Cards

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## Best Health Store

### Nature's Discount

*Nature's Discount – where you get healthy and stay healthy – has once again been named the #1 Health Store on the island. A dedicated and friendly staff, wide range of products and the continuous updating of inventory and efforts to keep up with the industry are part of what make Nature's Discount the top pick on St. Maarten for 2021.*

date product offerings.

Check out the juice bar for a tasty and healthy array of fresh-pressed juices, a healthy and tasty way to get vitamins, minerals, and a kick of energy.

If you've decided to improve your health and you're not sure where to start, staff members will be happy to help you discover all there is to offer.

You may be interested in incorporating new healthy foods into your diet, looking for alternative products due to food sensitivities, in need of supplements, or simply love natural skincare and beauty products. Whichever the case, Nature's Discount has got you covered with a variety of up-to-



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## Best Store to Purchase Jewellery

### Caribbean Gems

*Caribbean Gems, a family-run business established in 1983, won the hearts of Best Of 2021 voters with its exquisite collection of jewellery and excellent customer service. Specialising in diamonds, Caribbean Gems has an astonishing selection of jewellery in both classic and contemporary designs, as well as bespoke design options.*

Visit any of their two convenient Front Street locations, and the expert staff will guide you through a dazzling variety of diamond rings, necklaces, bracelets and earrings, as well as an array of watches, precious stones, and more. You'll be sure to find something that's just right.

After a tough two years for everyone, Owners Manu and Neelam say they are feeling positive about the upcoming season and are happy to already be seeing the return of some familiar faces. Stellar products and service have earned them a large following of repeat customers – both locals and many from abroad who always look forward to their next visit.



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## Best Place to Purchase Makeup - INGLOT

INGLOT successfully bounced back to business with a bold metamorphosis in a new space in Miss Lalie's Commercial Center to win the hearts and faces of Sint Maarten for a second year in a row.

INGLOT understands that beauty runs deep; and amid the wide assortment of colourful options, customers know there are not so many hidden gems like the skincare line that has healed and maintains the skin of women affected by masks.

The makeup savvy team at INGLOT is always ready to serve specialized products and give workshops and seminars that cater to every colourful need, but it doesn't end there!

Boasting shades for every skin colour, INGLOT aims to leave its beauty mark on the map, creating foundation tones influenced by Sint Maarten's demand – a bold move that reveals a colourful array of possibilities for creative experiments by local makeup artists.



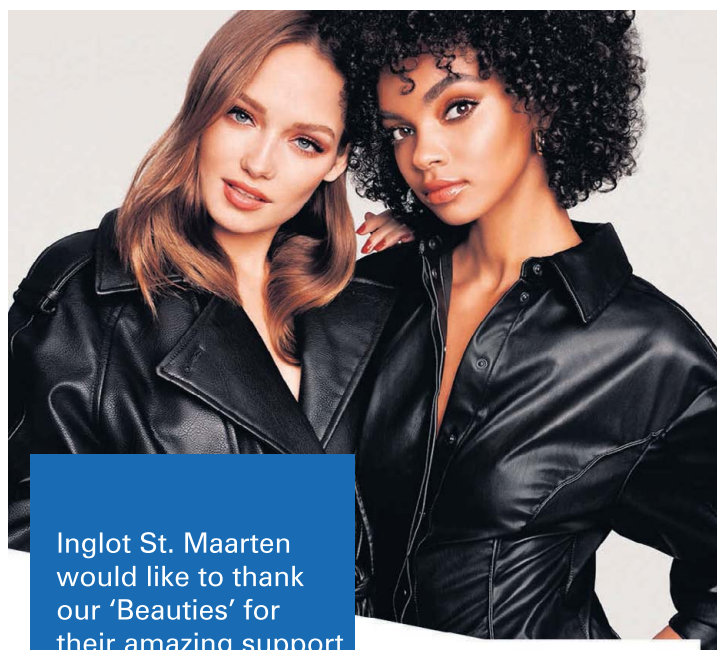
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## Best Visual Artist - Ruby Bute

We're losing count of how many times artist, cultural ambassador, poet, and national treasure Ruby Bute has claimed the number one spot as the island's Best Visual Artist. Renowned for her art for decades, she is still as passionate as ever about sharing, depicting and celebrating culture and traditional life.

Keeping culture alive and immortalising it on canvas is what she always aspires to do. In December, the published author released her third book of poetry, a collection called "Reflections". Bute, who has been keeping busy with her artistic endeavours among other activities, told us, "Things are always changing here at the Silk Cotton Grove art gallery. It's a wonderful time."

A sip & paint programme created by Bute's granddaughter, Gerline Isaac, is another

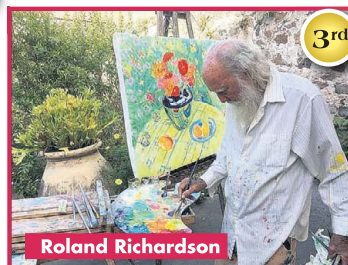


Ruby Bute

experience that she hosts at the gallery and truly enjoys. A lovely group activity open to anyone, it's a creative experience, made all the better with good company, a relaxing, natural atmosphere and mellow music. We congratulate the accomplished artist on her win.



Lucinda "La Rich" Audain



Roland Richardson



## Best Musical Producer

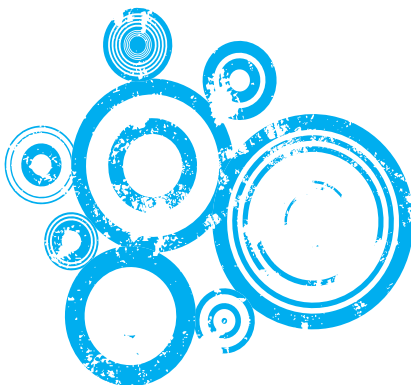
### Xavvo Knockin'

1<sup>st</sup>

*Saying Xavvo was born into music is an understatement. The first instrument he learned to play was the drums, which he practiced until he got good enough to be part of a band, then he joined District Band and later went on to Official Band.*

"I got my music talent from being around my father, he's part of the band Bad Boys. Since I was a little boy I been on the carnival trucks with him and the band just being around the environment. That's how I would say I got into music."

From his drumming, he moved to producing when he was about 12 or 13 years old. Music production stuck and that's been his passion ever since. He draws inspiration from deep within, "I need music to feel at peace." Xavvo describes music as a sort of saviour, using it as a form of therapy. "I go into my studio and the negative emotions just go away."

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## Best Bartender

### Ziggy Chang

*Since his start behind the bar, Ziggy Chang has embodied The Friendly Island's "service with a smile", earning him #1 Bartender on Sint Maarten for the fourth year in a row! Whether you're looking for the freshest mojitos or margaritas on island, a friend to confide in, or a shoulder to cry on, Ziggy at Simpson Bay Resort is your man.*

Ziggy's personality and charisma shine through his commitment to his craft. "Being a good bartender is not only about flip-

ping bottles and putting on a show; often the most rewarding parts of the job are the connections I'm able to make while behind the bar. I'm very good at reading people and knowing how to comfort them, so no matter what state of mind you come to the bar in, I always do my best to guarantee you leave with a delicious drink and a smile!

You can find Ziggy behind the bar at Coco Beach, Paradise Pool, Chill Out Pool Bar or Replay Bar and Restaurant, all located at Simpson Bay Resort.

1<sup>st</sup>

Ziggy Chang

2<sup>nd</sup>

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## Best MC

### Gee Money

When it comes to emceeing events and shows, Gee Money is a natural. This actor, radio personality and comedian is in his element whenever he's on stage. Born in New York City with St. Maarten roots, Gee Money has been an MC on the island since the late 1990s. His first MC gig came in 1998 when he hosted the Miss Carnival Teen Pageant.

The following year, he began hosting "The AM/PM Workload Show" on Laser 101.1FM.

Gee Money is a main staple at the annual St. Maarten Heineken Regatta events which he's emceed at for almost two decades. During that same time, he's hosted a number of major events including concerts around the region; Soul Beach; Tempo; boxing matches; Curaçao and Bonaire Heineken regattas and television shows.

Gee Money has mastered the art of controlling a crowd, keeping fans hyped, entertained and informed during shows. He took to the MC life like a duck takes to water and is a natural entertainer, who loves to make people laugh and feel good.



## Best Party DJ

### DJ Outkast

The Cut Creator DJ Outkast is as much a public figure as he is a musician. His quick moves and lightning fast fingers are renowned, not only at home but also abroad, which is proven by the countless number of DJ battles he's won both locally and internationally.

Known for his mixes that are marked by his unique talent, experience, performance and style, DJ Outkast also lends his sound to Laser 101 – winner of Best Radio Station for 2021. His radio show, The Power Hour, is a fan favourite that has everyone tuning in.

During the pandemic, Outkast became one of the first to host live mixes and bring the innovation of livestreaming Carnival J'ouvert to the island. On J'ouvert Morning, many didn't feel the loss of Carnival as strongly, because DJ Outkast had saved the day!



Innovation is nothing new to everyone's favourite Party DJ – The Cut Creator DJ Outkast – and we can't wait to see what else he has in store for his many fans!



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# Best Videographer

## Cameron Hyman

**1<sup>st</sup>**

*Many are familiar with Cameron “CAM-ERA” Hyman behind the lens of his infamous Canon, but in recent months, the man with the eye for finding beauty in the obscure has made a shift and an impact. In the last year and a half, he’s absolutely fallen in love with filmmaking.*

Cameron says, “It clicked for me when I was at a wedding and I saw that there were things happening that pictures really couldn’t capture. At its core, videography is just a series of multiple pictures/frames stitched together. I knew I could do this.”

It was easy to identify that he wanted to pursue documentary style filmmaking. “I’ve found other filmmakers and I’ve been studying their work non-stop. Mark Bone, Danny Gevirtz and Pat Scola are among the favou-

rites in the field.”

“And, without a doubt, thank you to the local legend Peter Sagnia. You’ve been a friend and a guide and an aspiration.”

**2<sup>nd</sup>****Director Lunatik****3<sup>rd</sup>****Marine Caillet**

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