



St Lucia is not a major destination for duty-free shopping, but there are a few places you can get souvenirs and duty-free items.

For duty-free shopping, bring an ID and a way to confirm your departing flight. The airport has some duty-free shops after you go

through security. If you buy liquids at the duty-free shops in the airport, you may carry them on the flight from St Lucia but you will have to pack them in your checked luggage between flights if you have a connecting flight.

Prices quoted were gathered in May 2022 from websites or our best estimate basis what we've paid in the past or heard or read and may not be accurate for your visit. Drive times are approximate. Italics designate descriptions from websites or other reviewers' comments.



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Ti Tak



(758) 459-5245

Drive time from the villa: Under 10 minutes.

Location: Soufriere. 32 Bridge Street, near the town square.

A small souvenir and gift shop in Soufriere

Ti Tak is "Soufriere's latest treasure" We offer a wide variety of the finest quality products in a high-end fully airconditioned ambience! In creole Ti Tak means "variety" and this shop indeed offers lots of interesting souvenirs items for all your loved ones back home: Mugs, dolls, fridge magnets, t-shirts, bags, keyrings, bottle openers etc. Once inside, you are also in a riot of colorful clothing, swimwear, hats, bags and shoes. Then you are at a glittering glass counter and floor to ceiling shelves displaying an unexpected wide range of jewelry to compliment your outfit for any occasion. Right ahead, you will find shelves laden with local spices, spice rum mixes, cocoa sticks for making delicious cocoa tea, cooking sauces, virgin coconut oil, local honey etc.

A variety of local liquor: top brand liqueur, punches and rums are available as well as wholesale cigarettes and popular cigars. Our cozy Ti Tak Café adjoins the store for your comfort.

This is a cute little place with some souvenirs and a little coffee shop/bar/snack shop attached. Prices are reportedly quite reasonable compared to the duty-free at the airport, but we have not had a chance to confirm that. If you are just looking for some souvenirs, it's certainly not worth driving all the way to the north just to get them – go to Ti Tak.

Hours: Mon – Fri: 9 AM - 5 PM; Sat 8 AM - 4 PM. Closed Sunday.

Soufriere souvenir store

Drive time from the villa: Under 10 minutes.

Location: Soufriere

There's a second souvenir store in Soufriere (Doxie can tell you where it is address – it's within a couple of blocks of Ti Tak). It's more crowded than Ti Tak and less well lit, but I've heard the prices are lower.

Rum distillery tour



(758) 456-3148 or (758) 456-3192

Drive time from the villa: About 50 minutes.

Location: Just south of Marigot Bay, a couple of minutes' drive off the main highway on the way to Castries.

Tour a distillery: Rhythm of Rum Tour

In the Roseau valley in St Lucia, host to the agricultural community of Jacmel is St Lucia Distillers Group of Companies, producing world class rums and liqueurs in a process that has, like its environment, changed little in a hundred years. Here, guests to the historic, world class distillery can embark on a Rhythm of Rum tour that takes visitors on a journey that illuminates the connection between the production of rum and the historical and cultural heritage of the island. The tour ends at a veritable rum buffet where visitors can sample the impressive range and find the rum (or rums!) which best fit the individual palate.

Our recommendation – it's not worth a trip to Marigot Bay just for this. The tour doesn't last long (less than an hour), but if you are in the area, it's about the same price as a drink at a bar and you get to taste a lot of different rums before buying, as well as get the tour.

Hours: Monday – Friday. First tour starts at 9 AM; last tour starts at 3 PM. We recommend pre-booking for groups of four or more so you get the time you want. Tour and tasting is \$10US per person; tasting only is \$5 US per person. Children under 16 are half price. Legal drinking age in St Lucia is 18.

Pointe Seraphine

(758) 457-3425

Drive time from the villa: About 80 minutes, although traffic can really impact this

Location: Castries, adjacent to the cruise-ship dock.

An outdoor duty-free mall designed for cruise-ship passengers

We've always gone to Pointe Seraphine. We like that it is outdoors and there is parking right in front. However, we are not big duty-free shoppers. We buy some alcoholic beverages, some perfume/cologne and a few t-shirts. We've never shopped for expensive items because duty-free does not necessarily mean low cost. If you are interested in buying a big-ticket item (jewelry, etc.), we recommend you come prepared with the cost to buy it in your home country. Remember, you may have to pay duties to bring it into your home country, anyway, if it is over your allowance.

Hours: Monday to Friday 9 AM - 4:30 PM; Saturdays 9 AM – 2 PM; Sundays 9 AM – 4:30 PM if there's a ship in port.

Our experience is that some of the stores are only open on cruise ship days. You can access the cruise ship schedule from the SLASPA website, included above as the red webpage link.

La Place Carenage

(758) 716-8386 or (758) 457-6100

Drive time from the villa: About 80 minutes, although traffic can really impact this

Location: Castries, adjacent to the cruise-ship dock.

An indoor duty-free mall, near the cruise ship port

La Place Carenage is a few blocks from the harbor, and less spread-out than Pointe Seraphine. We've never gone there. The TripAdvisor reviews are less positive than those for Pointe Seraphine.

Castries Craft Market (“The Market”)

Drive time from the villa: About 80 minutes, although traffic can really impact this

Location: Castries, adjacent to the cruise-ship dock.

A large souvenir and food market in Castries

This is a large market in Castries, very near the cruise ship port, frequently referred to as just “The Market”. Lots of stalls with vendors selling T-shirts, trinkets, wood carvings, spice baskets, etc. Many of the stalls carry the same things. We have noticed the stalls in the back seem to have lower prices, so browse through the whole market before buying anything. Head to the back of the market to find spices for your own spiced rum or buy lunch. It’s grown over the past few years, so there is a lot on the other side of the main road, too.

Baywalk Mall

(758) 452-6666

Drive time from the villa: About 80 minutes, although traffic can really impact this.

Location: Rodney Bay, just off the main highway.

An updated mall with some duty-free shopping, a casino, a gourmet grocery store, and our favorite restaurant, Spice of India.

Baywalk Shopping Mall in Rodney Bay is the newest and most exciting development on the Caribbean island of Saint Lucia! With over 50 stores and restaurants spread across two floors, a casino, bank, supermarket, multi-story car park and a limited number of penthouse apartments, there really is no better place to kickstart your visit to the island.

Hours: Mon – Sat 9 AM – 6 PM; Sunday closed. Restaurants and some stores may have different hours