

# Saint Lucia

## Information for applicants

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Saint Lucia is a sovereign small island country in the Lesser Antilles in the southern Eastern Caribbean. Saint Lucia is a microstate with a total area of just under 620 km<sup>2</sup> and only 180,000 inhabitants. The capital is Castries. Saint Lucia is part of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). The official language is English. Saint Lucian Creole is also widely spoken.

### Climate and sights

Saint Lucia has a tropical climate, with a dry season between December and May and rainy season between June and November. The temperature fluctuates only minimally throughout the year and averages 27°C.

The official hurricane season is from June to November. During this time, tropical storms and heavy rains are to be expected, which have recently become more frequent and intense. Due to the partly poor infrastructure, landslides and floods can occur.

Saint Lucia is in a seismically active zone. Therefore, earthquakes can occur.

Saint Lucia has a rich nature and culture. In addition to all kind of water sport activities, the interior of the country offers forest reserves and nature reserves.

The tourism sector is the largest contributor to St. Lucia's economy. The island is visited by numerous cruise ships.

### Medical care

Medical care is of a good overall standard, especially in the private Tapion hospital in the capital, which offers emergency care. In case of acute medical emergencies or if an illness brings complications or requires longer hospital stays, a transfer to a hospital in nearby Martinique (or elsewhere) needs to be arranged. Paediatricians are available on-site and can administer common, necessary vaccinations.

Topical diseases such as dengue fever are widespread throughout the Caribbean.

### Accommodation and quality of life

**Accommodation:** There is a range of accommodation available, including detached houses, sometimes with garden. Houses and apartments can often be rented furnished.

**International connections:** The island has two international airports. There are no direct flights from Germany.

**Traffic:** Driving is on the left side of the road. The road network is well developed near the coast, but roads are narrow and winding. Due to the prevailing driving style and sometimes poor road conditions, there is an increased risk of road accidents.

Due to the high number of vehicles on the small island, there is often heavy traffic, especially between the capital Castries and the well-developed north, where most expats live.

## Shops and services

There are numerous supermarkets on the island stocking all daily essentials. There are also a few stores that offer imported delicacies. Apart from locally grown foods and vegetables, Saint Lucia produces very little food on its own. There is a wide range of restaurants with very good national and international cuisine.

## Accompanying partners and children

In principle, accompanying partners are not granted work permits in Saint Lucia. It is possible to register a self-employment. However, there is little experience on how this works in practice.

**School and childcare:** The choice of schools is very limited. There are three private primary schools, including a Montessori school and an international school. Classes are taught in English. When it comes to secondary school, there is a private school that mainly offers long-distance learning. It is possible to obtain a Canadian high school diploma.

Kindergartens are available.

## Find out more

[St. Lucia: Reise- und Sicherheitshinweise - Auswärtiges Amt](#) (currently only available in German)

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