

# Tourism Highlights

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## DISCOVER THE 'CRITTER CAPITAL OF THE CARIBBEAN'

St. Vincent and the Grenadines market four main niches namely : eco-adventure, wedding and honeymoon, yachting and sailing, and diving.



Over the years, the destination has won multiple awards for each niche. In this week's Tourism Bi-Weekly Highlights, we take a closer look at diving in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Read more.....

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**I am alive so if you stand on or touch me (coral), I will die!**



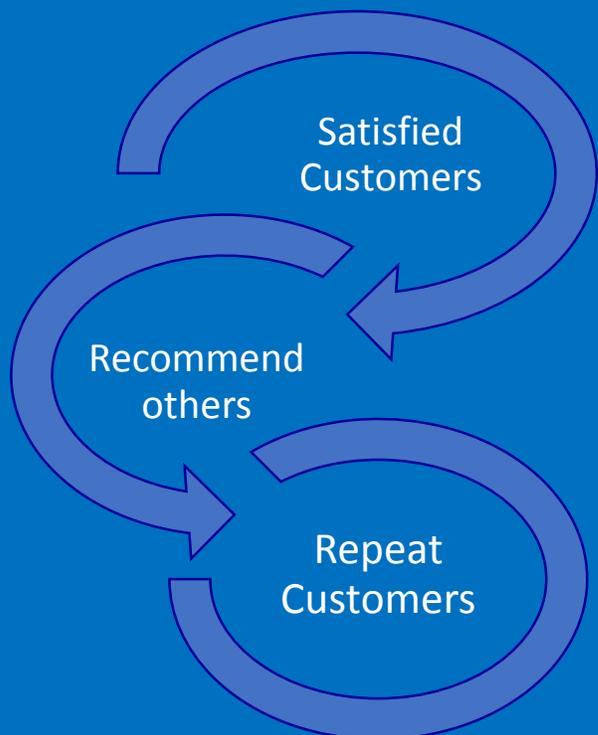
Did you know!



- All corals are animals
- Most coral reefs grow only about four inches per year.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE TIPS

### Quality Customer Service



## UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

- ❑ Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March-UWI Musical Gala, SVG Community College-7pm  
Admission: \$ 100.00
- ❑ Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March- Rose Hall Community Group Heritage Festival
- ❑ Sunday April 7th - Opening of Festival Victoria Park - 6.00 pm  
Admission: \$10.00
- ❑ Friday April 12th - Dance Praise Peace Memorial Hall - 8.00 pm  
Admission: \$5.00
- ❑ Sunday April 14th - Marriaqua Zonal Gospel Showcase International Pentecostal Assembly Church, Richland Park - 6.00 pm
- ❑ Sunday April 14th - Band Praise Miracle Arena SVG, Stoney Ground - 6.00 pm

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**I welcome you to my habitat  
but please don't destroy it with plastic and  
chemicals.**





# Chief Joseph Chatoyer St. Vincent and the Grenadines First National Hero

Paramount Chief Joseph Chatoyer died on Dorsetshire Hill – a fighter for self-determination and independence. The Defender of Hairouna was ambushed and killed on March 14th, 1795. He won most of his battles as he was a brilliant, military strategist. He was a world-class diplomat and most importantly,

he was and still is today, loved and respected by his people.

In commemoration of his life and struggles, on March 14th 2002, he was formalized as our nation's first national hero.

The 14<sup>th</sup> of March is celebrated National Heroes Day.

***Celebration was held in the Community of Greiggs, St Vincent to commemorate our National Hero Joseph Chatoyer.***





**We are 32 Islands and Cays!**

# FACES OF TOURISM

## SERENITY DIVE

St. Vincent and the Grenadines is known for its uncrowded dive sites and has one of the longest barrier reefs in the Caribbean. The ‘critter capital of the Caribbean’ is one of the many names given to St. Vincent and the Grenadines by visitors.



**Mr. Vaughn Martin**  
**General Manager of Serenity Dive**  
**(PADI Instructor)**



**Faces of Tourism Team**

Please visit our Facebook page and check out the Ministry’s Faces of Tourism series <https://www.facebook.com/TourismSVG/videos/2238762316135171/> to view an interview conducted with Mr. Vaughn Martin, owner and General Manager of Serenity Dive.

Mr. Martin shared his passion about diving in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

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# Dive Sites



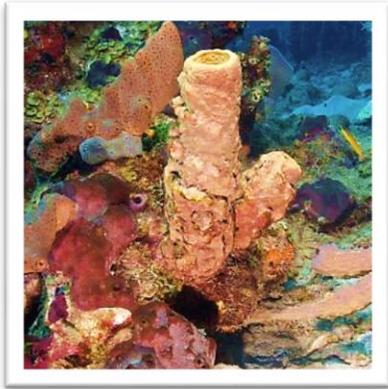
Dive Sites in order from Blue Lagoon location on map

1. Fizzy Reef
2. Critter Corner
3. The Meadow
4. Sunset Point
5. Rock Fort
6. Kingstown South South
7. Kingstown Wall
8. Kingstown Wrecks
9. Castle Bay
10. Steps
11. The Point
12. Japanese Garden
13. Turtle Bay
14. The Garden
15. The Romark
16. Back Door Deep
17. Back Door Shallow
18. New Guinea Wall
19. New Guinea Reef
20. Hans Reef
21. Pinnacle
22. Once in a Lifetime
23. Petit Byahaut
24. Byahaut
25. Over There
26. The Bat Cave
27. Tarpon Run
28. Layou Wall
29. Emersons Point
30. Bambereaux Wall
31. Anchor Reef
32. Indian Gallows
33. Buccaneer Reef
34. Sub Rock
35. Whiskers
36. Coral Castle
37. Mystery Reef



# Dive Sites in St. Vincent and the Grenadines

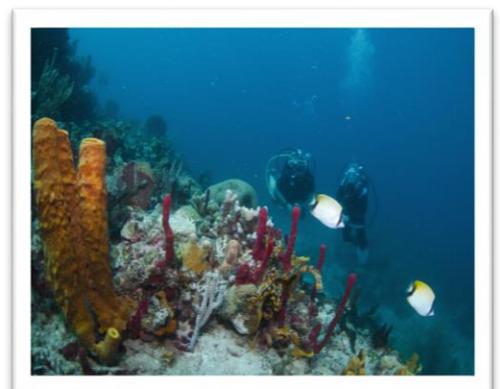
There are a number of spectacular dive spots available for scuba divers and snorkelers to experience in SVG.



Anchor Reef



Bat Cave



Layout Wall

Others:

- **Capital Wrecks**
- **Mustique**
- **Mayreau Gardens**
- **Tobago Cays-Horseshoe Reef**
- **Mopian Reef**
- **Critter Corner** – South Coast behind Young Island



Bottle Reef



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**I am not the only one you can see in the waters of SVG; look out for my friends like frogfish, seahorses, colorful mollusks, crustaceans, octopus, squids, eagle rays and much more...**



**Here's a list of approved dive operators to fulfil your diving and snorkeling experience through the fascinating waters of St. Vincent and the Grenadines:**

Tourism Approved

- ✓ Bequia Dive Adventures – 784 4583826
- ✓ Dive St Vincent -784 4574928
- ✓ Indigo Dive – 784 493 9494
- ✓ Dive Bequia - 784 458-3504/ 4959929
- ✓ Serenity Dive Inc. – 784 4575335
- ✓ Grenadines Dive – 784 4588138/ 4553822

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**Bask in my beauty**

# YOU'VE GOT TO TELL SOMEBODY!

St. Vincent and the Grenadines has some of the most magical dive sites and best beaches in the world.

## Dive Awards

- ✓ 2015 - 20 Best Adventure Beaches On Earth, Men's Journal: Salt Whistle Bay, Mayreau, St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- ✓ 2015 - Top 10 Island Beaches For Secluded Getaways, Conde Nast Traveler: Palm Island, St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- ✓ 2015 - Hot and Wet: Sexiest Summer Beaches In The Caribbean, USA Today: Mustique, St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- ✓ 2015 - Dive In: The Caribbean's Most Beautiful Waterfalls, USA Today: Falls of Baleine: St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- ✓ 2015 - The 50 Best Caribbean Beaches, Caribbean Journal: Palm Island, St. Vincent & the Grenadine
- ✓ 2016 - Best Caribbean Snorkeling Spots For Families, The Huffington Post: The Grenadines, St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- ✓ 2016 - The World's Best Luxury Dive Resorts, CNN: Petit St. Vincent, St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- ✓ 2017 - The World's 21 Top Luxury Beach Destinations In 2017, Coastal Living: Canouan, St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- ✓ 2018 – The Best 2018 Beaches In The Caribbean, Caribbean Journal: Princess Margaret Beach, St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- ✓ 2018 - The World's Best Beaches for 2018, FlightNetwork's: Mopion and Petit Tabac, St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- ✓ 2019 - 'The 20 Most Charming Beach Towns in the Caribbean, TravelMag: Port Elizabeth, Bequia, St Vincent & the Grenadines

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Cruise Ship calls in St Vincent from  
Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April.

- **Mon 25<sup>th</sup>—LE PONANT—  
6:00-12:00**
- **Mon 25<sup>th</sup>—SERENISSIMA –  
6:00 12:00**
- **Tue 26<sup>th</sup> –MARELLA  
EXPLOXER—8:00-18:00**
- **Wed 27<sup>th</sup>—MARELLA  
CELEBRATION—8:00-18:00**
- **Wed 27<sup>th</sup>— LE PONANT—6:00  
–12:00**
- **Sat 30<sup>th</sup>—AIDA PERLA—8:00-  
18:00**
- **Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April- ROYAL CLIPPER-  
7:30-12:30**
- **Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April- PREZIOSA-9:00-  
18:00**

## Reminders

- **FCCA ESSAY CONTEST-**

[http://www.tourism.gov.vc/tourism/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=523:caribbean-media-awards&catid=41&Itemid=115](http://www.tourism.gov.vc/tourism/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=523:caribbean-media-awards&catid=41&Itemid=115)

- **CARIBBEAN MEDIA AWARDS-**

[http://www.tourism.gov.vc/tourism/images/stories/PDF/FCCA\\_Essay\\_Flyer\\_2019.pdf?5c9500dc](http://www.tourism.gov.vc/tourism/images/stories/PDF/FCCA_Essay_Flyer_2019.pdf?5c9500dc)

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