

## Greetings to all of our extended family of the Dawn Beach Club in St. Maarten!

Thank you so much for your patience, support and confidence. Things have been very busy at the Dawn Beach Club of St. Maarten since our last update.





We are still on track to reopen Buildings A and B by **April 1**, **2019** and are taking the opportunity to come back better than we were before.

We have maintained all of our post hurricane staff and are grateful to have them on our team. We know many of you have made personal contacts and continue to communicate. This has been truly appreciated by each and every one of us.







Demo has been advancing as planned with significant progress being made in each building. With the exception of the exterior walls, which we will leave in place until we are ready to replace, the demo of all timeshare units is complete. Reconstruction, starting with Building A, is beginning. We are now working on demo of the dangerous and water damaged areas of the hotel.





We have also chosen the contractor for work on the exterior and interior walls. The contract has been signed and work is scheduled to begin on May 1<sup>st</sup>.



We have placed the order for all the new exterior doors and windows, and we are expecting the shipment to arrive on the island in early May.

Inspiration struck and our interior designer has been hard at work on the overall look and feel of the units following reconstruction. We are thrilled to be able to provide images of some of the elements that will be included in this West Indie's modern theme with a tropical twist:





Although we are your favorite "beach house" and your "home away from home," we know you also spend a lot of time out and about exploring the island. So, in addition to these updates regarding progress at the Dawn Beach Club, we are also pleased to share with you more factual information on island-wide progress "from the field":

There is a World Bank Dutch St. Maarten Meeting in Washington DC scheduled for April 17 with the purpose of getting 1/2 billion dollars contributed to the St Maarten recovery fund.

Princess Juliana International Airport updates:

American Airlines is resuming Charlotte and Philadelphia service in late August.

Copa Airlines is resuming Toronto service in June.

Current schedules include Miami with Delta, Atlanta with Jet Blue, New York with Spirit Airlines, Fort Lauderdale with Westjet.

Pre Clearance is still targeted for reopening time.

The airport plans to be fully functional by December 2019.

Hurricane created opportunities to come back bigger, better and stronger. 66% to SXM and 34% to surrounding islands...

Cruise Ships are continuing to return to normal with 100% of American cruise lines pre Irma....40% of European cruise lines.

Also, 95% of Cargo ships are back in service.



Land and Sea excursions are back on track.

The Rainforest and zip line featuring Emilio's Restaurant (Chef Dino is back!) is back in business.

St. Barth's and Anguilla day trips have become quite popular.

The Simpson Bay district is starting to fill with pre-hurricane energy levels.

The Merchants Association is committed to the restoration of all Front Street Shopping/Boardwalk Activities. It is currently at 60%.







Restaurant updates: your favorite hosts are all in service...including but not limited to: Spiga, Lizzy's, IZI, Isola, Avantika, Marios Bistro, Pineapple Petes, St Maarten Yacht Club, Jimbos, Vesna Taverna, Toppers, Taloula Mangos, and The Sky's the Limit at famous Lolo's BBQ Pit in Grand Case has just reopened. Traditions will not be broken.

Orient Beach Bikini Beach Restaurant and Bar and Waikiki Beach Restaurant and Bar are reopening in July. Other operators are planning to open by November 1, 2018......More pristine than ever! In the meantime, there are waterspouts available in Simpson Bay at Aqua Mania or the Boardwalk Beach in Phillipsburg.

Marigot restaurants and activities are planning to open by Nov 1, 2018.

Karacter Beach, restaurant and beach bar in Simpson Bay is open for business.

Friars Bay Beach is being cleaned up.

French side hotels are starting to reopen. About 1/3 of pre-Irma rooms are expected to be reopened by December 2018.

On the Dutch side it is expected that 54% of the pre-Irma hotel rooms will be reopened by the end of the year. However, this does not include Villas and Air BnB's.

There is no seaweed on the beaches this year; it is hitting other islands but not St. Maarten!

The Heineken Regatta was a huge success and enjoyed as much if not more than in previous years. Although attendance was lower, mostly due to reduced flights, this year had more Volvo Ocean Race Class ships than any other previous year with morethan 100 ships in one class alone.



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Carnival is currently in full blown status and has not been hurt by Irma. There are many visitors from the US and other islands.

You have been patient with updates on the Westin Dawn Beach Resort and Spa. We kindly ask that you please bear with us a bit longer as there are many moving parts to the outcome of our path moving forward. We will update everyone as soon as we have concrete information. We had originally expected to receive it by now but it will be forthcoming.

We miss you all and look forward to welcoming you back home to your "beach house" as soon as possible.

> Warm, tropical regards, Babitbay Beach Development

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