

Saba

LOVELY 3-MILE-LONG SABA IS ONE OF the Netherlands Antilles Windward Islands, although most of us can't fly ourselves there — not with only 1,312' of runway — the shortest commercial runway in the world! The Saba Marine Park circles the island, snorkelers and divers can enjoy incredible underwater visibility and an impressive variety of sea life. The development has been limited on Saba, due in part to the lack of white-sand beaches. Population is about 1,500.

The most popular way to get around Saba is by cab. You can also rent a car here, though the driving is a bit challenging. Scooters are available too.

Most places to stay are in the pretty towns of Windwardside and The Bottom (the governmental seat).

For some of the best hiking, drive the road to aptly named Mt. Scenery at the center of the island. The vistas from this green, volcanic peak are beautiful. You'll see tree ferns, begonias, orchids, and elephant ear philodendrons as you hike the area. Steps down the hillside end near the Saba Museum, so you can begin your hike from below as well.

Saba lace, utilizing an intricate thread-knotting technique, is the island's trademark craft. You also find the local brew, Saba Spice, for sale. It's a sweet 150-proof spiced rum.

Local eateries tend to have a fun casual atmosphere and many offer outdoor dining. Seafood is a specialty. You'll find Creole, French, West Indian and American items on local menus. ❖

Saba – TNCS (SAB)

Runways **12/30** 1,312'x66'
Elevation Rwy. 12 – 137'; Rwy. 30 – 113'

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118.25

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