



St. Maarten

A medical treatment or specialist consultation may require that you travel to the Dutch part of Sint Maarten, or to the French part, St. Martin. On St. Maarten, the ZVK has made arrangements with the St. Maarten Medical Center (SMMC), which offers hospital care to residents of St. Maarten and visitors from St. Eustatius and Saba. The SMMC offers various specialisms that are not available on St. Eustatius and Saba that require a medical referral.

On St. Martin, the ZVK collaborates with the various care providers, including the Louis-Constant Fleming Hospital, the Cabinet d'Imagerie des Iles du Nord (radiology) and the Centre d'Ophthalmologie (ophthalmology). The hospital is located in Spring Concordia, a district of Marigot, the capital of the French side of the island.

For the medical referrals to the Louis-Constant Fleming Hospital on St. Martin, the ZVK collaborates with its partner organisation Health Destination. Health Destination arranges matters such as medical appointments and translations of documentation for yourself and your general practitioner. During your medical referral on St. Martin, Health Destination is your contact.

Your trip

In consultation with you, the ZVK will book your airline ticket, which you can pick up at the ZVK office on your island. Persons on St. Eustatius insured through the ZVK can also fly to St. Maarten with special charter flights by Winair.

Arrival on St. Maarten

On St. Maarten, you land at Princess Juliana Airport. If your physician gives you a referral for a wheelchair, it will be reserved and ready for you when you exit the airplane. All patients sent to St. Maarten may make free use of transport by Accessible Ventures. The ZVK will provide Accessible Ventures with the reference number of your medical referral in case that special/wheelchair transportation is required. For transport between the SMMC and your accommodations, you yourself or your companion must make arrangements with Accessible Ventures. For special transport, Accessible Ventures has a vehicle adapted for wheelchairs.

Accommodation

If your treatment requires that you stay on St. Maarten, in consultation with you, the ZVK will book a hotel on the basis of lodgings. If you have a companion, he or she will stay in the same room. You can inform the ZVK if you wish to have a room with separate beds.

If you are covered by disabled care, you will stay with the Stichting Wit-Gele Kruis Sint Maarten. During your stay in this rehabilitation centre, your right to daily reimbursement payments and transport expenses lapses.

Reimbursements

The ZVK will deposit your reimbursement for the expenses of food and drink on St. Maarten into your bank account prior to your departure. The daily reimbursement payments for your companion, if any, will also be deposited into your bank account. If you are staying with family or friends, you will receive an accommodation allowance.

Contact details

You will receive more information about the logistics of your medical referral from your ZVK office. For medical matters concerning your referral, contact your referring specialist or physician.