

Known in the past as the “island of the beautiful waters“, it is formed by two islands (**Basse-Terre** at west and **Grand-Terre** at east) divided by a strait (Rivière Salée).

Its shape recall the wings of a butterfly.

It was discovered by Christopher Columbus in the same day of Saint Martin and it bears the name of a Spanish monastery.

The Spanish were replaced by French that in the 1947 raised the colony to Department.

The population is composed by white and mulattoes people. The white are the 8%.

The classic cultivation of sugarcane and tropical fruit left the place to the tourism.

Grand-Terre is composed by a big chalky basement and the most important economic centre is **Pointe-à-Pitre**, a lively and very distinctive harbour.

The karst landscape boasts imposing sheer cliffs with impressive and magnificent views (**Porte d’Enfer**!).

Basse Terre hosts the volcano **Soufrière** (1467 mt).

The **Carbet Falls** and the rich tropical greenery belong to a landscape quite different from the previous one.

Christopher Columbus landed in the south of the island.