

## **Warm Places**

Where should we go?

Canada was too cold.

Vegas? Reno again?

NOLA? Love the music. Love the food.

Time for a change?

Mexico? What part?

West coast? Prone to crime and colder Pacific water.

Maybe the Yucatan?

So touristy, almost cosmopolitan.

Alas, to the internet.

Search for warm waters.

Atlantic? Caribbean?

Bahamas? Puerto Rico? Virgin Islands?

Any others?

What's this one?

Saint Martin, Sint Maarten

Eastern edge of the Caribbean

Western edge of the Atlantic

Half Dutch, half French

Thirty-seven beaches.

Let's find a place to stay.

Looks like many available on the Dutch side.

CupeCoy Beach looks interesting.

Ocean Club looks like the place.

An efficiency for one week.

pool, cantina, beachfront

Perfect!

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Early summer

Fewer tourists from the north.

Flights confirmed, early June, all in a day

Nighttime arrival. Only one road circling the island.

Go west through Mullet Bay.

Stop at the one-armed gate.

The guard brings an envelope with a key.

Small unit, lower floor, kitchenette, air-conditioner, restroom, shower.

Open the large patio door, see the light reflecting on pool, hear the music.

Quickly, put on fresh clothes

Smell better

Walk the small path through the waving banana leaves

Walk up the steps to the open air cantina and bar

A few tourists and regulars are laughing and greet us warmly.

Drinks all around, rum abounds

Music on demand

Dancing, meet people from everywhere

We are at the right place.

Planning anxiously to see the Cupecoy beach below in the morning  
and for the scheduled boat ride to circle the Island.

Laughingly inebriated, leave, fall into the pool

Clothes and all

Drip to the room

Strip, dry, and collapse onto the king-sized bed

A fabulous ending of a long airplane day.

So much to do, drive the island in our rented Toyota

Thirty-seven beaches, some clothing optional, so little time.

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