



NC Strand: Place Knowledge/Human and Physical Geography

In this unit we learn about the Caribbean island of St Lucia.

What I Already Know

An island is a piece of land surrounded by water. Great Britain is an island.

Key Questions

- Which continent is St Lucia in?
- What is a tropical island?
- What is St Lucia famous for?
- What is the climate like in St Lucia?
- What are the tourist attractions?
- What is the rainforest's wildlife?
- What seas and oceans surround St Lucia?

Map of St Lucia



The flag of St Lucia

The St Lucian flag was designed by Dunstan St Omer, an artist from St Lucia. The blue represents the sky and the sea and the arrow shape represents the Pitons, the two large peaks which rise from the island. The flag has been used since 1967

Key Vocabulary

Beach	An area of shore that marks the edge of the sea or ocean and land.
Continent	A large continuous piece of land normally made up of lots of different countries, the exception being Antarctica and Australia.
Hurricane	A giant tropical storm.
Island	A piece of land surrounded by water.
Human Features	Features of a country that are made by humans, for example, roads, airports, cities, etc
Physical Features	Features of a country that are made naturally, for example, rivers, mountains, valleys, etc
Rainforest	A thick forest of trees found in tropical areas where there is a lot of rain.
Tropical	Places near to the equator.
Volcano	A mountain where molten (liquid) rock erupts.
Windward Islands	A series of islands in the Caribbean.

Key Facts

- St Lucia is in the continent of **North America**.
- St Lucia is the second largest island of the **Windward Islands** in the Caribbean Sea.
- **Castries** is the capital city of St Lucia.
- The **Gros** and **Petit Pitons** (big and small Pitons) sometimes known as the '**Twin Peaks**' are an important symbol of St Lucians homeland. They are even represented on the national flag of St Lucia.

Artefacts



The national bird of St Lucia is the colourful parrot nicknamed the 'Jacquot'



Soufriere Sulphur Springs



The Pitons



Sandy beaches of St Lucia



The rainforests of St Lucia



A coastal town in St Lucia

Essential Information

- St Lucia is in the tropical climate zone which means it has very warm and wet weather.
- Heavy rain and hot weather make it feel hot and humid.
- The temperature is usually between 26°C and 32°C.
- The largest mountain on the island of St Lucia is Mount Gimie. It is 950 metres high.
- Tourism is important to Saint Lucia's economy.
- Sulphur Springs Park is the only 'drive in volcano' in the world.
- The national bird of St Lucia is the parrot nicknamed the 'Jacquot'
- English is the official language, although many speak Saint Lucian Creole French, also known as Patwa.
- The currency used is East Caribbean dollars.

Useful Websites

St Lucia Facts:

https://kids.kiddle.co/Saint_Lucia

St Lucia Facts:

<https://primaryfacts.chhttps://www.thefactsite.com/saint-lucia-facts/om/643/st-lucia->

Images of St Lucia

Home Learning Suggestions

Design a holiday brochure of St Lucia showing the main tourist attractions of the island, for example, the sandy beaches, the rainforest wildlife, the drive-in volcano, etc.

