

# What you need to know before booking your shore excursion:

- All our tours are offered with English speaking guides.
- The length of the tours and time spent on the sites is given as an indication as it may vary depending on weather, sea and traffic conditions and on the group's pace.
- The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication. Passengers should be fit and active to join tours which include hiking, biking, snorkelling, boating, or similar activities.

# How you can book your shore excursions:

- You can book shore excursions onboard, using our "sign-up lists" available at the Cruise Director's desk.
- Debark tours ending at the airport and transfers can now be pre-booked prior your cruise.
- In order to provide the best service and to avoid disappointments, please book your shore excursions as early as possible: places are limited and there is a booking deadline for each port.
- A minimum number of participants is required for tours; if the required number is not attained, the tour may be cancelled.

# **Important notes:**

- Departure times of the tour are mentioned on the daily program of each port.
- The Captain reserves the right to alter the itinerary in order to suit wind, weather and local conditions.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. After the booking deadline, 100 % cancellation fees will be charged.
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## **SAINT LUCIA (Rodney Bay)**

A lush island of tropical beauty, St. Lucia is part of the Windward Islands. Its 238-square miles are covered with rain forests, banana plantations, palm-lined beaches, mountains and even a drive-in volcano. Like many of its neighbours St Lucia was a hotly disputed territory, with Britain and France battling for possession. Indeed, the island changed hands no less than 14 times, earning it the nickname of "the Helen of the Caribbean". The English eventually gained control until independence was granted in 1979. St. Lucia has also had its share of natural disasters, including several fires and hurricanes. Though tourism is now the island's economic backbone, sugar cane was the primary industry from the 1800's to 1960. Among St. Lucia's most noted attractions are the Pitons, two volcanic cones rising up from the sea that have become a symbol of the island itself. Today, St Lucia offers its guests a wide range of natural charm with beautiful beaches, lush scenery, fishing villages unchanged by time and friendly Caribbean hospitality.

## **SAINT LUCIA - Views of St. Lucia**

Duration: 03:30 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned minibus

Price: 45 € Activity level: moderate

Min 20 / Max 80 participants

This tour is ideally suited for persons wishing to go at a leisurely pace while enjoying the beauty the island has to offer. After boarding your air-conditioned bus, you will drive through Castries where various points of interest will be pointed out by your tour guide. Then there will be a winding drive up the Morne for a panoramic view of the city, the harbour and even as far as the island of Martinique! You will continue up to the Morne complex to view the Inniskilling Monument, erected in honour of the British 27th Inniskilling Regiment who captured the Morne from the French in 1796. This area is home to one of St Lucia's highest Educational institutions, the OECS Secretariat, and also the main Television station on the island. After a short drive you will come to Caribelle Batik "Howelton house" where you will see an artist creating an original work of art using hot wax and get the opportunity to shop around for a special gift for that special someone! Your journey continues on secondary roads along the hills on the outskirts of the city, taking you through small communities and affording scenic views of the Atlantic and Caribbean coasts.

There will be a short stop at La Guerre to enjoy spectacular views of the Marquis Estate – which was once the largest banana plantation on the island. Your drive continues through other small communities and in Monchy, you can admire the wonderful view of Rodney Bay and Pigeon Island before descending the hill to the private residence of the Sony's – Stony Hill. This property boasts a well-manicured lawn edged by a tropical garden and a breathtaking view of the Rodney Bay area. Tasty local snacks await you along with cool refreshing local fruit juices; you can relax under the mango tree close to the pool deck or stroll through the gardens. Restrooms are available before your short journey back to the ship.

Please note: Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen, and water.

#### **SAINT LUCIA - Aerial Tram adventure**

Duration: 03:00 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned minibus

Price: 99 € Activity level: easy

Min 10 / Max 32 participants

Flirtatious hummingbirds, impressive buttress root systems, and slow but persistent Ficus stranglers reveal themselves on our rainforest aerial tram ride. Cool tropical breezes and panoramic vistas included.

Depart Rodney Bay for a drive to the community of Chassin at the base of La Sorciere to Rainforest Sky Rides, St Lucia's premiere eco-adventure Adventure Park located in the heights of St Lucia's forest reserve for your Aerial tram tour.

On arrival at the park, you will be met by your Aerial Tram nature guide. Board your open-air gondola as you ascend noiselessly through the rainforest, offering guests a magical view of nature in its majesty – towering Gommiers, impressive Chatanniers, and the remarkable phenomenon of the strangler Ficus, alighted upon by playful hummingbirds and banana quits. An experienced Nature Interpreter will point out giant ferns and magnificent Heliconia and identify the calls and the plumage of the birdlife that makes the Caribbean oceanic forest its home. The descent affords a bird's eye view of the forest and a



spectacular panoramic vista of the North of the Island. With much to see and listen for, the tram ride is a celebration of color and life and a restorative retreat guaranteed to refresh the senses. At some 2000 feet, the community of Chassin at the base of La Sorcière is home to rain forest.

After your Aerial Tram adventure, you will also have the option to walk the Fern trail or heading to the Amazona Gift shop for a refreshment and some relax time. Board bus for drive back to Rodney Bay and your ship.

Please note: Guests participating in this tour must be in good health and physical condition and not suffering from heart, respiratory, back, leg, hip or neck conditions. Maximum Weight: 250lbs / 113 kg. The terrain on the walk is uneven, dirt, grass and gravel and some steps throughout. The Gondolas are open-air and have no PA system.

Guests are advised to wear light, comfortable clothing and appropriate walking/hiking shoes (no sandals, high heels or flip flops allowed for the trails) and to bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and water and US \$ if they wish to purchase any items at the gift shop or beverages and snacks.

# **DOMINICA (Cabrits)**

Christopher Columbus discovered this island on a Sunday, hence the name Dominica. Little has changed since that fateful day and it is said that if Columbus were to visit the Caribbean today, this is the only island he would recognize. Contemporary visitors will find an island that is unspoiled and rich in natural beauty. The only characteristic Dominica shares with its Caribbean counterparts is that the French and the British fought for control of the island. The British finally succeeded and controlled the island until it was granted full independence in 1978. The similarity with its neighbors ends there. Dominica is 29 miles long and 16 miles wide and does not conform to the typical image of a Caribbean island. It is lush with mountains and few beaches and no over developed tourist spots. The whole atmosphere of Dominica centers on its forest landscape. The mountain ranges stretch from one end of the island to the other, averaging 3000 feet and peaking as high as 5000 feet. The mountains provide not only a geographical backbone, but an ecological one as well. Their sides are covered with dense rain forests and foliage and spawn some 365 rivers and streams with numerous waterfalls and natural pools. Dominica is a real island paradise with a natural beauty all its own.

#### **DOMINICA - The Indian River Rowboat**

Duration: 02:30 approx. Transportation: minibus, rowboat

Price: 49 € Activity level: easy

Min 8 / Max 24 participants

Situated in the center of the town of Portsmouth to the North of Dominica, the Indian River is like a mini-Amazon teeming with life. It owes its name to the Kalinago people, formerly known as Carib Indians, who settled on its upper banks.

The river gushes down the Morne aux Diables mountain range and then meanders gently to the lowlands of Portsmouth where it flows into the Caribbean Sea. As it is below sea level, the water in the lower parts of the river is brackish giving rise to a unique ecosystem of flora and fauna. Some of the species, which include herons, kingfishers, and iguanas, are only to be found in this particular area of Dominica. Many of which are still present after the passing of devastating hurricane Maria. Vegetation continues to grow up and return in full force.

Experienced boatmen will take the oars and row you along the river in slow moving wooden boats so that you can appreciate the great variety of wildlife and plants on the riverbank at your leisure.

See for yourself the places where scenes from "Pirates of the Caribbean" were filmed. Upriver, you will get off the boat for a while to take a short 10-minute stroll through the botanical gardens and visit the renowned 'Bush Bar'. Try the signature rum punch, aptly named "Dynamite", a singularly potent brew. There is lots to see so don't forget to take your camera.

Afterwards you will get back into the rowing boat for a trip down river where you will board your buses and return to the ship.

Please note: There is a 15-minute drive between the port and the Indian Rivier, with a driver-guide. River local guides will take over your driver guide on the rowboat. The boat trip will be preceded by a security briefing. Rowboats can accommodate 8 passengers. You will spend approx. one hour up and down on the river. Guests are advised to bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and water.



#### **DOMINICA - Syndicate National Park nature trail**

Duration: 03:30 approx. Transportation: minibus Price: 55 € Activity level: strenuous

Min 10 / Max 40 participants

Your Excursion begins with a short, air-conditioned drive through the town of Portsmouth passing by the scenic Indian River up to the Syndicate National Park in the Northern Forest Reserve.

Your trained Forest Guide will then join you and lead you on a comprehensive hike on the Nature Trail, approximately 2000 ft. (600 mt) above sea level, narrating in detail the existing flora and fauna and exotic bird life within this Forest Reserve.

This Reserve is exclusive in that it is the last remaining habitat where one of the endemic National Birds, the Sisserou and the Jaco Parrot can be found. The Sisserou has been relocated to a bird sanctuary off island until most vegetation has returned. At the end of your bird watching tour, you will continue to the Syndicate Resource center for refreshments. Your tour then proceeds back to the ship.

Please note: Guests are advised to wear comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and water. The walk is approx. 1.5 hours at a gentle pace. Driving time is approximately 45 minutes (each way) between Cabrits and the Syndicate National Park, with a driver-guide.

#### **DOMINICA - Love & Chocolate**

Duration: 03:00 approx. Transportation: minibus Price: 69 € Activity level: easy

Min 6 / Max 15 participants

Love and Chocolate have been synonymous since time immemorial. This excursion will take you to an island paradise where Love and Chocolate and love of chocolate are inextricably entwined.

Enjoy a scenic tour of the island in air-conditioned comfort as you head towards your destination: the Pointe Baptiste Estate, located near Calibishie Village. The estate is a private domain stretching over 25 acres. There is a historical guesthouse from 1930, a chocolate factory with a cottage above it and magnificent gardens filled with flowers.

It all began with a love story between two Once upon a time two British aristocrats, Lennox Napier and Elma Gordon Cumming met and fell in love. They discovered Dominica in 1931 when on a Caribbean cruise, they moved there the following year and settled near Calibishie, building a house they named Pointe Baptiste in the midst of inaccessible virgin forest.

Their grandson grew up at Pointe Baptiste but also spent time in England and France where he developed a passion for fine chocolate. Back to Dominca, he decided to study the art of chocolate to produce locally fine chocolate, building a few drying racks and making a small quantity of 80% dark chocolate from cocoa beans grown on the estate.

Although his original intention was just to make some high-quality chocolate for his own personal consumption, through word of mouth his reputation grew, and people would knock on his door and ask to buy some.

Nowadays the Chocolate factory is a small family run business; the cocoa beans are grown and harvested on the Pointe Baptiste estate using ecologically sound, sustainable practices.

Find out about chocolate making and discover the inimitable taste of this gourmet chocolate: dark chocolate (60%, 80 %, 90% or even 100% pure cocoa beans) flavored with Ginger, Coffee, Spice (Nutmeg, Cinnamon & Cloves), Hot Pepper, Lemongrass, Tangerine, Mint and Milk chocolate. Each guest will be given a bar of chocolate of their choice and can of course purchase chocolate truffles or cocoa nibs.

This excursion also includes a tour of the flower garden, one of the most beautiful in Dominica with a wide variety of mature trees, flowers, orchids and medicinal plants. The air is heavy with the scent of Jasmin, Ylang-ylang and Frangipani trees and it is a veritable paradise for birds, butterflies and nature lovers.

After the tour there will be time for some refreshments before returning to the ship.

Please note: Guests are advised to wear comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and water. Driving time is approximately 45 minutes (each way, on a winding road) between Cabrits and Pointe Baptiste.



#### **ANTIGUA (Falmouth Harbour)**

Columbus discovered this island on his second voyage to the New World and named it after the statue of a saint in Seville Cathedral who was said to work miracles. However, no attempts were made to colonize the island for over 150 years due to its lack of fresh water. The sole inhabitants were Carib Indians until the English arrived from St. Kitts in 1632. For the next 50 years the English grew cash crops to sustain the island until 1674 when the first sugar plantation was established. For the next 300 years, sugar was Antigua's primary industry until it was replaced by tourism, less than 30 years ago.

There is no doubt that tourists are Antigua's greatest asset, and with 365 white sandy beaches, one for every day of the year; turquoise water and spectacular coral reefs, not forgetting the duty- free shopping and casinos, Antigua certainly has a lot to offer them.

# ANTIGUA - Kayak adventure in the mangrove and snorkeling

Duration: 04:00 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned minibus, boat

Price: 85 € Activity level: strenuous

Min 6 / Max 16 participants

The ideal way to explore the coastal mangrove eco-system on the beautiful northeast cost of Antigua is by kayak. Knowledgeable tour guides will provide an introduction to the history and ecology of the mangroves and reefs, home to an astonishing variety of lobster, crabs, fish and bird life. This will be followed by a thrilling motorboat ride across the lagoons to Bird Island, one of Antigua's many offshore islands, where you will get the chance to swim, snorkel and explore. This is an outdoor experience that is both educational and fun. You will be taken by van (approximately 30 minutes' drive each way) from the ship to the Kayak Adventure land base located at Seaton's Village on the Northeast coast of Antigua. On arrival at the base you can change, if necessary, and will be equipped with life jackets (mandatory) and an alert whistle. After a short briefing on procedure, you will board a 20-foot motorboat for a 15-minute water transfer to the mangrove pontoon where the kayaks are moored. The guides will advise you on safety precautions and kayak handling and then you will be paired up and the kayak adventure can begin. The tour guides will lead you through an easy trail of inlets, tiny uninhabited islands, mangrove alleys and pretty bays in safe coastal waters. It is a great opportunity for learning something about the flora and fauna of the mangrove and spotting tropical birds and teeming marine life.

After the kayak tour and return to the kayak platform, the adventure continues with a twenty-minute motorboat ride to an uninhabited island. Bird Island has two beaches, snorkeling reefs, a sunken cave and hills to be explored. It is one of 12 islands in the North Sound and is the habitat of turtles, stingray, starfish, conch, parrot fish, egrets, red billed tropical birds, frigates and hummingbirds. You may choose to take advantage of the guided nature walk for some excellent photo opportunities, go for a swim or simply laze under a coconut tree. Snorkeling enthusiasts can take the short boat ride to the reefs and snorkel to their heart's content. Back at the kayak base you will be welcomed by some good old fashioned Caribbean hospitality before returning to the ship.

Please note: Minimum age for participating in this excursion is 7 years old (minors must be accompanied by an adult).

Max weight for participating in this excursion is 250 lbs / 113 kg, minimum height is 4 feet / 122 cm.

Double kayaks will be used. Participants must be able to swim. This is a very active tour and is only recommended for guests in very good physical condition. No guests with heart conditions, asthma, walking disabilities, leg injuries, chest injuries and/or recovering from surgery should participate in this tour. Neither should pregnant women.

Please wear a swimsuit under your clothes and bring aqua shoes, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, water shoes and t-shirt (if sun sensitive), a bottle of water and a towel from the ship and extra dry clothes. Waterproof cameras are highly recommended. Before the tour starts, practical instructions on how to maneuver the kayaks will be given.

There is a 30-minute transfer each way between Falmouth Harbour and the kayak base. Approx. 45 minutes kayak and 1 hour at Bird Island for snorkeling or explore the desert island. The order of the activities may change.



#### **ANTIGUA - Swim and Snorkel with the Rays**

Duration: 03:00 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned minibus, boat

Price: 75 € Activity level: easy

Min 10 / Max 50 participants

Join us on an informative and fun excursion to Stingray City, situated amongst the coral reefs off the northeast coast of Antigua, for a close encounter with a ray. Stingrays are beautiful and graceful swimmers, gliding like flying carpets over the ocean floor. An air-conditioned bus will pick you up from the pier and take you on a 30-minute scenic drive to the quaint fishing village of Seaton's on the northeast coast of the island, home base for Stingray City.

Here you will be greeted by professional staff who will brief you on the equipment and give you safety tips to ensure fun interaction with the rays.

Afterwards, you will be taken by boat to the calm crystal-clear waters surrounding the coral reef where the stingrays live. Upon arrival at the enclosure, you will disembark on to a floating platform where your local guide will issue you with snorkel equipment and give a safety briefing before you enter the water. The warm waters on the sand bar and surrounding reef have a maximum depth of 4ft, and provide an ideal environment for everyone to enjoy meeting these amazing creatures.

Your guide will introduce you to the Rays, who are incredibly friendly, and encourage them to come to the surface enabling you to touch them gently and take photos. Stingrays have a barb midway down their long tails, but they only use it for defensive purposes when they feel threatened. Enjoy watching these majestic creatures as they glide through the waters. If you're feeling brave, you may want to feed them a little squid, along with your guide. Stingrays do not have teeth but a vacuum like mouth which sucks up their food. Many other forms of local marine life may be found at the stingray enclosure, including crabs, lobster, shellfish and starfish.

Back at the home base you can enjoy a refreshing rum or fruit punch and look through the wonderful digital photos of your adventure (these are available for purchase and make a great souvenir).

Please note: Participants must know how to swim. Children 4 years and under are not allowed. Guests with limited mobility are not allowed on the tour due to the difficulties of getting in and out of the boat.

Please wear a swimsuit under your clothes and soft-soled shoes (gym shoes, top-siders, and rubber-soled sandals) and bring a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, water shoes, a towel from the ship and a bottle of water.

A waterproof protection for mobile and cameras is highly recommended.

There is a 30-minute transfer each way between Falmouth Harbour and Stingray city.

# **ANTIGUA - Canopy Tour**

Duration: 03:45 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned minibus

Price: 89 € Activity level: strenuous

Min 4 / Max 40 participants

The Antigua Canopy Tour is a unique eco-tour through Antigua's lush rain forest, an unforgettable journey through verdant forest, high above the trees.

After a 30-minutes drive you will arrive at the Antigua Rainforest Company, where you will be greeted by Rangers and there will be a briefing session to prepare you for the excursion and then the exhilarating tree top adventure can begin.

The tour starts out at the Old Pump House with a walk over a suspension bridge spanning a gorge in order to access the zip lines for your aerial journey. There are zip lines from 52 feet to 328 feet in length criss-crossing the gorge; the topography of the area means that the excursion will mostly be above the treetops, entering and exiting via a "corridor" in the foliage at either end. In all there are a series of 12 zip lines, 3 aerial walkways and 2 suspension bridges, giving you a wonderful bird's eye view of the flora and fauna and a feeling of "total immersion" in the forest environment. There are some short treks into the gorge and then a series of connecting zip lines which criss-cross the area at tree canopy level. The gorge is full of fascinating plants and exotic fruit and has a definite tropical feel, especially when you take a break in our tree house, hidden away from the rest of the world! The terrain features tall trees, prominent boulders, a rock pool and a small waterfall.

Please note: Minimum height for participating in this excursion is 4 feet / 122 cm. Minors must be accompanied by an adult). Max weight for participating in this excursion is 235 lbs / 106 kg.

This tour is not recommended for pregnant women, persons with a history of heart conditions, fear of the heights, seizures, back, knee or shoulder problems or any other pre-existing health issues.

Gusts are advised to wear comfortable clothing (jeans or bermuda length shorts are recommend, sneakers or sandals (no flip-



flops), and shirts with short sleeves (no sleeveless tops). Gusts are advised to bring a hat, insect repellent, sunscreen, a change of shirt and water. For guests with long hair, we suggest wearing it in a ponytail or a bun. Helmet, hairnet and gloves are provided, participants will have to sign a waiver.

There is a 40-minute transfer each way between Falmouth Harbour and the canopy base.

#### ANTIGUA - Make your own rum

Duration: 2:00 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned minibus

Price: 72 € Activity level: easy

Min 4 / Max 15 participants

The traditional history of modern-style rum tells of its invention in the Caribbean, in the 17th century, by slaves on sugarcane plantations, who discovered that molasses, a by-product of the sugar refining process, could be fermented into alcohol, and then distilled.

What better way to learn of the history of Caribbean rum in a fun and interative class and then create and conceive your own bespoke 750ml bottle of flavoured rum complete with label under the watchful and helpful eyes of experts in a 90 minutes rum masterclass?

You will be met at Falmouth jetty and driven the 5 minutes or so to picturesque and historic Galleon Beach.

Now the fun begins: our experts will show you how to create truly exceptional and unique rum. They will take you through a selection of rum flavouring samples to help you create your own rum blend as unique as your imagination. The characteristics of rum are varied and unique. We'll teach you the art of tasting and blending your rum during the distillation process to create a perfect bottle for you.

Each guest works with their own pot still to create a bottle of rum truly unique to them, distilled in the traditional West Indian way. By the end of the class you'll take away a 750ml bottle of your own exceptional bespoke rum. Once you've created your rum, we'll take you through the bottling and labelling process to ensure it looks as distinctive as the rum you've created. Personalised labels and a wax sealed bottle ensure you can take your rum home safely and proudly share your one-of-a-kind creation. Then it's time for the short journey back to Falmouth jetty and your awaiting ship.

## ANTIGUA - Antigua jet ski adventure

Duration: 02:30 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned minibus

Price: 125 € Activity level: strenuous

Min 4 / Max 8 participants

Captain your own 2-seater jet ski on a tour of Antigua's south coast and discover the exciting and amazing Antigua shoreline and some of its 365 beaches!

Board your air-conditioned transportation and ride through Antigua's countryside, to Hawksbill Beach in Five Islands village.

At the calm waters of Hawksbill Beach you will be met by an experienced Guide, who will give you a safety briefing on how to operate your 2 seater Yamaha jet ski, equipped with all the latest safety features. Then it's time to follow your experienced Guide out of the harbor and a spectacular adventure along Antigua's south coast in and out of bays and around reefs and the south coast white sand beaches.

Whether you have driven a jet ski or not, our experienced guides will ensure that you are comfortable operating the jet ski and then you will navigate at a pace that matches your comfort and experience level.

There will be chance to stop and simply take a swim or relax and soak up the sun in the idyllic beach location.

You then will be guided back to Hawksbill Beach in Five Islands along the shoreline seeing dozens of beaches through the crystal-clear Caribbean waters and have another opportunity to soak up the Antiguan sun and see the Antiguan south-west coastline. There will be some time to just chill on the beach, to have a swim and a walk along the beach with a drink from the bar or browse the gift shop.

Your air-conditioned transportation will be waiting for the return to the ship.

Please note: Jet skis are sold on the basis there are 2 Guests on each jet ski and single Guests will be charged double.

Guests must be 18 years of age to drive the jet skis and show a valid ID. Minimum age for participating in this excursion is 6 years old (minors must be accompanied by an adult).

Maximum combined weight is 180 kg per jet ski. Minimum height is 42 inches (120 cm).

Participants must not be suffering from head, neck, back, leg or knee injuries.

GoPro cameras are available for rent to capture your Antigua tour memories.



Please wear a swimsuit under your clothes and bring sunscreen, sunglasses, water shoes and t-shirt (if sun sensitive), a bottle of water and a towel from the ship and extra dry clothes.

There is a 40-minute transfer each way between Falmouth Harbour and the jet-ski base.

#### **BASSETERRE (ST KITTS)**

Originally called the "fertile isle" by the Carib Indians, St. Kitts (officially named St. Christopher) still fits the description. A mountainous island of volcanic origin its slopes rise to almost 4000 feet, providing an ideal climate for abundant vegetation and one of the Caribbean's largest rain forests. St. Kitts also has the distinction of being one of the only islands the French and British ever shared. This lasted only long enough to ward off the Caribs and the Spanish before they turned on each other. Possession of the island changed several times between the two before the British took final sovereignty with the Treaty of Versailles. The British also used St. Kitts as a mother colony of sorts, sending parties out to other nearby islands to begin colonization. In many ways, St. Kitts has changed little since those days. The sugar industry was closed in July 2005 with Tourism now our primary industry. St. Kitts gained independence in 1983 with its sister island of Nevis, just 2 miles off the southern coast; and has since been striving for controlled development in an effort to maintain its original attributes. Today the island still remains quiet in comparison to other Caribbean nations, but St. Kitts and Nevis are beginning to gain recognition for exactly that reason. They are very much alive with their own unique characteristics, serene atmosphere, beautiful unspoiled scenery and some palm-lined beaches.

## All tours leave from Basseterre port and return at South Friars Bay

#### ST KITTS - St Kitts Scenic Rail Tour

Duration: 03:30 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned minibus, train

Price: 80 € Activity level: easy Min 15 / Max 40 participants with driver-guide

This national rail tour runs a complete circle around the island allowing visitors the opportunity to see the entire country by rail and by road. No trip to this two-island federation is complete without the experience of traveling on the new St. Kitts Scenic Railway, one of the most beautiful train rides in the world. This one-of-a-kind narrow-gauge railroad was built almost a century ago to deliver sugar cane from the fields to the sugar mills in the capital city of Basseterre. This still operational railway now provides a fascinating way to see the entire island from the comfort of double-deck railcars built specifically for touring the island of St. Kitts. The upper level features a spacious open-air observation deck with panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. The lower level provides air-conditioned comfort with expansive vaulted windows. Island ambiance is evoked with comfortable rattan furniture, complimentary specialty drinks, island music and a colourful narrative history of the Caribbean.

The railway hugs the northeastern coastline with rippling fields of sugarcane stretching from the shoreline up to the mountains. The high volcanic mountain ranges, coated with lush green rainforests, rise nearly 4000 feet above sea level. The train rolls across tall steel bridges spanning deep "ghuts" or canyons, and winds through small villages and farms. Your railway conductor will point out old sugar estates, abandoned sugar mills and windmills while giving insight into the island's unique history. Your experience is complimented by a scenic bus drive on the Southern coast. Enjoy the excellent vistas of Brimstone fortress, the British "Gibraltar of the Caribbean" and Middle Island where Thomas Jefferson's great-grandfather is buried; and the neighbouring island of Nevis where American statesman and first Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, was born. A truly unique experience! All aboard the St. Kitts Scenic Railway! The actual ride by train is approx. 2 hours and the train is very slow The island tour is completed by a bus drive back to the ship. Please note: Very leisurely tour. Complimentary drinks are served on the lower level of the railcar. Restrooms are available on the train.

Please note: the order of the visits may change. Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen, and water.



#### ST KITTS - The essential St Kitts Tour

Duration: 03:45 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned minibus

Price: 55 € Activity level: moderate Min 10 / Max 80 participants with driver-guide

This could very well be the Caribbean's most memorable island tour. It includes Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park, Romney Gardens, Caribelle Batik Studio and an interesting drive through Basseterre.

Brimstone Hill Fortress, also known as The Gibraltar of the West Indies, is perched on a 40-acre hilltop, 780 ft above sea level. For three hundred years it has borne witness to innumerable sea battles between the British and the French, more than at any other place in the two nation's naval history. The first cannons were mounted on Brimstone Hill in 1690 as the English and French fought for control of the island. Its spectacular panoramic views over coastline, countryside and neighboring islands. No visit to St. Kitts is complete without a visit to Romney Gardens and Caribelle Batik Studios. This 10-acre garden setting is quite simply stunning. It is at this glorious location that local artists produce the fabric and apparel for which Caribelle Batik has become widely acclaimed. The garden setting and picturesque experience is a photographer's dream and will be remembered by visitors for years to come.

You will also get to drive through beautiful Basseterre. This historic Capital City is a perfect example of an original Caribbean town. Observe the traditional French architecture and Victorian structures. Old churches, West Indian cottages and a former slave market are also included in this interesting driving tour of Basseterre. Your next visit is to the Palm court gardens where his inspiring property will command you to either take pictures of the harbour or the beautiful palms on the property.

Please note: The tour is operated in air-conditioned minibus and driver-guides. Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen, and water. The order of the visits may change. The driver is also the guide, and gives live commentary (in English) along the way.

#### LES SAINTES (Terre-de-Haut)

A cluster of eight small islands, Les Saintes lies just six miles off the southern coast of Guadeloupe. Only two of the islands, Terre-de-Haut and Terre-de-Bas, attract any tourists, as the other six islands are little more than rocky outcrops. The locals are primarily fishermen, known for their large boats and unique head gear. Les Saintes have acquired a well-deserved reputation for beautiful beaches and reefs and attract divers from around the world. Happily though, mass tourism is unknown here and the charm of these enchanted isles remains unspoiled. The tender will take you to the tiny capital "Le Bourg", a charmingly picturesque seaside village.

# LES SAINTES - Speed boat tour and snorkel in Les Saintes bay

Duration: 03:00 approx. Transportation: speed boat Price: 105 € Activity level: moderate

Min 8 / Max 12 participants

Experience the beauty of the Les Saints Archipelago from a unique perspective during this panoramic sightseeing and snorkeling guided journey by speed boat.

Sail along the beautiful bay, passing by Ilet Cabrit, Terre de Bas, Ilet Redonde, Grand Ilet, Ilet de la Coche, Ilets Les Augustins. Then stop for a guided snorkeling session in the warm, crystal-clear waters nearest Pain de Sucre.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility, back or neck issues and pregnant women. Snorkeling is optional, Guests participating to the snorkeling must know how to swim. Mask, snorkel, and snorkel vest are provided (No fins). Please wear aqua shoes and your swimsuit under your clothing and bring a towel, sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat. Min age for participating in this excursion is 7 years old (minors must be accompanied by an adult). Max weight for participating in this excursion is 220 lbs/100 kg.



## LES SAINTES - Clear-bottom kayak at Pain de Sucre and relax at the beach

Duration: 03:30 approx. Transportation: mororboat Price: 79 € Activity level: strenuous

Min 10 / Max 12 participants

Explore the pristine turquoise waters of Les Saintes during an eco-friendly excursion, aboard a clear-bottom kayak.

With a short transfer by boat go to the Kayaking-base.

After a safety-briefing, begin your guided kayaking tour with your instructor along the most beautiful spot: Le Pain de Sucre.

Paddle along the crystal-clear waters, see the exquisite seabed, tropical fishes and marine life.

At your return to the base, relax at the beach before you go back to the pier by boat.

At the beach resort, a refreshment will be offered and beach chair, paddle, step paddle and snorkel equipment will be at disposal at the beach (at no extra fee).

Please note: Participants must be able to swim. This is a very active tour and is only recommended for guests in very good physical condition. No guests with heart conditions, asthma, walking disabilities, leg injuries, chest injuries and/or recovering from surgery should participate in this tour. Neither should pregnant women.

Min age for participating in this excursion is 9 years old (minors must be accompanied by an adult).

Max height for participating in this excursion in 6.5 feet/2 meters.

Max weight for participating in this excursion is 220 lbs/100 kg.

Kayaks have 2 places. Before the tour starts, practical instructions on how to maneuver the kayaks will be given.

The kayak tour lasts approx. 1 hours, depending on the group's pace.

At the beach resort, after the kayak tour a refreshment will be offered. Beach chair, paddle, step paddle and snorkel equipment will be at disposal at the beach (at no extra fee).

#### **GRANDE ANSE D'ARLET BEACH (MARTINIQUE)**

## MARTINIQUE (Grande Anse d'Arlet) - Explore the South of Martinique

Duration: 04:30 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned minibus

Price: 69 € Activity level: moderate

Min 15 / Max 40 participants

Discover the south part of Martinique for an authentic tour that will offer you the most beautiful views, from a pottery village to a distillery through the unmissable Diamond Rock. Take in art, history, architecture, culture, and natural beauty during your time in Martinique.

The tour starts with the small town of Anses d'Arlet, famous for its pretty traditional Creole houses covered with scale-tiled roofs. Facing the large pontoon with its bell tower, Saint-Henri church became an iconic view of the island.

Drive along the coastal road to a viewpoint overlooking Diamond Rock (Rocher du Diamant), another iconic sight in Martinique. After a photo stop, you will head to Cap 110, a memorial erected in memory of slavery. This Memorial consists of 15 busts of 2.5 meters in height arranged triangularly, to represent the slavery trade triangle between Americas, Europe and Africa.

Continue to Le Diamant village, where you will discover at the local market tropical fruits, spices and much more!

You cannot have had the full experience of Martinique without sampling their famous rum! Your next stop will be at Trois Rivieres Rum Distillery, you will learn about their special white and aged vintage rums since 1976.

The very last stop will be at the famous "pottery village" located on a former Jesuit Monastery near Les Trois Ilets. You will have approx. 40 minutes to visit the "Village de la Poterie" and discover the workshops of skilled craftsmen and artists, see their creations and maybe you pick up a great souvenir to take back home.

Please note: Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen, and water.

Roads are winding, so this is not the ideal tour for guests suffering from motion sickness.



# **BRIDGETOWN (BARBADOS)**

#### Debark tours ending at the airport and transfers can be pre-booked prior your cruise

#### **BARBADOS - Farewell to Barbados island discovery tour** (ending at the Airport)

Duration: 04:30 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned minibus

Price: 75 € Activity level: moderate

Min 20 / Max 32 participants

This excursion is suitable for passengers disembarking in Barbados who have flights leaving after 4:00pm

Your tour starts along the famous West Coast of Barbados, allowing you to catch a glimpse of the lives of the rich and famous who own villas there. Along the route you will pass through Holetown and Speightstown two typically charming Caribbean towns. Next you will head inland, and your first stop will be at Farley Hill National Park with its Great House ruins and vibrant gardens with a large variety of plants and trees and a spectacular view of the East Coast. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the park before going on to discover the East Coast up close.

Moving on from here you continue along the coast for a while with another picture stop at Bathsheba, the famous surfing spot in Barbados.

Next, stop for a refreshing drink before you drive up the hill to historic St. John's Parish Church which offers incredible views of the picturesque East Coast. Enjoy this breathtaking scene one last time, from 800 feet above sea level. The church building and grounds are a treasure belonging to the Barbados National Trust.

From here a short drive will take you to the Airport where you will find your luggage ready to be checked in.

Please note: The luggage will be loaded on a separate luggage truck and delivered to the Airport at the end of the tour. Guests will need to retrieve them at the airport before check-in.

## Star Clippers offers also the following transfer services (optional, upon reservation):

# √ Shared transfer to Barbados airport (BGI)

Guests who have purchased a shared transfer cannot choose their pickup time. There will be one fixed departure from the port at about 09:00am, the arrival at the airport will be around 10:00am. This transfer is suitable for guests whose flight leaves after 1:30pm.

# ✓ Private transfers to Barbados airport (BGI) / to hotels

Latest pick-up time from the pier will be at 10:00am.

