



SHORE EXCURSIONS

7 nights	STAR CLIPPER Antigua to Antigua (21-Mar-2026)
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	Sat	Antigua (St John's)
	Sun	St Barthélemy
	Mon	Norman Island (The Bight), BVI
	Tue	Jost Van Dyke, BVI Tortola (Sopers' Hole), BVI - evening
	Wed	Virgin Gorda, BVI – AM Beach (Captain's best, BVI)
	Thu	St Maarten (Philipsburg)
	Fri	St Kitts (Basseterre) - AM St Kitts (beach) – PM
Sat	Antigua (St John's)	

What you need to know before booking your shore excursion:

- All our excursions are led by local English-speaking guides or driver-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.
- Transportation: roads in the islands can be winding and bumpy. Vehicles used (coasters, minibuses, minivans) have generally small seats and limited space and legroom.
- Guests will be required to sign a liability waiver to participate in some activities.

How you can book your shore excursions:

- Shore excursions can be booked onboard, using the "sign-up lists" available at the Library.
- The price of the excursion will be added to your on-board account.
- A minimum number of participants is required for each tour; if the required number is not attained, the tour may be cancelled.
- 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.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. After the booking deadline, 100% cancellation fees will be charged. Booking deadlines will be indicated on the Daily Program and on the booking forms.
- Transfers and tours ending at the airport can also be prepaid prior to your cruise.

Important notes:

- Departure times of the excursions are mentioned in the Daily Program of each port, which you will receive in your cabin the evening before each stopover.
- All information concerning excursions is correct at the time of printing. However, Star Clippers reserves the right to make changes. The latest updated tour descriptions are available onboard the ship in a file at the Library and on Star Clippers' website (you can download the file using the QR code).





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SAINT BARTHELEMY (Gustavia) – Time at leisure (no shore excursions organized)

Saint-Barthélemy - often called St. Barts - is a small, exclusive island in the French West Indies, known for its natural beauty, refined atmosphere, and relaxed elegance. With its white-sand beaches, turquoise waters, and a blend of French culture and Caribbean warmth, the island has become a favorite retreat for discerning travelers seeking tranquility, luxury, and understated charm. Gustavia, the island’s capital, is a picturesque port town that captures the essence of St. Barts. With its red-roofed colonial buildings, cobblestone streets, and Swedish heritage, it offers a unique mix of history and sophistication. The town is home to upscale boutiques, gourmet restaurants, and lively cafés, as well as landmarks like the Wall House Museum and the old Swedish clock tower.

NORMAN ISLAND (The Bight) – Time at leisure at the beach (no shore excursions organized)

Norman Island is uninhabited and steeped in pirate legend, often cited as the inspiration for Robert Louis Stevenson’s Treasure Island. The Bight is one of the most famous bays in the British Virgin Islands. Known for its calm, sheltered waters, it is ideal for swimming, snorkeling, and relaxing. A wooden pontoon provides direct access to the beach and nearby hiking trails. The area is rich in marine life and features sea caves that are popular with snorkelers.

JOST VAN DYKE (White Bay) – Time at leisure at the beach (no shore excursions organized)

This four-mile-long island, named after a Dutch pirate, Jost Van Dyke is a favorite destination for yacht cruisers known for its casual lifestyle, protected anchorages, fine beaches, and beachside bars and restaurants. The island is adjacent to Green Cay and Sandy Spit, both small uninhabited islets ideal for swimming and snorkeling.

VIRGIN GORDA (Spanish Town) – The Baths

 04:00	 55 €	 Moderate to Strenuous	 Safari bus (open)	Min 15 / Max 90 participants
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Sightseeing | Beach

The Baths consist of a series of small sea pools located beneath a canopy of giant granite boulders. These light-filled, sheltered grottoes create a unique swimming and exploration area. Open-top safari buses will take you to the entrance of the Baths. A path winds down to a beautiful sandy beach, where you can swim or snorkel in the emerald-clear waters or simply relax in the warm Caribbean sunshine. Another trail leads through the boulders to an equally beautiful beach at Devil's Bay. Swim and bask in the sun at your leisure. When you return to the car park, enjoy a complimentary refreshing fruit or rum punch at the “Top of the Baths” restaurant before driving back to the port.

Please note:

- IMPORTANT: a flag warning system is in place at the beach. A red flag signals dangerous sea conditions and strong undercurrents. When the red flag is flying, swimming is strictly prohibited; however, access to the beach and the trail through the rocks remains open. The Baths are a popular destination and can be quite crowded.
- Participants should be in good physical condition. The footpath between the parking the Baths is a 15 min hike on uneven surfaces, steps and inclines, with approximately 250 meters up and down. The trail through the Caves (optional) involves climbing 5 step wooden ladders, stepping on wet rocks and bending under overhangs.
- Departure will be in the early morning from the ship (check the departure time on the Daily Program).
- Transportation on the island is by open-top safari bus (direct transfer, unguided).
- Wear comfortable walking shoes (sneakers or closed-toe sandals, no flip-flops) and a swimsuit under your clothes and bring a towel from the ship, sunscreen, water and water shoes.
- Cold refreshments, snacks and souvenirs are available for purchase (not included) at the Baths.

TORTOLA (Soper’s Hole) – Time at leisure (evening stop - no shore excursions organized)

Nestled on Tortola’s western tip, Soper’s Hole is a picturesque marina surrounded by lush hills and turquoise waters. It blends nautical charm with vibrant Caribbean flair; its colorful waterfront is home to cafés and restaurants.



SINT MAARTEN (Philipsburg) – Experience America's Cup yacht racing



3:00



125 €



moderate



sailing boat

Min 18 / Max 36
participants

Boating

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to feel the thrill of America's Cup yacht racing aboard one of Dennis Conner's cup-winning yachts—Stars and Stripes, or contenders Canada II and True North.

Your adventure begins with a dockside briefing before boarding your specially designed racing vessel. No prior sailing experience is required—just enthusiasm and a sense of adventure. This is a rare chance to sail like a true yachtsman.

The day starts with a short practice session before you take the controls. Once the flag is raised, you'll race around a shortened America's Cup course. Under the guidance of an experienced crew, you'll help adjust sails, grind a winch, trim, or time the course. Prefer to relax? You're welcome to sit back and enjoy the excitement while observing what it takes to compete in what's been called "the most exclusive sporting event in the world."

After the race, a victory celebration awaits at the Clubhouse with a complimentary rum punch. You'll also have the chance to browse the America's Cup memorabilia room and learn more about the history of the boats and the race.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility, back or neck issues and pregnant women.

Wear soft-soled shoes and a swimsuit under your clothing and bring a towel, sunscreen, sunglasses, water and a hat. A short water taxi transfer from the cruise port to the boat base is required.

A safety briefing is conducted before the activity begins. Boats might not be exclusive to SC guests.

Walking is minimal, mostly flat terrain. The longest walk is from the ship gangway to the tender pier.

Activity is subject to wind and water conditions and may be canceled if conditions are unsuitable.

SINT MAARTEN (Philipsburg) – Two nations, one island



3:30



59 €



Easy



Motorcoach

Min 10 / Max 60
participants

Panoramic

Since 1648, the island of St. Maarten has been divided between the French and Dutch, each side maintaining its distinct personality and heritage. The tour begins at the port in Philipsburg, the capital of Dutch St. Maarten, and passes by the Great Salt Pond and through the Lower Princess Quarter. Following the scenic eastern coastal road, you will enjoy breathtaking views of the island's windward side. A photo stop will be made at the Rotary Lookout Point, which offers panoramic views of the island.

The drive continues into the French Quarter, passing Orient Beach and the village of Grand Case, before reaching Marigot, the capital of the French side. Here, guests will have free time to explore the outdoor seaside market, where Caribbean souvenirs, local artwork, handmade jewelry, and even goods from Provence, France, can be found. The nearby West Indies Mall features French boutiques for additional shopping.

After leaving Marigot, the panoramic drive crosses back into Dutch territory for a stop at at Sunset Beach Bar, next to the world-famous Maho Beach. Here, you may have the opportunity to experience the thrilling plane-spotting activity for which St. Maarten is renowned. Aircraft approaching Princess Juliana International Airport often fly dramatically low over the beach before landing, creating a truly unforgettable and unique island highlight.

Before returning to the port, there will be a final stop at the Cay Hill Lookout Point. From here, you can admire views of nearby islands such as Saba, Anguilla, and St. Barths, as well as the expansive Simpson Bay Lagoon, one of the largest in the West Indies. Guests who wish to visit Philipsburg for shopping may do so at the end of the tour or in the afternoon (after lunch on board the ship), by using the convenient shuttle boat service operating between the Cruise Terminal and downtown Philipsburg (not included in the tour).

Please note:

✓ You will have approx. 45 minutes of free time in Marigot and will spend approx. 30 minutes at Sunset Beach Bar at Maho Beach (one drink included: soft drink, beer, or wine).

✓ Aircraft movements are subject to airport operations and flight schedules; therefore, we cannot guarantee that planes will be landing or departing during the time of our visit.

✓ The shuttle boat service operating between the Cruise Terminal and downtown Philipsburg costs approx. \$7 USD round-trip per person, and boats run frequently throughout the day when ships are in port.



SAINT KITTS (Basseterre) – Saint Kitts Scenic Rail Tour



03:00



82 €



Moderate



Minibus, Train

Min 15 / Max 80
participants

Panoramic | Sightseeing

Excursions in Saint Kitts leave from Basseterre and return at South Friars Bay (beach stop).

Experience a unique tour around the beautiful island of Saint Kitts aboard the “last Railway in the West Indies.” This tour covers 30 miles - 18 miles by narrow-gauge train and 12 miles by sightseeing bus. Originally built between 1912 and 1926 to transport sugar cane from plantations to the sugar factory in Basseterre, the railway now offers visitors a charming way to explore the island’s stunning scenery and rich culture.

Ride in double-deck railcars specially designed for touring. The upper level features an open-air observation deck with panoramic views of lush countryside, while the lower level offers air-conditioned comfort with vaulted windows, rattan furnishings, island music, complimentary specialty drinks, and a colorful narration of Caribbean history.

The train hugs the northeastern coastline, passing rippling sugarcane fields that stretch from the shore to the mountainous interior. Towering volcanic mountain ranges rise nearly 4,000 feet (1220 mt) above sea level, covered in dense rainforest. The journey includes crossings over tall steel bridges spanning deep canyons (“ghuts”), and passes through quaint villages and farms. Your conductor will highlight old sugar estates, abandoned mills, and windmills while sharing insights into the island’s unique heritage. The tour concludes with a scenic bus ride along the southern coast, offering spectacular views of Brimstone Fortress - the British “Gibraltar of the Caribbean” - before returning to the ship at South Friars Bay.

Please note:

- The train ride lasts approximately 2 hours. The order of activities may vary (train first or bus first).
- The train is slow and experiences some shaking and rattling; not recommended for pregnant guests or those with back, neck, or similar conditions.
- The group can be accommodated on the upper deck (open) or lower deck of the train, depending on the space assigned by the vendor. Complimentary drinks and restrooms are available on the train.
- Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen and water.
- If you plan to relax at the beach after the tour, wear a swimsuit under your clothes and bring a towel.

SAINT KITTS (Basseterre) – The essential Saint Kitts Tour



03:45



65 €



Moderate



Minibus

Min 10 / Max 60
participants

Panoramic | Sightseeing

Excursions in Saint Kitts leave from Basseterre and return at South Friars Bay (beach stop).

Your journey begins with a scenic drive through Basseterre, the historic capital city of St. Kitts. Admire traditional French architecture, Victorian buildings, old churches, West Indian cottages, and the site of a former slave market.

Continue to Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park, known as the “Gibraltar of the West Indies.” This imposing hilltop fortress, perched 780 feet (237 mt) above sea level, has witnessed over three centuries of naval battles between the British and French. Enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the coastline, countryside, and neighboring islands.

Next, immerse yourself in the beauty of Romney Manor Gardens and the renowned Caribelle Batik Studio.

This 10-acre garden setting is breathtaking, where local artists craft vibrant fabrics and apparel, making Caribelle Batik famous throughout the Caribbean. Your tour continues with a stop at Palm Court Gardens, a picturesque property offering charming views of the harbor and majestic palm trees - perfect for photos.

Finally, drive along the Kim Collins Highway to Frigate Bay, stopping at the scenic lookout at Timothy Hill for one last breathtaking vista before returning to your ship at South Friars Bay.

Please note:

- The driver-guide provides live commentary in English throughout the tour. The order of visits may vary.
- Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen, and water.
- If you plan to spend time at the beach afterward, wear your swimsuit under your clothes and bring a towel.



ANTIGUA (Saint John's) – Farewell to Antigua (ending at ANU airport)



4:15

Sightseeing | Airport transfer



149 €



Moderate



Minibus

Min 15 / Max 50
participants



Lunch Included

This excursion ends at Antigua Intl. airport (ANU) at approx. 14:30 and is suitable for guests with flight after 16:30

Bid farewell to Antigua with a scenic and historic journey across the island, culminating at Antigua Intl. Airport. The tour begins at the port of St. John's, from where you will drive through the island's lush interior, passing small villages and rolling landscapes en route to the dramatic southern coastline.

Your first stop is Shirley Heights, a 150-meter-high promontory that once served as a British military lookout. From here, you will enjoy sweeping panoramic views of English Harbour, the Caribbean Sea, and the surrounding mountains. You can explore the ruins of the old fort and learn about its strategic importance in Antigua's colonial history. Next, the tour continues to Nelson's Dockyard, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the finest examples of an 18th-century British naval base in the Caribbean. Built in 1725 and named after Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson, the dockyard played a vital role in securing British maritime dominance in the West Indies. Today, it has been beautifully restored and is open to the public. Visitors can explore original structures including the naval officer's quarters, workshops, and warehouses.

After a guided tour of the dockyard, enjoy a light lunch at the Copper and Lumber Hotel, a charming establishment built in Georgian architectural style and located right within the historic harbor.

Following lunch, a drive across the island will take you to Antigua Airport, where you will catch your flight home.

Please note:

- This excursion involves moderate walking over uneven surfaces (approximately 2 km), with some steps
- Luggage will be transported on a separate truck and delivered to the airport. Guests must retrieve their it upon arrival at the airport before check-in.
- Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.
- Estimated driving times: 45 min between St. John's and Shirley Heights; 20 min between Shirley Heights and Nelson's Dockyard; 45 min between Nelson's Dockyard and the airport.

ANTIGUA (Saint John's)

Star Clippers offers the following transfer services (optional, at an additional cost):

- Private transfers to Antigua Intl. Airport or to hotels.

Private transfers can be arranged from the pier to any hotel on the island, regardless of location. Pick up from the pier for private transfers is no later than 10:00.

- Private transfers from hotels to the airport.

Private transfers can be arranged from any hotel on the island, regardless of location. This service can only be pre-booked prior to your cruise and cannot be booked onboard.

Transfers and excursions ending at the airport can also be booked prior to your cruise.

Bookings made onboard during the cruise are always subject to availability.

If you wish to book a private transfer, we recommend that you book well in advance prior to your cruise, as the number of vehicles may be limited at certain times of the year.

For information and reservations please contact our reservations department or your travel agent.

The ship will be alongside at one of the cruise piers of Saint John's port.

ANU airport is located 8.5 km from the cruise port (approx. 20 minutes drive).

All guests are requested to leave the ship by 10:00am. There is no left-luggage service at the cruise terminal.



EXCURSIONS ACTIVITY LEVEL:

- ✓ **Easy:** excursion accessible to all participants, as it mainly takes place by bus or boat. Any footpaths and stairs that need to be negotiated are short or easy.
- ✓ **Moderate:** a certain basic level of fitness is required; excursion involving moderate walking - sometimes over uneven or unpaved paths and stairs.
- ✓ **Moderate to strenuous:** active participation is required; excursion involving walking long distances over uneven or steep terrain. May involve several flights of stairs or extended staircases.
- ✓ **Strenuous:** a good level of fitness is required; an excursion involving extensive uphill walking on inclines, uneven terrain with many steps. Excursion involving off-road driving, not suitable for pregnant women or anyone with a medical condition (back, neck, etc.) that could be affected by bumpy roads.
- ✓ **Active (sport):** Very good physical condition, stamina and skill are required. Passengers should be fit and active to participate in tours involving hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, cycling or similar activities.

The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication.

MAIN EXCURSIONS CATEGORIES:

- ✓ **Sightseeing:** it gives a quick but enriching overview, visiting and seeing the main attractions, landmarks and places of interest in a particular area, often including popular spots and sometimes hidden gems.
- ✓ **Panoramic:** it involves a limited number of long drives with commentary by the guide, no internal visits and - generally - limited walking between stops.
- ✓ **Active & Adventure:** Hiking, kayaking, Zip line, 4x4 off-road.
- ✓ **Outdoors:** Activities like hiking that let you explore the natural beauty of the region.
- ✓ **Wildlife:** Get up close to the region's fauna and learn about them in their natural habitats.
- ✓ **Snorkeling:** Guests participating in the snorkeling must be experienced swimmers. Itinerary and snorkel sites are subject to change due to sea and weather conditions. Check in the tour description to see if the snorkeling equipment is provided or if you must bring the equipment from the ship.
- ✓ **Boating:** Experience the destination from the water, whether it's sailing, cruising, or other maritime activities.

WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING WHEN GOING ASHORE ON EXCURSION:

- ✓ Unless special clothing suggestions are included in the excursion description, we recommend functional clothing and comfortable footwear.
- ✓ Comfortable shoes to help with any steep paths and uneven cobbles.
- ✓ A hat or cap, sun lotion, insect repellent.
- ✓ Water.
- ✓ For boat excursions or excursions including beach stop: swimsuit, beach towel, sunglasses, sunscreen, water shoes, snorkel mask.
- ✓ Mobile phone or camera to capture the moment.
- ✓ Ship card to get back on board.
- ✓ Some cash (US \$ is widely accepted, bring Euros for French islands).
- ✓ A copy of the Daily Program, to check last tender or last gangway time, tender schedule, lunch time, etc.
- ✓ For ports with tender service (ship at anchor), bring a rucksack or fanny pack so that your hands are free to hold on to the safety grip when boarding the tender.