

## **WESTERN ANTILLES CRUISE - FROM PHILIPSBURG**

Embark on a captivating Western Antilles luxury cruise, navigating the heart of the Caribbean from the vibrant island of St. Maarten to the charming Barbados. This itinerary starts in Philipsburg, St. Maarten, on Day 1, winding through idyllic destinations such as Gustavia in Saint-Barthelemy, Deshaies in Guadeloupe, and Saint-Pierre in Martinique, culminating in the vibrant city of Bridgetown, Barbados on Day 7. As you sail, you'll have the opportunity to explore enticing locations steeped in rich history and natural beauty. Delight in Gustavia's chic boutiques and explore its historical forts, or traverse the lush rainforests of Guadeloupe. Experience the resilience of Saint-Pierre amidst its historic ruins or admire the breathtaking Pitons of Soufriere, St. Lucia. Each stop offers a unique blend of culture and scenery, from the serene beaches of Mayreau to the vibrant streets of Bridgetown. Throughout this journey, immerse yourself in an array of engaging activities designed to enrich your Caribbean experience. Revel in optional shore excursions, including a catamaran tour around Martinique's beautiful bays or a hands-on Creole cooking class. Embark on a rainforest exploration or unwind with a natural wellbeing experience. Dive into the adventure of snorkeling in crystal waters or simply relax on the sun-kissed Caribbean shores, each moment promising new memories.



### **ITINERARY**

Days 0 - 1 Pre Cruise & Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

Philipsburg, St. Maarten's Dutch capital, with colourful houses, a bustling bayside boardwalk, beachfront eateries and excellent duty-free shopping, provides an enchanting gateway to the island. Nearby, 17th-century Fort Amsterdam ruins grace a peninsula. Soft-sand beaches like Great Bay and Little Bay, featuring colourful reefs and shipwrecks, are within easy reach, and hiking trails lead to Geneve Bay's natural swimming pool and Guana Bay.

Day 2 Gustavia, Saint-Barthelemy





The seaside town of Gustavia, Saint Bart's capital, was founded in 1785 by King Gustav III of Sweden. Among the world's most beautiful harbours, Gustavia is encircled by French-inspired boutiques, restaurants and bars along Rue de la Republique. On the western side of the bay, the remains of 17th-century Fort Karl is one of three forts that defended the island during Sweden's rule. Shell Beach is the only beach in town bordered by restaurants.

### Day 3 Deshaies, Guadeloupe

Known for its colourful Creole architecture and cuisine, Deshaies is a picturesque fishing village on the western side of Basse-Terre Island in Guadeloupe. The Jardin Botanique de Deshaies hosts an impressive collection of lush tropical plants, exotic flowers and serene ponds. Grande Anse Beach lures beachgoers with its golden sands and crystal-clear waters, often regarded as one of Guadeloupe's most picturesque coastal stretches.

Day 4 Fort-de-France

Day 5 Soufriere, St Lucia

The towering twin volcanic spires of the Pitons dominate the scenery of spectacular Soufriere Bay. Below the peaks, Soufriere - St Lucia's original capital - is charming, with colourful wooden houses and a relaxed vibe. St Lucia's highlights include the 18th-century cocoa plantation Morne Coubaril, Sulphur Springs mineral-rich mud baths at a collapsed crater, and Rainforest Adventures where a zipline and open-air cable car glide over the trees.

Day 6 Mayreau

Tiny Mayreau island in the Grenadines offers a special Caribbean retreat accessible only by boat. With just 250 residents and no airstrip, Mayreau remains unspoilt. Salt Whistle Bay's pristine sands rank among the Caribbean's top ten beaches. Mayreau provides all the ingredients for a

secluded island haven with charming hillside villages, and divine beaches and bays for swimming and kitesurfing.

## Day 7 Bridgetown

Bridgetown, the vibrant capital of Barbados, is a dynamic Caribbean city that merges historical charm with modern energy and a warm island welcome. Its UNESCO-listed historic district showcases colonial-era architecture, including the 1870s'-built Parliament Buildings. The bustling city offers colourful markets, duty-free shopping and Bajan restaurants. Bridgetown also has pristine beaches with crystal clear waters, such as Carlisle Bay.

#### Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.





# **YOUR SHIP: VEGA**

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VESSEL TYPE: Luxury Expedition / Cruise Ship

LENGTH: 115 metres

PASSENGER CAPACITY: 152

BUILT/REFURBISHED: 2020-2021-2022

Our brand new ship has been designed to journey to off the beaten path destinations and remote polar regions in style and comfort. The ship incorporates a PC5 ice-strengthened hull combined with extra-large stabilisers to make your journey as smooth as possible.

Sophisticated Elegance. We know how important outdoor space is, so our spacious, relaxing public spaces provide wide open, unobstructed views throughout the ship. The destination will always be in view.

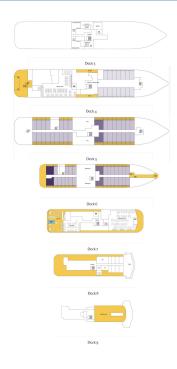
Your Wellbeing. The safety & happiness of our guests is paramount to our 120-strong crew on board as well as our passionate expedition team who'll be serving up thrilling shore excursions and lasting memories.

Cabin Types. Our 76 cabins including 6 suites have all the amenities you will need to feel comfortable including dressing gowns, hairdryers, personal safes and minibars. Our stylish cabins all have desks, a dressing area and comfy seating. En suite bathrooms all feature glass-enclosed rain showers.





# **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**





# **PRICING**

