



Cruise Details

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| Name: | Discover the Pearls of the Caribbean |
| Reference: | EMERALD2J02211224-2 |
| Operator: | Emerald Cruises |
| Cruise Type: | Ocean |
| Cruise Rating: | Ultra Luxury |
| Ship: | Emerald Sakara |
| Regions: | Caribbean |
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| Departs On: | 21 Dec 24 |
| Departs From: | Bridgetown |
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| Arrives On: | 04 Jan 25 |
| Arrives At: | Marigot |
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| Cruise Nights: | 14 |
| Total Vacation Days: | 15 |

Itinerary

Day 1: Bridgetown (Barbados)

Fly from the UK to Bridgetown. Your Emerald Cruises exciting Caribbean journey begins in Bridgetown in Barbados, renowned for its vibrant culture and photogenic beaches. You'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to begin an adventure into paradise. Flight to arrive into Bridgetown prior to 04:00 PM.

Arrives On: 21 Dec 24

Day 2: Soufrière (Saint Lucia)

Soufrière was the original capital of Saint Lucia and it's located in the Qualibou Depression, the crater of a dormant volcano. Visitors can indulge in mud baths, sulphur springs, and see the pair of lava domes, Gros Piton and Petit Piton. The local cuisine is delicious – savour everything from green figs and salt fish to local callaloo soup made with crab or shrimp. Today choose between our Included Excursion or our EmeraldACTIVE option. **Included**

Excursion
The essence of St. Lucia
Embark on a journey of natural wonder and rejuvenation as you explore the mystical Sulphur Springs and indulge in the therapeutic mud baths of Soufriere. Your adventure begins with a scenic drive through the quaint town of Soufriere, known for its colonial charm and vibrant culture. Pass by the town square and Cathedral as you make your way towards the renowned Sulphur Springs, the Caribbean's only drive-in volcano.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration:

1 hour 30 minutes

EmeraldACTIVE
Stairways to The Pitons
Embark on a journey of discovery and breathtaking vistas as you hike the renowned Tet Paul Nature Trail, nestled amidst the stunning landscapes of Soufriere, St. Lucia. With each step, uncover the rich tapestry of culture, history, and exotic horticulture that defines this enchanting destination. As you ascend the trail, be prepared to be captivated by the heavenly vistas that unfold before you. From the majestic Pitons towering in the distance to the faraway island of St. Vincent, the panoramic views are nothing short of awe-inspiring.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 2 hours

Arrives On: 22 Dec 24

Day 3: Îles des Saintes (Guadeloupe)

Îles des Saintes, known as Les Saintes, is a miniature archipelago of eight tropical islands with a distinctive French and Caribbean culture fusion. Discover quaint towns, with their collection of petite stone buildings and small white-sand beaches. Don't miss Fort Napoleon, a significant historical site with incredible views of one of the

islands.

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Blue escape Kayaking (extra expense)
Embark on an eco-friendly exploration of the pristine turquoise waters surrounding Les Saintes aboard a clear-bottom kayak. Set out on your guided kayaking tour, paddling along the picturesque coastline to one of the most beautiful spots in Les Saintes: Le Pain de Sucre (Sugarloaf). As you glide over the crystal-clear waters, marvel at the stunning underwater scenery visible through the clear bottom of your kayak.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration:

1 hour 40 minutes

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Fort Napoleon's and views of paradise (extra expense)
Embark on a cultural journey through history and local charm as you explore the quaint village and iconic Fort Napoleon, an historic fortress originally constructed for defence against British invasions. Venture into the heart of the village to uncover its hidden gems, visit the local church and wander through its small streets lined with charming houses. Indulge your taste buds with a sampling of Tourment d'Amour, a delectable local cake made with coconut and ham.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours

Arrives On: 23 Dec 24

Day 4: Falmouth (Antigua and Barbuda)

Located on the island of Antigua, Falmouth Harbour is a peaceful port encircled by historic buildings and plantation mansions of a bygone era. Nelson's Dockyard is worth visiting – the UNESCO World Heritage site dates to the 18th century and houses interesting naval heritage, boutiques, bars and restaurants.

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Antigua Canopy experience (extra expense)
Experience the thrill of soaring high above Antigua's lush rainforest on an eco-tour that promises unforgettable memories. You will be transported to the heart of the verdant forest, setting the stage for a fun adventure. Begin your journey at the Old Pump House, where you'll cross a suspension bridge spanning a gorge to the far bank. From there, the real excitement begins as you navigate 13 ziplines crisscrossing the gorge. Ranging from 52 to 328 feet in length, these ziplines offer a thrilling ride high above the treetops, providing a bird's-eye view of the forest canopy and its diverse flora and fauna.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes

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Highlights of Antigua (extra expense)
Embark on a journey through time as you explore the vibrant history and cultural heritage of Antigua on a guided tour from the bustling capital of St. John's to the iconic Nelson's Dockyard. Your adventure begins with a scenic drive through the lush tropical countryside and charming local villages, offering a glimpse into the authentic charm of West Indies culture. Arriving at Nelson's Dockyard, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, you'll step back in time to the 18th century when it served as the strategic base for English naval squadrons patrolling the Caribbean. Next, embark on a unique boat tour around English Harbour, where your guide will highlight historical landmarks, offering a fresh perspective on the area's maritime significance and natural beauty.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

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Stingray, Swim & Snorkel (extra expense)
After a brief orientation, you will board a speedboat for a short ride to shallow pools nestled amidst stunning coral reefs. Immerse yourself in the crystal-clear waters where Antigua's stingrays gather. Feed and stroke these graceful creatures, or for the more adventurous, dive in to swim and snorkel alongside them.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours

Arrives On: 24 Dec 24

Day 5: Charlestown (Saint Kitts and Nevis)

Nevis and Saint Kitts are a dual-island nation in the Lesser Antilles archipelago of West Indies in the Caribbean Sea – Nevis is the smaller island of the two. Edged with unspoilt curves of sand, the island is dotted with Georgian-style buildings, remnants of sugar plantations and casual, beach-shack eateries.

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Botanical Garden tour (extra expense)
Embark on a journey of natural splendour and cultural heritage as you explore the enchanting Montpelier Estate Botanical Gardens in Charlestown, Nevis. Owned and operated by a local family, this 5-acre (2-hectare) sanctuary is a testament to the island's rich history and vibrant biodiversity. Learn about the estate's storied past, from its colonial origins to its transformation into a lush botanical oasis.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours

30 minutes

Opportunity to spend the day swimming off the yacht and enjoying our marina toys.

Arrives On: 25 Dec 24

Day 6: Gustavia (Saint Barthélemy)

Gustavia, the capital of the Caribbean Island of Saint Barthélemy, was named after Sweden's King Gustav III who boldly declared it his own island getaway in 1785. In this vibrant city uncover distinctive treasures in the historic downtown shopping region, photograph the brightly painted wooden houses, and feast on unique cuisine with French and Creole influences.

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Discover St. Barths (extra expense)

Experience the beauty and charm of St. Barts on a comprehensive island discovery tour led by the knowledgeable and friendly guide. As Ernest navigates through the bustling streets of Gustavia, you'll have the opportunity to soak in the vibrant atmosphere of this picturesque Caribbean town. Enjoy panoramic views of the coastline and iconic landmarks as you journey around the island, with several stops planned along the way to enrich your understanding of St. Barts rich history, diverse culture, and stunning natural beauty.

Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes

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Snorkelling tour (extra expense)

Enjoy an exhilarating snorkelling adventure exploring the crystal-clear waters surrounding Gustavia. In Colombier Bay, you can swim alongside colourful fish, discover coral formations, and soak in the natural beauty of this pristine underwater paradise. After, you set sail to Gros Ilets, another fantastic snorkelling spot located at the entrance of Gustavia. Here, you'll continue your underwater exploration, encountering a diverse array of marine species in this thriving ecosystem.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours

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Arrives On: 26 Dec 24

Day 7: Prickly Pear Island (Antigua and Barbuda)

This morning, we cruise to Anguilla, the most northerly of the British Leeward Islands, popular for diving, snorkelling and glass-bottomed boat rides. Anguilla is a low-lying island of coral and limestone and has beautiful island scenery of palm trees, plantation houses and vibrant viridian waters contrasting with white sand. In the late evening, we sail to Marigot.

EmeraldPLUS

BBQ lunch on fully equipped beach with live band

Enjoy a fully equipped beach, complete with lounge chairs, vibrant beach umbrellas, and powdery white sand beneath your feet. Settle in for a delicious BBQ lunch, surrounded by the laid-back atmosphere and breathtaking views of the crystal-clear ocean. As you indulge in your meal, the sound of live music floats through the air, courtesy of a talented local band. Their Caribbean rhythms and soulful melodies have you swaying to the beat, feeling carefree

and relaxed.

Arrives On: 27 Dec 24

Day 7: Marigot (Saint Martin (French part))

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Day 8: Marigot (Saint Martin (French part))

After breakfast, you can explore Marigot, a Caribbean Island renowned for its vibrant blend of French and Dutch influences. In the afternoon, step back on board your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht for the second leg of your journey exploring the Leeward Islands.

*Please verify with the Shore Excursion Manager onboard whether a DiscoverMORE tour is available on this day.

Arrives On: 28 Dec 24

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Included Excursion
Anguilla island drive
Embark on a captivating journey through Anguilla's rich history as you explore its fascinating historical landmarks. Begin your exploration with a visit to the Sandy Ground well, a historic site that serves as a symbol of Anguilla's early settlement and reliance on natural water sources. Next, journey to the Salt Pond, a natural saltwater lagoon that has played a vital role in Anguilla's economy and culture for centuries. Conclude your journey with a visit to the fisheries in Island Harbor, where you'll witness the vibrant fishing industry that sustains Anguilla's economy and culinary traditions.

Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3 hours

EmeraldACTIVE
Hiking and Caves exploration
Discover the natural beauty and historical significance of Katouche Estate on this engaging hiking tour in Anguilla. This excursion takes you through lush foliage, explores fascinating caves, and ends with a relaxing visit to a pristine beach.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes

Arrives On: 29 Dec 24

Day 10: Virgin Gorda (British Virgin Islands)

The island of Virgin Gorda, named because it resembles a reclining woman, is part of the British Virgin Islands. It's known for its laid-back pace and picturesque landscapes. Among the natural wonders of Virgin Gorda, the Baths are arguably the most famous. They are a series of pools and grottoes created by a collection of massive granite boulders that were formed by volcanic eruptions.

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Snorkel at The Dogs (extra expense)
Dive into the crystal-clear waters of Virgin Gorda and immerse yourself in the vibrant underwater world. This exciting snorkelling excursion promises an unforgettable journey through colourful coral formations, exotic fish, and abundant marine life, all while enjoying the scenic beauty of the British Virgin Islands.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes

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Arrives On: 30 Dec 24

Day 10: Norman Island (British Virgin Islands)

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Day 11: Great Harbour, Jost Van Dyke (British Virgin Islands)

After a scenic cruise of British Virgin Islands, we arrive in Jost van Dyke, the smallest of the four main islands, covering 8 square kilometres. The lush greenery and undulating hills offer breathtaking views, making Jost van Dyke a paradise for nature lovers. The Bubbly Pool, a natural jacuzzi formed by ocean waves crashing into a sea pool, is one unique attraction on the island.

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Snorkel to Sandy Pit (extra expense)
Set sail on a thrilling journey of exploration and discovery, uncovering the natural wonders of the Caribbean's underwater world at Sandy Spit and Diamond Cay. Anchor off the pristine shores of Sandy Spit, a tiny uninhabited island renowned for its pristine beaches and vibrant coral reefs. Dive into the crystal-clear waters and snorkel over a fascinating reef teeming with colourful marine life. After, you will set sail for Diamond Cay, a secluded bay nestled in the lee of Little Jost van Dyke. Here, you'll have the opportunity to swim and snorkel directly off the boat, surrounded by the tranquil beauty of the Caribbean Sea.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3 hours

Arrives On: 31 Dec 24

Day 12: Anegada (British Virgin Islands)

Anegada, the northernmost of the British Virgin Islands, is a unique and captivating destination. Unlike its volcanic neighbours, Anegada is the only coral island in the archipelago, which gives it a distinct ecosystem and topography. Anegada boasts miles of white sandy beaches, clear turquoise waters, and an abundance of wildlife, including the rare rock iguanas and flamingos.

Included Excursion
Shuttle to Cow Wreck Beach

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Self-guided jeep adventure (extra expense)
Experience the untouched beauty and serene landscapes of Anegada on a self-guided Jeep adventure. This excursion offers the freedom to explore the island at your own pace, discovering hidden gems and breathtaking sights along the way.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

DiscoverMORE
Bonefishing tour (extra expense)
Embark on a bone fishing adventure in the pristine waters of Anegada, British Virgin Islands. Known for its crystal-clear flats and abundant bonefish population, Anegada offers one of the best fishing experiences in the Caribbean. Learn the art of bone fishing from knowledgeable local guides who know the best spots and techniques for catching these elusive fish. Practice sustainable fishing by catching and releasing bonefish, helping to preserve the species and the environment.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

Arrives On: 01 Jan 25

Day 13: Saba (Bonaire)

Saba and Bonaire are two unique islands in the Caribbean Sea. Both are part of the Caribbean Netherlands, making them special municipalities of the Netherlands. Saba, often referred to as the 'Unspoiled Queen of the Caribbean', is a five square mile island known for its lush landscapes, diverse marine life, and world-class hiking trails. We sail to Gustavia in the afternoon.

DiscoverMORE
Scenic Saba Island tour (extra expense)
Experience the captivating beauty and charm of Saba on this scenic island tour. As you embark on this picturesque journey, you will travel along winding roads that showcase Saba's stunning landscapes, dramatic cliffs, and lush vegetation. Explore The Bottom, the quaint capital of Saba, known for its charming architecture and serene ambiance, explore Windwardside, one of the island's largest villages, renowned for its colorful houses, cozy shops, and welcoming locals. Marvel at the majestic Mount Scenery, the highest point in the Dutch Kingdom. While you won't be hiking to the top, you will enjoy spectacular views from the base and learn about the island's volcanic origins.

Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3 hours

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Day 15: Marigot (Saint Martin (French part))

Your time aboard your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht comes to an end in Marigot. From the yacht, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to the UK or to continue your holiday.

Flight to depart out of Marigot after 12:00 PM.

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Arrives On: 04 Jan 25

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