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Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Hidden Wonders of the Caribbean
Reference:	EMERALD2J08030127-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Azzurra
Regions:	Caribbean
Departs On:	03 Jan 27
Departs From:	Bridgetown
Arrives On:	16 Jan 27
Arrives At:	Philipsburg
Cruise Nights:	13
Total Vacation Days:	14

Itinerary

Day 1: Bridgetown (Barbados)

Your exciting Emerald Cruises Caribbean journey begins in Bridgetown in gorgeous Barbados, renowned for its vibrant culture and impossibly photogenic beaches. Here, you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht for the start of an adventure in paradise. Please book your flight to arrive into Bridgetown prior to 04:00 PM. Docked: 21:00

Arrives On: 03 Jan 27

Day 2: Soufrière (Saint Lucia)

The original capital of Saint Lucia, Soufrière dramatically rests within the Qualibou Depression, the crater of a dormant volcano. Here, you can indulge in mud baths, sulphur springs, and discover the pair of lava domes, Gros Piton and Petit Piton. The local cuisine is simply delicious — be sure to savour everything from green figs and salt fish to

signature callaloo soup made with crab or shrimps. Today choose between our Included Excursion or our EmeraldACTIVE option. Included Excursion
The Spirit of St. Lucia
Discover the essence of St. Lucia on this enriching journey through the island’s history, culture, and natural wonders. Begin with a guided visit to Morne Coubaril Estate, where you’ll explore the plantation grounds, learn about traditional cocoa production, witness a coconut dehusking demonstration, and enjoy a refreshing local beverage. Continue to the beautiful Diamond Botanical Gardens, renowned for its vibrant tropical flora and mineral-rich waterfall. Next, visit Sulphur Springs Park, home to the Caribbean’s only drive-through volcano, before stopping at a scenic viewpoint for spectacular photos of the iconic Pitons, St. Lucia’s UNESCO-listed twin volcanic peaks.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours Included Excursion
Volcano & Warm Mineral Baths
Embark on a rejuvenating journey through the mystical Sulphur Springs and enjoy the therapeutic mud baths of Soufriere. This unique excursion invites you to immerse yourself in the island's volcanic heritage while relaxing in mineral-rich waters. Your adventure begins with a scenic drive through the charming town of Soufriere, where you can admire its colonial architecture. Arrive at the Sulphur Springs, the Caribbean's only drive-in volcano, and inhale the distinct scent of sulphur in the air. Join your local guide for an enlightening tour of this geological marvel, learning about its history and significance. Within Sulphur Springs Park, indulge in the renowned therapeutic mud baths, soaking in warm mineral pools that promote relaxation and skin health.
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 Anchored: 08:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 04 Jan 27

Day 3: Îles des Saintes (Guadeloupe)

Îles des Saintes, also known as Les Saintes, is a miniature archipelago of eight tropical islands with a distinctive French and Caribbean cultural fusion. Discover quaint island towns, with their collection of petite stone buildings and lovely white-sand coves. DiscoverMORE
Fort Napoleon's and views of paradise (extra expense)
Departing from the pier, enjoy a brief drive past multi-coloured houses that reflect the locals' daily life. Arriving at Fort Napoleon, originally built for defence against British invasions, explore its grounds and the stunning Princess Caroline Garden, filled with tropical flowers and offering panoramic views. Next, discover the village's charm by visiting the local church and strolling through its picturesque streets. Keep an eye out for murals, unique

boutiques selling handmade crafts, and friendly locals.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours Anchored: 09:00 - 21:00

Arrives On: 05 Jan 27

Day 4: Falmouth (Antigua and Barbuda)

Located on the stunning 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 — this UNESCO World Heritage Site dates to the 18th century and houses interesting naval heritage, as well as boutiques, bars and restaurants. DiscoverMORE
Antigua Canopy Adventure (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 DiscoverMORE
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: 2 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 08:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 06 Jan 27

Day 5: Saint Kitts (Saint Kitts and Nevis)

Nevis and Saint Kitts are a dual-island nation in the Lesser Antilles archipelago of the West Indies, embedded in the sparkling Caribbean Sea — Nevis is the smaller island of the two. Edged with unspoilt curves of pristine white sand, the island is dotted with elegant, Georgian-style buildings, remnants of sugar plantations and casual, beach-shack eateries.   Opportunity to spend the day swimming off the yacht and enjoying our marina toys Anchored: 08:00 - 21:00

Arrives On: 07 Jan 27

Day 6: Gustavia (Saint Barthélemy)

The capital of the Caribbean Island of Saint Barthélemy, Gustavia was named after Sweden’s King Gustav III, who boldly declared it his own exclusive island getaway in 1785. In this vibrant city, uncover distinctive treasures in the historic downtown shopping enclave, photograph the brightly painted wooden houses, and feast on unique cuisine that fuses French and Creole culinary influences. DiscoverMORE
Driving tour around the island (extra expense)
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Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes DiscoverMORE
Colombier Bay and Snorkelling (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 DiscoverMORE
Catamaran Escape (extra expense)
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Arrives On: 08 Jan 27

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

After breakfast, you can explore Marigot, a historic French town and capital of the island of Saint Martin. In the afternoon, step back on board your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht for the second leg of your journey to the Leeward islands. Docked: 07:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 09 Jan 27

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

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 Gustavia. DiscoverMORE
Sail and Snorkel Escape (extra expense)
Set sail on a sleek catamaran for an unforgettable journey along Anguilla's breathtaking coastline. Cruise toward two spectacular destinations where you can choose to snorkel among vibrant marine life in crystal-clear waters or simply relax on soft, white-sand beaches. Back on board, savor light snacks and enjoy the open bar while soaking up panoramic ocean views and the island's laid-back charm. With a perfect blend of adventure and leisure, this tour offers the ideal escape into the natural beauty and relaxed luxury of Anguilla.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 09:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 10 Jan 27

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Day 9: Norman Island (British Virgin Islands)

Renowned for its beautiful beaches, crystal-clear waters, and excellent snorkelling, Norman Island offers a variety of activities, including hiking trails and caves to explore. The island is also steeped in pirate lore, with local legend implying that this was a favourite hiding spot for pirates who buried their treasure on the island; hence why it has been nicknamed 'Treasure Island' by locals and visitors alike. Without doubt, this is the perfect destination for those seeking a tranquil and alluring tropical getaway. Anchored: 9:00-22:00

Arrives On: 11 Jan 27

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. Included Excursion
The Baths Discovery
Hop aboard open-air safari wagons for a brief journey, leading you to the breathtaking natural wonder known as The Baths. This stunning collection of sea caves and unique rock formations is perfectly nestled along a picturesque beach. Once you arrive at the parking area, follow the winding footpath that descends to the beach, where you can explore the geological marvels up close. Take your time to swim, unwind, and soak in the serene atmosphere of this tropical paradise. Afterward, ascend to the Top of the Baths, where you can enjoy a refreshing fruit smoothie.
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Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Anchored 8:00-23:59

Arrives On: 12 Jan 27

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. 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. Anchored: 07:00 - 17:00

Arrives On: 13 Jan 27

Day 12: 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 Included Excursion
Shuttle to the Village Anchored: 07:00 - 15:00

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Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours Anchored: 18:00 (previous day) - 22:00

Arrives On: 15 Jan 27

Day 14: Philipsburg (Sint Maarten (Dutch part))

Your time aboard your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht comes to an end in Philipsburg. From the yacht, you will be transferred to the airport for your journey home or to continue your holiday. Please book your flight to depart out of Sint Maarten after 12:00 PM. Docked: 07:00 ^For guests with late flights, and dependent on port location, there will be either a DiscoverMORE tour available for purchase, or luggage storage available allowing you to explore independently before joining a later airport transfer. Please check with the Shore Excursion Manager onboard. The itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons. As such Emerald Cruises cannot guarantee the cruise will operated unaltered from the itinerary states above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information.

Arrives On: 16 Jan 27

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