Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Best of the Caribbean
Reference:	EMERALD2J09201126-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Azzurra
Regions:	Caribbean
Departs On:	20 Nov 26
Departs From:	Philipsburg
Arrives On:	06 Dec 26
Arrives At:	Bridgetown
Cruise Nights:	16
Total Vacation Days:	17

Itinerary

Day 1: Philipsburg (Sint Maarten (Dutch part))

Your exciting Caribbean voyage begins in Philipsburg, the capital of Sint Maarten, located on the Dutch side of Saint Martin. Here, you'll be transferred to your Emerald luxury yacht for the start of your voyage into paradise. Please book your flight to arrive into Sint Maarten prior to 07:00 PM. Docked: next day 05:00

Arrives On: 20 Nov 26

Day 2: 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, must be pre-booked)
Embark on a captivating drive through the stunning landscapes of St. Barth, where you can soak in breathtaking views, delightful villages, and pristine beaches from the comfort of a private van. This non-narrated tour offers a serene exploration of this Caribbean gem at your own pace. Start your adventure in the island's charming capital, where you'll glide past picturesque harbours, luxury yachts, and quaint boutiques. Make a stop at the scenic Colombier Viewpoint, where you can relish panoramic vistas of the coastline and vibrant turquoise waters. As you continue, pass by Flamands Beach—renowned for its soft white sand and tranquil ambiance. Pause at St. Jean Bay to admire the famous Eden Rock hotel and witness planes landing at the iconic short-runway airport. Delight in the island's rugged, untouched landscapes as you travel along the stunning Atlantic coast.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes DiscoverMORE
Colombier Bay and Snorkelling (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
As you glide along St. Barths' stunning coastline, bask in the warm Caribbean sun and admire the island's rugged cliffs alongside its crystal-clear waters. A highlight is the impressive view of majestic mega yachts anchored off the shore, reflecting the island's reputation as a sanctuary of luxury and sophistication. Upon reaching Colombier Bay, indulge in about an hour of pure bliss. Lounge on deck under the sun, take a refreshing dip in the inviting turquoise waters, or relax with a good book while the gentle sea breeze caresses you. As your perfect getaway draws to a close, sail back to Gustavia, where you'll have the opportunity to explore the charming town at your own pace.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours DiscoverMORE
Catamaran Escape (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
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Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours Anchored: 09:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 21 Nov 26

Day 3: Saint Kitts (Saint Kitts and Nevis)

The capital city of the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Basseterre welcomes as a beautiful and vibrant city with a rich history and a mix of French and English colonial influences. Known for its picturesque setting, with colourful colonial buildings, stunning beaches, and a bustling harbour, it also offers a variety of cultural attractions, shops, restaurants, and lively markets, making it a wonderful destination for those seeking a fascinating mix of history, culture, and natural beauty. DiscoverMORE
Best of St. Kitts With Fairview Great House & Garden (extra expense)
Experience the highlights of St. Kitts on a

scenic journey blending history, culture, and natural beauty. Drive through Basseterre’s colonial streets before visiting the impressive Brimstone Hill Fortress, a UNESCO-listed landmark with sweeping island views. Discover the artistry of Caribelle Batik and stroll through the lush grounds of Romney Manor, alive with tropical blooms and wildlife. Conclude at Fairview Great House, where a guided visit reveals colonial-era life and panoramic vistas over the Caribbean. This enriching tour offers a captivating introduction to the island’s heritage and charm.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 4 hours Anchored: 08:00 - 21:00

Arrives On: 22 Nov 26

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 - 18:00

Arrives On: 23 Nov 26

Day 5: 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 the quaint island towns,

with their collection of quaint petite stone buildings and lovely white-sand coves. Don’t miss Fort Napoleon, a significant historical site with incredible views of one of the islands. 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: 08:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 24 Nov 26

Day 6: Martinique (Martinique)

Welcome to Saint-Pierre, a charming town located on the Caribbean Island of Martinique. Known as the ‘Little Paris of the Caribbean’, Martinique charms with its rich history and unique fusion of French and Creole culture. The town is nestled between the Caribbean Sea and the towering Mount Pelée, offering stunning views.
You can explore the ruins of the former city, including the iconic Saint-Pierre Cathedral and Volcanological Museum, which provides insight into the tragic volcanic eruption of 1902. In addition to its historical significance, Saint-Pierre offers visitors beautiful beaches, colourful markets, and a vibrant atmosphere. DiscoverMORE
Northern Panoramic Tour (extra expense)
Discover northern Martinique on a scenic excursion featuring Saint-Pierre, Mount Pelée history and a traditional rum estate. Your first stop is the haunting Ruins of Saint-Pierre, once known as the “Paris of the Caribbean” before the devastating 1902 eruption of Mount Pelée. Continue to the 1902 Memorial for a self-guided visit to learn more about the volcano and the events that reshaped the island. The excursion then proceeds to a historic rum estate set on the fertile slopes below the volcano, where you will visit the plantation house and gain insight into the rum-making process. Before returning to the ship, enjoy an exceptional rum tasting and time to browse for local souvenirs.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours Anchored: 08:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 25 Nov 26

Day 7: 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 therapeutic mud baths and 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
Stairway 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 - 19:00

Arrives On: 26 Nov 26

Day 8: Tobago Cays (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)

An awe-inspiring archipelago known globally as the ultimate paradise destination, Tobago Cays is a popular yacht anchorage spot, where the warm, sandy-bottomed aquamarine waters are brimming with turtles, stingrays, starfish and all manner of brightly coloured fish. One of the islands outside the reef, Petit Tabac, is where the hit film, ‘Pirates of the Caribbean’ (2017) was partly filmed.

Opportunity to spend the day swimming off the yacht and enjoying our marina toys. Anchored: 08:00 - 05:00 next day

Arrives On: 27 Nov 26

Day 9: Mayreau Island (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)

Mayreau ranks as the smallest of the Grenadines’ inhabited islands, measuring only four-square kilometres (1.5 square miles), with a population of approximately 250 people. From the church on top of the hill you can see both Grenada and Saint Vincent islands on a cloudless day, along with the vivid hues of the coral reefs. In the evening, you’ll sail to Tobago Cays. 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: 08:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 28 Nov 26

Day 10: Bridgetown (Barbados)

After breakfast, you can explore Bridgetown and beautiful Barbados, in the eastern reaches of the Caribbean islands. In the afternoon, step back on board your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht for the second leg of your journey to the Grenadines and Windward Islands. Docked: 06:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 29 Nov 26

Day 11: Speightstown (Barbados)

Speightstown, located on the northwestern coast of Barbados, is a charming small port that offers a picturesque blend of historic charm and local culture. Often referred to as the second-largest town on the island, it is known for its quaint streets lined with colourful buildings, traditional shops, and art galleries. DiscoverMORE
Harrison’s Cave and Andromeda Botanical Gardens (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Travel to the middle of the island and visit the magnificent Harrison's Cave. Once there, you will board an electrically operated tram that will take you through the extensive system of caverns while experienced guides will give you historical information. Next, explore the Andromeda Botanical Gardens, a six-acre garden containing several varieties of orchids, palms, ferns, heliconia, hibiscus, bougainvillea, begonias and cacti.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 08:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 30 Nov 26

Day 12: Port Elizabeth, Bequia (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)

Bequia Island in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is a hidden paradise, with secluded spots and no traffic. It offers visitors a chance to experience true Caribbean living without the hustle and

bustle of beach tourism. Guests can explore untouched pristine beaches, relax and be pampered. DiscoverMORE
Bequia scenic tour (extra expense)
Begin with a scenic drive through the charming harbour, where locals and visitors blend in a vibrant atmosphere. Admire model sailboats, local crafts, and fresh produce as your knowledgeable guide shares insights into the island's flora and culture. Ascend Mt. Pleasant for breathtaking panoramic views of the coastline and azure waters, perfect for stunning photographs. Continue south to witness the island's renowned fishing activities, where colourful boats line the shoreline, and learn about Bequia's rich maritime heritage, including its whaling past.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes Docked: 08:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 01 Dec 26

Day 13: Kingstown (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is an island nation in the Caribbean Sea. Its capital Kingstown is clustered around the bay on the island of St Vincent and has excellent shopping and dining. Visit St. George’s Anglican Cathedral, an elegant Georgian-style church circa 1820, with colourful stained-glass windows. Today choose between our Included Excursion or our EmeraldACTIVE option. Included Excursion
The best of St. Vincent
Explore the lush beauty of St. Vincent on this captivating tour that showcases the famed gardens. Your tour begins with a visit to the historic St. Vincent Botanical Gardens, one of the oldest in the Western Hemisphere. Marvel at exotic trees and blooming flora that narrate tales of resilience and victory through the ages. Next, delve into the rich history of this country as knowledgeable guides point out notable landmarks and guide you through local villages brimming with Vincentian culture. Traverse the verdant Marriaqua Valley, a hub of agricultural activity supplying much of our fresh produce. Ascend to Montreal Gardens overlooking the valley, a botanical paradise meticulously curated by horticulture expert Mr. Timothy Vaughan. Immerse yourself in a spectrum of vivid colours, serene streams, misty slopes, and themed garden sections.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours EmeraldACTIVE
Swimming and snorkelling
Embark on an unforgettable journey along the captivating northwestern coast of Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Step aboard a catamaran and take in the stunning views of jagged mountain peaks, quaint seaside villages, and charming towns that adorn the shoreline. As you reach the village of Richmond, be mesmerized by the glistening lava beds, and then treat yourself to a refreshing swim at one of the idyllic beaches. Immerse yourself in the crystal-clear waters with a snorkel set and explore the marine life that thrives just below the surface.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 07:30 - 18:00

Arrives On: 02 Dec 26

Day 14: Mayreau Island (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)

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BBQ lunch on fully equipped beach with live band
Enjoy a fully equipped beach, complete with lounge chairs, 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: 23:00 (previous day) - 18:00

Arrives On: 03 Dec 26

Day 14: Union Island (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)

Arrives On: 03 Dec 26

Day 15: Union Island (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)

Union Island is renowned for its clear and calm turquoise waters and laid-back lifestyle. It has stunning white-sand beaches encircled by lush tropical mountains and various beachfront bars and restaurants. Today why not spend the day swimming and snorkelling off the yacht enjoying our Emerald Cruises marina toys. Anchored: 20:00 (previous day) - 23:00

Arrives On: 04 Dec 26

Day 16: Union Island (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)

Today we set sail to Tobago Cays, an awe-inspiring archipelago known globally as the ultimate paradise destination. It’s a popular yacht anchorage spot and the warm, sand-bottomed aquamarine waters are brimming with turtles, vibrant fish, stingrays, and starfish. One of the islands outside the reef, Petit Tabac, is where Pirates of the Caribbean (2017) was partly filmed. Opportunity to spend the day swimming off the yacht and enjoying our marina toys. Anchored: 08:30 - 17:00

Arrives On: 05 Dec 26

Day 16: Tobago Cays (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)

Arrives On: 05 Dec 26

Day 17: Bridgetown (Barbados)

Your time aboard your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht comes to an end in Barbados. 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 Bridgetown after 11:00 AM. Docked: 06:00 ^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: 06 Dec 26

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