



Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the yachting islands of the Caribbean
Reference:	EMERALD2J17170126-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Azzurra
Regions:	Caribbean
Departs On:	17 Jan 26
Departs From:	San Juan (Puerto Rico)
Arrives On:	31 Jan 26
Arrives At:	San Juan (Puerto Rico)
Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

Itinerary

Day 1: San Juan (Puerto Rico) (Puerto Rico)

Your yacht cruise begins in San Juan, where you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht and embark on your discovery of the Caribbean. Please book your flight to arrive into San Juan prior to 07:00 PM. Docked: 23:00

Arrives On: 17 Jan 26

Day 2: Culebra Island (Puerto Rico)

Culebra is widely known for its white-sand beaches and active reef and is one of the major islands in Puerto Rico's archipelago. This island offers plenty for nature lovers, giving you peace and tranquillity in a truly pristine destination. There are more than 20 cays bustling with diverse marine life, making it an absolute paradise for underwater adventurers and casual beachgoers alike. **Included Excursion** Shuttle to Flamenco Beach After lunch we set sail to Vieques Island. The quaint coastal town of

Esperanza has a lovely waterfront with gorgeous beaches and a bustling strip of restaurants, bars, and guesthouses. One can walk along the boulevard and visit the various establishments for a glimpse into the local culture and activities on offer.

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Kayaking in the Bioluminescent Bay (extra expense, must be pre-booked)

Experience the magic of bioluminescent waters on this unforgettable kayaking adventure at Mosquito Bay, Vieques. Embark on your kayaking adventure in double kayaks. Paddle under the blanket of the night sky and marvel at the sparkling swirls of bioluminescent water created by your paddles and the darting fish that leave trails of light behind them. Learn about the microorganisms that give the water its magical glow and the importance of preserving this natural wonder.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 14:00 | 18:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 18 Jan 26

Day 3: Saint John Island (U.S. Virgin Islands)

Cruz Bay is the economic and social hub of St. John, with a busy inter-island ferry dock connecting it to other islands in the region. The busy bay is dotted with restaurants and shops, and beautiful Caribbean architecture can be seen in Mongoose Junction as one takes a gentle stroll through town. In the evening, set sail to Jost Van Dyke, one of the main islands in the British Virgin Islands. Today choose between our Included Excursion or our EmeraldACTIVE option.

Included Excursion

St. John Island tour with Annaberg Plantation Ruins

Explore the stunning beauty and rich history of St. John on this scenic island drive. You'll board an open-air safari transportation for a comprehensive tour of the island's most iconic locations. Visit the 18th-century Annaberg sugar mill ruins. Stroll among the stone remnants of this historic plantation, surrounded by vibrant greenery and flowers. Learn about the island's sugar production history and the significance of this site.

Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3 hours

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National Park Hike and Swimming

Immerse yourself in the natural beauty of St. John with a guided hike through the Virgin Islands National Park. Your adventure begins in the quaint village of Cruz Bay, from there, your knowledgeable nature guide will lead you on a hike along the Lind Point Trail, heading towards the North Shore of St. John. Learn about the diverse plant and animal life that thrives in this tropical paradise. Arrive at a secluded and stunning spot known for its crystal-clear turquoise waters and pristine white sand. Enjoy breathtaking ocean vistas, swim in the warm waters, or simply relax on the beach.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 17:00 | 19:00 - 06:00 (following day)

Arrives On: 19 Jan 26

Day 3: Great Harbour, Jost Van Dyke (British Virgin Islands)

Arrives On: 19 Jan 26

Day 4: 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.

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.

Offshore: 08:00 - 20:00

Arrives On: 20 Jan 26

Day 5: Philipsburg (Sint Maarten (Dutch part))

With its blend of Dutch and Caribbean influences, Philipsburg presents a bustling port town with a vibrant atmosphere, striking colonial architecture, and stunning beaches. It also offers a range of activities and attractions, including historic sites and a lively street market where you can sample the local cuisine, and peruse the island arts and crafts.

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Island tour (extra expense)
Embark on a captivating journey through the breathtaking landscapes of Saint Martin / Sint Maarten, an exceptional island characterized by the coexistence of two distinct cultures under separate national flags. This historical tour offers an in-depth exploration of the island's rich heritage and vibrant present, encompassing both the Dutch and French sides. Beginning in Philipsburg, your knowledgeable local guide will lead you on a scenic drive through picturesque vistas, charming towns, and significant historical landmarks. Experience the intriguing tales of our ancestors, gain insights into the island's challenges, and discover the origin of the name "Soulaliga," which translates to "Land of Salt." During this immersive experience, you will visit up to ten historical sites that narrate the diverse heritage of Saint Martin / Sint Maarten. Key highlights may include the Border Monument, symbolizing the unique division, and a drive through Philipsburg, the bustling capital of the Dutch side, known for its lively waterfront and historic architecture. Learn about the island's colonial past and the evolution of its vibrant port. Explore Marigot, the capital of the French side, celebrated for its lively market, charming colonial buildings, and the stunning Fort Louis that overlooks the bay. Immerse yourself in the blend of French and Caribbean cultures as you stroll through the quaint streets.

Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 16:00

Arrives On: 21 Jan 26

Day 6: Gustavia (Saint Barthélemy)

Affectionately known as Saint-Barth, this enchanting French island in the Lesser Antilles was named in honour of King Gustav III of Sweden after France ceded the island to Sweden in 1784. Since then, its picturesque mountainous landscapes and pristine natural beauty have captivated visitors. You can bask in the splendour of its stunning beaches, while also admiring the charm of its historic wooden houses and luxurious colonial estates. As you stroll through the streets of Gustavia, you'll find an array of jewellery shops, high-end fashion boutiques, and gourmet restaurants, all while experiencing a sense of simplicity that wealth cannot replicate.

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Driving tour around the island (extra expense)

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: 2 hours
15 minutes

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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

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Catamaran Escape (extra expense)

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: 3 hours

Offshore: 18:00 (previous day) - 21:00

Arrives On: 22 Jan 26

Day 7: Little Bay (Montserrat)

Welcome to one of the most unusual and fascinating islands in the Caribbean. Prior to the recent volcanic eruptions that commenced in 1995, Montserrat was considered as one of the "Insiders" favourite Caribbean islands. It was also home to producer George Martin's Air Studios Montserrat recording studio where some of the world's most famous recording artists, including Eric Clapton, Little River Band and Paul McCartney among many others, used to record their albums. Recent history has brought some unfortunate blows to the island ranging from hurricanes (Hugo in 1989) to multiple volcanic eruptions that destroyed the lovely capital city of Plymouth.

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Volcano Views, Plymouth & Monserrat Volcano Observatory (extra expense)
Experience the incredible Soufrière Hills Volcano on Montserrat from Plymouth port and discover why it is often referred to as the "Pompeii of the Caribbean." A visit to Montserrat is incomplete without encountering the island's most captivating natural phenomenon. On July 18, 1995, the volcano, which had been dormant for four centuries, erupted spectacularly, releasing 20 feet of ash over the southern coast. This marked the beginning of a series of eruptions that unleashed hot gas and rock flows, ultimately burying the once-thriving city of Plymouth. The lives of Montserrat's 12,000 residents were changed forever. Your journey begins at the Montserrat Volcano Observatory, where you'll gain invaluable insights into life on an island with an active volcano. Next, you will visit the renowned Buried City. Once the vibrant capital of Montserrat, Plymouth is now shrouded beneath layers of volcanic ash and debris. As you walk through this haunting yet awe-inspiring site, you'll witness the devastating impact of the eruptions and experience the eerie stillness of a place that has been frozen in time. Historical photographs of Plymouth before the disaster will provide a striking contrast, showcasing the city's lively past against its current, somber state.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 16:00

Arrives On: 23 Jan 26

Day 8: Saint John's (Antigua and Barbuda)

After breakfast, take your time exploring Saint John's, Antigua, renowned for its cultural diversity, bustling cultural scene, and delicious cuisine. In the afternoon, step back on board your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht for the second leg of your journey.

Docked: 06:00 - 20:00

Arrives On: 24 Jan 26

Day 9: Gustavia (Saint Barthélemy)

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Activity Level: Easy, **Duration:** 2.15 hours

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Activity Level: Moderate **Duration:** 3 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 25 Jan 26

Day 10: 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 the 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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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</p><p><p>Offshore: 08:00 - 22:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 26 Jan 26

Day 11: Deshaies (Guadeloupe)

<p><p>Nestled in the lush green hills and kissed by the azure waters of the Caribbean Sea, Deshaies is a charming village that promises an unforgettable experience. This hidden gem is renowned for its stunning natural beauty, vibrant culture, and friendly locals. </p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Tropical World Discovery (extra expense)
Explore the vibrant heart of the Guadeloupe Archipelago with a journey to the Botanical Garden in Deshaies. Just a short ten-minute drive from the pier, this lush oasis awaits, created by the visionary M. Michel Gaillard. As you wander through the garden's winding paths, immerse yourself in a sensory delight of exotic scents and vivid colours. Admire the stunning collections of flora, including the delicate wax rose, fiery red ginger, vibrant bougainvillea, and graceful orchids.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours</p><p><p>Offshore: 08:00 - 18:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 27 Jan 26

Day 12: Barbuda (Antigua and Barbuda)

<p><p>Barbuda is a small island located in the Caribbean Sea, northeast of the island of Antigua. It is one of the two islands that make up the country of Antigua and Barbuda, along with Antigua. The island is known for its stunning beaches, including the famous Pink Sandy Beach, which is considered one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. It is also home to several wildlife reserves, including the Frigate Bird Sanctuary, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The island has a strong sense of community and a relaxed atmosphere, making it a popular destination for those looking for a peaceful and secluded getaway.</p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Frigate Bird Sanctuary (extra expense)
Explore Barbuda's vibrant history and modern life on this guided tour, starting at the seaside jetty and venturing through the island's beautiful countryside and charming villages. First, stop at the historic Martello Tower, built in the early 1800s as a British defence base. Climb the 32-foot tower for stunning views of Barbuda and a glimpse into the island's past. Next, visit Codrington, founded in 1685 by Christopher and John Codrington. Learn about the significant events in the town's history, including the first slave rebellion in 1741, known as Beach's Rebellion,

sparked by the harsh treatment of enslaved individuals. Afterward, head to Two Foot Bay, known for its impressive cave featuring ancient petroglyphs carved by Arawak Indians. The view from the top of the cliff is breathtaking, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Continue your adventure with a motorboat trip to the Frigate Bird Sanctuary, home to the world's largest nesting colony of these magnificent birds, with around 1,500 Frigate Birds soaring among the mangroves.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 2.50 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 16:00

Arrives On: 28 Jan 26

Day 13: 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. We will sail to Norman Island in the afternoon. Today choose between our Included Excursion or our EmeraldACTIVE option.

Included Excursion
The Baths
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.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

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Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 4 hours

Offershore: 08:00 - 17:00

Arrives On: 29 Jan 26

Day 14: Norman Island (British Virgin Islands)

<p><p>Norman Island is a picturesque and uninhabited island located in the British Virgin Islands, known for its stunning natural beauty and rich maritime history. Renowned as one of the inspirations for Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island," it features lush greenery, dramatic cliffs, and clear turquoise waters. Popular among boaters, snorkelers, and divers, the island offers vibrant coral reefs and diverse marine life. Enjoy pristine beaches and experience the tranquil atmosphere that makes Norman Island a favourite destination in the Caribbean. </p></p><p><p>Offshore: 20:00 (previous day) -

17:00 </p></p><p>EmeraldPLUS
BBQ lunch on fully equipped beach with live band
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Arrives On: 30 Jan 26

Day 15: San Juan (Puerto Rico) (Puerto Rico)

<p><p>Your Emerald Cruises luxury voyage draws to a close in San Juan. From the yacht, you will be transferred to the airport for your journey home. </p></p><p>Please book your flight to depart out of San Juan after 11:00 AM.</p><p><p>Docked: 06:00</p></p><p><p>*Please verify with the Shore Excursion Manager onboard whether a DiscoverMORE tour is available on disembarkation day. </p></p><p><p>The itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons. As such Emerald Cruises cannot guarantee the cruise will be operated unaltered from the itinerary states above.</p></p>

Arrives On: 31 Jan 26

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