Cruise Details

Name:	Vibes of the Virgin Islands
Reference:	EMERALDE15J271226-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sakara
Regions:	Caribbean
Departs On:	27 Dec 26
Departs From:	Saint Thomas
Arrives On:	03 Jan 27
Arrives At:	Saint Thomas
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Saint Thomas (U.S. Virgin Islands)

Your exciting Emerald Cruises Caribbean voyage begins in Saint. Thomas, in the gorgeous US Virgin Islands. 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 St Thomas prior to 07:00 PM. Docked: 23:00

Arrives On: 27 Dec 26

Day 2: Saint John Island (U.S. Virgin Islands)

This stunning island offers a charming blend of natural wonders and rich history. This is a true Caribbean gem that captivates visitors with its pristine beauty and tranquil atmosphere. With its unspoilt landscapes, lush tropical forests, picturesque hills, breathtaking coastlines harbouring magnificent beaches, and enchanting atmosphere, Saint John Island is a paradise destination that leaves a lasting impression. Today choose between our Included Excursion or

our EmeraldACTIVE option. Included Excursion
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 EmeraldACTIVE
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 Anchored: 08:30 - 23:00

Arrives On: 28 Dec 26

Day 3: Virgin Gorda (British Virgin Islands)

The Island of Virgin Gorda, named after its resemblance to a reclining woman, is part of the British Virgin Islands and popular for its laid-back pace and picturesque landscapes. Among the natural wonders of Virgin Gorda, The Baths are arguably the most famous, a series of pools and grottoes created by a collection of massive granite boulders formed by volcanic eruptions. In the afternoon, you'll sail to Norman Island. DiscoverMORE
The Baths Discovery (extra expense)
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. Wade through the knee-deep water of the sea caves, crafted by colossal boulders, and bask in the shafts of sunlight streaming through the natural openings, illuminating the serene pools below. Learn about the fascinating origins of the boulders and the intriguing names assigned to the various rock formations. Take your time to swim, unwind, and soak in the serene atmosphere of this tropical paradise. Afterward, meander back along the sandy shore and ascend to the Top of the Baths, where you can enjoy a refreshing fruit smoothie.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 08:00 – 23:59

Arrives On: 29 Dec 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. Anchored: 08:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 30 Dec 26

Day 5: Sandy Ground (Anguilla)

This morning, you’ll cruise to Anguilla, the most northerly of the British Leeward Islands and popular for its wondrous diving, snorkelling and glass-bottomed boat rides. A low-lying island of coral and limestone, Anguilla boasts beautiful island scenery of palm trees, plantation mansions and vibrant, viridian-hued waters contrasting with the dazzling white sand. In the late evening, you’ll sail on to Philipsburg. 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: 08:00 - 17:00

Arrives On: 31 Dec 26

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

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Day 6: 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. In the late afternoon, you'll sail on to Gustavia. DiscoverMORE
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 "Soualiga," 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: 21:00 (previous day) - 14:00

Arrives On: 01 Jan 27

Day 6: Gustavia (Saint Barthélemy)

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Day 7: 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)
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)
Discover the vibrant underwater beauty of St. Barths on this unforgettable snorkeling adventure. Board a specially equipped boat and cruise toward one of the island's best snorkeling locations, typically Ti-Saints or Gros Ilet, depending on sea conditions. Once anchored, dive into crystal-clear waters teeming with colorful marine life and explore the protected eco-friendly Marine Park, home to coral reefs and lively schools of tropical fish, including the striking sergeant majors. Relax as you drift through this tropical paradise, surrounded by breathtaking coastal scenery and the serene beauty of the Caribbean Sea before returning to Gustavia with lasting memories of your aquatic escape.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours DiscoverMORE
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 Anchored: 16:30 (previous day) - 18:00

Arrives On: 02 Jan 27

Day 8: Saint Thomas (U.S. Virgin Islands)

Today, your Emerald Cruises luxury voyage draws to a close, returning to St. Thomas. From the yacht, you'll be transferred to the airport for your journey home or to continue your holiday. Please book your flight to depart out of St Thomas after 01:00 PM. Docked: 08:00 ^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.

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