Cruise Details

Name:	Quintessential Caribbean
Reference:	EMERALDE16J130227-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sakara
Regions:	Caribbean
Departs On:	13 Feb 27
Departs From:	San Juan (Puerto Rico)
Arrives On:	20 Feb 27
Arrives At:	Saint Thomas
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

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

Your luxurious yacht cruise begins on the island of Puerto Rico and its capital, San Juan. Here, you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht for the start of your enthralling Caribbean discovery. Please book your flight to arrive into San Juan prior to 04:00 PM. Docked: 21:00

Arrives On: 13 Feb 27

Day 2: Cruz Bay, Saint John (U.S. Virgin Islands)

Welcome to the US Virgin Islands and Cruz Bay, the vibrant main town and port on the Island of Saint John and its economic and social hub. This lively town comes peppered with restaurants and shops, as well as striking Caribbean architecture, which can be admired in Mongoose Junction as you take a leisurely stroll through town. 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 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: 08:00 - 16:00

Arrives On: 14 Feb 27

Day 3: Nevis (Saint Kitts and Nevis)

 A small island in the Caribbean Sea, Nevis is a dual-island nation along with Saint Kitts, known for its stunning beaches, lush tropical landscape, and historic sites such as 17th-century plantation houses and sugar mills. Nevis is a popular destination for those seeking a tranquil and relaxing getaway from the hustle and bustle of some of the more crowded Caribbean islands. DiscoverMORE
The Botanical Gardens of Nevis (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 Anchored: 08:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 15 Feb 27

Day 4: Deshaies (Guadeloupe)

Located on the northwest shores of the Caribbean Island of Guadeloupe, this picturesque village is renowned for its traditional fishing village atmosphere, colourful Creole architecture, and stunning beaches framed by verdant hills. Not surprisingly, Deshaies has emerged as a popular destination, attracting visitors with its friendly locals, and delicious French-Caribbean cuisine. 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 30 minutes Anchored: 08:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 16 Feb 27

Day 5: 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 well 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: 07:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 17 Feb 27

Day 6: Gustavia (Saint Barthélemy)

The capital of the lovely 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)
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)
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: 08:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 18 Feb 27

Day 7: 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: 09:00 - 17:00

Arrives On: 19 Feb 27

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

Your Emerald Cruises luxury voyage draws to a close in Saint Thomas, returning once again to the US Virgin Islands. 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 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.

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