



Cruise Details

Name:	Caribbean Yachting Discovery
Reference:	EMERALDE18J281224-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Azzurra
Regions:	Caribbean
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Departs On:	28 Dec 24
Departs From:	Antigua
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Arrives On:	04 Jan 25
Arrives At:	San Juan (Puerto Rico)
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Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Antigua (Antigua and Barbuda)

Your yacht cruise begins in St. John's, 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 St John's prior to 04:00 PM.

Arrives On: 28 Dec 24

Day 2: Barbuda (Antigua and Barbuda)

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. Today choose between our Included Excursion or our EmeraldACTIVE option.

Included Excursion
Highlights of Barbuda
Revel in the unique and exclusive opportunity to explore Antigua's sister island, Barbuda. Known for its stunning pink-sand beaches, crystal-clear waters, and the renowned Frigate Bird Sanctuary, this excursion offers a comprehensive look at Barbuda's natural beauty and historical landmarks.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours

EmeraldACTIVE
Hiking tour
Experience the natural beauty and intriguing history of Barbuda with a guided hike to the island's famous caves. This excursion offers a mix of adventure, stunning landscapes, and fascinating geological formations. Your adventure begins with a scenic drive from the meeting point to the starting location of the hike. Here, your knowledgeable guide will provide an overview of the trail and what to expect. The hike will take you through diverse terrain, including sandy paths, rocky sections, and lush vegetation.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes

Arrives On: 29 Dec 24

Day 3: 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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Snorkelling tour (extra expense)
Admire the tropical beauty of Isles des Saintes with this panoramic sightseeing and snorkelling excursion in the crystal-clear waters of the Caribbean paradise. Your guide will provide interesting commentary about the history and natural beauty of these islets, making it a captivating journey. You will explore the underwater world, encountering colourful fish, coral reefs, and other marine creatures.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes

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Fort Napoleon's and views of paradise (extra expense)
Embark on a cultural journey through history and local charm as you explore the quaint village and iconic Fort Napoleon, an historic fortress originally constructed for defence against British invasions. Venture into the heart of the village to uncover its hidden gems, visit the local church and wander through its small streets lined with charming houses. Indulge your taste buds with a sampling of Tourment d'Amour, a delectable local cake made with coconut and ham.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours

Arrives On: 30 Dec 24

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.

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[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

Arrives On: 31 Dec 24

Day 5: 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.

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[Discover St. Barths \(extra expense\)](#)

Experience the beauty and charm of St. Barts on a comprehensive island discovery tour led by the knowledgeable and friendly guide. As Ernest navigates through the bustling streets of Gustavia, you'll have the opportunity to soak in the vibrant atmosphere of this picturesque Caribbean town. Enjoy panoramic views of the coastline and iconic landmarks as you journey around the island, with several stops planned along the way to enrich your understanding of St. Barts rich history, diverse culture, and stunning natural beauty.

Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes

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[Snorkelling tour \(extra expense\)](#)

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

Opportunity to spend the day swimming off the yacht and enjoying our marina toys.

Arrives On: 01 Jan 25

Day 6: Norman Island (British Virgin Islands)

Jost Van Dyke is the smallest of all four main islands comprising the British Virgin Islands, approximately eight square kilometres. Known as 'The Last Virgin Island', White Bay Beach on Jost Van Dyke is made up of rather rocky scenery combined with colourful local culture. The bay is by

far one of the best beaches to relax on and savour splendid Caribbean views.

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.

Arrives On: 02 Jan 25

Day 7: Norman Island (British Virgin Islands)

Renowned for its beautiful beaches, crystal-clear waters, and vibrant marine life, 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.

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The Caves and The Indians (extra expense)

Embark on an unforgettable snorkelling adventure around the legendary Norman Island in the British Virgin Islands. This excursion combines scenic boat rides, historical intrigue, and prime snorkelling spots, making it a perfect blend of adventure and relaxation. Depending on sea and weather conditions, you will either explore the Indians, known for its vibrant marine life and coral formations, or the Caves at Treasure Point, reputed to be a hiding spot for pirate treasure and immortalized in Robert Louis Stevenson's famous book "Treasure Island." Dive into the crystal-clear waters and explore the underwater world teeming with colourful fish, corals, and maybe even glimpses of hidden treasures.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes

Opportunity to spend the day swimming off the yacht and enjoying our marina toys.

Arrives On: 03 Jan 25

Day 8: San Juan (Puerto Rico) (Puerto Rico)

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.

Please book your flight to depart out of San Juan after 11:00 AM.

*Please verify with the Shore Excursion Manager onboard whether a DiscoverMORE tour is available on disembarkation day.

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