## Cruise Details

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| Name: | The Caribbean For Connoisseurs |
| Reference: | HAPAGEUX2804 |
| Operator: | Hapag-Lloyd Cruises |
| Cruise Type: | Ocean |
| Cruise Rating: | Luxury |
| Ship: | MS EUROPA 2 |
| Regions: | Caribbean |
| Departs On: | 23 Feb 28 |
| Departs From: | Miami, Florida |
| Arrives On: | 07 Mar 28 |
| Arrives At: | Willemstad |
| Cruise Nights: | 13 |
| Total Vacation Days: | 14 |

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Miami, Florida (United States)

Arrives On: 23 Feb 28

### Day 2: Key West, Florida (United States)

The countless islands of the Florida Keys are strung together like a row of pearls – connected to the mainland by numerous bridges. Key West is located at the tip as the southernmost city in the continental United States, delighting visitors with its relaxed Caribbean atmosphere. Colourful Victorian-style houses line the narrow streets and a diverse art and music scene shapes everyday life. Hemingway appreciated the charm of this place – surrounded by azure-blue sea, swaying palm trees and inviting bars, you are sure to find your own personal favourite spot. To get an initial overview, take a tour in the Conch Train: the small train takes you comfortably to the most important sights and you'll learn exciting things about the island and its inhabitants.

Arrives On: 24 Feb 28

## Day 5: Great Harbour, Jost Van Dyke (British Virgin Islands)

Named after a Dutch settler and former pirate, Jost Van Dyke exudes the pure authenticity of the Caribbean. Enjoy relaxing hours at White Bay Beach – crystal-clear water and white sandy beaches are perfect for beach walks, sunbathing or just whiling away some time. Incidentally, the most famous cocktail in the British Virgin Islands, the Painkiller, comes from Jost Van Dyke Island – try it in one of the many beach bars. The long lay time allows you to relax and unwind at the end of the day.

Arrives On: 27 Feb 28

## Day 6: Gustavia (Saint Barthélemy)

Saint-Barthelemy, also known as St Barts, is a living legend among the Caribbean islands. The small capital, Gustavia, attracts visitors with impressive yachts in the harbour and the cosmopolitan jet set that has settled here since the 1950s. The island, which covers 21 km² (8.1 mi.²), impresses with its palm-fringed beaches such as the quiet Plage de Saline, the Anse du Gouverneur with its crystal-clear water and the lively Plage de Colombier. Gustavia itself invites you to discover its luxury boutiques and world-class restaurants – a perfect blend of Caribbean beauty and exclusive luxury that makes St Barts one of the most desirable travel destinations in the world. Enjoy fascinating experiences until the evening hours – thanks to the long lay time.

Arrives On: 28 Feb 28

## Day 7: Saint John's (Antigua and Barbuda)

With its lush vegetation and gorgeous white beaches, Antigua promises a new place to relax for every day of the year, with a total of 365 beaches. The hilly interior also attracts visitors with its tropical nature. The capital, St John’s, still bears the marks of its colonial past: magnificent historical buildings line the streets, and the pastel-coloured houses at Redcliffe Quay offer boutiques, arts and crafts shops and cafes just waiting to be discovered. Fort James is worth a visit: the fortress, originally built in 1703 to protect the city against pirates, gives impressive views of the ocean and takes visitors back in time.

Arrives On: 29 Feb 28

## Day 8: Fort-de-France (Martinique)

Located on the coast of Martinique, Fort-de-France combines French elegance with Creole joie de vivre. The imposing 17th-century Fort Saint-Louis still watches over the coast and tells of the island’s eventful history. The picturesque harbour invites you to take boat trips and romantic evening strolls, while the historic centre has delightful sights in store: the Scoelcher Library, which was shipped here from Paris, and the St Louis Cathedral are just a few of the cultural highlights. A must-try is rhum agricole, a local speciality made from sugar cane juice, which can be enjoyed in

different varieties such as white, amber and aged. Fort-de-France combines history, culture and indulgence to create an unforgettable experience. Take advantage of the long lay time and enjoy the evening atmosphere.

Arrives On: 01 Mar 28

## Day 9: Marigot (Saint Martin (French part))

Surrounded by white sandy beaches and green hills, Marigot Bay is one of the most idyllic bays in the Caribbean: it invites you to swim, snorkel and relax and is a popular place for sailors to drop anchor. Charming restaurants line the shore and offer a selection of local and international cuisine. Its peaceful atmosphere makes Marigot Bay the perfect retreat for enjoying the beauty of nature and the Caribbean way of life. The lay time is generous, allowing you to gather many impressions.

Arrives On: 02 Mar 28

## Day 10: Bridgetown (Barbados)

Through its name alone, the capital of Barbados – Bridgetown – evokes an image of palm-fringed beaches and Caribbean joie de vivre. Barbados is famous for its crystal-clear water and year-round sunshine. Traces of the British colonial era are still visible in Bridgetown today – from a miniature version of London's Trafalgar Square to driving on the left-hand side of the road. The old town has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2011 and offers a fascinating blend of colonial heritage and Caribbean charm. Bridgetown is a place where history and joie de vivre come together, inviting you to explore and while away some time. Take your time to soak up the impressions – thanks to the long lay time.

Arrives On: 03 Mar 28

## Day 11: Mayreau Island (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)

With snow-white beaches, turquoise waters and a tropical climate, Mayreau is the smallest inhabited island in the Grenadines and a real picture-book idyll in the middle of the Caribbean. The island is a retreat far from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, where there are no cars and only a single road leads to the charming village of Old Wall. Most of the approximately 300 inhabitants live here, maintaining warm hospitality in a relaxed atmosphere. Mayreau is the perfect place to spend a few carefree days on the beach and a paradise for those who want to enjoy the Caribbean vibe. The lay time is generous, allowing you to gather many impressions.

Arrives On: 04 Mar 28

## Day 13: Kralendijk (Bonaire)

Bonaire, the second-largest of the Caribbean ABC islands, offers a mixture of colourful nature and a fascinating underwater world. The name of its capital Kralendijk translates as “coral dyke”, which refers to the fantastic coral world that stretches off the coast in the Bonaire National Marine Park. While the hilly north of the island boasts exotic species of birds and tropical vegetation in the Washington-Slagbaai National Park, the Pekelmeer Flamingo Sanctuary in the flat south attracts nature lovers with one of the largest flamingo colonies in the world. Bonaire is a paradise for snorkellers and explorers alike. Thanks to the long lay time, you’ll enjoy fascinating experiences until the evening hours.

Arrives On: 06 Mar 28

## Day 14: Willemstad (Curaçao)

Arrives On: 07 Mar 28

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