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# What you need to know before booking your shore excursion:

- All our tours are offered with English speaking guides.
- The length of the tours and time spent on the sites is given as an indication as it may vary depending on weather, sea and traffic conditions and on the group's pace.

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• The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication. Passengers should be fit and active to join tours which include hiking, biking, snorkelling, boating, or similar activities.

# How you can book your shore excursions:

- You can book shore excursions onboard, using our "sign-up lists" available at the library.
- Debark tours ending at the airport and transfers can now be pre-booked prior your cruise.
- In order to provide the best service and to avoid disappointments, please book your shore excursions as early as possible: places are limited and there is a booking deadline for each port.
- A minimum number of participants is required for tours; if the required number is not attained, the tour may be cancelled.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. <u>After the booking deadline, 100% cancellation</u> fees will be charged.

# **Important notes:**

- Departure times of the tour are mentioned on the daily program of each port.
- The Captain reserves the right to alter the itinerary in order to suit wind, weather and local conditions.
- All information concerning excursions is correct at the time of printing. However, Star Clippers reserves the right to make changes, which will be relayed to passengers during the Cruise Director's onboard information sessions. Last updated tour descriptions are available in a file at the library.

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#### **PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT**

Panama Canal is a major shipping route that traverses the Isthmus of Panama in Central America, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The site is steeped in history and visitors will be amazed at the natural beauty of the place as well as marveling at what human engineering can achieve. From the days of Balboa to Teddy Roosevelt, the conquering of the Isthmus has fired the imagination of explorers, presidents, and engineers.

The Panama Canal goes from Cristobal (Atlantic side), in the bay of Limon to Balboa (Pacific side) in the Gulf of Panama. It is approximately 80 km long. Three locks lift the ships 26m above sea level to Lake Gatun and lower them down again.

There will be onboard the ship a lecturer from the Panama Canal Port Authorities who will provide you with all information you need about the passage.

#### **SAN BLAS, PANAMA**

The remote coral atolls of the San Blas islands are like a string of exquisite pearls strung round the throat of Panama's wildly beautiful Kuna Yala Coast. The islands are the ancestral home of the indigenous Kuna People. The Kuna are proud and self-reliant; they prize their independence which was won with the help of the US in 1952. Their traditional culture is communal and egalitarian with a rich oral history and artistic heritage, expressed through poetic storytelling and the intricate appliquéd Mola designs worn by the Kuna womenfolk.

Time at leisure – no excursions organized

# CARTAGENA DE INDIAS, COLOMBIA

## **CARTAGENA – Cartagena, World Heritage city**

Duration: 04:00 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 52 € Activity level: moderate

Min 20 participants

Cartagena is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Located on the north coast of Colombia, Cartagena boasts a spectacular assortment of buildings and massive fortifications dating from the early 1600s. The fortresses were built to protect Cartagena from pirates. The air-conditioned buses leave the port and pass through the residential district of Manga to the old town.

The walking tour starts at Santiago's Bastion. You will go down the ramp to San Juan de Dios Street, with its fine colonial architecture and end up at San Pedro Claver's Plaza. Here you guide will tell you about San Pedro Claver church (inside visit) and convent and the Jesuit priest for whom they are named.

The tour continues down towards Custom Plaza, which was the hub of commercial activity during the colonial era, and then on to Plaza de la Proclamación to admire the Cathedral (outside view). You will also see the Governor's building, headquarters of the Spanish government in colonial days (outside view).

You will get the opportunity of visiting the Navy Museum which houses permanent exhibitions relating to the military naval history of Cartagena de Indias. The western wing – called "colonial wing" – was constructed during the 1st part of the 17th century, the eastern wing – or "republican wing" was constructed in the early 1900's and quartered the 1st battalion of the newly created Colombia Marines.

The next stop is the Plaza de Bolivar where you can see the statue of Simón Bolivar, the renowned military leader and political visionary who played a key role in securing independence from Spain, as well as the infamous Inquisition Palace (outside). Admire the magnificent colonial mansions as we stroll back to the tour bus at Santiago's Bastion.

The walking part of the tour is now over but the excursion continues by coach to Las Bóvedas. This complex of 47 arcades and 23 vaults was the last fortification built in Cartagena by the military engineer Don Antonio de Arevalo. During the colonial era



it was used as barracks for the troops and to store military provisions; later on, it served as a jail house. Nowadays, the cells have been converted into boutiques selling a wonderful array of Columbian merchandise and artifacts, so you will be able to do some souvenir shopping. The excursion ends with a short sightseeing drive through Boca Grande.

On the way back to the pier, there will be a brief stop at the San Felipe de Barajas fort to admire the panoramic view (photo stop).

Please note: The order of the visits may vary. This excursion involves extensive walking (approx. 1.5 hours) over uneven surfaces and is not recommended to guests with reduced mobility.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen, and water. Inside visits: San Pedro Claver church, Navy museum. The stop at Las Bóvedas depends on whether the shops are open.

### **CARTAGENA - A taste of Cartagena**

Duration: 04:30 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 65 € Activity level: moderate

Min 15 / Max 30 participants

The magnificent City of Cartagena, once the treasure chest of the Spanish Main and prey to marauding pirates, is yours to explore on our "Taste of Cartagena" coach tour. Cartagena with its impressive fortress, earned the reputation of being the Spanish conquistadores most impregnable city.

In the period between the initial settlement in 1533 and independence in 1811, the "new" town developed into a prosperous urban center. An English-speaking guide will accompany you on the coach tour as you drive past some splendid examples of Republican architecture and the Manga residential area, where some of the aging mansions have been restored to their former glory.

First stop will be for a photo opportunity at the Fort of San Felipe de Barajas, a 17th-century construction acknowledged to be the most important work of Spanish Military engineering in Latin America.

You will pass through Santo Domingo square and Simón Bolívar Square, then you will continue with a walking tour through the narrow streets of the Old City, on the way to the Inquisition Palace and the church of San Pedro Claver, the patron saint of slaves.

During the tour you will literally be getting a taste of Cartagena, sampling some delicious traditional snacks and of course the justly famous Colombian Coffee before returning to the ship.

Please note: The order of the visits may vary. This excursion involves extensive walking /standing (3 hours approx.) and is not recommended to guests with reduced mobility.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen, and water. During the tour Guests will taste tropical fruit, Colombian coffee and some local snacks and sweets at different venues. Inside visits: San Pedro Claver church, Inquisition Palace.

# SANTA MARTA, COLOMBIA

Established in 1525 by the Spanish as a base of conquest, Santa Marta sits at the foot of the world's highest coastal mountain range, the towering Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta on the spectacular coastline of Colombia. Santa Marta is the oldest remaining city in Colombia, founded in 1525 by Rodrigo de Bastidas, a Spanish conquistador. Alongside Santa Marta's natural beauty, the city also possesses a rich history. South American Liberator, Simon Bolivar took his dying breath in La Quinta de San Pedro Alejandrino, and his remains were held in the Cathedral until 1842. Today, La Quinta de San Pedro Alejandrino stands as a museum celebrating Bolivar's life, and its grounds feature beautiful gardens which are home to many of Colombia's most beautiful tropical flora.



#### **SANTA MARTA - Santa Marta city tour**

Duration: 03:45 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 52 € Activity level: moderate

Min 20 / Max 70 participants

During the guided city walk you will see the historical Plaza Bolivar, called "the lovers' square", and you will walk through the colorful and lively streets of the old town.

San Pedro de Alejandrino estate was built in the 17th century as a country estate at the gates of the city, and it was the sitting for many significant events in Colombian history. In 1.830 don Joaquin Mier y Benitez, offered his home to the liberator Simon Bolivar as a refuge for his last days, it was later declared a national monument by the Colombian Government, not only the interior of the house has been restored and conserved, but the many gardens has also been brought back to their former by National Tourism Corporation.

The cathedral was built in 1529, four years after the founding of Santa Marta by Fray Thomas Ortiz - a Dominican Brother - and dedicated to Saint Anne. It was the first church built on the American continent and is considered the mother of the Colombian churches. Despite its small size, it is one of the city's most outstanding sights with its bright white neoclassical facade.

The Customs House is an historical and architectural monument, that has been restored and preserved; it is now the house of the Gold Museum, an exhibit describing the customs of the pre-Colombian community, accompanied by a small yet priceless collection of Tayrona Gold and Pottery pieces (Gold Museum is closed on Mondays).

Please note: The order of the visits may vary. This excursion involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces and is not recommended to guests with reduced mobility.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen, and water. Inside visits on this tour include the Gold Museum (except on Mondays, when the museum is closed), the Cathedral and the San Pedro de Alejandrino estate.

### **ARUBA (Oranjestad)**

# **ARUBA - Natural Wonders of Aruba**

Duration: 03:00 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned motor coach

Price: 50 € Activity level: moderate

Min 25 / Max 50 participants

Experience the beauties of Natural Aruba on a tour that takes you on a journey of discovery. You will first make the scenic trip to Aruba's number one ecological attraction, The Butterfly Farm. The farm is an unforgettable encounter with nature in all its diversity. Step into a tropical garden teeming with butterflies and prepare to meet some of the world's most colorful and unusual creatures.

From the Butterfly Farm you will journey to the Ayo Rock Formation where you can explore the natural gardens and walk amongst huge boulders.

Travelling on, you will pass countless Divi Divi trees and cactus before arriving at a natural bridge carved by the relentless pounding of the surf. You will also see the ruins of a much larger natural bridge which collapsed in 2005.

The excursion ends with the scenic drive to Oranjestad, the capital of Aruba

Please note: This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves moderate walking over uneven surfaces.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water.



#### ARUBA - 4x4 offroad adventure and beach in Aruba

Duration: 04:30 approx. Transportation: 4x4 offroad vehicle

Price: 75 € Activity level: strenuous

Min 14 / max 16 participants

Your adventure begins with a scenic drive over the Casibari Rock Formation, your friendly and informative guide/driver will share his knowledge of the many sights you'll visit. Next stop are the Natural Bridge Ruins and Baby Natural Bridge. Pounded over thousands of years by wind and surf, this natural coral limestone bridge is a testament to nature's power.

Then, you'll make your way to the Bushiribana Gold Mine Ruins, used to extract gold followed by a visit to Alto Vista Chapel and the California Lighthouse. Before returning to the ship, there will be a 45-minute stop at a tranquil, picturesque beach. Snorkel equipment and a bottle of water will be provided. After having enjoyed one of Aruba most beautiful beaches, a bus will pick you up for your return back to the ship.

Please note: Vehicles are driven by professional driver-guides and each vehicle can accommodate 8 or 16 passengers.

Parking lot at the port is located at 5 to 10 minutes' walk from the pier. Minimum age to participate is 6 years old.

This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility, pregnant women or anyone suffering from conditions (back, neck or other) which may be affected by bumpy roads.

For the stop at the beach, guests are advised to wear a swimsuit under their clothes and to bring a towel from the ship and sunscreen.

### **CURAÇAO (Willemstad)**

### **CURAÇAO** - Curação country drive tour

Duration: 03:30 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 59 € Activity level: moderate

Min 25 / Max 48 participants

On this wonderful tour you will see the beauties of the island's nature. We leave the port and and we drive to the west passing through some areas of the city before arriving at the countryside. On the way to our first stop you will see several plantation homes and old labor houses.

Our first stop will be the Old Labor House "Kas di Pal'i Maishi" & Museum. Here your guide will explain to you in an entertaining way about the life on Curaçao in the old days. They will demonstrate what they did with the abundant available cactus plants, they will sing a song and show you a typical local dance.

You can try the typical island headwear, which will give you a great vacation picture. Also, your guide will show how to carry a bucket on their head and if you like, you could try this yourself. Altogether this is a memorable stop during your tour.

Boka Tabla is our second stop, which is one of the national parks on the island. Here you will see how the wild sea meets the coast in a spectacular way. The waves are exploding on wild rock formations. Especially the power of the sea will amaze you and the unpredictable waves are stunning.

At West Point we have a small photo stop from the bus, where you can enjoy the beautiful view over the Caribbean Sea at Plava Forti.

The next stop is the most beautiful tropical beach on the island, with its unforgettable azure blue sea and white beach. You can see the tropical fish swimming through the crystal-clear sea. This is the most perfect place for making your tropical vacation photos.

On our way back we will take a short photo stop from the bus at the salt lakes of Jan Kok, where you might be lucky to spot some Flamingo's. After this last stop, we drive straight back to the ship.

Please note: This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves moderate walking over uneven surfaces.

Guests are advised to wear light clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen and water.

The tour consists in a panoramic tour of the island by bus with several visits and photo stops.



### **CURAÇAO - Beach hop and Turtle Snorkeling adventure**

Duration: 04:00 approx. Transportation: open safari bus or motorcoach

Price: 65 € Activity level: moderate

Min 25 / Max 40 participants

Curação is known for its beautiful and exclusive beaches. Crystal clear blue waters and sweet, warm sea air will inspire you to explore the island's captivating shores. From the ship we drive you through the countryside of the island to Playa Grandi, a natural beach at the most Western point of the island.

Here you will have a chance to get to know a part of the marine park of our island and possibly spot turtles at this particular spot. Together with your guide, you will discover the beauties of the Caribbean Sea. It is great fun to snorkel and to explore the amazing and stunning underwater world of Curaçao. This underwater Marine Park has so much to offer, like numerous multi-colored tropical fish and a very good chance to swim around some turtles that frequently visit this beach.

After a short drive we will bring you to Cas Abao Beach. Here you will be able to go snorkeling again or relax at your beach chair. Your snorkel guide will assist you and help you recognize the beautiful fish that surround you.

After this fantastic snorkeling experience, we bring you back to the ship again.

Please note: Guests are advised to wear a swimsuit under their clothes and bring sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, water, aqua shoes and a towel from the ship. Slight currents can occur, could be windy and sometimes there are waves. Mask, snorkel, and snorkel vest are provided. The use of fins is not allowed, since their movement can frighten the turtles.

Shower, beach chair and drink (sprite/coke/limejuice/water) included in stop at Cas Abao Beach, no facilities at Playa Grandi. Beach can be rocky (dead coral) which can make entering the sea a bit more difficult.

Approximate driving times: pier to Playa Grandi: 45 minutes. Playa Grandi to Cas Abao beach: 30 minutes. Cas Abao beach to the pier: 30 minutes. Transfers can either be in open beach bus or air-conditioned coach.

### **CURAÇAO - Explore colorful Willemstad and its Maritime Museum**

Duration: 03:00 approx. Transportation: walking tour Price: 32 € Activity level: moderate

Min 10 / Max 24 participants

Begin your tour walking through the historic Rif Fort, cross the harbor on the floating Queen Emma Bridge. Continue your walk by passing vibrant merchant houses on the quay of the harbor. Continue to Fort Amsterdam, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, built in 1634 to guard the entrance of the harbor. This citadel was converted into the Governor's Palace and the office of the Central Government of Curacao.

Arrive at the Curacao Maritime Museum for a (approx. 1 hour) guided tour. The museum is vested in an old colonial two storied mansion built in 1729. After this building was completely burned down in 1988, it was spectacularly restored. The interior is designed in maritime style, complete with gangplank, portholes, and ship railings.

The Curacao Maritime Museum harmoniously embraces the age-old maritime history of the island. The storyline is illustrated through authentic nautical charts, ship models and navigation equipment combined with modern day audiovisual techniques. All sorts of interesting details of the Curacao Maritime history are revered.

After the tour at the Curacao Maritime Museum, we will stop for a refreshment before making our way back to the ship walking around the Riffort shopping area. Guests can either choose to return to the pier or remain in town and explore independently.

Please note: This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves extended walking (approx. 3 km) and standing. over uneven surfaces

Guests are advised to wear light clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen and water.



#### **BONAIRE** (Kralendijk)

#### **BONAIRE - Best of Bonaire**

Duration: 02:15 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned minibus

Price: 52 € Activity level: easy

Min 16 / Max 60 participants

Your trip begins with a leisurely drive to the South/East side of the island, through one of the best-preserved mangrove areas in the Caribbean. Along the way, your guide will be on the lookout for Bonaire's most famous bird, the shy flamingo. With its deep pink-coral feathers and graceful leggy walk, this bird is especially beautiful in the wild. Donkeys and goats like to graze beside the country roads, so you will be able to take some great photos.

At Sorobon beach, you will make a short stop to view the beautiful bay where you can dip your feet in the warm turquoise colored water. Enjoy a cool drink, refresh yourself, and then continue your trip to seek out some more flamingos!

Visit the Salt flats, home to the protected flamingo sanctuary. Here, your guide will explain how salt is produced today on Bonaire, and how it was mined by the slaves in the 19th century. At the Slave Huts, you will literally see and touch history as you enter the huts that served as shelters for the slaves working the saltpans.

On the drive back to the ship enjoy a breath-taking coastline view with pink-colored salt pans, and snow-white salt mounds on one side and the aqua-blue Caribbean Sea on the other. It's a real live postcard!

Before arriving at the ship, you will have one last chance to see some flamingos at a salt pond.

Please note: Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water.

### **BONAIRE - Mangrove Kayaking**

Duration: 03:15 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned minibus

Price: 85 € Activity level: strenuous

Min 6 / Max 14 participants

The drive from the pier to the mangrove area, Lac Bay, takes approximately 25 minutes.

This area is a designated National Park and visitors must be accompanied by a trained guide. Experience the tranquil beauty of the mangroves as you glide past bird habitats and fish spawning grounds. Your guide will enhance the tour with brief explanations on the interrelation between plants and animals, without in any way disturbing the peace of the mangroves with a running commentary.

The "Sit on Top" Ocean Kayaks with their adjustable back rests are quite comfortable and easy to maneuver through the shallow waters.

Please note: Minimum age for participating in this excursion is 10 years old (minors must be accompanied by an adult).

Max weight for participating in this excursion is 440 lbs / 200 kg per kayak (double kayaks will be used).

Participants must be able to swim. This is a very active tour and is only recommended for guests in very good physical condition. No guests with heart conditions, asthma, walking disabilities, leg injuries, chest injuries and/or recovering from surgery should participate in this tour. Neither should pregnant women.

Please wear a swimsuit under your clothes and bring towel, sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent, hat, water shoes, sunglasses, insect repellent and extra day clothes. Waterproof cameras are highly recommended.

Refreshments in the form of juice, soda or water will be provided after the activity.

Before the tour starts, practical instructions on how to maneuver the kayaks will be given.

The kayak tour lasts approx. 2 / 2.5 hours, depending on the group's pace.



### **BONAIRE** - Bonaire sailing and snorkeling tour

Duration: 03:00 approx. Transportation: minibus, boat Price: 99 € Activity level: moderate

Min 6 / Max 14 participants

Get a taste of the High Life on our exclusive sailing tour. Sit back & let yourself be pampered while you enjoy a relaxed sail along the beautiful coast of Bonaire on board this unique 44ft sailing yacht.

Destination: a snorkeling paradise at the world-famous Bonaire Marine Park. All snorkel equipment is available on board and your crew will help you gear up and get into the water.

Later, the Chef will treat you to delicious freshly made snacks and an open bar of rum, beer, wine, juice & soft drinks awaits your pleasure on this exclusive sailing trip.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility, back or neck issues and pregnant women.

Please wear your swimsuit under your clothing and bring a towel, sunscreen, sunglasses, t-shirt and a hat. Footwear is restricted to rubber shoes, sneakers or sandals. Snorkelling equipment is provided.

Snorkeling is optional, Guests participating to the snorkeling must know how to swim. Rum punch will be served only after the snorkeling. Half of the boat has shade. There is a 15-minute drive to reach the boat from the pier.

### **BASSETERRE (ST KITTS)**

Originally called the "fertile isle" by the Carib Indians, St. Kitts (officially named St. Christopher) still fits the description. A mountainous island of volcanic origin its slopes rise to almost 4000 feet, providing an ideal climate for abundant vegetation and one of the Caribbean's largest rain forests. St. Kitts also has the distinction of being one of the only islands the French and British ever shared. This lasted only long enough to ward off the Caribs and the Spanish before they turned on each other. Possession of the island changed several times between the two before the British took final sovereignty with the Treaty of Versailles. The British also used St. Kitts as a mother colony of sorts, sending parties out to other nearby islands to begin colonization. In many ways, St. Kitts has changed little since those days. The sugar industry was closed in July 2005 with Tourism now our primary industry. St. Kitts gained independence in 1983 with its sister island of Nevis, just 2 miles off the southern coast; and has since been striving for controlled development in an effort to maintain its original attributes. Today the island still remains quiet in comparison to other Caribbean nations, but St. Kitts and Nevis are beginning to gain recognition for exactly that reason. They are very much alive with their own unique characteristics, serene atmosphere, beautiful unspoiled scenery and some palm-lined beaches.

## All tours leave from Basseterre port and return at South Friars Bay

### **ST KITTS - Sweet & Savory Cooking Class**

Duration: 02:45 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned minibus

Price: 85 € Activity level: easy Min 6 / Max 20 participants Lunch included

After an enjoyable drive through the historic streets of Basse Terre you will pass by St Kitts' golf course and some fine residential properties before arriving at the cookery workshop.

An experienced and dedicated Chef will be waiting to welcome you and take you through to the cooking area where you will get the opportunity to prepare and cook a flavourful three-course meal.

Before you know it, it'll be time to enjoy the fruits of your labour and savour both the food and the atmosphere.

After your meal, your driver will take you to Timothy Hill which boasts an incredible view of the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea, with just a strip of land keeping them apart. Enjoy panoramic views of the Frigate Bay area before returning to the ship.

Please note: Guests will be transported to the venue with a scenic drive and live commentary along the way (driver-guide). Guests will prepare and eat the food. A certificate and the menu will be given as a souvenir at the end of the tour.



#### ST KITTS - St Kitts Scenic Rail Tour

Duration: 03:30 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned minibus, train

Price: 80 € Activity level: easy Min 15 / Max 40 participants with driver-guide

This national rail tour runs a complete circle around the island allowing visitors the opportunity to see the entire country by rail and by road. No trip to this two-island federation is complete without the experience of traveling on the new St. Kitts Scenic Railway, one of the most beautiful train rides in the world. This one-of-a-kind narrow-gauge railroad was built almost a century ago to deliver sugar cane from the fields to the sugar mills in the capital city of Basseterre. This still operational railway now provides a fascinating way to see the entire island from the comfort of double-deck railcars built specifically for touring the island of St. Kitts. The upper level features a spacious open-air observation deck with panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. The lower level provides air-conditioned comfort with expansive vaulted windows. Island ambiance is evoked with comfortable rattan furniture, complimentary drinks, island music and a colourful narrative history of the Caribbean.

The railway hugs the northeastern coastline with rippling fields of sugarcane stretching from the shoreline up to the mountains. The high volcanic mountain ranges, coated with lush green rainforests, rise nearly 4000 feet above sea level. The train rolls across tall steel bridges spanning deep "ghuts" or canyons, and winds through small villages and farms. Your railway conductor will point out old sugar estates, abandoned sugar mills and windmills while giving insight into the island's unique history. Your experience is complimented by a scenic bus drive on the Southern coast. Enjoy the excellent vistas of Brimstone fortress, the British "Gibraltar of the Caribbean" and Middle Island where Thomas Jefferson's great-grandfather is buried; and the neighbouring island of Nevis where American statesman and first Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, was born. A truly unique experience! All aboard the St. Kitts Scenic Railway! The actual ride by train is approx. 2 hours and the train is very slow The island tour is completed by a bus drive back to the ship. Please note: Very leisurely tour. Complimentary drinks are served on the lower level of the railcar. Restrooms are available on the train.

Please note: the order of the visits may change. Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen, and water.

#### ST KITTS - The essential St Kitts Tour

Duration: 03:45 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned minibus

Price: 55 € Activity level: moderate Min 10 / Max 80 participants with driver-guide

This could very well be the Caribbean's most memorable island tour. It includes Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park, Romney Gardens, Caribelle Batik Studio and an interesting drive through Basseterre.

Brimstone Hill Fortress, also known as The Gibraltar of the West Indies, is perched on a 40-acre hilltop, 780 ft above sea level. For three hundred years it has borne witness to innumerable sea battles between the British and the French, more than at any other place in the two nation's naval history. The first cannons were mounted on Brimstone Hill in 1690 as the English and French fought for control of the island. Its spectacular panoramic views over coastline, countryside and neighboring islands. No visit to St. Kitts is complete without a visit to Romney Gardens and Caribelle Batik Studios. This 10-acre garden setting is quite simply stunning. It is at this glorious location that local artists produce the fabric and apparel for which Caribelle Batik has become widely acclaimed. The garden setting and picturesque experience is a photographer's dream and will be remembered by visitors for years to come.

You will also get to drive through beautiful Basseterre. This historic Capital City is a perfect example of an original Caribbean town. Observe the traditional French architecture and Victorian structures. Old churches, West Indian cottages and a former slave market are also included in this interesting driving tour of Basseterre. Your next visit is to the Palm court gardens where his inspiring property will command you to either take pictures of the harbour or the beautiful palms on the property.

Please note: The tour is operated in air-conditioned minibus and driver-guides. Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen, and water. The order of the visits may change. The driver is also the guide and gives live commentary (in English) along the way.



#### **SAINT BARTHELEMY (Gustavia)**

The Island of St Barthélemy, commonly known as St. Barts, is located at 18° N 63°W, in the northeastern corner of the Caribbean Sea. Steep hills divide the island into several valleys, usually open to the sea on one side. Each valley is distinctive with unique variations of topography, flora, density of settlement and character of architecture. This diversity creates the illusion of being on a much larger island. The shoreline includes 14 beaches of various sizes, all covered with gleaming white sand. Many are protected from ocean swells by a fringing reef all by law, are public and free. Several offshore areas are included in a marine reserve.

The capital Gustavia, surrounds a harbor of picture book beauty, lined with boutiques and cafés. St Barts with its mountainous landscape leading down to picturesque azure water coves and beaches is undoubtedly one of the jewels of the Caribbean.

### ST BARTHELEMY - Sailing the Leeward Coast of St. Barts

Duration: 03:00 approx. Transportation: boat (catamaran)

Price: 119 € Activity level: moderate

Min 12 / Max 16 participants

All aboard for a relaxing tour sailing round the island, to give you the chance to admire the beautiful scenery. Then the captain will drop anchor in the bay of his choice so you can enjoy some leisure time. Sunbathe, swim from the boat into the warm sheltered waters of the bay, snorkel, lounge on the trampoline net, or just read a good book in the shade of the bimini. The crew will serve refreshments before you set sail back to Gustavia. After the tour, you will still have time to stroll around Gustavia.

Please note: Minimal age is 12 years (accompanied by an adult). This tour is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility, back or neck issues and pregnant women.

Snorkeling is optional, Guests participating to the snorkeling must know how to swim. Snorkeling equipment is not provided, please bring your equipment from the ship.

The itinerary and the tour sequence may be changed at Captain's discretion depending on weather conditions and tide.

Guests are advised to wear your swimsuit under the clothes and to bring a hat, sunscreen, a towel from the ship and water.

#### ST BARTHELEMY - St. Barts ATV Adventure

Duration: 02:00 approx. Activity level: strenuous Price: Euros 99 € per person (with 2 passengers sharing the ATV) Min 6 / Max 12 participants (minimum 2 passengers per vehicle)

Take a magical trip of exploration and adventure and discover St. Barts aboard your own personal ATV vehicle.

Leave behind the picturesque harbour of Gustavia in the direction of the airport through the "col de la Tourmente". You may even cross the path of an aircraft coming in to land on the minuscule runway – a feat which requires much skill on the part of the pilot as well as a special license. The drive continues via the valley of "Petites Salines" to arrive in "Grand Fond" overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Enjoy the dramatic scenery dominated by the island's highest mountain, "Morne Vitet" (286 m), and the lush green valley contrasting with the raging foam flecked waters of the ocean below. The trail continues round the coastline towards Toiny.

Next you will pass the famous flower filled cemetery of Lorient, the little resort of St Jean with its shops and restaurants. Then up to the top of "Lurin" before making your way down to Gustavia. Back at the ATV's parking you will have to walk back to Gustavia. (it is a nice 5/10 minutes' walk through town and shops along the waterfront)

At the end of the tour, you will still have time to explore Gustavia Helmet and goggles must be worn during the entire ride

Please note: The ATVs used for this tour are automatics and can carry one driver and one passenger.

The itinerary may be amended without further notice depending on traffic, roads conditions etc.

Participants must wear shoes or tennis shoes, no open-toed footwear. Helmet and goggles must be worn during the entire ride. There is a storage at the back of the vehicle for your personal belongings.

Participants must not be suffering from head, neck, back, leg or knee injuries.

Participants must have a valid driving license and a credit card for the deposit (€2000 maximum deductible in case of any damages to the ATV). There is a waiver to sign before departure. Each driver is fully responsible for himself, his passenger and



his bike. Any accident or damages to the bike in under his own responsibility.

Minimum age requirement for the driver: 18 years of age

Minimum age for the passenger: 12 years of age

Maximum weight per vehicle: 150 kg

The pace of the tour depends on the participant's way of driving.

### ANTIGUA (St John's)

## Debark tours ending at the airport and transfers can be pre-booked prior your cruise.

#### **ANTIGUA - Farewell to Antigua tour** (ending at the airport)

Duration: 05:00 approx. Transportation: air-conditioned minibus

Price: 125 € Activity level: moderate

Min 20 / Max 50 participants

This excursion is suitable for passengers disembarking in Antiqua who have flights leaving after 4:00 pm

The tour starts with a drive from Antigua's capital, St Johns, to Fort James, named in honor of King James II of England.

Fort James is one of the many such constructions built by the British in the 18th century to guard against invasion by the French. The powder magazine and several cannons remain on the site; the foundation of the walls can be seen, but what really attracts visitors is the outstanding view of the harbor.

Next you will head off in an easterly direction passing through Pares village before arriving at the Betty's Hope sugar plantation, a pioneering estate with twin windmills. The plantation belonged to Christioper Codrington, who came from a sugar producing family in Barbados and was able to bring all the latest techniques with him when he came to Antigua. He named the estate in honor of his young daughter. Hundreds of Africans lived out their lives as slaves toiling on the estate. Even after the abolition of slavery in 1834, men continued to work on the plantation for a miserable wage, many of them developing great skills as craftsmen, boilers and distillers.

At no great distance from the plantation, you will see the remarkable natural arch known as Devil's Bridge.

It is here that the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea meet, the deep swells and relentless pounding of the waves on soft limestone have created a rocky arch and, in the process, a great photo opportunity.

This farewell tour of the island will finish in style with a lunch at the beautiful Bay House restaurant, at Halcyon Heights.

Relax on the terrace, breathe in the scent of tropical flowers and enjoy the amazing views of Dickenson Bay.

Leave the island with a sweet taste in your mouth and the firm intention of coming back for "seconds".

Please note: The luggage will be loaded on a separate luggage truck and delivered to the Airport at the end of the tour. Guests will need to retrieve them at the airport before check-in.

The order of the visits may vary. This excursion involves moderate walking over uneven surfaces and is not recommended to guests with reduced mobility. Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen, and water.

# Star Clippers also offers the following services (optional, upon reservation):

✓ Private transfers to "V.C. Bird" Antigua Internation Airport (ANU

Suitable for guests with flights after 12:00. Latest pick-up time from the pier will be at 10:00am.

