



SHORE EXCURSIONS

15 nights	STAR FLYER Westbound Atlantic Ocean Crossing – Las Palmas to St Maarten								
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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.
- 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, kayaking, snorkeling, 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. After the booking deadline, 100 % cancellation fees will be charged.

Important notes:

- Departure times of the tour are mentioned on the daily program of each port.
- All information concerning excursions is correct at the time of printing. However, Star Clippers reserves the right to make changes.

Last updated tour descriptions are available on Star Clippers' website and onboard the ship in a file at the Library.

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LA GOMERA (San Sebastián) - Scenic Gomera

Duration:	Activity level:	Price:	Transportation:	Min 15 / Max 40
4:30	<i>Moderate</i>	59 €	motorcoach	participants

The island of La Gomera, which forms an almost perfect circle, is the second smallest of the Canary Islands. San Sebastian, the capital of the island (approximately 6.000 inhabitants), is a picturesque village and harbor. It was here that Columbus loaded his ships with food supplies and water before setting sail for America. Before the voyage he and his crew attended mass at the little church of La Asuncion, still in use, to pray for a safe passage.

During the course of this leisurely excursion, you will discover the scenic north side of the island and the beautiful National Park where you will learn about the local flora and fauna.

Your guide will accompany you on a short and easy walk through one of the oldest laurel forests in the world; a green mass of prehistoric vegetation which has survived to this day thanks to the extraordinarily temperate climate. The area was classed as a national park in 1981, and a UNESCO world cultural heritage site in 1986.

The tour continues with a panoramic drive for a visit to the Juego de Bolas (Parque Nacional del Garajonay Visitor Centre). Here you will find a wealth of information concerning the geology, climate, flora and fauna of the park. At the "House of Memory" you will learn about traditional culture with exhibits including the interior of a rural house, agricultural equipment, a cellar, and traditional ceramics. Continue passing by Agulo to Hermigua, a beautiful green valley known for its mild climate, water filled ravines, and banana plantations. Here you will get a chance to visit a handicraft center with displays of local pottery, utensils and looms which give a good idea of how the inhabitants used to live. Drive back to Valle Gran Rey to the port.

Please note: This excursion includes a long drive on mountain roads.

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

ST MAARTEN - Two nations, one island (ending at SXM airport)

Duration:	Activity level:	Price:	Transportation:	Min 15 / Max 50
4:00	<i>Easy</i>	69 €	motorcoach	participants

Suitable for passengers with flights leaving after 3:30 pm.

Saint Maarten is one of the most unique destinations in the Caribbean. Since 1648 the island has been divided between the French and the Dutch with both sides maintaining their very distinct personality and heritage. The French side, Saint Martin is quiet and refined with gorgeous white beaches, French cuisine and sophisticated resorts.

The Dutch side of Sint Maarten has a more obvious Caribbean flavor with its brightly colored buildings and tropical flair.

The whole island's economy is based on tourism with around 70% of the population working in the tourist sector. The island is also duty-free, which of course enhances its attractiveness for tourists.

Leaving the cruise port, you will be dropped off in nearby Philipsburg (the Dutch Capital) for a one-hour browsing and shopping on famous Front Street or for a leisurely stroll along the boardwalk to enjoy the turquoise waters of Great Bay.

After the free time, you will be driven past the salt ponds to Oyster Pond, where you will cross the border to the French side.

Following the road to the charming village of Oyster Pond you will arrive at Coralita lookout point (photo stop), from where the island of St Barth can be seen in the distance. The journey continues towards Orient bay and the village Grand Case until you arrive to Marigot, the capital of the French side of St. Martin, where you will have approximately one hour free time for some more souvenir hunting, duty free shopping or just to enjoy a coffee in a typical French café.

Leaving the charming French capital of Marigot you will be driven on the way to the border where you will cross back the Dutch side of the island. You will cross the Simpson Bay lagoon and you will arrive at 12h30 at Princess Juliana International airport.

Please note: You will have approximately one hour free time in Philipsbug (on the Dutch side) and one hour free time in Marigot (on the French side). Walking during free time is at guests' discretion.



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

- ✓ Shared transfer to “Princess Juliana” International Airport (SXM).

There will be one fixed departure from the port at about 09:00am.

This transfer is suitable for guests whose flight leaves after 12:00.

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

For information and reservations, please contact our reservation department or your travel agent.

