



# SHORE EXCURSIONS

**7**  
nights

## STAR FLYER Treasure Islands



<b>Sat</b>	<b>Philipsburg, St Maarten</b>
Sun	Road Bay, Anguilla
Mon	White Bay, Jost Van Dyke, BVI Sopers Hole, Tortola, BVI
Tue	The Bight, Norman Island, BVI
Wed	Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda, BVI Beach stop, Captain's best, BVI
Thu	Basseterre, St Kitts (am) South Friars Bay (beach), St Kitts (pm)
Fri	Gustavia, St Barthélemy
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Philipsburg, St Maarten</b>

### 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.

Date of last update: 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2025

## ANGUILLA (Road Bay) - Time at leisure (no tours organized)

Anguilla, the most northerly of the Leeward Islands is 16 miles long and three miles across at its widest point. The island is low-lying and ringed with 12 miles of spectacular, white sand and coral formations, which make up 33 beaches and coves. Surrounding the island is a reef system and seven islets and cays, excellent for diving and snorkeling. The waters are clear and range in color from blue to aquamarine. Water sports are one of the main attractions of the island, that is a retreat for celebrities, and it is sometimes called the "South Beach" of the Caribbean.

## JOST VAN DYKE (White Bay) - Time at leisure (no tours organized)

This four-mile-long island, named after a Dutch pirate, is truly a "barefoot" paradise, known by travelers the world over for its casual lifestyle, protected anchorages, fine beaches and beachfront restaurants and bars. A favorite destination for Yachties, Jost Van Dyke adjoins the tropical isles of Green Cay and Sandy Spit.

## TORTOLA (Soper's Hole) - Time at leisure (no tours organized)

Soper's Hole is a kind of tropical urban "gunk hotel", a nautical term for a delightful spot to anchor. The locality manages to retain its quaint charm while at the same time being a hub of activity. Surrounded by small mountains like Frenchman's Cay, Soper's Hole imparts a feeling of peace and serenity.

## NORMAN ISLAND (The Bight) - Time at leisure (no tours organized)

This uninhabited island is where many believe Robert Louis Stevenson became inspired to pen his famous pirate novel, Treasure Island. Star Clippers will drop you off on a jetty where you can walk onto the beach.

## VIRGIN GORDA - The Baths

Duration:

**4:00**

Activity level:

**Strenuous**

Price:

**55 €**

Transportation:

safari bus (open)

Min 15 / Max 90

participants

At the beach there is a flag warning system. In case of red flag (rough sea), access into the sea to swim is not allowed.

The Baths are a series of small sea pools lying beneath a canopy of giant granite boulders. These sheltered light-filled grottoes create a unique setting in which to swim and explore. Open-air safari buses will bring you to the entrance of the Baths. A path winds down to a beautiful sandy beach where you will have plenty of time to swim or snorkel in emerald clear waters or just relax in the warm Caribbean sun. A trail leads through the boulders to another equally beautiful beach at Devil's Bay. Swim and bask in the sun at your leisure. Upon your return to the car park, you will be served a complimentary refreshing fruit or rum punch at the restaurant "Top of the Baths" before driving back to the port.

Please note: Participants should be in good physical conditions. The footpath between the parking and the Baths is uneven, with approximately 250 meters up and down. Drivers act as guides during this tour.

Useful tips: wear comfortable walking shoes and a swimsuit under your clothes and bring a towel from the ship, sunscreen, water and water shoes. Cold refreshments, snacks and souvenirs are available for purchase (not included) at the Baths.



**ST KITTS - St Kitts Scenic Rail tour**

Duration:	Activity level:	Price:	Transportation:	Min 15 / Max 80
<b>3:00</b>	<i>Easy</i>	<b>82 €</b>	minibus, train	participants

Excursions leave from Basseterre port and return at South Friars Bay.

The St. Kitts Scenic Railway takes passengers on a 3-hour tour that makes a 30-mile circle around the beautiful island of St. Kitts, with 18 miles by narrow gauge train and 12 miles on sightseeing buses. Built between 1912 and 1926 to transport sugar cane from the island’s sugar plantations to the sugar factory in the capital city of Basseterre, today the “Last Railway in the West Indies” provides visitors an opportunity to experience the scenery and culture of this unspoiled country.

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 specialty drinks, island music and a colorful 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.

The island tour is completed by a scenic bus drive on the Southern coast with excellent vistas of Brimstone fortress, the British “Gibraltar of the Caribbean”, back to the ship in South Friars’ bay.

Please note: The order of the visits may change. The actual ride by train is approx. 2 hours and the train is very slow.

Complimentary drinks are served on the lower level of the railcar. Restrooms are available on the train.

Useful tips: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen and water.

If you plan to stay at the beach at the end of the tour, wear your swimsuit under your clothes and bring a towel.

**ST KITTS - The essential St Kitts tour**

Duration:	Activity level:	Price:	Transportation:	Min 10 / Max 40
<b>3:45</b>	<i>Moderate</i>	<b>65 €</b>	minibus	participants

Excursions leave from Basseterre port and return at South Friars Bay.

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.

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.

Afterwards you will take the Kim Collins Highway to Frigate Bay and stop at the scenic look out at Timothy Hill before returning to your ship in South Friars’ Bay with a host of memories and, hopefully, some excellent photos.

Please note: The driver is also the guide and gives live commentary (in English) along the way. The order of the visits may change.

Useful tips: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen and water.

If you plan to stay at the beach at the end of the tour, wear your swimsuit under your clothes and bring a towel.



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

Duration:	Activity level:	Price:	Transportation:	Min 12 / Max 18
<b>3:00</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>129 €</b>	catamaran	participants

*For this excursion there is a special booking deadline (4 days prior arrival in St Barthélemy)*

*This tour is not available on SF call in Gustavia on 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2025*

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, 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: This tour is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility, back or neck issues and pregnant women. Min age: is 12 years (minors must be accompanied by an adult). Swimming is optional (participants must know how to swim).

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

Useful tips: wear your swimsuit under the clothes and bring a hat, sunscreen, a towel. Snorkeling equipment is not allowed.

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

Duration:	Activity level:	Price:	Transportation:	Min 15 / Max 50
<b>4:00</b>	<b>Easy</b>	<b>69 €</b>	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.*

