



SHORE EXCURSIONS

15 nights	STAR FLYER Westbound Atlantic Ocean Crossing <i>Las Palmas - Sint Maarten, 13 November 2026</i>
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Fri 13 Nov	Las Palmas - Gran Canaria
Sat 14 Nov	San Sebastian - La Gomera
15 - 27 Nov	13 days at sea
Sat 28-Nov	Philpsburg - St. Maarten

What you need to know before booking your shore excursion:

- All our excursions are led by English-speaking guides. A second language may be used, depending on the number of non-English-speaking passengers.
- 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.

How you can book your shore excursions:

- Shore excursions can be booked on board, using the “sign-up lists” available at the Library.
- The price of the excursion will be added to your on-board account.
- Transfers and debark tours ending at the airport can also be pre-paid prior to 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.
- Booking deadlines will be indicated on the Daily Program and on the booking forms.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. After the booking deadline, 100% cancellation fees will be charged.
- A minimum number of participants is required for each tour; if the required number is not attained, the tour may be cancelled.

Important notes:

- Departure times of the excursions are mentioned in the Daily Program of each port, which you will receive in your cabin the evening before each stopover.
- All information concerning excursions is correct at the time of printing. However, Star Clippers reserves the right to make changes. The latest updated tour descriptions are available on board the ship in a file at the Library and on Star Clippers’ website (you can download the file using the QR code).



Date of last update: 20th of February 2026

GOMERA (San Sebastián) - Scenic Gomera



4:30



59 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 15 / Max 80
participants

Panoramic | Nature

Forming an almost perfect circle, La Gomera is the second smallest of the Canary Islands. San Sebastian, the capital of the island (around 6,000 inhabitants), is a picturesque village and port. It was here that Columbus loaded his ships with food and water before setting sail for America. On this leisurely excursion you will explore 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 take you on a short and easy walk through one of the oldest laurel forests in the world; a green mass of prehistoric vegetation that has survived thanks to the island's exceptionally temperate climate. The area was declared a National Park in 1981 and a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1986.

The tour continues with a panoramic drive to visit the Juego de Bolas (Parque Nacional del Garajonay Visitor Centre). Here you will find a wealth of information on the geology, climate, flora and fauna of the park. At the "House of Memory" you can learn about traditional culture through exhibits such as the interior of a rural house, agricultural tools, a cellar and traditional ceramics. Continue through Agulo to Hermigua, a beautiful green valley known for its mild climate, water-filled ravines and banana plantations. Here you can visit a handicraft centre with displays of local pottery, utensils and looms that give a good idea of how the inhabitants used to live. Return to the port of San Sebastián.

Please note:

- ✓ This excursion includes a long drive on mountain roads. The order of the visits is subject to change.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

SINT MAARTEN (Philipsburg)

The ship will be alongside at St Maarten Cruise terminal (1.5 from Philipsburg, on the Dutch side of the island). SXM airport is located 12 km from the Cruise Terminal (approx. 30 minutes drive).

All guests are requested to leave the ship by 10:00am. There is no left-luggage service at the cruise terminal.

Star Clippers offers the following transfer services (optional, at an additional cost):

- Shared Transfer to Princess Juliana Intl. Airport (SXM).

Guests who have purchased a shared transfer cannot choose their own pick up time.

There is a fixed departure from the port at approximately 09:00 (arrival at the airport at around 09:30).

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

- Private transfers to Princess Juliana Intl. Airport or to hotels.

Private transfers can be arranged from the pier to any hotel on the island, regardless of location.

Pick up from the pier for private transfers is no later than 10:00.

- Private transfers from hotels to the airport.

Private transfers can be arranged from any hotel on the island, regardless of location.

This service can only be pre-booked prior to your cruise and cannot be booked onboard.

Transfers can also be booked prior to your cruise.

Bookings made onboard during the cruise are always subject to availability.

If you wish to book a private transfer, we recommend that you book well in advance prior to your cruise, as the number of vehicles may be limited at certain times of the year.

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



EXCURSIONS ACTIVITY LEVEL:

- ✓ **Easy:** excursion accessible to all participants, as it mainly takes place by bus or boat. Any footpaths and stairs that need to be negotiated are short or easy.
- ✓ **Moderate:** a certain basic level of fitness is required; excursion involving moderate walking - sometimes over uneven or unpaved paths and stairs.
- ✓ **Moderate to strenuous:** active participation is required; excursion involving walking long distances over uneven or steep terrain. May involve several flights of stairs or extended staircases.
- ✓ **Strenuous:** a good level of fitness is required; an excursion involving extensive uphill walking on inclines, uneven terrain with many steps. Excursion involving off-road driving, not suitable for pregnant women or anyone with a medical condition (back, neck, etc.) that could be affected by bumpy roads.
- ✓ **Active (sport):** Very good physical condition, stamina and skill are required. Passengers should be fit and active to participate in tours involving hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, cycling or similar activities.

The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication.

MAIN EXCURSIONS CATEGORIES:

- ✓ **Culture & History:** it explores places of historical significance, visits ancient ruins or historic buildings, gives a deeper understanding of the region's heritage.
- ✓ **Sightseeing:** it gives a quick but enriching overview, visiting and seeing the main attractions, landmarks and places of interest in a particular area, often including popular spots and sometimes hidden gems.
- ✓ **Food & Wine:** it explores the culinary traditions of a region, from local markets and vineyards to cooking classes or wine tastings.
- ✓ **Panoramic:** it involves a limited number of long drives with commentary by the guide, no internal visits and - generally - limited walking between stops.
- ✓ **Active & Adventure:** Hiking, kayaking, cycling, ATV, 4x4 off-road.

WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING WHEN GOING ASHORE ON EXCURSION:

- ✓ Unless special clothing suggestions are included in the excursion description, we recommend functional clothing and comfortable footwear.
- ✓ Comfortable shoes to help with any steep paths and uneven cobbles.
- ✓ A hat or cap and sun lotion.
- ✓ Water.
- ✓ For boat excursions or excursions including beach stop: swimsuit, beach towel, sunglasses, sunscreen, water shoes, snorkel mask.
- ✓ Mobile phone or camera to capture the moment.
- ✓ Ship card to get back on board.
- ✓ Some cash in local currency.
- ✓ A copy of the Daily Program, to check last tender or last gangway time, tender schedule, lunch time, etc.
- ✓ For ports with tender service (ship at anchor), bring a rucksack or fanny pack so that your hands are free to hold on to the safety grip when boarding the tender.