

BARBADOS TO PANAMA SMALL SHIP CRUISE

A trans-Caribbean journey from Barbados to Panama, this itinerary blends sun-soaked beaches, colonial charm, and iconic waterways. Begin in Bridgetown, Barbados, where British colonial influences meet the vibrant island culture, before heading to St. Lucia's lush Marigot Bay and the volcanic landscapes of Soufriere. Sail through the sparkling Tobago Cays and Grenadine islands, then onward to the ABC islands--Bonaire, Curacao, and Aruba--for color, culture, and coastal charm. Explore Colombia's historic Caribbean ports of Santa Marta and Cartagena, and finish with a passage through the San Blas Archipelago and the engineering marvel of the Panama Canal, ending at Balboa on Isla Flamenco.



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Day 1 Bridgetown, Barbados

On the wild and rugged east coast of Barbados, the isolated beaches are the colour of sunrise, the red sands having blown all the way across the Atlantic from the Sahara. The easternmost island of the Windwards, and indeed, of the entire Caribbean, reaches out to Africa and the Old World, as if not quite part of the New. Bridgetown, Barbados, is an interesting town full of contrasts. George Washington actually slept here! Trafalgar Square reminds you that the laidback, rum- and fun-loving island's British influenced heritage includes revered traditions like cricket and high tea.

Day 2 Soufriere, St. Lucia

Marigot Bay, one of the prettiest anchorages in the Caribbean, is surrounded by lush hills and ringed by drooping coconut palms. Our alternate stop, the little Port Town of SoufriÃ¨re was named



after a nearby volcano. Prettier sights are to be seen at Diamond Falls and Mineral Baths where you can walk through the gardens and take a dip in the pool under the waterfalls.

Day 3 Tobago Cays, Grenadines

Four small islets, virtually deserted but enormously appealing for those who love underwater exploration, Tobago Cays is a national park where snorkelling is superb.

Day 4 St. George's, Grenada

The aromas of nutmeg, cinnamon and vanilla baking in the sun - these are the tropical flavours of Grenada. From the horseshoe shaped Carenage at St. George's, follow the Sendall Tunnel (hand-built in 1895) to the Esplanade and old Ft. George for a spectacular view of Grenada.

Day 5 At Sea

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Day 6 Kralendijk, Bonaire

Pink flamingoes, divi-divi trees, Papiamento and the best diving in the Caribbean - You can only be in Bonaire. The blinding white salt flats of Bonaire were once marked by tall obelisks of red, white, blue and orange (the colours of the old Dutch flag) to guide mariners. Today they are marked by clouds of pink - enormous flocks (500 or more!) of fluttering flamingoes feasting on the orange brine shrimp that gives the flamingoes their unmistakable colour.

Day 7 Willemstad, Curacao

The gabled houses and warehouses of Dutch colonial Willemstad march in tight formation along the entrance to St. Anna Bay, an incongruous vision of a tropical Amsterdam where the floating market sells mangos and papayas instead of tulips. In Curacao's interior cunucu, a few Dutch landhuis or farm owners still wrest a living by ranching on the near-desert soil.

Day 8 Oranjestad, Aruba

Bon boni means welcome in the local dialect, Papiamento, and it's universally understood by all who visit little Aruba. Just 15 miles from Venezuela, this almost independent nation still has a ceremonial Dutch Governor General. Once it depended on oil for income, but tourism is the new king. No wonder Aruba's endless beaches and spectacular diving are too tempting to pass up.

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Day 10 Santa Marta, Colombia

Santa Marta is the oldest city in Colombia. It's beautiful beaches are backed by the stunning mountains of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta Range. Tayrona National Park is a great place to explore ancient ruins amidst the lush mangrove forests. Enjoy a meal in one of the many cafes that serve meals that combine a fusion of Latin American, Caribbean and European flavours.

Day 11 Cartagena de Indias, Colombia

Cartagena is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Located on the north coast of Colombia, Cartagena host a spectacular collection of buildings and massive fortifications dating from the early 1600's. The Fortresses were built to protect Cartagena from pirates. City highlights include Saint Philip of Barajas Fortresses and the Fort Ferdinand Fort.

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Day 13 San Blas Archipelago, Panama

The vivid colors of the San Blas Islands are undoubtedly the inspiration for the fanciful birds, fish and animals in brilliant reds, oranges, blues and greens that decorate the intricately appliquÃ(C)d molas created by the indigenous Kuna women. Strung along the throat of Panama's dramatically beautiful Kuna Yala coast, the remoteness of these coral atolls protects an independent people who prize their communal culture with its rich oral history and artistic heritage.

Day 14 Panama Canal Transit

A Panama Canal transit is a captivating and engineering marvel that takes ships through the heart of the Americas, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. This extraordinary journey involves navigating a series of locks and channels, providing a front-row seat to the incredible feat of human ingenuity. As vessels make their way through the lush tropical landscape of Panama, passengers can witness the intricate process of rising and descending through the locks, which is both educational and awe-inspiring. The experience offers a unique perspective on the country's rich history, stunning landscapes, and the vital role the canal plays in global trade and connectivity. A Panama Canal transit is a bucket-list adventure that combines natural beauty with an appreciation for human innovation.

Day 15 Balboa (Isla Flamenco), Panama

Along the piers of Balboa, the port marking the Pacific terminus of the Panama Canal, you'll see yachts from all over the world. Balboa was built to house American administrative headquarters for the Canal and many of the buildings are handsome examples of the American colonial style of the early 1900's.

Please Note:

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YOUR SHIP: ROYAL CLIPPER

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Royal Clipper carries just 227 guests in luxurious style. The spacious decks include three inviting swimming pools. Find your very own world of privacy on one of the hidden balconies on either side of the bow, or go to even further lengths to get the best seat in the house. Passengers are invited to climb the mast (with safety harness provided) and take in the views from the converted crow's nest which not only offers the chance for a brief moment of reflection, but also provides the most unparalleled views of the lands and seas around you. If you thought the exterior areas were impressive, you will be even more amazed by Royal Clipper's interior spaces. Included in these is a three-deck atrium that enables sunlight to flood into the elegantly appointed, three-tiered dining room; featuring unreserved seating, meticulously prepared cuisine and an easy-going dress code which aims to make everyone feel included. And if your time isn't taken up by searching out distant lands from the crow's nest or enjoying a lovingly prepared meal in the dining room; you can always take a seat in the observation lounge, find solitude in the library or pamper yourself in the spa and health club, located in the unique Captain Nemo Lounge. Here you will even find underwater glass portholes which mean that even the secrets of the deep are open to those who sail aboard. The legendary Preussen, the largest, fastest sailing ship the world had ever seen was launched in 1902. She ruled the seas for just eight years before she was involved in an accident in 1910. Royal Clipper was inspired by the Preussen and has the proud distinction of being the largest and only five-masted full-rigged sailing ship built since her predecessor was launched on her maiden voyage from Bremerhaven. With her complement of 42 sails, with a combined area of 56,000 square feet, Royal Clipper stands out amongst her peers in more ways than one. Heavier, longer and with the ability to carry more passengers than both Star Clipper and Star Flyer this extraordinary vessel cuts through the the waves in majestic fashion and leaves all that sail in her awestruck. For all the characteristics that she possesses from the grand age of sail, Royal Clipper is as new and thoroughly modern, boasting a state-of-the-art navigation systems to prove it. She also combines beauty with comfort by offering onboard luxury. For passionate travellers and sail cruising connoisseurs, the 439 foot Royal Clipper offers a sea-going experience like no other; finding an undeniable balance between the grandeur, adventure and tradition of classic sailing and the superb facilities, cabins and conveniences associated with the finest





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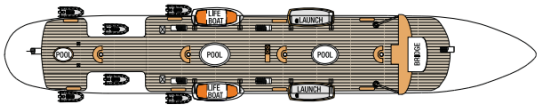
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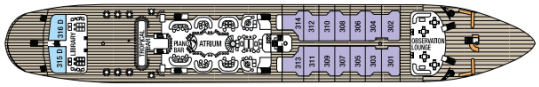


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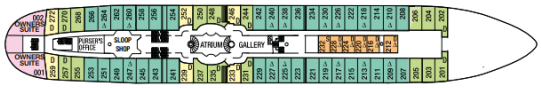
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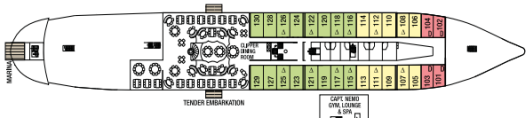
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