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our unique itineraries.

**2024**



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13 Days / 12 Nights

## DAY 1 - ST. KITTS

Our adventure starts today! We will be at the meeting point by 16:00 to transfer by bus to the Klara. After embarking and settling into our cabins, we will gather for cocktails to meet our fellow travellers, followed by dinner.

We suggest you arrive a day or two before and enjoy what St. Kitts has to offer. Dominated by the dormant Mount Liamuiga, St Kitts is known for its cloud-shrouded mountains, beaches, a crater lake, green vervet monkeys and rainforest crisscrossed with hiking trails. The coastline scenery changes from steep rocky cliffs and white powder sand beaches to black volcanic shorelines. A stroll through Basseterre's downtown and its unique history and architecture is an enriching experience. Explore the Rainforest and Central Reserve National Park, hike beneath a canopy of ancient trees, past a waterfall, spot all sorts of wildlife and listen to the sounds of the rainforest. Visit Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park for its spectacular views and learn about the island's shady past with France and Great Britain.

Meals: Dinner

## DAY 2 - NEVIS

The first indigenous inhabitants were the Arawak and the Carib. The Arawak named the Island Dulcina (sweet island), the Carib named it Oualie (land of beautiful waters). A few centuries later as it became a leading sugar producer, the name changed to Nevis (Queen of the Caribbees).

The Botanical gardens are worth a visit, created by an American couple Joseph and Martha Murphy, showcases sculptures, fountains, a replica of a Great House, a tropical rain forest conservatory designed to look like the conservatory at Kew Gardens in England.

One will come away certain that Nevis is the hidden gem of the Caribbean Islands. Historical sites, ruins dating back to early 17th century, breathtaking landscapes, spectacular views from the top of Nevis Peak, bamboo fields, cocoa trees, rainforest waterfalls - Nevis has it all!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

## DAY 3/4 - AT SEA

As we sail towards Kralendijk, Bonaire, you will have the opportunity to enjoy some downtime, as well as attending our educational presentations about the places we will be visiting.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner





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## **DAY 5 - KRALENDIJK, BONAIRE**

Today we visit Kralendijk the capital of Bonaire, a Dutch settlement in the Caribbean Sea. Colorful architecture and pristine natural beauty will charm you. Visit The Bonaire Museum displaying archaeological finds, shells, and old photos. Bonaire National Marine Park, boasts a coral reef making it the ideal home for tropical fish, stretching west to Klein Bonaire Island, where the sandy beaches provide a nesting ground for sea turtles.

The salt ponds in the South of the Island, with its pink waters, white salt mountains and blue ocean are an amazing treat. A visit to the slave huts will provide a better understanding of Bonaire's history.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

## **DAY 6 - WILLEMSTAD, CURACAO**

Today we are exploring Willemstad, settled by the Dutch in 1634. A well-preserved colonial trading settlement, set in a natural harbour. The capital of the island nation of Curacao has four historic quarters, Punda, Otrobanda, Pietermaai and Scharloo, Punda being the oldest part of the city. Willemstad's architecture is as unique as its story. This UNESCO World Heritage City has an array of its original colourful buildings, which include authentic architectural elements.

Have lunch at the old market or schedule a visit to the Curacao Liqueur Distillery at Landhuis Chobolobo, experience and learn about the distillation process of the world-famous Blue Curacao Liqueur.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

## **DAY 7 - ORANGESTAD, ARUBA**

Named after "Huis van Oranje", the name of the Dutch Royal family in 1824, Oranjestad is the capital of Aruba. Downtown features plenty of traditional multicoloured buildings, museums, restaurants and great shopping on Main Street, Renaissance Marketplace and more. Alongside the marina you will find merchants selling local arts, crafts, and souvenirs.

Visit Fort Zoutman, the oldest building on the island, built in 1798 to protect the city from pirates. See the Willem III Tower once a lighthouse, and the museum which houses an exhibit showcasing the history of the island.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



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## **DAY 8 - AT SEA**

As we sail towards Santa Marta, Columbia, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the day at sea, you can either just relax or attend some of our educational presentations about the places we will be visiting.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

## **DAY 9 - SANTA MARTA, COLUMBIA**

Today, we will visit Santa Marta, a Colombian city declared a Biosfere Reserva and World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1979. Kogi, Arhuaco, Kankuamo and Wiwa indigenous ethnic groups call this city home.

Take a walk through Tayrona, the cultural heart of the city and its colonial treasures. Visit the Parque Nacional Natural Tayrona where you will learn about their fascinating culture as well as enjoying beautiful beaches with crystal clear waters, white sands, and unforgettable sunrises. No visit is complete without checking El Rodadero, where the sand is slightly coarse and doesn't stick to your feet.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

## **DAY 10 - CARTAGENA, COLUMBIA**

Today, we visit the historical city of Cartagena, with its old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take the day to discover a maze of cobblestoned streets, colonial houses, and churches at almost every corner. Soak in the vibrant colours of the markets, artisans' shops, and brightly painted houses. Take a break from your wanderings and try a limonada de coco (with or without rum).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

## **DAY 11 - AT SEA**

As we continue to sail towards Panama, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the day at sea, you can either just relax or attend some of our educational presentations.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



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## **DAY 12 - SAN BLAS ISLANDS, PANAMA**

Today we will visit an island in Guna Yala, also known as San Blas, home of the Gunas. Their territory consists of an archipelago of 365 islands and a 373-kilometre-long narrow strip of land on the east coast of Caribbean Panama. Mosty islands are inhabited, the larger islands Aguja, Guanidup, Chichimewi and Wel Provenir are home to the indigenous people.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

## **DAY 13 - COLON, PANAMA**

Today with Colon in sight, we say goodbye to the crew and our new friends. A transfer to the airport or town will be provided where you can begin your next adventure!

Meals: Breakfast