# NATURAL JEWELS OF THE CARIBBEAN-SOUTHBOUND - 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

#### **DAY 1- ST KITTS**

Our adventure starts today! We will be at the meeting point by 16:00 to transfer to 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, sport all sorts of wildlife but 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 - MONTSERRAT**

After breakfast we be ready to explore the Island of Montserrat, we will anchor in Little Bay a charming town surrounded by natural beauty. We will head to the Oriole Trail. The hiking trail wanders through the rainforest into the areas populated by the Oriole, the island's national bird. You may also spot a Forest Trush or a Purple Throated Carib.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

## DAY 3 - GUADELOUPE

Today we will be calling into Bouillante, Guadeloupe. We will visit the extensive National Park, known for its iconic waterfalls, rainforests, and black volcanic beaches you will find it to be the perfect setting to look for the endemic birds of the Island.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### DAY 4 - DOMINICA

Dominica is considered an off the beaten track island, hard to reach. Known for its natural hot springs and tropical rainforests, it is worth a visit. Our day will be spent exploring Dominica's lush rainforests and waterfalls by hiking the Syndicate Trail reaching Syndicate waterfall, during our walk we hope to catch a glimpse of the Indigenous and rare Sisserrou (Amazona imperalis) and Jacquot (Amazona arausiaca) parrots. Dominica has a sperm whale population that stays in the island's coastal waters all year round so there is a strong possibility that we will spot one or two.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

# **DAY 5 - MARTINIQUE**

The island of Martinique with a rich colonial past, offers a mix of leisure and adventure, showcasing idyllic beaches located steps away from historical sites and lush mountains. The waters surrounding Martinique have a rich diverse marine life, it is quite common to spot a large pod of dolphins play around. Today our plan is to take a nature walk through Martinique's Caravelle Peninsula Nature Reserve. Well known for its variety of landscapes, from grassy savannah to a mangrove, resting on volcanic soil, the Caravelle nature reserve boasts a variety of wildlife as well as breathtaking sceneries. Be on the look out for Antillean crested hummingbirds, Martinique orioles and white-breasted thrashers.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

#### DAY 6 - ST LUCIA

Saint Lucia is an island nation, as soon as you arrive you are faced with the Pitons, two Land formations rising from the sea and covered in an emerald-colored vegetation, the Pitons. Along the coast you can find volcanic beaches, reef-diving sites, and fishing villages. Hiking trails through the rainforest lead to waterfalls like the 15m-high Toraille, rushing over a cliff into a garden. The Sulphur Springs located in the volcano invite the visitors for a mud-bath. We plan a visit to Quilesse Forest Reserve, we will take the Des Cartiers trail, home to tree ferns, bromeliads, and orchids, we may even spot Saint Lucian birds such as the Saint Lucia Parrot, Pearly-eyed Thrasher, Antillean Euphonia and Rufous-throated Solitaire. The Vieux Fort wetlands are home to a variety of water birds including Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Osprey, and many more.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

# **DAY 7 - ST VINCENT AND GRENADINES**

The island of St. Vincent is home to the capital of Kingstown, with cobbled streets and colonial buildings. Visiting St Vincent's lush 20-acre park said to be the oldest botanical garden in the Western Hemisphere, with roots dating back to 1765 is a highlight. Boasting a broad collection of tropical flora and fauna, from mahogany and breadfruit trees to exuberant parrots. Spot the garden's versatile array of natural spices – such as cinnamon and nutmeg – hanging from centuries old tree branches. La Soufrière Volcano is St Vincent's highest peak and an active volcano. The Dark View Falls located at the foot of the volcano are accessible via a short hike through the rainforest. The falls drop into a natural pool, an ideal spot for a dip. Wallilabou Bay is well known for its crystal-clear beautiful waters which can be enjoyed whilst snorkeling. It is known as the filming location for several scenes in the blockbuster movie "Pirates of the Caribbean.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

## DAY 8 - GRENADA

Our adventure ends today! After breakfast we farewell our expedition team and fellow travellers and make our way to the airport/town.

Meals: Breakfast