# CRUISE MARTINIQUE, DOMINICA, LES SAINTES



## CRUISE MARTINIQUE, DOMINICA, LES SAINTES AN ANTILLEAN ODYSSEY TO THE RHYTHM OF BIGUINE

Alone, as a couple, with family or friends, one cabin or the whole boat.

Guadeloupe isn't just its large main island, splendid as it may be. It boasts a major asset: its smaller surrounding islands, true tropical gems. The archipelago of Les Saintes offers dreamlike stopovers, timeless and accessible only by boat. You'll be enchanted by its beautiful beaches, charming village, island ambiance, and especially its bay, considered one of the three most beautiful in the world. Midway between Martinique and Guadeloupe lies Dominica. Largely undeveloped and still untouched by mass tourism, it's likely the most pristine of the region. Its nature is dazzling: the rainforest, extraordinarily rich marine life, and a volcano with a constantly boiling lake are all testament to its splendor.

As for Martinique, known as the Island of Flowers or Madinina, it has a captivating coastline washed by the Caribbean Sea, stretching from Saint Pierre, at the foot of Mont Pelée, to the iconic Diamond Rock. The expansive beaches along the southern coast offer the perfect way to conclude this catamaran cruise through the Caribbean, leaving you relaxed and sun-kissed, with the rhythms of zouk and biguine in your mind.



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#### JOUR 1 Le Marin, Martinique

Meet at the embarkation point in Le Marin, southern Martinique, for boarding your catamaran from 6 p.m. You'll get to know the crew and your travel companions over a welcome drink. The captain will introduce you to the cruise itinerary and brief you on safety instructions. After dinner, you'll set sail for a night voyage through the Caribbean Sea. Take this time to unwind and savor the moments, gazing at the starry sky until you drift off to sleep. You'll sail along the coasts of Martinique and Dominica, reaching the Saintes Archipelago by morning.







#### JOUR 2 Saintes Archipelago

Located off the southern coast of Guadeloupe, the Saintes Archipelago is a true Caribbean gem. Famous throughout the region, its bay is often compared to that of Rio de Janeiro for its spectacular beauty. The archipelago is also notable for its unique population, partly of Breton descent, which gives the place a captivating, one-of-a-kind atmosphere. Many sailors, charmed by this exceptional setting, have even settled here.

You'll enjoy lunch anchored in front of the majestic Pain de Sucre, an ideal spot for swimming among colorful fish and vibrant coral. In the late afternoon, you can explore the charming village of Terre-de-Haut, wandering through its delightful streets. Take some time to enjoy a drink on a terrace, savoring a "Tourment d'amour," a delicious local pastry specialty. You'll also have the chance to shop or discover the artisanal production of "Saintoises," the small fishing boats typical of the archipelago.

Dinner and overnight anchorage at Terre-de-Haut.



#### JOUR 3 Saintes Archipelago

This day will be entirely devoted to exploring the archipelago. Its nine islands and islets, only two of which are inhabited, offer a variety of anchorages for sailors along unique beaches and coves. Among them are the famous Pompierre Beach, with small restaurants at its entrance, Figuier Cove, Crawen Cove, and more. Not to be missed is Cabri Island, wild and mysterious, where the ruins of an old penitentiary are now overtaken by lush vegetation.

In the morning, before the day-trippers arrive, you can hike up to Fort Napoléon. This historic site houses a museum dedicated to the archipelago's history, featuring model boats, and a stunning botanical garden with succulents and iguanas. From there, you'll enjoy a breathtaking view of the bay.

Dinner and overnight anchorage.

















#### JOUR 4 Les Saintes - Portsmouth, Dominica

In the morning, your captain will set course northward toward Dominica, which you'll reach after about four hours of sailing.

Your catamaran will anchor in Prince Rupert Bay, near the charming town of Portsmouth and historic Fort Shirley.

Dubbed the "nature island," Dominica is one of the Caribbean's most unspoiled islands. Its rugged coastline reveals rare tropical vegetation stretching over steep peaks, adorned with majestic waterfalls and housing a volcano with a perpetually boiling lake. Dominica is also home to the last remaining descendants of the Carib Indians and fishing communities that still sail the sea in traditional wooden dugouts.

Uniquely, Dominica is the only place in the world where sperm whales reside year-round. The best time to see them is from November to March, when the females give birth.

In the afternoon, you may opt for a guided excursion (extra charge), a peaceful boat ride along the Indian River, immersed in lush greenery. Dinner and overnight anchorage.

#### JOUR 5 Portsmouth – Roseau, Mero Beach

Depart in the morning to explore the island's south, near Roseau, the capital.

On Mero Beach, a stunning black volcanic sand beach lined with palm trees, you'll be welcomed by a relaxed, authentic ambiance. It's a friendly place, often filled with the laughter of families and the sounds of Caribbean music from beach bars.

In the afternoon, reconnect with nature on an optional excursion to the impressive Trafalgar Falls, nestled deep in the rainforest. Returning to your catamaran in the evening, enjoy a spectacular sunset over the crystal-clear waters of the Caribbean Sea.

Dinner and overnight anchorage at Mero.

#### JOUR 6 Mero Beach - Martinique, Saint-Pierre

After breakfast, you'll set a course for the north of Martinique.

Founded in 1635, Saint-Pierre was once the economic capital of Martiniaue until the devastating eruption of Mont Pelée in 1902 destroyed the city. Today, its history is deeply tied to colonization and the rise of the sugar industry. A visit to this small town reveals poignant remnants of the past, including the ruins of the theater and the Colonial Health House, silent witnesses to Saint-Pierre's former grandeur, once nicknamed the "Little Paris of the Antilles."

Dinner and overnight anchorage at Saint-Pierre.













#### JOUR 7 Saint-Pierre - Les Anses d'Arlet - Sainte-Anne

On this final glorious day of sailing, carried by the trade winds of Martinique, you'll reach the picturesque Anses d'Arlet by late morning. This charming town spans four coves: Grande Anse, Anse Dufour, Anse d'Arlet, and Petite Anse. You'll be captivated by the authenticity of this fishing village, where the quintessentially Antillean atmosphere reigns. A charming church, colorful Creole houses along the beach, and a wooden pier perfectly aligned with the steeple create a postcard-worthy scene. By afternoon, you'll pass by the emblematic Diamond Rock, a majestic symbol of the island. Rising proudly from the waves, this rock earned its name from its unique shape and the shimmering reflections that adorn its sides at different times of day.

Your journey will continue to Sainte-Anne Beach, a lively seaside destination, perfect for enjoying an evening onshore.

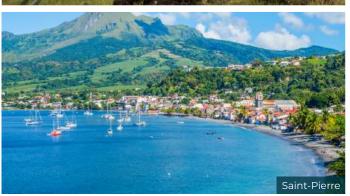
Dinner and overnight anchorage.

#### JOUR 8 Sainte Anne – Le Marin

After an early breakfast, your catamaran will weigh anchor one last time to return to Le Marin port. You'll disembark with your captain at 9 a.m. The order of stopovers at Dominica and Les Saintes may be modified depending on weather and/or local conditions. These two stopovers may take place consecutively either on the route north or south.



























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