

Let your spirit set sail



In the Footsteps of Christopher Columbus



From Antigua to Saint Martin

Embarkation: Wed 21 February 2018

Disembarkation: Wed 28 February 2018

Soak up the Caribbean sun on the deck of a windjammer and escape the cold of winter! Leave the dark days of February behind and board the Eye of the Wind for a week-long sailing trip through the sunny islands of the Lesser Antilles. The azure ocean, swimming coves with white beaches and coconut trees, the starry night sky, the sun setting above the sea – on this journey, holiday dreams will come true! A balanced mix of calm, relaxing days at sea and discoveries on shore with a typical Caribbean flair will make this sailing trip an unforgettable experience.



This is where you will go on board: Saint John's / Antigua

You will be welcomed aboard by our crew at the port of Saint John's on the sugarcane island of Antigua. Embarkation will take place at 19:00 hours. Afterwards, you will have dinner together in the comfortable lounge, where you will quickly feel at home on the Eye of the Wind's deck and get to know your fellow sailors.

In the centre of the island's capital, small streets and markets invite you to take a stroll. In the Heritage and Redcliffe Quay shopping centres, you can shop duty-free and get some good bargains. Don't miss out on a visit to one of the rum distilleries – some of the rums on offer are considered to be the most remarkable ones in the world.

The international airport is only a few streets away from the port. From there, you can fly to many international destinations. Please feel free to contact us – we will be happy to assist you with the individual planning of your arrival and departure.



365 beaches – one for every day of the year!

The former British colony is not only famous for the annual Antigua Sailing Week, one of the most important regattas in the world, but also for its 365 dream beaches. After being discovered by Christopher Columbus, the overall picture of the island was shaped by British colonial rule, which lasted around 350 years. Make the most of your stay by visiting English Harbourtown with its perfectly restored architecture. The ruins of the fort, which are open to the public and absolutely worth seeing, testify to the colony's efforts to protect itself against invasion from the sea.



Our sailing waters: The Windward Islands

We will set a northwestern course in the Caribbean Sea towards Saint Martin. You will get to know the Eye of the Wind as a seaworthy and reliable ship that has proven itself in all weather conditions. After receiving safety instructions and an introduction to sailing by the ship's crew, you will soon be able to take part in sailing yourself – no previous knowledge is needed. Or you can simply make yourself comfortable on deck and enjoy watching.

Island hopping, anchor bays and shore leave

During the trip, there will be some stopovers, either at ports or in sheltered bays. Where we go ashore depends on the wind and weather conditions, and is decided at short notice by the Captain who will take your wishes into account whenever possible. This ensures that your sailing trip will be a pleasant mixture of adventure, relaxation, active participation and pure enjoyment. Possible stops for going on shore are Barbuda, Saint Kitts and Nevis.

Saint Kitts and Nevis

More than a quarter of the island is designated as a protected national park. Island tours will take you to the botanical garden, the old sugarcane factory or the impressive island church built in 1856. From the lively party beach at Frigate Bay to the hidden insider's tip Banana Bay with its backdrop of coconut palms and azure water, all swimming bays can be reached quickly by boat and offer safe anchorages.



Barbuda has the longest beach in the Caribbean

The 'treasure chest of glistening sand and emerald water' is home to a huge colony of frigate birds. Dark Cave and Darby's Cave are not to be missed – deep craters covered by a rainforest, in which you might expect to discover hidden pirate treasures. The pink beaches are ideal for snorkeling and long walks. The charm of the small island blended with the friendliness and openness of its inhabitants evokes a feeling of 'heaven and back in a single day'.



This is where you will disembark: Marigot / Saint Martin

Many sea miles later, the Caribbean island of Saint Martin will appear on the horizon. Columbus arrived here on his second voyage and named the island after Saint Martin, whose saint's day had been on the date of the island's first sighting on 11 November 1493. The modern Marigot marina in the French part of the island will be our next mooring point.

Take advantage of your stay on Saint Martin island for a relaxing day at the breathtaking Dawn Beach, a hike along the rugged cliffs of Pointe Blanche Bay or a boat trip through Simpson Bay Lagoon. Every day, several cruise ships sail to Philipsburg, which is the largest port. There is a wide range of tourist attractions, from jet skiing and snorkeling tours to casino and beach visits in Great Bay. In the bustling shopping mile on Front Street, typical local handcrafted goods in a stunning blaze of Caribbean colour are offered.



Seven good reasons to go:

- Island hopping to the most beautiful beaches, bays and ports of the Lesser Antilles
- Sailing "in the footsteps of Christopher Columbus" across the Caribbean Sea
- Attractive ports of embarkation and disembarkation: Antigua and Saint-Martin
- Active sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old windjammer
- Nature impressions at sea, Caribbean flair during shore leave
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening
- Balanced ratio of days at sea and time for shore leave or bathing stops



Journey time:

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Services included:

- 7 nights' accommodation aboard the Tall Ship Eye of the Wind.
- Accommodation in a comfortable double cabin with hot and cold running water, shower, toilet, and air conditioning (single cabin surcharge).
- Full board (including all meals, soft drinks, coffee & tea).
- Lounge with TV/DVD and extensive on-board library.
- The tour price includes VAT.

Not included:

Arrival and departure, shore excursions and alcoholic beverages.

We gladly assist you in the individual planning of your arrival and departure. Please contact us if necessary in a timely manner.

Please consider the following notes on the itinerary:

The indicated ports are optional. The ship's management reserves the right to change the itinerary at short notice depending on wind and weather conditions.

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