

*Let your spirit set sail*



# *Sailing to the British Virgin Islands*

**... a holiday paradise amidst the ocean**

**Sat 16 February 2019 ⇒ Sat 23 February 2019**



Welcome aboard for a windjammer cruise through the **enchanted islands of the Lesser Antilles**. Breathtaking landscapes, adventures at sea in a mild ocean climate and the lively culture of the **British Virgin Islands** will turn this trip into a unique holiday experience.

On this cruise we will explore some of the **most beautiful beaches and bays** of this archipelago. You will never forget the azure blue ocean, the palm beaches and the incomparable **flair of the "Caribbean way of life"**.



**This is where you will embark: Marina Fort Louis, Marigot / Saint Martin**

The Princess Juliana international airport is located in the Dutch southern half of the twin island of Sint Maarten / Saint Martin and is easily reached from many international airports with only one or two stopovers. We are happy to assist you with the individual planning of your arrival and departure. If you have any questions, please contact us in good time.

A unique attraction worth seeing is immediately visible on anchoring at the Caribbean island paradise: on the nearby Maho Beach, the distance between landing airplanes and beach-goers' heads (or the masts of the boats anchored there) is often only a few metres. On a chalkboard attached to a surfboard, the arrival times of the largest planes are announced for hobby photographers every day. You can reach Marigot in a short drive by taxi or minibus, during which you will pass the monument on the Dutch-French border line. This monument is remarkable for two reasons: first, because the mother countries on the European continent are at no point adjacent and second, because there is no other small island of this size in the world that is divided between two nations. By the way, the EURO is the official currency in the French part of Saint Martin.



Our crew will welcome you on board in the modern Fort Louis marina of Marigot in the French part of the colourful and lively Caribbean island. Embarkation takes place at 19:00 hours. Afterwards, there will be dinner 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.



Make the most of your stay with a relaxing day at the breathtaking Dawn Beach. Our tip: Saint Martin is considered the culinary capital of the Caribbean – therefore do not miss the local specialities made from the guava fruit!



## Setting sail for the Virgin Islands – snorkelling and swimming in the Caribbean "baths"

After a thorough safety briefing and sailing instructions from our experienced crew, you will soon be familiar with the ship and be able to take part in the sailing yourself – always on a voluntary basis, of course. A pleasant wind pushes us through the azure water of the seemingly boundless ocean. The smooth and steady rise and fall of the hull in the waves, the vast ocean and the soft creaking of the rigging are the perfect ingredients for a wonderfully relaxing holiday experience. Many nautical miles later, the first of the roughly 60 British Virgin Islands will appear on the horizon.

We will drop anchor off Virgin Gorda, the third-largest island of the archipelago. Here, the randomly arranged granite boulders of "The Baths" form small caves and pools, and invite you to explore and snorkel. In this natural lagoon you can enjoy the tranquility and a first-class swim, too.

After a trip to the beach and a swim in the sea, you can round off the day with a glass of quality wine from the onboard bar while watching the sun go down.



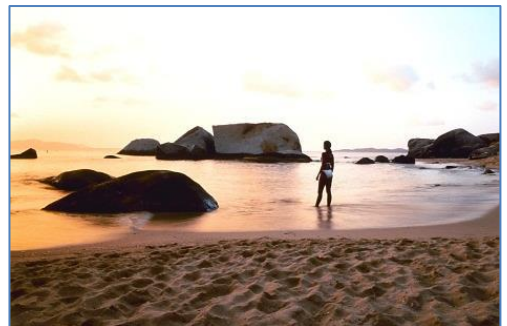
## A relaxing cruise under full sail

After a night at anchor, we will cruise through the waters of the BVI, past islands with adventurous names such as Pelican, Dead Chest, Mosquito Island and Carrot Rock. Our excellent galley, which consistently receives the top grade of 1.0 in customer satisfaction surveys, offers food and refreshments around the clock, including regional delicacies. In our extensive onboard library, you will surely find a good book for a comfortable read under the sun sail on deck. You can round off the day's sailing by relaxing with a cocktail under the tropical night sky.



## This is where you will disembark: Road Town, Tortola / British Virgin Islands

The journey ends on the main island of Tortola. It is well worth taking shore leave to see the port of Road Town, which exudes a special holiday feel with its combination of mild climate, beautiful landscape and Caribbean serenity. Why not make the most of your time by taking a walk through the botanical garden in the town centre? And on the Main Street of the British Virgin Islands' capital, numerous colonial-style houses will tempt you to stroll through the shops and enjoy a drink or two in the bars and pubs. You will notice that a certain British etiquette is blended with the tranquility and cheerfulness of the "Caribbean way of life". Here and there, the shores of the white sandy beaches are lined with mangrove trees and prickly cactuses. The constant sound of the Atlantic Ocean will dispel any thoughts of a cold, wet winter.





## Seven good reasons to go

- Island hopping to some of the most stunning beaches, coves and harbors of the BVI
- Across the Caribbean Sea aboard a Tall Ship
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening
- Attractive ports of embarkation and debarkation: Saint-Martin and Tortola
- A relaxing holiday in a mild sea climate and with a lot of "Caribbean way of life"
- Active sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old windjammer ... feel free to participate!
- Well-balanced ratio between time at sea and time for shore leave or swimming / snorkelling at anchorage



## 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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