

Let your spirit set sail



A Windjammer Christmas

... and New Year's Eve with a Caribbean flair

Sun 22 December 2019 ⇨ Fri 03 January 2020



At the turn of the year, you can cast Christmas stress overboard and just enjoy the wind, sky, and waves, and marvel at the vast expanse of the sea. This year, you won't have to deal with the hassle of Christmas shopping and preparing the New Year's Eve party – the Eye of the Wind's crew will take care of everything!

Azure ocean, palm beaches and the incomparable flair of the "Caribbean way of life": We will explore some of the most beautiful harbours and bays in the enchanting island world of the Lesser Antilles. Breathtaking landscapes, adventures at sea in a mild ocean climate and the lively culture of the British Virgin Islands make this 12-day Caribbean round trip a unique holiday experience.



This is where you will go on board: 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 can easily be reached from many major airports with only one stopover. 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 aeroplanes 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 borderline. This monument is so remarkable because the mother countries on the European continent are at no point adjacent and there is no smaller island 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. US dollars are also accepted on the whole island.

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 together in the comfortable lounge, where you will quickly feel at home on the Eye of the Wind's deck and soon get to know your fellow sailors.

Take advantage of your stay for a relaxing day at the breathtaking Dawn Beach. Our tip: Saint Martin is considered the 'culinary capital of the Caribbean' – do not miss the local specialities made from the guava fruit.



 **Setting sail for the Virgin Islands – snorkelling and swimming in the "Bathroom of the Caribbean"**


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 – it is always voluntary, of course. A pleasant wind pushes us through the azure water of the seemingly boundless ocean. The smooth and steady up and down 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, invite you to explore and snorkel. In this natural lagoon, you can enjoy the tranquillity and a first-class swim.

A delicious dinner after a trip to the beach and a swim in the sea, perhaps a good glass of wine from the onboard bar, and watching the sunset will round off the day and make the moment perfect.

 **A relaxing cruise under full sail**

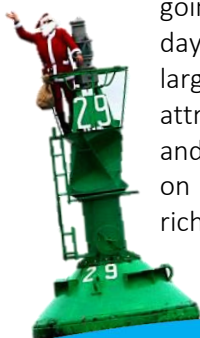
After a night at anchor, we will cruise through the waters of the British Virgin Islands, past islands with adventurous names such as Pelican, Dead Chest, Mosquito Island and Carrot Rock. Our excellent galley, which consistently receives the top grade in customer satisfaction surveys, offers food and refreshments – including regional delicacies – from morning to evening. In our extensive onboard library, you will surely find a good book for a comfortable read on deck. After a day of sailing, you can enjoy the evening by relaxing with a cocktail under the tropical night sky.

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

Start the New Year with Caribbean flair! Even before Saint Martin, the port of departure and destination of this cruise, reappears on the horizon, the Eye of the Wind will already have become the ship of your dreams. If you want to spend some time on the island after the cruise, it is worth taking a walk along the rugged rocky coast of Pointe Blanche Bay or going on a boat trip through the Simpson Bay lagoon. Every day, several cruise ships sail into Philipsburg, which is the largest port. There you will find a wide range of tourist attractions, from jet skiing and snorkelling tours to casino and beach visits in Great Bay. In the bustling shopping mile on Front Street, typical local handcrafted goods are sold in a rich variety of colours typical for the Caribbean.



St. Martin



Eight good reasons to go

- Christmas at sea aboard a Tall Ship
- New Year's Eve and New Year in the island paradise of the Lesser Antilles
- Explore the most beautiful beaches and coves of the BVI by boat
- Well-balanced ratio between time at sea and time for shore leave at attractive destinations
- A relaxing holiday in a mild sea climate
- Active sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old windjammer ... feel free to participate!
- Island hopping with a lot of "Caribbean way of life"
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening



Journey time

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Services included

- 12 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.

Basic travel information (non-binding information, subject to change)

Saint-Martin

Official website ► www.st-martin.org
Languages: English, French, Dutch
Currencies: Antillean Guilder, US \$, part. Euro
Climate / Avg. Temp.: Air 22–28 °C, Water 25 °C
Traffic: right-hand driving

British Virgin Islands

Official website ► www.bvitourism.com
Language: English
Currency: US \$
Climate / Avg. Temp.: Air 23–28 °C, Water 27 °C
Traffic: left-hand driving

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