

Let your spirit set sail



Pearls of the Lesser Antilles

Windward Islands Saint Martin, Saint Kitts and Antigua

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Welcome on board to an unforgettable journey of discovery through the dreamlike world of the Windward Islands. Breathtaking landscapes, sailing adventures in a sunny ocean climate, and the culture of the colourful Caribbean make this trip a unique holiday experience.

You will never forget the azure blue ocean, the palm beaches and the incomparable flair of the Caribbean way of life. We have planned stopovers on the island state Saint Kitts and Nevis with plenty of time for you to go on shore.



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 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.

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 remarkable, as the mother countries on the European continent are at no point adjacent, and because there is no smaller island in the world that is divided between two nations.

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.

Make the most of your stay and the time before boarding for a relaxing day at 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.



Our sailing waters: The Windward Islands

We will set a southwestern course in the Caribbean Sea towards Antigua. 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 can soon join in the sailing yourself – no previous knowledge is needed. Or you can simply make yourself comfortable on deck and enjoy watching.



Island hopping, anchor bays and time on shore

The islands that neighbour Saint Martin offer a wide variety of landscapes, which is why we will make some stops during the trip, either at a port or in a sheltered bay. 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. No two days are the same – this ensures that your cruise will be a pleasant mix of adventure, relaxation, active participation and pure enjoyment. The ocean breeze is known to make you hungry, and hardworking sailors need some refreshment – enjoy our excellent on-board galley, which always gets top ratings in our customer satisfaction surveys. The compass needle will point to relaxation soon after we have sailed the first nautical miles.

Saint Kitts and Nevis

More than a quarter of the island is designated as a protected national park. Tours of the island 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.



This is where you will disembark: Nelson's Dockyard / Antigua

By the time you have arrived at Nelson's Dockyard, the Eye of the Wind will already have become the ship of your dreams! Here you will bid farewell to the crew and leave the windjammer with a sailor's bag full of travel memories. The former British colony of Antigua is famous for its 365 dream beaches (a beach for every day of the year!).



Across the bay lies one of these pink and white sandy beaches that stretch for miles, attracting adventurers, water sports enthusiasts, sun worshippers and beach walkers alike. How about a romantic evening stroll to round off your cruise? The sunset over the Caribbean Sea is truly breathtaking!

Make the most of your stay by visiting the capital St. John's and English Harbourtown with its perfectly restored architecture. The ruins of the fort, which are open to the public and well-worth seeing, testify to the colony's efforts to protect itself against invasion from the sea. 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 do some duty-free shopping and get some good bargains. The sugarcane island of Antigua is also famous for the annual Sailing Week – one of the most important regattas in the world. Our tip: 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.

Seven good reasons to go

- Island hopping to some of the most beautiful beaches and coves of the Windward Islands
- Across the Caribbean Sea aboard a windjammer with a young and friendly crew
- Attractive ports of embarkation and debarkation: Saint-Martin and Antigua
- Active sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old tall ship ... feel free to participate!
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening
- Well-balanced ratio between time at sea and time for shore leave or anchoring
- Stopover with shore leave at Saint Kitts and Nevis

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.

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

Avg. sunshine hours per day: 8

Traffic: right-hand driving

Antigua

Official website ▷ www.visitantiguabarbuda.com

Language: English

Currency: Eastern Caribbean Dollar, US \$

Climate / Avg. Temp.: Air 22–28 °C, Water 26 °C

Avg. sunshine hours per day: 7

Traffic: left-hand driving

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