

# **Treasures of the Caribbean:** Cruising the Windward Islands

on Le Champlain February 22-29, 2020





Explore St. George's, Grenada's alluring capital founded by French settlers in 1650, and its picturesque harbor dotted with handsome Georgian-style buildings.

A secluded archipelago impossibly blessed by Mother Nature, the Windward Islands have for centuries captivated sailors riding the carousel of Atlantic trade winds. With jungle-cloaked peaks that plunge into crystalline waters and vibrant coral reefs, cascading waterfalls and mini geysers, these remote islands combine the magnetic allure of the Caribbean with a rare authenticity. The iconic twin peaks of the Pitons, the world's only drive-through volcanic crater, breathtaking topography and a flamboyance of fauna invite you to experience these surreal and lightly trodden landscapes. The swaying rhythms of calypso and reggae reverberate through convivial streetscapes and harbors where pastel-hued Creole houses and stately Georgian-style mansions bear the imprint of British, French and Spanish colonial rule. Experience a unique, off-the-beaten-path itinerary and intimate cruise on board an exclusively chartered small ship, offering unparalleled access to the idyllic ports and secluded bays of the southern most Caribbean islands.

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#### A LITTLE MORE TO IT

My walking shoes are laced up tight and I'm ready to keep up with my traveling companions. I look forward to getting to know them on the drives and/or flights we'll take between cities. I enjoy getting around in Zodiac rafts and 4x4 vehicles for short durations. A little mental and physical stimulation will do me good!

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# Study Leaders

As this brochure goes to print, we have not yet confirmed the Harvard study leader for this program. We intend, however, that you will be joined by a Harvard lecturer who will enhance your travel experience. You will discover that our lecturers are not only first-rate scholars and teachers but also friendly traveling companions, eager to share their insights through conversation as well as in scheduled presentations.



**National Trust study** leader Barbara Horlbeck, M.A., is an arts and culture professional with extensive global experience.

She is a lecturer, writer, independent researcher and adjunct instructor of art history, and has developed and teaches innovative virtual and face-to-face college-level art history courses. As a docent at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. Barbara has led tours for educators, specialists and the general public for 15 years. She has traveled in more than 35 countries, including five continents and the North Pole. Barbara will help travelers focus on developing a deeper understanding of our artistic and cultural legacy.



Snorkel the crystal-clear lagoons of uninhabited Tobago Cays Marine Park, famed for its vibrant horseshoe coral reef brimming with marine life.

# Schedule by Day

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

#### U.S. / Grenada

Depart the U.S., arrive in St. George's, Grenada, the same day and embark the Five-Star Le Champlain. Best known as the "Spice Island," the volcanic isle of Grenada enjoys cool breezes perfumed with fragrant exports—salt air swirled with nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves, allspice, coffee and cocoa. First controlled by the French in the early 17th century, Grenada was a British colony for nearly two centuries before achieving independence in 1974. Distinctive French influences remain in surnames, dialect and cuisine.

See historic landmarks in the picturesque capital, St. George's, including Fort George. Enjoy panoramic views of the Carenage, a scenic waterfront dotted with colorful fishing boats and Georgian-style architecture. Walk among cinnamon, clove and bay trees in an herb and spice garden where ginger, pepper and turmeric also grow, and learn about rare botanicals, such as zebapique and jump-up-and-kiss-me. Visit Grenada's largest rum distillery and savor impeccably aged rum. Stroll the quintessential white-sand shores of Grand Anse Beach at your leisure. (B,L,R,2D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

# Bequia /St. Vincent and The Grenadines

Bequia is the largest island of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Enjoy the morning at leisure in Port Elizabeth and transportation to Mt. Pleasant, Bequia's highest accessible point, for its amazing views.

After lunch, take in sweeping vistas of the Caribbean Sea and the capital city of Kingstown from the early-19th-century ruins of Fort Charlotte, built atop a steep promontory. Walk among the largest botanical gardens in the Western Hemisphere, populated with trees from around the world and look for the endangered St. Vincent parrot. Kingstown is replete with historic architecture. including 19th-century cathedrals. (B,L,D)

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

#### Martinique

The most heavily French-influenced of all the Caribbean Basin, Martinique celebrates its Creole heritage amid paradisal scenery. In Fort-de-France, see the varied architectural styles of its historic buildings blending harmoniously with the landscape, including the elaborate Romanesque Schoelcher Library. Admire the verdant Pitons du Carbet from the Sacré Coeur de Balata, a reduced replica of the Basilica of Montmartre in Paris.



From the veranda of a Creole farmhouse in the famous Balata Gardens, watch effervescent hummingbirds feed on sweet nectar.



Snorkel among hawksbill sea turtles in the clear blue waters of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Then, stroll through a shaded canopy of trees, including twining begonias, mahogany, musa nana and bamboo amid 3,000 varieties of tropical plants.

This afternoon, admire distinct Creole architecture and vast sugarcane fields at the Clément Plantation, a French historical landmark and producer of Clément rum for more than 125 years. Tour the former distillery and see the manor house, notable as the site of the 1991 post-Gulf War meeting between French President François Mitterand and late U.S. President George H. W. Bush. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

#### lles des Saintes

Today is at leisure to experience the picture-perfect beauty and laissez-faire charms of



the Old Caribbean on

Terre-de-Haut, one of

islands that form the

Les Saintes.

two sparsely-inhabited

spellbinding archipelago of

You can take in the

fortification built in 1867.

quaint village where



Pigeon Island Beach or explore the vestiges of Fort Rodney at Pigeon Island National Park where the

British defeated the French during the Battle of the Saints

widescreen panoramic views from Fort Napoleon, a hilltop Explore Bourg, Terre-de-Haut's fishermen and their families walk streets dotted with colorful houses and storefronts draped with bougainvillea. Or, enjoy the photogenic horseshoe bay of Plage de Pompierre, famed for its world-class snorkeling.

mineral content.



#### St. Lucia

(B,L,D)

The twin volcanic peaks of Gros Piton and Petit Piton are part of a comprehensive UNESCO World Heritage site on the island. Begin your exploration of St. Lucia's captivating coastline from Rodney Bay. Relax on the golden sands of



Discover authentic traditions and scenery of the Caribbean's timeless fishing villages.

This afternoon in Soufrière, wander a canopied haven of vivid flora in Diamond Falls **Botanical Gardens past** rocks tinted yellow. green and purple from the falls' mineral-rich waters. Visit Sulphur Springs and witness firsthand ongoing geological activity in the dormant crater of Soufrière Volcano. (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

# Mayreau Island/Tobago **Cays Marine Park**

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Arrive in Saline Bay, Mayreau Island, and enjoy free time this morning for swimming, snorkeling, and various water sports.

After lunch, arrive in the beauty of an ideal snorkeling retreat shielded from the sea by Horseshoe Reef. Tobago Cays Marine Park is an underwater gallery of colorful sponges, conchs, sea turtles, butterflyfish and parrotfish. (B,L,R,D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

### Barbados / U.S.

Originally inhabited by Arawaks, stunning Barbados was the first landing spot for many Spanish and Portuguese explorers, who named it Los Barbados-"the bearded ones". for the unusual bearded fig trees.

Disembark Le Champlain and continue on the Beauty of **Barbados Post-Cruise Option** or, transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S. (B)

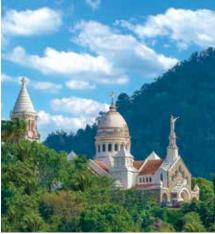
# What is Included:

- Seven-night cruise aboard the LE CHAMPLAIN
- Elegantly appointed, five-star suite or stateroom
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting)
- · All activities, excursions, entrance fees, and meals per detailed itinerary
- · Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel, guides, and drivers

- · Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and during excursions
- Services of a tour manager throughout the program
- · Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- \$200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance



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Experience Martinique's French panache with a visit to La Balata, a small-scale Sacré Coeur.

# "Spice Island" Exploration

PRE-CRUISE OPTION

\$795 per person, double occupancy \$1,195 per person, single occupancy

Spend two nights in colorful St. George's, Grenada. Explore the rich biodiversity of the Grand Etang Forest Reserve surrounding a crater lake in an extinct volcano, visit a working 17th-century cocoa plantation and stop at the Grenada Nutmeg Station to learn more about the island's famed spice. Enjoy deluxe tropical accommodations in the RADISSON GRENADA BEACH RESORT, ideally located on Grand Anse Beach.



Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

#### The Beauty of Barbados

POST-CRUISE OPTION

\$1,195 per person, double occupancy \$1,795 per person, single occupancy

The ideal complement to your cruise, historic Barbados celebrates a thriving geographical and cultural landscape. In extraordinary Hunte's Gardens, tropical plant life blooms in a beautifully landscaped rainforest gully. Celebrated Bridgetown showcases a fascinating fusion of more than 350 years of English and Afro-Caribbean architecture, culture and traditions. Tour Bridgetown's UNESCO-designated historic center and Garrison, and the neo-Gothic-style Parliament Building. Visit the Careenage, the focal point of the city, studded with historic buildings, and the site of the iconic Chamberlain Bridge. Tour the notable George Washington House, where the United States's first president stayed for two months as a young man. Spend two nights in the deluxe Hillton Barbados Resort.

# Trip Sampling

#### LAND & RAIL

Journey in Greece for Students & Alumni JAN 10-19, 2020 Keith Stone

Moroccan Discovery MAY 8-20, 2020 Kay Shelemay

**Village Life in Dordogne** MAY 14-22, 2020 Susan Rubin Suleiman

#### **CRUISES**

Expedition To Antarctica on Le Boréal JAN 15-28, 2020 James Salzman

Scottish Isles & Norway's Fjords on Le Champlain MAY 30-JUN 7, 2020 Lizabeth Cohen & Herrick Chapman Great Journey through Europe: The Rhine River and Switzerland JUL 17–27, 2020 Christie McDonald

**Cruising the Great Lakes on Le Champlain** SEP 12-19, 2020

Trade Routes Of Coastal Iberia on Le Jacques Carrier OCT 3-11, 2020 Allen Callahan

Island Life: Greek Islands on Le Bougainville OCT 8-16, 2020 James Salzman

#### **RIVERS & LAKES**

Southern Africa Adventure on ZAMBEZI QUEEN MAR 12-28,2020 Leeanne Alonso & Alfonso Alonso

Springtime In Provence & Burgandy (Lyon to Lyon) on Amadeus Provence MAY 6-14, 2020 Richard Thomas European Coastal Civilizations: Lisbon to London's Tower Bridge on Le Dumont-D'Urville APR 27-MAY 6, 2020 John Stewart

Ancient Empires: Rome To Malta on Le Bougainville MAY 24 – JUN 1, 2020 Daniel Donoghue

Danube River: Vienna To The Black Sea on AMADEUS QUEEN OCT 4-16, 2020 Thomas Forrest Kelly

#### **FAMILY ADVENTURES**

Greece Family Odyssey: The Peloponnese on Running on Waves JUN 18–27, 2020 James Simpson

Japan Family Adventure (Tokyo, Kyoto & Hiroshima) JUN 27-JUL 8, 2020 Ted Gilman

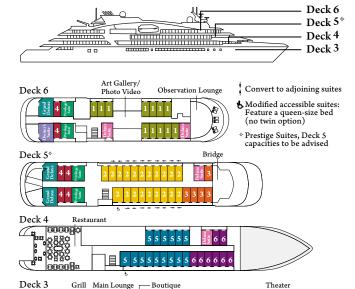








#### mv Le Champlain



**Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design:** The exclusively chartered, five-star Le Champlain, launched in 2019, provides an unparalleled cruising experience. The 92 elegant, ocean-view staterooms and suites range from 205 to 484 square feet and feature a private balcony, individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed, a private bathroom, and luxurious hotel amenities. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the ship.

Medical Center

**Life on Board:** Enjoy sweeping views from the lounges, which open to the outdoors, and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa and sauna or the Sun Deck's infinity-style swimming pool. There is a beauty salon, fitness room and there are three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting).

**92 Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies:** Each Five-Star Stateroom and Suite (up to 484 square feet) features a private balcony. Grand Deluxe Suites have a bay window and spacious private terrace. Accommodations offer two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, private bathrooms with a shower and luxury hotel-style amenities.

**Respect for the Environment:** A new addition to the Ponant "Clean Ship" fleet, an important distinction among ocean-cruising vessels, LE CHAMPLAIN is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems.

**Chic and Casual Dining:** Dine indoors or alfresco on international and regional cuisine served in the stylish, spacious indoor-outdoor restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Daily meals include continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

**World-Class Service:** The highly trained, English-speaking crew are personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and nurse.

#### Rates Per Person

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

CATEGORY/DECK

#### **CATEGORY 8** \$4,595

Picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. *Deck 3, forward*. (limited availability)

#### **CATEGORY 7**

\$5,595

Picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. **Deck 3**, **midship**.

#### CATEGORY 6

\$6,795

Expansive sliding glass door, **private balcony**. **Deck 4, forward**.

#### **CATEGORY 5**

\$7,195

Expansive sliding glass door, **private balcony**. **Deck 4, midship**.

#### **CATEGORY 4**

\$7,595

Expansive sliding glass door, **private balcony**. **Decks 5 and 6, aft**. (limited availability)

#### CATEGORY 3

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Expansive sliding glass door, **private balcony**. **Deck 5, forward.** (limited availability)

#### CATEGORY 2

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Expansive sliding glass door, **private balcony**. **Deck 5**, *midship*.

#### CATEGORY 1

Expansive sliding glass door, **private balcony**. **Deck 6**, **midship**.

#### DELUXE SUITE \$9,595

Suite with expansive sliding glass door, **large private balcony** (Deck 3 has a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony), sitting area with sofa. *Decks 3, 4, 5, and 6.* (limited availability)

#### PRESTIGE SUITE\* \$10,095

Two-room suite (Category 2), expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. *Deck* 5. (limited availability)

#### PRIVILEGE SUITE \$10,595

Large suite with expansive sliding glass door, **larger private balcony**, sitting area with sofa. **Decks 5 and 6.** (limited availability)

#### **GRAND DELUXE SUITE \$11,295**

Extra large two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional private powder room, sitting area with sofa. *Decks 5 and 6.* (limited availability)

#### OWNER'S SUITE \$11,595

Extra large two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional private powder room, sitting area with sofa.

Deck 6. (limited availability)

Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel are included.

## Terms & Conditions

#### **TOUR COST INCLUSIONS:**

Airfare; taxes; all transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s); all activities, excursions, entrance fees, accommodation, and meals per detailed itinerary; complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise; gratuities to ship personnel, local guides, and drivers; tour manager throughout; \$200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance.

#### **TOUR COST EXCLUSIONS:**

International airfare from the U.S.; baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air taxes; associated local taxes, airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the "Inclusions" section; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than and/ or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); passport fees; visas and fees for obtaining visas; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, and Internet access unless otherwise specified; accident/ sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to hotel personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; meals and alcoholic beverages not listed in the "Inclusions" section; and all other services not specifically mentioned in the "Inclusions" section.

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reserve a space on this program, a \$1,000 deposit is required per person (plus \$200 per person Pre and/ or Post-Program). Please either call us at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806 or fill out and mail or fax the registration form found in the back of this brochure. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. Deposits may be made by check, payable to Harvard Alumni Association, or with a major credit card. Final payment, payable by check, is due 95 days before departure.

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#### Please return this form by mail to:

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