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HISTORY & GARDENS OF THE CARIBBEAN

Round-Trip Barbados Aboard *Emerald Azzurra*

February 24 – March 2, 2024

with Kay K. Shelemay, G. Gordon Watts Professor of Music



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Anse Des Pitons, St. Lucia (above) and Fort Napoléon, Îles des Saintes (below)

History & Gardens of the Caribbean

Experience the beauty and history of the Caribbean during a luxurious winter escape aboard the brand-new superyacht *Emerald Azzurra*. Sail to seven breathtaking island paradises, each with its own rich history and distinct character.

From Barbados, sail to the little-visited yet spectacular island of Dominica, where you will explore the ruins of the 18th-century Fort Shirley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Call at Nevis, the birthplace of Founding Father Alexander Hamilton. Visit Hamilton's childhood home and explore the spectacular Botanical Gardens of Nevis, home to five acres of orchid terraces and a rainforest conservancy.

Bask on the white-sand beaches of St. Barthélemy and swim or snorkel in the warm Caribbean waters. On magical Antigua, tour the famous Nelson's Dockyard and a restored 17th-century sugar plantation before calling at Montserrat, described as "a modern-day Pompeii." Step ashore in the Îles des Saintes, the site of the most significant naval battle ever fought in the Caribbean. Before returning to Barbados, meander through the magnificent Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens in Soufrière, St. Lucia.

Travel in the company of members from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the University of Chicago Alumni Association, and the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association.

Activity Level 3:

A Little More To It

This fairly active program involves walking (in some cases on uneven terrain such as cobblestone streets and beaches) and standing during visits to museums, gardens and historic sites. Comfortable walking shoes are essential! Daytime highs average into the 80s and evenings in the 70s, with only temporary rain showers likely. The sun is very strong. It's recommended you pack a hat, sunblock, and insect repellent. Casual dress is appropriate most of the time. For welcome and farewell dinners, country club-casual and resort-style clothing are customary. Please refrain from shorts, t-shirts and flip-flop sandals at dinner. The yacht has two elevators, granting access to all levels.

Study Leader



Kay K. Shelemay is the G. Gordon Watts Professor of Music at Harvard University. As an ethnomusicologist, she has studied music, musicians, and migration in Africa, the Middle East, and the urban United States. On this program, Kay plans to

lecture on Caribbean music at home and abroad and about Caribbean musicians and their global impact.



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Map of the region (left); Botanical Gardens of Nevis (right); Gustavia, St. Barthélemy (below left) and Botanic Gardens of Nevis (below right)

Schedule by Day

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Departure / Barbados

Upon arrival in Barbados this afternoon, transfer to the elegant *Emerald Azzurra* for our seven-night Caribbean cruise. This brand-new, sleek superyacht is spacious, with ample outdoor areas across several levels. Take advantage of the infinity pool and watersports platform throughout the voyage.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Roseau, Dominica

Today, discover Dominica, nicknamed the "Nature Isle" of the Caribbean for its untouched wilderness. It boasts some of the highest mountains in the Lesser Antilles as well as thick virgin jungle, where rivers plunge and animals abound. On an excursion to Cabrits National Park, marvel at the natural scenery and the two extinct volcanoes at its center. Once inside the park, make your way to the UNESCO-listed Fort Shirley, formerly a strategic network of defenses built in the 18th century, whose ruins have been recaptured by the surrounding jungle. This evening, join the captain for a welcome reception and dinner.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Gustavia, St. Barthélemy

Arrive in cosmopolitan St. Barthélemy, known to most travelers as "St. Bart's." Experience the island's French *savoir-faire* as you stroll past stylish cafés and boutiques. Swimmers will have an opportunity to visit one of the many beautiful beaches before returning to the ship for lunch. Later, the group will gather aboard *Emerald Azzurra* for an evening of merriment, featuring a tasting of excellent rums from island distilleries.

B,L,D

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Charlestown, Nevis

Call at the island of Nevis, birthplace of Alexander Hamilton, where you will see the Founding Father's childhood home. This 17th-century, two-story waterfront Georgian dwelling has been restored and also serves as the island's local historical museum. Learn how Hamilton's humble beginnings here are said to have informed some of his political views as one of America's Founding Fathers. Continue to the spectacular Botanical Gardens of Nevis. Explore its five acres of orchid terraces, various tropical plants, and a rainforest conservancy.

B,L,D



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Nelson's Dockyard, Antigua (left) and Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens, St. Lucia (right). Betty's Hope, Antigua (below left); Îles des Saintes (below center); and hummingbird (below right)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Falmouth Bay, Antigua / Montserrat

Anchor off the south shore of beautiful Antigua and savor fantastic views over the English Harbour as well as Nelson's Dockyard, an old restored shipyard named after the Admiral. Go ashore and visit Betty's Hope, a restored sugar mill where "white gold" was processed during the island's bitter past. Nearby, see sweet black pineapples growing in the gently rolling landscape around Boggy Peak, Antigua's highest point. Along the coast, admire the island's bays and lagoons, countless white palm-filled beaches, and an almost unbroken coral reef. Later, *Emerald Azzurra* will drop anchor off the coast of the enigmatic island of Montserrat, where you will visit its beautiful botanical garden. B,L,D



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Îles des Saintes, Guadeloupe

An archipelago of eight tiny volcanic islands, Îles des Saintes is the site of the April 1782 Battle of the Saintes between the British Royal Navy and the French fleet. The four-day battle resulted in the greatest British naval victory over the French in the Revolutionary War, preserving their claims in the Caribbean. Tour the colonial-style island town of Terre-de-Haut, or visit 17th-century Fort Napoléon, with its commanding views and exotic gardens. You may also choose to enjoy a swim at one of the white-sand beaches before returning to *Emerald Azzurra*. B,L,D

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Soufrière, St. Lucia

Anchor this morning in the Bay of Soufrière, tucked between the dramatic Anse des Pitons. Step ashore to tour the lush Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens, with its bounty of tropical blossoms as well as hot mineral springs and a dazzlingly colorful waterfall. In the early afternoon, return to *Emerald Azzurra* and set sail for Barbados. Gather for the captain's farewell dinner this evening. B,L,D

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Barbados / Disembark / Return

Disembark *Emerald Azzurra* early this morning and transfer to the airport for your flights. B



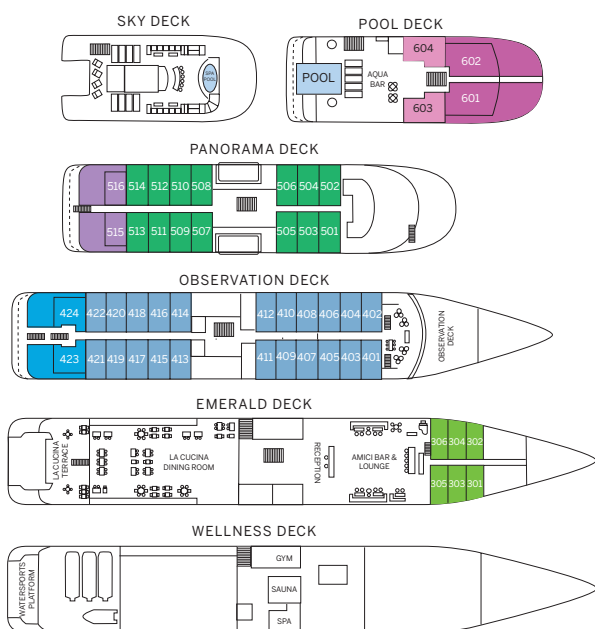
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Emerald Azzurra

Reaching an impressive 360 feet in length with only 50 cabins, the spectacular new *Emerald Azzurra* will exceed your yacht cruising expectations. Relax in your spacious, luxurious surroundings. Discover a secluded spot to read a book, enjoy unimpeded views of the unspoiled landscapes, or take a relaxing dip in the infinity-style pool. Expect fresh, locally sourced meals thoughtfully crafted by expert chefs and appreciate the ocean breeze from the large *al fresco* terrace. Have a nightcap in the plush, relaxed atmosphere of the Horizon Bar & Lounge. Unwind completely in the onboard Wellness Center, where a selection of indulgent spa treatments includes massages, facials, and even a hairdresser. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available for all our guests and a full selection of bikes is on board for your use.



Photos from top left: Pool Deck; Dining Room; Sky Deck; and Yacht Suite



Rates Include

- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard *Emerald Azzurra*
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; wine/beer with lunches and dinners
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuity
- Taxes, service, and portage charges

Not Included: International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than what is noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; excess baggage; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Rates Per Person

DECKS/ CABIN NUMBERS	DOUBLE RATES	SINGLE RATES
Emerald / 301 to 306	\$6,999	\$8,749
Ocean View Stateroom, 205 sq. ft.		
Observation / 401 to 422	\$9,999	\$14,999
Balcony Suite, lower floor, includes private balcony, 285 sq. ft.		
Panorama / 501 to 514	\$10,999	\$16,499
Balcony Suite, higher floor, includes private balcony, 305 sq. ft.		
Pool / 603 & 604	\$13,999	\$20,999
Deluxe Balcony Suite, includes private balcony, 390 sq. ft.		
Panorama / 515 & 516	\$16,999	Inquire
Terrace Suite, includes outside terrace, 650 sq. ft.		
Observation / 423 & 424	\$17,999	Inquire
Yacht Suite, includes outside terrace, 720 sq. ft.		
Pool / 601 & 602	\$19,999	Inquire
Owner's Suite, includes terrace, separate bedroom and lounge area, 1180 sq. ft.		



Emerald Azzurra

Cover: Bay of Les Saintes, Îles des Saintes Guadeloupe. Trip Registration page: Hibiscus (top); and Hamilton House, Nevis (bottom)

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