

Cocktail St. Martin & BVI

Cabin Cruise in the Caribbean
on board of a comfortable catamaran

8 days / 7 nights

Full board

Day of departure: Saturday

Saint Martin - St. Barth - Sandy Island - Tortola - Peter Island - Norman Island - White Bay - Green Cay or Sandy Cay - Virgin Gorda - Tortola - Saint Martin

Description

Your Boat:

You will sail on board of a gorgeous catamaran, whose length (40 – 50 foot) provides you comfort and stability. (The pictures shown here are only examples since we provide several catamarans for the cruises.)

Everything is prepared to greet a maximum of eight guests on board (+ Crew, which is made up of two persons). There is no hostess on board. The cook will take care of preparing and clearing the table before and after meals, he is the deckhand and, apart from that, is your contact person for any questions about the life on board.

Provisions:

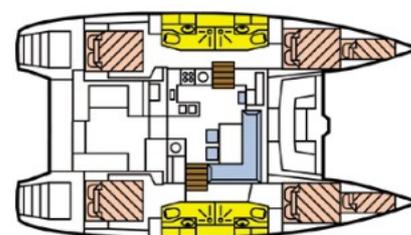
The meals will be held together, prominently in the cockpit. Drinks on board (included in charge): Soft drinks, sparkling water, still water, ¼ liter table wine for lunch and dinner. The menu can vary depending on the choice of the local markets as well as the results of the fishing. You may at any time victual yourself further to your liking. We also do not mind, if you bring additional wine, beer or other alcoholic drinks on board. Life on board is interactive. Everybody helps in the kitchen, hoisting the sails and maneuver the yacht.

Your yacht and crew:

There is no classification for sailing catamarans, as you know it from hotel bookings. However, there are means of categorizing which are comparable to the “hotel-stars”. The sailing turns will be held on yachts with four “dolphins”. Those “dolphins” have been established by us. The categories reach from 1 (=lowest category) up to 5 (=highest category). The catamarans possess the accurate safety equipment, according to the laws of the particular countries (Tracking system, life raft, life vests, etc).

Each guest cabin possesses an “en suite” bathroom (shower/lavatory). You have booked full board together with the extra: „active kitchen“. You will find a cook on board who may have a couple of tasks to do at the same time. It is therefore greatly appreciated, if you take active part in the every day life on the sailing yacht by helping the skipper to maneuver or helping the cook creating tasty meals, while in the meantime learning something about the Caribbean-Creole kitchen. However none of that is a must.

Your catamaran has a saloon (“living room”) with the kitchen integrated, as well as a cockpit which is protected from wind and strong sun. Most of the interactive life on board will take place here.



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The skipper is very experienced, and knows the local area and the boat extremely well. He will point out places of interest, bring you closer to the country and its inhabitants, and will show you the most beautiful bathing and snorkel areas in the whole of the Caribbean. You will swim and snorkel in turquoise blue water, or relax on white beaches while the cook may be already preparing some steaks.

The cabin:

Each yacht has four guest cabins and four lavatory/showers with a basin. Please note that water on board is not unending, therefore it has to be handled with care. However the store is large enough to ensure two showers per day for every guest.



The luggage:

The yachts are comfortable, yet the space in the cabins is limited. Therefore we would like to advise you to leave your hard suitcase at home and to use a carpetbag instead, for they are way easier to stash. If you would like to use a hard suitcase anyway, we will allot you a place where it can be kept.

Children:

Children over the age of eight years may take part in sailing cruises. For children up to twelve years of age, the price adds up to 80% of the normal price. One child will share a cabin with one adult.

Hints and references:

As the flight arrivals usually happen to be in afternoons or evenings, sailing will take place only in the following morning. The first evening is dedicated to getting to know other guests and to settle in. Keep in mind, that the guests arrive on different flights and therefore attain the boat at various times. However we cannot be held responsible if the passenger arrives late due to delayed/canceled flights.

Worth knowing about the sailing trip:

It is necessary to get a valid passport to clear inward in the different islands. (People with non-EU citizenship please contact us).

You will have to pay the "on board cash" prior to embarkation, also the Cruising Tax. Following costs are balanced with the "on board cash": gratuities for dock staff, port and customs charges, water, etc. For the amount of the "on board cash" and the Cruising Tax, please refer to the current price list.

Even if your skin is used to the sun: note that on a boat the sun rays are more intense than on land. You will always have a nice breeze on when you are on the boat therefore the strong sun is often felt too late. Thus, it is even more important to be prepared, for it is very easy to get sun burnt or even get a sunstroke, if you do not shield yourself from the sun. A sun hat which does not fall with the first gust of wind is very important. Do not forget your sunglasses either, which are best to be fixed with a string around your throat. A sweatshirt too is advisable, or a shirt with



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long sleeves combined with long trousers. For the first few days, sun cream with a high sun protection factor should be used.

If you take in medicine: remember to take enough of it, with you from home. On the islands it would be rather difficult to find pharmaceutical which is comparable.

There are no laws that enforce you to take any vaccines for the islands you are going to visit.

Seasickness: catamarans sail in a very stable way and are generally straight. Your skipper too will try his best to only pass through calm waters. However it is in the nature of sailing, that waves do occur. If you are likely to get seasick, you can discuss with your pharmacist which medicines are the best to take with you in this case.

Water on board is not infinite. The water however, is enough for every member to take two quick showers per day. In any case your skipper will remind you to be diligent with the freshwater on board.



Sailing maneuvers and life on board:

To attend one of our sailing cruises, no knowledge about sailing and the handling of a boat are expected. People which are not sportive too can take part and get to know the beautiful islands in this way. The skipper who as a matter of course is a skilled steersman is capable of handling the yacht completely on his own. However you have the chance to learn something about sailing, even though it is not a trip organized for this cause.

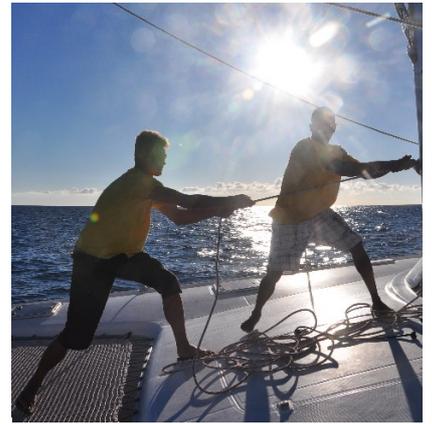
The skipper will love to share his passion for traveling on the seas with you. He will thus enjoy helping you to gain first hand knowledge about sailing. If you like, you will very soon handle the steering-wheel, execute maneuvers or help with the anchoring yourself. Depending on the

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meteorological rates during your cruise, you will drive a section under engines. That means that the anchoring place will be reached by the engines and that the sails cannot be hoisted.

Mobile on board: Normally you do have reception on your mobile during the trip. However this is not inevitably the case. You should ensure with your provider that your mobile will be active for the region you are passing over, prior departure.

The cabins possess 220-volt connection. You can charge your mobile, photo camera, etc. in the receptacle in the saloon (Navigation).



Safety regulation:

It is strictly forbidden to carry weapons or drugs on board.

Please note that the yacht crosses various borders and that therefore the coastguard searches yachts in the fight against drugs, every now and again. The skipper has the right at any time, to dismiss people from the boat who do not respect the instructions of visiting countries, carry weapons or drugs, disturb the life on board in any way, or put the crew, the guests or the yacht under any kind of danger. The skipper in such a case is obliged to inform the appropriate public authorities. In such a case, or if the guest wishes to leave the boat, nothing of the traveling expenses will be refunded.

Depending on the weather, it may happen that part of the distance has to be covered by the engine. If a hurricane appears during your journey, all preventive measures will be taken instantly. In case it is needed that due to the hurricane your accommodation has to be continued in a hotel, rather than on the boat. The costs for your room and the provisions will be covered by us. However, the same comfort and standard cannot be guaranteed.

Climate sailing holiday Caribbean:

A tropical climate dominates in the Caribbean; furthermore they lie in the trade wind. The average temperature throughout the whole year is around 26 degree Celsius. The average water temperature is 27 degree Celsius, but can go up to 30 degrees Celsius in August or September. In the Caribbean the day starts quite early (Sunrise between 05am-06am local time). Dawn takes place already between 05:30 pm and 06:30 pm.

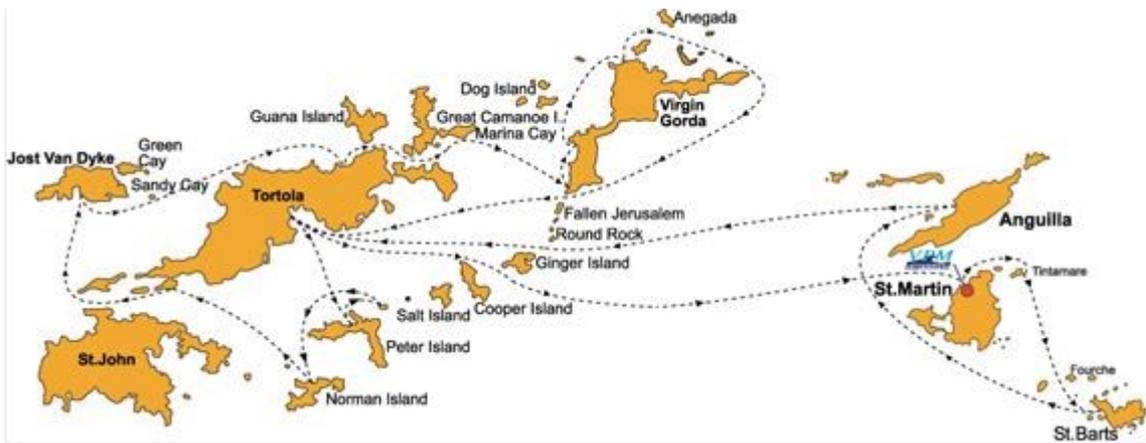
Private cruise / group bookings / incentive sailing cruises:

You may use the same offer for a private journey, including friends and family only, for an additional charge. In this case, no other guests will be attending. For more information please contact your tour operator.

We would also like you to know, that pictures in the catalog or on the homepage, do not necessarily show the boat which you have booked your sailing cruise on. Most of the pictures serve as an examples. We prepare various catamarans for the cruises.

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Itinerary



Day 1: Anse Marcel, Saint Martin

Your cruise starts in the Marina of Port Lonvilliers, Anse Marcel, in the Idyllic French part of St. Martin. Check-in at 6 pm. Before dinner and the overnight stay on board, there will be a short greeting and briefing by the crew. Just a few steps away from your yacht you can find a restaurant where you may enjoy the Caribbean air to the full.

Day 2: Tintamare – Gustavia, St. Barth

After the breakfast, the anchor will be hoisted and you will sail to a small island called Tintamare, the first of our destinations on this day. Take a bath in the sun, or in the admirable blue Caribbean Sea, before sailing further into the direction of St. Barth. The Marina of Gustavia is the place of departure of a city, whose ambiance reminds of old France. After the dinner on board, you may feel like visiting one of the lovely and typical bars which can be found in the near venue. Do not be surprised if you meet celebrities on your neighboring table or while shopping. St Barth is the island of “the rich an famous”



Day 3: Road Bay, Anguilla – Sandy Island (optional)

„Cast off“, the destination is called Anguilla, another island of „the rich and famous“, this time on the British side of life. About 30 snow-white, breathtaking beaches with turquoise colored water await you. The location is Road Bay. From here, you can pay a visit to the glamorous “Sandy Island”, as an optional excursion. Then you will experience something very special, the night-drive to the British Virgin Islands. Under a starlit sky, one will once again be reminded what role the human being plays in the universe.



Day 4: Roadtown – Sea Cow Bay, Tortola

Arrival in Tortola in the morning. After you attend the immigration formalities in the capital Road Town, you may discover area. Overnight stay in the Sea Cow Bay Manuel Reef Marina.

Day 5: Deadman's bay, Peter Island

The next destination is Peter Island. You will anchor in the Deadman's bay: the beach which is surrounded by palm trees, is said to be one of the ten most romantic beaches in the world. Be on the lookout for turtles, take a walk along the shore, or discover the world under the turquoise colored surface by snorkel and flippers. In the afternoon you will sail towards Salt Island. The wreck of the HMS Rhone lies here, a ship that sank in a hurricane in 1867.



Day 6: The Bight, Norman Island

Breakfast on board. Put out to Norman Island. After spending some time sailing through the shiniest of all waters, you will reach the Bay "The Bight", which has previously been a popular hideout for pirates. Here you have the chance to walk through Norman Island, a real Treasure Island. An old legend indicates that a pirate called Morgan hid a treasure in the caves and returned. Who knows? Maybe it is a good advice to take the novel "Treasure Island" by Robert Louis Stevenson with you as a reading. Dinner takes place on board. After that, you should not miss a cocktail on "Willi-T's", a former Baltic merchantman's bar. Parties here are not a rare occasion.

Day 7: Soper's Hole, Tortola – White Bay, Jost van Dyke

Sail to Tortola, Soper's Hole, West End. Ramble through the small shops in this colorful Caribbean village before you make your way to Jost van Dyke. Today you will anchor in the wonderful White Bay. Enjoy the "whitest beach" of the Caribbean, and the locally invented "painkiller". However, in such a text-book-scenery, your every day worries will vanish with or without this popular drink.

Day 8: Cane Garden Bay, Tortola – Green Cay or Sandy Cay

Today's destination is the "Cane Garden Bay", Tortola. On the way you will visit the Green Cay or the Sandy Cay, which both are cute little islands. Their crystal clear water is just too inviting for swimmers and snorkelers. Viewing the beach from the water, one will find the perfect beach scenery. Nevertheless, a rather active village with a variety of restaurants and typical BVI beach bars expect you. Enjoy!



Day 9: Virgin Gorda

Sail to „The Baths“ in Virgin Gorda, which was named by no other than Christopher Columbus himself. The baths in the south of the island will fascinate you, for you find white beaches in between exceptional rock formations, which at the same time form seawater pools and caves. Continue to North Sound of Virgin Gorda. Anchoring in Bitter End.

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Day 10: Bitter End, Virgin Gorda – Road Town, Tortola

You will have some time shopping in the appealing area of the Bitter End Yacht Club before lunch. You will sail back along the east coast of Virgin Gorda to the starting point of your cruise around Tortola. Grant yourself another “painkiller” in one of Tortola’s legendary bars.

Day 11: Road Town, Tortola – St. Martin

After breakfast, short visit to Road Town and “clear outward” at the customs. Then you will sail 90 nautical miles to St. Martin, during the night.

Day 12: Port Lonvilliers, St. Martin

Once you have arrived in St. Martin you will check out at 10 am, before you make your way home, or start your continued holiday.



(change of route due to weather conditions, governmental restrictions etc. under reserve)

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