



SHORE EXCURSIONS

7
nights

STAR FLYER

Treasure Islands

(17-January, 31-January, 14-February, 14-March-2026 sailings)



Sat	St. Maarten (Philipsburg)
Sun	Anguilla (Road Bay)
Mon	Jost van Dyke, BVI Tortola (Sopers' Hole), BVI - evening
Tue	Norman Island, BVI
Wed	Virgin Gorda, BVI - AM Beach (Captain's best), BVI - PM
Thu	St. Kitts (Basseterre) - AM St Kitts (beach) – PM
Fri	St. Barthélemy (Gustavia)
Sat	St. Maarten (Philipsburg)

What you need to know before booking your shore excursion:

- All our excursions are led by local English-speaking guides or driver-guides.
- The length of the tours and time spent on the sites is given as an indication as it may vary depending on weather, sea and traffic conditions and on the group's pace.
- The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication.
- Transportation: roads in the islands can be winding and bumpy. Vehicles used (coasters, minibuses, minivans) have generally small seats and limited space and legroom.
- Guests will be required to sign a liability waiver to participate in some activities.

How you can book your shore excursions:

- Shore excursions can be booked onboard, using the "sign-up lists" available at the Library.
- The price of the excursion will be added to your on-board account.
- A minimum number of participants is required for each tour; if the required number is not attained, the tour may be cancelled.
- To provide the best service and to avoid disappointments, please book your shore excursions as early as possible: places are limited and there is a booking deadline for each port.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. After the booking deadline, 100% cancellation fees will be charged. Booking deadlines will be indicated on the Daily Program and on the booking forms.
- Transfers and tours ending at the airport can also be prepaid prior to your cruise.

Important notes:

- Departure times of the excursions are mentioned in the Daily Program of each port, which you will receive in your cabin the evening before each stopover.
- All information concerning excursions is correct at the time of printing. However, Star Clippers reserves the right to make changes. The latest updated tour descriptions are available onboard the ship in a file at the Library and on Star Clippers' website (you can download the file using the QR code).



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ANGUILLA (Road Bay) – Time at leisure at the beach (no shore excursions organized)

Anguilla, the most northerly of the Leeward Islands, is 16 miles long and three miles across at its widest point. The island is low-lying and ringed with 12 miles of white sand beaches and coral formations, comprising 33 beaches and coves. It is surrounded by a reef system and seven offshore islets and cays. Road Bay is a calm anchorage with a long white sand beach and gives easy access to restaurants and amenities.

JOST VAN DYKE (White Bay) – Time at leisure at the beach (no shore excursions organized)

This four-mile-long island, named after a Dutch pirate, Jost Van Dyke is a favorite destination for yacht cruisers known for its casual lifestyle, protected anchorages, fine beaches, and beachside bars and restaurants. The island is adjacent to Green Cay and Sandy Spit, both small uninhabited islets ideal for swimming and snorkeling.

NORMAN ISLAND (The Bight) – Time at leisure at the beach (no shore excursions organized)

Norman Island is uninhabited and steeped in pirate legend, often cited as the inspiration for Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island. The Bight is one of the most famous bays in the British Virgin Islands. Known for its calm, sheltered waters, it is ideal for swimming, snorkeling, and relaxing. A wooden pontoon provides direct access to the beach and nearby hiking trails. The area is rich in marine life and features sea caves that are popular with snorkelers.

VIRGIN GORDA (Spanish Town) – The Baths

				
04:00	55 €	Moderate to Strenuous	Safari bus (open)	Min 15 / Max 90 participants

Sightseeing | Beach

The Baths consist of a series of small sea pools located beneath a canopy of giant granite boulders. These light-filled, sheltered grottoes create a unique swimming and exploration area. Open-top safari buses will take you to the entrance of the Baths. A path winds down to a beautiful sandy beach, where you can swim or snorkel in the emerald-clear waters or simply relax in the warm Caribbean sunshine. Another trail leads through the boulders to an equally beautiful beach at Devil's Bay. Swim and bask in the sun at your leisure. When you return to the car park, enjoy a complimentary refreshing fruit or rum punch at the "Top of the Baths" restaurant before driving back to the port.

Please note:

- IMPORTANT: a flag warning system is in place at the beach. A red flag signals dangerous sea conditions and strong undercurrents. When the red flag is flying, swimming is strictly prohibited; however, access to the beach and the trail through the rocks remains open.
- Participants should be in good physical condition. The footpath between the parking the Baths is a 15 min hike on uneven surfaces, steps and inclines, with approximately 250 meters up and down. The trail through the Caves (optional) involves climbing 5 step wooden ladders, stepping on wet rocks and bending under overhangs.
- Departure will be in the early morning from the ship (check the departure time on the Daily Program).
- Transportation on the island is by open-top safari bus (direct transfer, unguided).
- Wear comfortable walking shoes (sneakers or closed-toe sandals, no flip-flops) and a swimsuit under your clothes and bring a towel from the ship, sunscreen, water and water shoes.
- Cold refreshments, snacks and souvenirs are available for purchase (not included) at the Baths.
- The Baths are a popular destination and can be quite crowded.

TORTOLA (Soper's Hole) – Time at leisure (evening stop - no shore excursions organized)

Nestled on Tortola's western tip, Soper's Hole is a picturesque marina surrounded by lush hills and turquoise waters. It blends nautical charm with vibrant Caribbean flair, and its colorful waterfront is home to boutiques, cafés, and restaurants.

SAINT KITTS (Basseterre) – Saint Kitts Scenic Rail Tour



03:00



82 €



Moderate



Minibus, Train

Min 15 / Max 40
participants

Panoramic | Sightseeing

Excursions in Saint Kitts leave from Basseterre and return at South Friars Bay (beach stop).

Experience a unique tour around the beautiful island of Saint Kitts aboard the “last Railway in the West Indies.” This tour covers 30 miles - 18 miles by narrow-gauge train and 12 miles by sightseeing bus. Originally built between 1912 and 1926 to transport sugar cane from plantations to the sugar factory in Basseterre, the railway now offers visitors a charming way to explore the island’s stunning scenery and rich culture.

Ride in double-deck railcars specially designed for touring. The upper level features an open-air observation deck with panoramic views of lush countryside, while the lower level offers air-conditioned comfort with vaulted windows, rattan furnishings, island music, complimentary specialty drinks, and a colorful narration of Caribbean history.

The train hugs the northeastern coastline, passing rippling sugarcane fields that stretch from the shore to the mountainous interior. Towering volcanic mountain ranges rise nearly 4,000 feet (1220 mt) above sea level, covered in dense rainforest. The journey includes crossings over tall steel bridges spanning deep canyons (“ghuts”), and passes through quaint villages and farms. Your conductor will highlight old sugar estates, abandoned mills, and windmills while sharing insights into the island’s unique heritage. The tour concludes with a scenic bus ride along the southern coast, offering spectacular views of Brimstone Fortress - the British “Gibraltar of the Caribbean” - before returning to the ship at South Friars Bay.

Please note:

- The train ride lasts approximately 2 hours. The order of activities may vary (train first or bus first).
- The train is slow and experiences some shaking and rattling; not recommended for pregnant guests or those with back, neck, or similar conditions.
- The group can be accommodated on the upper deck (open) or lower deck of the train, depending on the space assigned by the vendor. Complimentary drinks and restrooms are available on the train.
- Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen and water.
- If you plan to relax at the beach after the tour, wear a swimsuit under your clothes and bring a towel.

SAINT KITTS (Basseterre) – The essential Saint Kitts Tour



03:45



65 €



Moderate



Minibus

Min 10 / Max 60
participants

Panoramic | Sightseeing

Excursions in Saint Kitts leave from Basseterre and return at South Friars Bay (beach stop).

Your journey begins with a scenic drive through Basseterre, the historic capital city of St. Kitts. Admire traditional French architecture, Victorian buildings, old churches, West Indian cottages, and the site of a former slave market.

Continue to Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park, known as the “Gibraltar of the West Indies.” This imposing hilltop fortress, perched 780 feet (237 mt) above sea level, has witnessed over three centuries of naval battles between the British and French. Enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the coastline, countryside, and neighboring islands.

Next, immerse yourself in the beauty of Romney Manor Gardens and the renowned Caribelle Batik Studio.

This 10-acre garden setting is breathtaking, where local artists craft vibrant fabrics and apparel, making Caribelle Batik famous throughout the Caribbean. Your tour continues with a stop at Palm Court Gardens, a picturesque property offering charming views of the harbor and majestic palm trees - perfect for photos.

Finally, drive along the Kim Collins Highway to Frigate Bay, stopping at the scenic lookout at Timothy Hill for one last breathtaking vista before returning to your ship at South Friars Bay.

Please note:

- The driver-guide provides live commentary in English throughout the tour. The order of visits may vary.
- Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen, and water.
- If you plan to spend time at the beach afterward, wear your swimsuit under your clothes and bring a towel.

SAINT BARTHELEMY (Gustavia) – Sailing the Leeward Coast of St Barts



03:00



135 €



Moderate



Catamaran

Min 12 / Max 18
participants

Boating

This tour is available only on 17-Jan, 31-Jan, 14-Feb, 14-March-2026 sailings

For this excursion there is a special booking deadline (4 days prior arrival in St Barthélemy)

Step aboard for a relaxing sail along the picturesque leeward coast of Saint Barthélemy, where stunning views and gentle breezes create the perfect setting for a serene experience at sea. As you cruise around the island, admire its rugged coastline, crystal-clear turquoise waters, and secluded coves.

The captain will anchor at Molinière Bay - or another calm, scenic cove - for a swim stop. Take a dip directly from the boat, soak up the sun on the trampoline net, unwind in the shade under the bimini, or simply enjoy the tranquility with a good book in hand.

Refreshing drinks will be served on board before you set sail back to Gustavia. After the tour, you will still have time to explore the charming streets, boutiques, or cafés of Gustavia at your leisure.

Please note:

- This tour is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility, back or neck issues, and pregnant women.
- Min age: 12 years (minors must be accompanied by an adult).
- Swimming during the stop is optional, but only suitable for experienced swimmers.
- The use of snorkeling equipment is not allowed during the swim stop.
- Wear a swimsuit under a cover-up and bring a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and a towel from the ship.
- The itinerary and tour sequence may be changed at the captain's discretion depending on weather conditions.

SINT MAARTEN (Philipsburg) – Two nations, one island (ending at SXM airport)



4:00



69 €



Easy



Motorcoach

Min 10 / Max 30
participants

Lunch is
not included

Panoramic | Airport transfer

This excursion ends at SXM airport at approx. 12:30 and is suitable for guests with flight after 15:00.

Discover one of the Caribbean's most unique destinations - Sint Maarten, an island shared by two nations since 1648. Though there is no physical border, the Dutch and French sides each retain their own distinct character and charm.

The Dutch side (Sint Maarten) radiates a vibrant Caribbean energy with colorful buildings, lively culture, and tropical flair. As a duty-free destination, it's also a shopper's paradise. In contrast, the French side (Saint Martin) is serene and elegant, boasting pristine white-sand beaches, fine French cuisine, and sophisticated resorts.

From the cruise port, you will be taken to nearby Philipsburg, the capital of Dutch Sint Maarten, where you will have approximately one hour of free time. Enjoy shopping along the renowned Front Street, or take a relaxing stroll on the beachfront boardwalk, overlooking the turquoise waters of Great Bay.

Next, begin a scenic drive past historic salt ponds and through Oyster Pond town, where you'll cross into the French territory. Along the way, stop at the picturesque Coralita Lookout Point, offering stunning views - and on clear days, a glimpse of nearby St. Barth. The route then takes you through Orient Bay and the town of Grand Case, before arriving in Marigot, the capital of French Saint Martin. Here, you will enjoy approximately 45 minutes of free time to shop for souvenirs, browse local markets, or simply relax with a coffee in a classic French café.

After soaking in the ambiance of the French capital, you will return to the Dutch side, crossing the scenic Simpson Bay Lagoon, and arrive at Princess Juliana International Airport at approximately 12:30 PM, for your onward travel.

Please note:

- Airlines require guests on international flights to arrive at the airport 2:30 prior to flight departure.
- Lunch is not included in the tour. Food and beverage available at the departure hall of the airport.
- Guests will have approximately 1 hour of free time in Philipsburg and 45 minutes of free time in Marigot.
- Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.
- Estimated driving times: 10 min between the port and Philipsburg, 1:15 between Philipsburg and Marigot, 40 min



between Marigot and the airport.

SINT MAARTEN (Philipsburg)

Star Clippers also offers the following transfer services *(optional, at an additional cost):*

- Shared Transfer to Princess Juliana Intl. Airport airport (SXM).

Guests who have purchased a shared transfer cannot choose their own pick up time.

There is a fixed departure from the port at approximately 09:00 (arrival at the airport at around 09:30).

This transfer is suitable for guests whose flight departs after 12:00.

- Private transfers to Princess Juliana Intl. Airport or to hotels.

Private transfers can be arranged from the pier to any hotel on the island, regardless of location.

Pick up from the pier for private transfers is no later than 10:00.

- Private transfers from hotels to the airport.

Private transfers can be arranged from any hotel on the island, regardless of location.

This service can only be pre-booked prior to your cruise and cannot be booked onboard.

Transfers and excursions ending at the airport can also be booked prior to your cruise.

Bookings made onboard during the cruise are always subject to availability.

If you wish to book a private transfer, we recommend that you book well in advance prior to your cruise, as the number of vehicles may be limited at certain times of the year.

For information and reservations please contact our reservations department or your travel agent.

The ship will be alongside at St Maarten Cruise terminal (1.5 from Philipsburg, on the Dutch side of the island).

SXM airport is located 12 km from the Cruise Terminal (approx. 30 minutes drive).

All guests are requested to leave the ship by 10:00am. There is no left-luggage service at the cruise terminal.



EXCURSIONS ACTIVITY LEVEL:

- ✓ **Easy:** excursion accessible to all participants, as it mainly takes place by bus or boat. Any footpaths and stairs that need to be negotiated are short or easy.
- ✓ **Moderate:** a certain basic level of fitness is required; excursion involving moderate walking - sometimes over uneven or unpaved paths and stairs.
- ✓ **Moderate to strenuous:** active participation is required; excursion involving walking long distances over uneven or steep terrain. May involve several flights of stairs or extended staircases.
- ✓ **Strenuous:** a good level of fitness is required; an excursion involving extensive uphill walking on inclines, uneven terrain with many steps. Excursion involving off-road driving, not suitable for pregnant women or anyone with a medical condition (back, neck, etc.) that could be affected by bumpy roads.
- ✓ **Active (sport):** Very good physical condition, stamina and skill are required. Passengers should be fit and active to participate in tours involving hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, cycling or similar activities.

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MAIN EXCURSIONS CATEGORIES:

- ✓ **Sightseeing:** it gives a quick but enriching overview, visiting and seeing the main attractions, landmarks and places of interest in a particular area, often including popular spots and sometimes hidden gems.
- ✓ **Panoramic:** it involves a limited number of long drives with commentary by the guide, no internal visits and - generally - limited walking between stops.
- ✓ **Active & Adventure:** Hiking, kayaking, Zip line, 4x4 off-road.
- ✓ **Outdoors:** Activities like hiking that let you explore the natural beauty of the region.
- ✓ **Wildlife:** Wildlife: Get up close to the region's fauna and learn about them in their natural habitats.
- ✓ **Snorkeling.** Guests participating in the snorkeling must be experienced swimmers. Itinerary and snorkel sites are subject to change due to sea and weather conditions. Check in the tour description to see if the snorkeling equipment is provided or if you must bring the equipment from the ship.
- ✓ **Boating:** Experience the destination from the water, whether it's sailing, cruising, or other maritime activities.

WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING WHEN GOING ASHORE ON EXCURSION:

- ✓ Unless special clothing suggestions are included in the excursion description, we recommend functional clothing and comfortable footwear.
- ✓ Comfortable shoes to help with any steep paths and uneven cobbles.
- ✓ A hat or cap, sun lotion, insect repellent.
- ✓ Water.
- ✓ For boat excursions or excursions including beach stop: swimsuit, beach towel, sunglasses, sunscreen, water shoes, snorkel mask.
- ✓ Mobile phone or camera to capture the moment.
- ✓ Ship card to get back on board.
- ✓ Some cash (US \$ is widely accepted, bring Euros for French islands).
- ✓ A copy of the Daily Program, to check last tender or last gangway time, tender schedule, lunch time, etc.
- ✓ For ports with tender service (ship at anchor), bring a rucksack or fanny pack so that your hands are free to hold on to the safety grip when boarding the tender.