

# OPTIONAL SHORE EXCURSIONS

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# SHORE EXCURSIONS

#### **GOLDEN EAGLE SAILAWAY**

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a relaxing coastal jaunt aboard a 65-foot catamaran, bound for a beautiful St. Maarten beach.
- While on the water, be on the lookout for marine life like dolphin, flying fish or even a whale or two.
- Use your free time while anchored as you please explore the island, sunbathe or snorkel the clear waters.
- A light snack and refreshments will be served during the return trip, accompanied by onboard music.
- Rely on the Golden Eagle crew for assistance in the water or at any point during the excursion.

#### DESCRIPTION

Surrender to the coastal beauty of St. Maarten during this relaxing snorkeling and beach tour aboard a fully-equipped catamaran. Boarding the 65-foot Golden Eagle from the pier, you'll soon be gliding over turquoise waters – feeling the breeze and scanning the seas for dolphin, flying fish, even enormous whales in season. Time and everyday concerns seem to float away as your comfy cat makes her way to an idyllic white sand beach on the calm side of the island. Here, the Golden Eagle will anchor just off the shore and you'll have a delightful decision to make. With your free time, would you most prefer to explore the island, soak up some sun on the beach, or do some snorkeling in the crystal-clear waters? There are no wrong answers, and your crew will be on hand to provide any assistance needed. If you do decide to enter the water to check out the local marine life, you'll receive safety instructions along with the snorkeling and flotation gear needed for a pleasurable visit. After a time, the Golden Eagle will begin the return cruise to the pier. A light snack and liquid refreshments will be served enroute, accompanied by onboard music.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear a swimsuit and cover-up; consider waterproof non-slip shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and a towel from the ship.

#### **DISCLAIMER:**

This tour is not recommended for wheelchair guest or those with limited mobility or back/neck problems. The tour operates on the French side of the island, where some nudity may be observed. Operation of the vessel and beach selection are subject to weather and sea conditions. On rare occasions, sea conditions may make snorkeling more difficult and those who participate in any water activities do so at their own risk and responsibility. Guests must be able to swim from the catamaran to the beach and may be required to sign a liability waiver in order to participate. Participants may not exceed 300 pounds. Beach chairs and umbrellas are not provided, marine life sightings are not guaranteed, and this tour may not be exclusive to cruise line guests.

APPROX. DURATION:	TOUR CODE:	TOUR TYPE	ACTIVITY LEVEL	OPTIONS
<b>4.0</b> HOURS	STM-001 FREE	N/A	共大	N/A

#### AMERICA'S CUP 12 METRE CHALLENGE

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Experience a true race on an America's Cup course, aboard an agile 12 Metre Class sailing yacht.
- Sit back and observe the action, or join the crew and be assigned a sailor's task during the race.
- Before setting sail, meet the professional skipper and crew and get your orientation briefing.
- Feel the thrill of rounding the markers aboard a majestic vessel designed to extract every ounce of power from the St Maarten trade winds.
- Celebrate your victory or defeat with grace at a complimentary post-race rum punch party.

#### DESCRIPTION

Experience the adventurous thrill of America's Cup head-to-head style racing on a yachting adventure that's won accolades as Best Shore Excursion in the Caribbean many times over. You'll tender from the pier out to one of Dennis Conner's legendary America's Cup-winning yachts – the Stars & Stripes, Canada II or True North I. Once on board, you'll receive your safety and racing instructions, be introduced to this precision sailing machine's operation, then set out on what's bound to be a peak adventure as you race across the warm aqua waters eking out all possible advantage from the brisk St. Maarten trade winds and rounding the marks from leg to leg. No prior sailing experience is necessary, but if you'd like to be a part of the action, you're cordially invited to do so. Help grind a winch, trim a mainsail, punch a stopwatch – or just sit back with some refreshments and enjoy this amazing ride. Once the race is run, join in a complimentary victory rum punch party while browsing through the 12 Metre complex's souvenir boutique before being tendered back to the pier.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear light, casual clothing.
- Soft-soled shoes are required; no heels permitted on board.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

#### **DISCLAIMER:**

This tour is not recommended for wheelchair guests of those with limited mobility. Participants do not have to be experienced sailors but should be in good physical condition. There are no restrooms on board the yacht. Participants must be at least 12 years of age, and at least 21 years of age to be served alcoholic beverages. Operation of the Challenge is subject to weather conditions. This tour may not be exclusive to cruise line guests.

APPROX. DURATION:	TOUR CODE:	TOUR TYPE	ACTIVITY LEVEL	OPTIONS
2.5 HOURS	STM-007 FREE	N/A	***	N/A

#### TWO NATION VACATION

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoy la différence on a panoramic survey of both the French and Dutch sides of Saint Martin.
- Tour Philipsburg, capital city of Sint Maarten, and a visit a viewpoint above Simpson Bay, where the mega-yachts moor.
- Cross the border to French Saint-Martin and spend an hour exploring Marigot Market and its surrounding boutiques.
- Visit a lookout above Orient Bay on the eastern coast, home to those famous clothing-optional beaches.
- See the island's earliest village and pick up plenty of historical perspective from your savvy guide.

#### DESCRIPTION

Compare, contrast and enjoy the different ambiance of two nations who share the single beautiful island of Saint Martin. You'll begin on the Dutch side – known as Sint Maarten – with a drive through its capital city of Philipsburg, arrayed across a bridge of land which separates beautiful Great Bay from the Great Salt Pond. As the journey progresses, your knowledgeable guide will share anecdotes and facts about the island's history, culture and landmarks. A stop at Harold Jack lookout on Cole Bay Hill provides excellent views over Simpson Bay Lagoon and even to the neighboring islands of Saba and St. Eustatius on a clear day. Crossing the border to reach Marigot, capital of the French side, you'll quickly sense a distinctive French flair to things as you enjoy about an hour of free time exploring the Marigot Market and its surroundings. Colorful stalls shopped heavily by locals brim with fresh produce and exotic spices, while tempting designer boutiques nearby offer luxurious French-made perfumes, jewelry and prêt-à-porter fashion at duty-free prices. Over on the island's eastern shore, catch spectacular views of Orient Bay – home to five named beaches and beaucoup des restaurants.

# **HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear light, casual clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

#### **DISCLAIMER:**

Walking on this tour is primarily at guests' discretion during photo stops and free time in Marigot. There are some rough surfaces at the Orient Bay lookout. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

APPROX. DURATION: 4.5 HOURS	TOUR CODE: STM-011 FREE	TOUR TYPE <b>N/A</b>	ACTIVITY LEVEL	OPTIONS <b>N/A</b>	
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#### SOUALIGA HISTORICAL ISLAND TOUR

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach to explore two contrastingly attractive aspects of French Saint-Martin.
- Take a walk inside a free-flight greenhouse at the Butterfly Farm, where winged residents of every color in the rainbow flutter by.
- Enjoy free time in stylish Marigot, the French capital, where the boutiques are duty-free and the bistros and fritter stands are delicious.
- Back on the Dutch side, gaze down on the Philipsburg and out over the Caribbean from a hilltop lookout.

#### DESCRIPTION

Float like a butterfly and shop like a fashionista as you explore two contrasting personalities of Saint Martin. This excursion immerses you in the island's natural beauty at a butterfly farm, then sets you loose to browse sophisticated boutiques in the French capital of Marigot. Rich in natural beauty and wildlife, the northern part of the island supports a thriving population of birds, reptiles, amphibians – and at the Butterfly Farm, brightly colorful winged wonders on display at all stages of their lives. You'll observe more than 40 species of butterflies and moths at close range as you wander a greenhouse where they flutter about freely – even land on you. You'll also learn fascinating facts about how they live and, if conditions are right, see a newborn Scarlet Swallowtail or Orange Tip emerge from its chrysalis. Beauty of another type is in fashion in Marigot, where you'll enjoy free time to wander at will. It's a great place to shop for luxurious French-made perfumes, jewelry and prêt-à-porter sold at duty-free prices. The restaurants and patisseries serve delectable French fare as well as local specialties like spicy codfish fritters. A stop up at Harold Jack lookout provides the scenic finish.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear light, casual clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

#### **DISCLAIMER:**

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of easy-to-moderate walking over mostly even surfaces, plus any additional walking at guests' discretion during free time and Harold Jack Hill stop. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

APPROX. DURATION:	TOUR CODE:	TOUR TYPE	ACTIVITY LEVEL	OPTIONS
3.0	STM-013	N/A	<b>ķ</b>	N/A
HOURS	FREE		-	

#### ATV ADVENTURE

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Cover the roads, fields, beaches and other terrain of Saint Martin in adventurous style via ATV.
- Travel by guided convoy as you explore diverse environments on both the Dutch and French side.
- Stop for pictures at Harold Jack Lookout Point.
- Visit Maho beach and have a relaxed swim if you like.
- Take the scenic coastal route back around to Philipsburg and your waiting ship.

#### DESCRIPTION

Hop onto an All Terrain Vehicle for an exhilarating off-road outing into less-traveled parts of Saint Martin, from lush green fields to gorgeous turquoise and white beaches. Departing from the pier, your guided convoy of two-seaters will soon be zipping along through the St. Maarten landscape. These nimble ATVs perform true to their name, and that's good – because stops made and terrain seen will vary immensely as you work your way around the island, on and off its roads. Among the tour highlights is a visit to Harold jack Lookout Point, where you'll have a chance to photograph the spectacular scenery. Another top experience will be your visit to legendary Maho Beach where you'll have the opportunity to take a dip in the gin-clear, typically calm waters. After a time, you'll head out along a scenic coastal route toward where you started in Philipsburg.

#### **HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear lightweight, casual clothing.
- Closed-toe walking shoes or sneakers are mandatory; no open sandals or flip-flops.
- If planning to swim, wear a bathing suit under your clothes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen, and a towel from the ship as needed.

#### **DISCLAIMER:**

Walking on this tour is mainly at guests' discretion during the stops, but there are uneven and sandy surfaces involved and the ATV ride can be bumpy. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, those with mobility concerns, pregnant women, or anyone with back or neck problems. Guests who participate in any water activities do so at their own risk and responsibility. The ATVs carry 2 passengers; single participants may have to share with other guests. Drivers must be at least 18 and present a valid drivers' license. Minimum passenger age is 8. Maximum allowable combined weight per ATV is 600 lbs. All participants must sign a liability waiver to take part in the tour.

APPROX. DURATION:	TOUR CODE:	TOUR TYPE	ACTIVITY LEVEL	OPTIONS
3.5 HOURS	STM-015 FREE	N/A	<b>**</b>	N/A

# MARIGOT, SCENIC DRIVE & SHOPPING

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Savor the scenery on a panoramic coach drive through both the Dutch and French sides of Saint Martin.
- Catch outstanding views of the island and its surrounding waters from high atop Oyster Bay and Harold Jack Lookout.
- · Enjoy free time for duty-free shopping, café hopping or a museum visit in the chic French capital of Marigot.
- At tour's end, explore Philipsburg at leisure if port time permits or return to the ship.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Drink in gorgeous scenery on both the Dutch and French sides of Saint Martin and wander among the cosmopolitan boutiques and cafes of Marigot. Highlights of your panoramic cross-island coach survey include sweeping high views out over Orient Bay, renowned as the "French Riviera of the Caribbean," and from a lookout perched above Simpson Bay – a popular gathering place for some of the world's most spectacular mega-yachts. If the weather's clear, you may even see glimpses of Saba, St. Eustatius and St. Kitts in the distance across turquoise seas. Meanwhile, the sights in Marigot, this isle's fashionable French capital, are very easy to spot. In fact, you'll be free to admire them at close range during your independent time here. Perhaps you'll shop for duty-free perfume, jewelry and prêt-à-porter imported from France, or sample the cuisine – including local specialties like spicy cod fritters. If you're into cultural history, the Saint Martin Museum is the place to visit, or if architecture's your thing, you'll surely want to walk the Rue de la République, lined with colonial-era facades. Back on the Dutch side, you can spend a while exploring Philipsburg on your own, too – or return directly to the pier.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# **DISCLAIMER:**

Walking on this tour is mainly at guests' discretion during free time in Marigot. There will be some uneven surfaces to negotiate. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the bus and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. The tour sequence may vary.

APPROX. DURATION:	TOUR CODE:	TOUR TYPE	ACTIVITY LEVEL	OPTIONS
3.0 HOURS	STM-019 FREE	N/A	<del>ጵ</del> ጵ	N/A

#### SEA TREK ST. MAARTEN HELMET DIVE

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by water taxi to the Sea Trek floating platform, where you'll be oriented on helmet diving.
- Forget you're a land animal for a while and go for a relaxed underwater walk along the ocean floor.
- Wearing a clear helmet connected to a breathing tube, you'll walk and sightsee underwater with your face and head unobstructed and dry.
- Your UW guide will point out sights while down below, and marine life will swim by in accord with its own natural rhythms.
- See a photo of yourself helmet diving, taken below and available for purchase back on the platform.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Make like a lobster and go for a walk along the ocean floor wearing a dive helmet that keeps your head and face completely dry as you observe the wonders underwater. It's easy, fun, comfortable, and you can even keep your glasses on. The trick is Sea Trek's specially designed helmet and breathing tube; you'll learn all about it once you reach their floating platform by water taxi. A brief orientation is all you'll need to be ready for your helmet dive... well, stroll. Geared up and psyched up, you'll begin your effortless walk along the ocean floor at depths up to 20 feet, with your guide pointing out sights around you. Things you might encounter include a sunken submarine, an ancient encrusted cannon and a statue of King Neptune. Of course, marine life is ever on the move, so you never know who might swim by – maybe sea turtles, schools of blue tangs, eagle rays, French grunts, colorful parrotfish. The waters of St. Maarten teem with curious marine creatures. After your helmet session, you can continue your underwater exploring by snorkel, or simply bask in the sun on the Sea Trek platform before returning to the pier.

#### **HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear swimwear under a cover-up.
- Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended; water shoes and snorkel equipment are provided.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen, and a towel from the ship.

#### **DISCLAIMER:**

Walking on this tour is mainly on the sea floor and at guests' discretion after the helmet dive. Participants will have to climb a 20' ladder. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns, who have had recent heart surgery, have a pace maker, or suffer from epilepsy, severe asthma or diabetes. The tour is not considered suitable for women beyond their first trimester of pregnancy. The minimum age to participate is 8 years old and children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult parent or guardian. SeaTrek will take underwater photos that are available for purchase and loaded onto a USB device. There's a 5% surcharge for credit cards.

APPROX. DURATION:	TOUR CODE:	TOUR TYPE	ACTIVITY LEVEL	OPTIONS
<b>2.5</b> HOURS	STM-021 FREE	N/A	炔	N/A

#### TIKI HUT RELAX & SNORKEL ESCAPE

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel by water taxi to spend as much time as you like relaxing on a floating mini-resort in Little Bay.
- Take advantage of the thatched tiki bar and grill, umbrellas and lounge chairs even a saltwater pool.
- Sunbathe, lounge, swim and snorkel, dine and drink out on this sheltered, floating platform.
- · Hop in the surrounding water and encounter a helicopter reef, sunken cannons and plentiful marine life.
- Whenever you can tear yourself away, hop the next hourly water taxi back to the pier and your ship.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Orchestrate your ideal escape on a floating mini-resort platform in sheltered Little Bay – where the to-do list is as mellow as it comes. There are plenty of options waiting out here and you can stay as long as you like; shuttles back to the pier leave just about every hour. When you first arrive, a safety and information briefing will leave you fully equipped to map out your freeform tropical agenda for the day. Sunbathe, shade-lounge, noodle-float, or tiki-tipple to your heart's content. When hungry, grab a bite at the thatched hut. When the urge for adventure strikes, practice your snorkeling in an onboard saltwater pool then take the plunge into the calm surrounding waters to see what the marine life is up to today. Discover the sunken helicopter that's now an artificial reef, a few cannons from nearby Fort Amsterdam, and whatever sea turtles, colorful reef fish and graceful eagle rays happen to be in the neighborhood at the moment. Climb back onto the platform and relax again on a deck lounge or under an umbrella. This is a life you could easily get used to.

#### **HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear swimwear under a cover-up.
- Flat, comfortable shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen, and a towel from the ship.

# **DISCLAIMER:**

Walking on this tour is primarily at guests' discretion. Because the tiki hut is on a floating dock, there is movement; therefore, the tour may not be suitable for those who have mobility concerns or suffer from motion sickness. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair and an able-bodied companion to assist them. There is no beach and the waters surrounding the Tiki Hut are 15-20 feet deep. Those who take part in any water activities do so at their own risk and responsibility. Flotation devices and snorkeling equipment are provided.

APPROX. DURATION: **4.0** 

4.0 HOURS TOUR CODE: STM-022 FREE

TOUR TYPE **N/A** 

ACTIVITY LEVEL

EVEL OPTIONS



#### **AERIAL SKY EXPLORER & 360 VIEWS**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel to the historic Rockland Estate, located 30 scenic minutes by coach from the pier.
- After an orientation at the base, board the Pirate Sky Ride chairlift for a thrilling but gentle ride up to the summit of one St. Maarten's tallest peaks.
- Step off at the platforms up top and admire breathtaking 360-degree vistas of this island and several others often visible
  across the turquoise surrounding waters.
- When ready, descend on the same chairlift and spend some time exploring the estate below.
- Visit the plantation museum and learn the story of Trace Wilson, born into slavery here in 1818.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Get a true lift and amazing St. Maarten views from the new Pirate Sky Ride – a smooth chairlift that climbs to the top of one of the island's highest mountains. It takes 30 scenic and tranquil minutes for your chair to reach the Crow's Nest atop Sentry Hill, one of Sint Maarten's tallest summits at 1,125 feet. Once up here, platforms encircle the mountaintop and showcase 360-degree island views, along with vistas of neighboring Saba, St. Eustatius, St. Barts and Anguilla. On a clear day, you might also see St. Kitts, Nevis and Monserrat. Take some time to savor this amazing high-altitude vantage point, and when ready to descend, simply board a Pirate Sky Ride chair for the gentle trip down the mountain. The Rockland Estate below is a restored 1700s plantation house containing a museum that tells the powerful story of Trace Wilson, born into slavery here in 1818, and depicts plantation life as well as customs and traditions of Sint Maarten. Explore this intriguing venue and perhaps sample a local delicacy or beverage (not included) at the estate restaurant before the 30-minute coach ride back to the pier.

#### **HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Securely fastened shoes are a must; flips-flops are not allowed.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

#### **DISCLAIMER:**

This tour is accessible for everyone including disabled guests. This is a non-guided tour and in order to participate, guests are required to sign a waiver.

APPROX. DURATION:	TOUR CODE:	TOUR TYPE	ACTIVITY LEVEL	OPTIONS
<b>4.75</b>	STM-023 FRFF	N/A	*	N/A
HOURS	FREE	IV/A	*	IVA

#### AERIAL SKY EXPLORER AND FLYING DUTCHMAN

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach to the historic Rockland Estate, located 30 scenic minutes from the pier.
- Board the Pirate Sky Ride chairlift for a gentle ride up to the summit of one St. Maarten's tallest peaks.
- Admire incredible 360-degree island vistas from the platforms up top and get your orientation for the thrill ride to come.
- Take a deep breath, then take the adrenaline plunge down the Flying Dutchman zip line to the base.
- After you stop hyperventilating, explore the plantation house before the return drive to the pier.

#### DESCRIPTION

Enjoy a gentle, scenic ascent to a St. Maarten mountaintop on the Pirate Sky Ride chairlift, then go flying back down on the Flying Dutchman, world's steepest zip line! It's sure to be any adventure-lovers dream experience. You'll travel by panoramic coach from the pier to the Rockland Estate, a restored 1700s plantation house containing a museum that tells the powerful story of Trace Wilson, born into slavery here in 1818. High above this historic venue is Sentry Hill, one of Sint Maarten's highest elevations at 1,125 feet. You'll take a scenic 30-minute ride up to the summit aboard the slow-moving chairlift, then have time at the top to explore the Crow's Nest platforms that showcase 360-degree island views, along with vistas of neighboring Saba, St. Eustatius, St. Barts and Anguilla – and perhaps even out to St. Kitts, Nevis and Monserrat. But your full-adrenaline thrill awaits: after a brief orientation, you'll be launched down the mountain at speeds up to 56 mph on the world's steepest zip line, attached to a flight line in a secure harnessed chair. The plunge carries you down 1,050 feet in elevation over a 2,800-foot run, in seconds. Afterwards, you'll likely be speechless awhile.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Securely fastened closed toe shoes are a must mandatory; flips-flops are not allowed.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and courage as needed.

# **DISCLAIMER:**

No photo taking allowed on the zipline. This is a non-guided tour and in order to participate, guests are required to sign a waiver.

APPROX. DURATION: TOUR CODE: TOUR TYPE ACTIVITY LEVEL OPTIONS
4.75 STM-024 N/A N/A
HOURS FREE

#### OPEN TOP DOUBLE DECKER

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoy an immensely panoramic drive in and around Dutch-influenced Philipsburg.
- Pause at lookouts that offer particularly beautiful perspectives of the island.
- Sample a selection of rums and Dutch gouda cheeses.

# **DESCRIPTION**

Settle in for a relaxing, wonderfully scenic drive through Philipsburg on a double-decker bus with occasional stops at the most noteworthy attractions. You may sit inside the bus or on the upper floor, which is open-air with unobstructed views in every direction. Either way, you will hear enlightening commentary about the landmarks that you pass in and around Philipsburg, the capital of the Dutch side of St. Martin. One of the best panoramas of the area is from atop the Cole Bay Hill lookout, where you will pause for photos. Another stop will be made at picturesque Maho Beach, an ideal spot for an exceptionally close view of airplanes landing and taking off. You will also have the opportunity to sample products characteristic of the island, including a selection of locally produced rums and gouda cheeses much like the ones made in the Netherlands.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat, comfortable walking shoes.

# **DISCLAIMER:**

Walking on this tour is at the guests' discretion during any stops they choose to get off the bus. It is not recommended for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. While the lower deck of the bus is air-conditioned, the open-top upper deck is not.

APPROX. DURATION:	TOUR CODE:	TOUR TYPE	ACTIVITY LEVEL	OPTIONS
3.5	STM-025	N/A	4	N/A
HOURS	FREE		^	

#### HISTORIC PHILIPSBURG BY TROLLEY TRAIN

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Ride an open-air trolley train through Dutch-influenced Philipsburg.
- See beautiful colonial architecture and landmarks such as the First Methodist Church.
- Sample a classic gouda cheese, one of many Dutch products sold in Philipsburg.
- Enjoy free time in Philipsburg to shop and take in the sights.

# **DESCRIPTION**

Hop on an open-air, bright-red trolley train and enjoy an entertaining ride through Philipsburg, where you will see many of the most significant historical landmarks. St. Martin has been divided since 1648, with the French ruling the northern two-thirds and the Dutch ruling the southern third, whose capital is Philipsburg. As an introduction to the Dutch influence there, you will pause for a sampling of gouda cheese, a tasty product synonymous with the Dutch. The exact route will depend on the traffic, but you can expect to ride past the beautiful colonial architecture along Front Street and the First Methodist Church, a 19th-century wooden building so iconic that it was featured on a postage stamp. You may also see Fort Amsterdam, which the Dutch constructed in the 1630s to control the entrance to the Great Bay. Later, during free time, you can further explore the downtown and browse the shops at your own pace.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat, comfortable walking shoes.

#### DISCLAIMER:

This tour includes limited walking, mainly at the guest's discretion.

APPROX. DURATION:	TOUR CODE:	TOUR TYPE	ACTIVITY LEVEL	OPTIONS
<b>2.0</b> HOURS	STM-026 FREE	N/A	*	N/A
	FREE		*	

#### **BEACH RENDEZVOUS**

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Relax however you desire on the white-sand beach at El Zafiro, a resort on Simpson Bay.
- Enjoy the use of a complimentary beach lounger to make your day more enjoyable.
- Savor the included Caribbean-inspired lunch.

# **DESCRIPTION**

Spend hours relaxing on the white-sand beach at El Zafiro, a beautiful resort directly on Simpson Bay. On the way there, the guide will describe some of the more fascinating aspects of Philipsburg's history and be standing by at the resort to answer any questions. Upon arriving, you will be welcomed with an icy-cold rum drink or a refreshing fruit cocktail. The rest of your time at El Zafiro will be free to do whatever you wish. A private area has been reserved just for your group. You might bask in the sun on a complimentary lounge chair, lie in the shade of a coconut palm, stroll along the water's edge and take a dip in the bay, whose sheltered waters are typically calm and crystal-clear. What you do is completely up to you. A hearty lunch and beverage are also included to enhance your carefree day at the beach.

# **HELPFUL HINTS**

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing with a swimsuit underneath.
- Bring a towel and sunscreen.
- Wear flat, comfortable walking shoes.

# **DISCLAIMER:**

There are no wooden walkways on the beach - just loose sand and no sand wheelchairs available. A collapsible wheelchair can be stored in the luggage area of the bus but guests must be able to walk on and off the bus and on the beach.

APPROX. DURATION:	TOUR CODE:	TOUR TYPE	ACTIVITY LEVEL	OPTIONS
5.0	STM-027	N/A	4	N/A
HOURS	FREE		^	

#### MAHO BEACH

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Spend hours at Maho Beach, a spectacular setting right next to the airport.
- Stand so close to the runway that you can feel the jet-blast from the approaching planes.
- Browse the nearby shops and drop by the beach bar at the southern end of Maho Beach.
- See Maho Beach from an elevated lookout that offers an entirely different perspective.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Enjoy the extraordinary setting of Maho Beach, a beautiful stretch of sand so close to the Princess Juliana Airport that you can actually feel the jet-blast from the airplanes. It is an incredible thrill to be directly under the flight path of the aircraft – even large wide-bodied jets – as they approach the runway less than 100 feet above the beach. The roar of the engines and the power of the jet stream make for an unforgettable experience. You will also have plenty of time to just stretch out on the sand away from the runaway. Feel free to bask in the sun, take a refreshing swim in the sea, enjoy the convenience of the Sunset Beach Bar and browse the shops in the village of Maho, which is within easy walking distance. On the return to Philipsburg, you will pause atop a lookout that offers sweeping views of the island.

# **HELPFUL HINTS**

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing with a swimsuit underneath.
- Bring a towel and sunscreen.
- Wear flat, comfortable walking shoes.

#### DISCLAIMER:

There are no wooden walkways on the beach - just loose sand and no sand wheelchairs available. A collapsible wheelchair can be stored in the luggage area of the bus but guests must be able to walk on and off the bus and on the beach. Maho Beach is European style and there may be the possibility of observing partial nudity, i.e. topless bathing. Sun loungers and beach parasols are available for rent, at your own expense. Jet blast from departing airplanes can be extremely dangerous and it is advised that guests do not stand behind or get to close to the end of the runway. Guests will be required to sign a waiver.

APPROX. DURATION:	TOUR CODE:	TOUR TYPE	ACTIVITY LEVEL	OPTIONS
<b>4.5</b> HOURS	STM-029 FREE	N/A	*	N/A

#### ACCESSIBLE SCENIC CITY DRIVE

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Settle in for a carefree and wonderfully scenic drive around Saint Martin.
- See villages and stop at scenic lookouts on both the Dutch and French sides of the island.
- Spend free time in Marigot, the island's French capital.

# **DESCRIPTION**

Loop around the island on an immensely scenic drive that will present the highlights of both the Dutch and French sides of Saint Martin. Along the way, you will pass through lovely, curiously named villages such as Sucker Garden and Cripple Gate and pause for photos at elevated lookouts on the island's eastern and western shores. After just a few hours of traveling in air-conditioned comfort, you will come away with a remarkably comprehensive picture of Saint Martin and an understanding of the differences in daily life in the Dutch-influenced capital of Philipsburg and the French-influenced capital of Marigot. The longest stop will be made in Marigot, where you will be free to explore the downtown at your own pace. Smart duty-free boutiques and open-air cafés are especially prevalent along the Rue de la Liberté and Rue de la Republique, both of which parallel the bay.

# **HELPFUL HINTS**

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat, comfortable walking shoes.

# **DISCLAIMER:**

This tour includes limited walking, mainly at the guest's discretion. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible or electric wheelchair and have a companion to assist them.

PPROX. DURATION:	TOUR CODE:	TOUR TYPE	ACTIVITY LEVEL	OPTIONS
3.0	STM-030	N/A	4	N/A
HOURS	FREE		^	

#### HORSEBACK RIDING: SCENIC TRAIL & SEA RIDE

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride through a lush seaside park on a horse perfectly paired to match your riding abilities.
- Follow an expert guide that will describe the island's history and the park's flora and fauna.
- Ride horseback into the Caribbean Sea for that unforgettable experience..

# **DESCRIPTION**

Ride horseback through the winding trails in Seaside Nature Park and on into the Caribbean Sea, where the horses can cool off in the refreshing surf. You will get an inkling of the island's beauty on the drive over to Lucky Stables, an equestrian facility within the park. After a briefing to help you maximize the experience, you will saddle up and ride off on a horse well-suited to your equestrian abilities. The horses are Antillianos, a local breed. You will follow an expert guide that will point out the attractions and describe the history of St. Maarten, the island's Dutch-controlled southern half. Although the horses are kept in large paddocks during the day, they roam freely at night and are intimately familiar with the park's terrain. They are especially fond of riding into the sea not far offshore, an experience that may well be the highlight of your adventure.

# **HELPFUL HINTS**

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

# DISCLAIMER:

Participants must be at least 8 years of age and weigh no more than 200 lbs. Weight limit is strictly enforced and no refunds will be given if you exceed the limit at the tour site. Guests 8 to 20 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Guests with heart conditions, back or neck injuries and pregnant women are not allowed to participate. Helmets are mandatory and will be provided along with a floatation device for the sea. Dismounting the horses will be from a mounting block with assistance from the guides. Guests are divided into smaller groups of about 6 per guide. No bags are allowed to be taken on the tour – lockers will be provided. A 16oz. bottle of water is included. Due to limited availability, guests are encouraged to book early. Guests who go ashore do so with the understanding that they will be mixing with members of the general public.

APPROX. DURATION:	TOUR CODE:	TOUR TYPE	ACTIVITY LEVEL	OPTIONS
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#### **ULTIMATE ISLAND TOUR & EXPLORER CRUISE**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Settle in for panoramic drive through both the Dutch and French sides of St. Martin.
- Spend free time in Marigot, the island's French capital.
- Cruise the sheltered waters of Simpson Bay Lagoon on a double-decker catamaran.

# **DESCRIPTION**

See extraordinarily photogenic St. Martin on a panoramic drive through the countryside and from a water perspective on a leisurely cruise around Simpson Bay Lagoon. Along the way, you will hear commentary that describes the landmarks and history, such as why the island was divided between the French and the Dutch. During free time in Marigot, the French capital on the northern side of St. Martin, you might browse the boutiques for designer fashions. The three-level West Indies Mall on the waterfront is an excellent place to start shopping. More beautiful vistas await you on the lagoon, which is part French and part Dutch. As you glide through the sheltered waters on a 65-foot double-decker catamaran, you may pass Grand Key, Little Key and the entrance to Mullet Bay Pond. Calypso music and an open bar will make the cruise all the more enjoyable. If time permits, you might shop upon returning to Philipsburg.

#### **HELPFUL HINTS**

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat, comfortable walking shoes.

#### DISCLAIMER:

The tour may operate in reverse order. Some shops in Marigot may be closed on holidays/Sundays. Guests must be able to climb 3 steps to board the coach buses and the Explorer boat. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair and have a companion to assist them. The vessel is fast, stable, and has plenty of shade. Separate snorkel and beach stops, and alternative destinations may be used based on weather conditions. Some nudity may be observed. Tour participants taking part in any water activities do so at their own risk and responsibility and will be required to sign a release form before being allowed to take part in any snorkeling activities. Minimum age to participate is 12 years of age.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

# WHATS IS INCLUDE?

# **Transportation:**

Licensed and insured late model, coaches, vehicles, watercraft, and other modes of transportation are utilized.

#### **Meals and Refreshments:**

Included when indicated in the tour description.

#### **Guides:**

Licensed, English-speaking, local guides accompany all tours, where available.

#### **Entrance Fees:**

Tours include all required admission fees, where applicable.

#### What Should I Wear?

When taking a shore excursion, comfortable walking shoes, sunglasses, a hat and sunscreen are suggested. You may consider bringing an umbrella, raincoat, sweater, or jacket. And don't forget your camera!

#### **Cancellations and refunds**

- In order to ensure quality guides and sufficient transportation, Regent must provide the tour operator with passenger counts at least 36 hours in advance. Therefore no refunds will be given within 36 hours of the tour.
- Tours operate rain or shine.
- Tours require minimum participation levels to operate so please sign up as early as possible. Tours may be cancelled if minimum participation levels are not met.

#### **Prices, Itineraries and General Information**

- Shore excursions prices are subject to change to meet unexpected cost increases or currency fluctuations.
- The information contained in this document was current at the time of printing, however changes may occur before your scheduled departure. Please consult the Destination Services Desk onboard for information and current pricing.
- During local or national holidays, access to certain facilities (such as museums or archaeological sites) may be limited or denied. In such instances, adjustments will be made to minimize inconvenience to guests.
- Some tours have limited availability. Please sign up early to avoid disappointment.
- Regent Seven Seas Cruises reserves the right to require Guests to complete a liability waiver for select shore excursions. For
  more information, please visit the Destination Service.

#### **Please Note**

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