

Sailing the Windward Islands

on board the Royal Clipper
January 19th – 27th, 2024



Highlights

**Bridgetown, Barbados • Rodney Bay, St. Lucia • Falmouth Harbour, Antigua
Cabrits, Dominica Basseterre & South Friar's Bay, St Kitts
Terre de Haut, Iles des Saintes • Martinique**

The Royal Clipper

The 439-foot sailing ship provides superb service, amenities and accommodations. The largest full rigged sailing ship in the world carries just 227 guests.

Find your secret hideaway on one of the hidden balconies on either side of the bow. Or climb the mast (with safety harness provided) to one of the passenger lookout crows-nests, thoughtfully furnished with a comfortable settee, where you'll have the grandest view of all!

Royal Clipper's interior spaces are just as dazzling. They include a three-deck atrium that funnels sunlight into the elegantly appointed, three-level dining room featuring open-seating dining, deliciously prepared cuisine and a no-tie dress code.

Caribbean Islands

A magical place of palm trees, white sand beaches, turquoise waters and sunshine, all blessed with a climate that consistently offers a much-needed break for those stuck in the cold weather of the north.

The ship sells out quickly!

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Your 9-Day Journey

Day 1 **Depart for Bridgetown, Barbados**

Enjoy your private car home pick up service. Guests departing from the Toronto airport are assisted with their check-in. Meet your Journey Manager and fellow guests, and board your flight to Bridgetown, Barbados. Our Journey Manager travels with you to take care of all the details throughout the journey, enabling you to concentrate on your experience. Our local guide greets us on arrival and we check in to our hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. In the evening, enjoy dinner at our hotel.

Overnight: Bridgetown, Accra Beach Hotel

Meals: Dinner

Day 2 **Bridgetown**

Barbados is an island nation located to the far east of the Windward Islands. With white sand beaches, turquoise waters, and a UNESCO World Heritage-listed capital, Barbados is a tropical wonderland waiting for you to explore. Take the morning at leisure to relax by the pool or soak up the sun on the beach before setting out to discover Mount Gay Rum Distillery. While Barbados is considered the birthplace of rum, this historic Bridgetown landmark, founded in 1703, is believed to be home to the oldest rum found anywhere in the world. Enjoy a typical Bajan lunch before learning how sugar cane is fermented into rum and sampling some of the company's award-winning rums. Following the tour, board the majestic Royal Clipper, your home for the next seven days. Settle into your cabin and relax on board or begin exploring at your own pace. All meals will be served on board unless otherwise indicated.

Overnight: The Royal Clipper, 7 nights

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 **Rodney Bay, St. Lucia**

St. Lucia is the sort of island that travellers to the Caribbean dream about, a small, lush tropical gem that is still relatively unknown. One of the Windward Islands of the Lesser Antilles, it is located midway down the Eastern Caribbean chain, between Martinique and St. Vincent, and north of Barbados. St. Lucia is only 27 miles long and 14 miles wide, with a shape that is said to resemble either a mango or an avocado (depending on your taste). In natural beauty, St. Lucia seems like an island plucked from the South Pacific and set down in the Caribbean. Its dramatic twin coastal peaks, the Pitons, soar 2,000 feet up from the sea, sheltering magnificent rain forests where wild orchids, giant ferns, and birds of paradise flourish.

Included Shore Excursion – Essence of St. Lucia

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Enjoy an authentic St. Lucian experience blending the past and present as you See, Taste and Smell the flavors of the island while discovering, exploring and learning about life in days gone by.

Our local guide and driver meet us at the pier, and we travel to Greenwood Terrace to stroll through the grounds as you learn about the over 270 tropical fruit trees and flowering plants growing in abundance. See a Traditional Medicinal Herb Garden and learn how their forefathers and local folklore utilized those herbs and still do today. Travel back in time as you view the ancient "Platene" used in the making of Sugar and Farine. See an "Old Styled Fowl Coop" (Hen House), the outdoor cooking fireplace, and a stone "Baking Oven" still used for baking bread and the artefacts which dot the garden. Discover the secrets of local Coconut Oil and of Bay Rum, a by-product of the Bay Leaf. Learn intriguing facts about Traditional Creole Headwear and Dress. View a brilliant display of historic items, artifacts and utensils while discovering historical and cultural aspects of the island all on show in the "Mini Museum". Savor a variety of tropical fruits, rum and island delicacies. Following our visit, we return to our awaiting ship.

Approx. 3 hours

Overnight: The Royal Clipper
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 Cabrits, Dominica

Called the "Nature Island," Dominica is certainly that, and much more. It's literally covered with thick green jungle, punctuated by sharp-edged volcanic peaks, mountains, lakes, rivers, hot springs and waterfalls and a wide variety of green vegetation and wildlife and is a magnet for hikers and nature enthusiasts. The offshore reefs attract divers from around the world. Agriculture is the major industry here, followed closely by tourism.

Included Shore Excursion – Culture of Calibishie

Today, we discover Dominica with its impressive nature, beaches and culture. We begin with a scenic drive towards the Northeast of the island and experience stunning views while passing alongside rivers through small communities. See black sand beaches, family farms and stop for photos before arriving at Calibishie village. On arrival in the village, we are taken on a guided walk through a home garden cultivated with bananas, root crops, fruit bearing trees, flowers and vine crops. You will then be treated to a traditional cultural show and dance by a local performing group. When the show has finished, explore the coral sand beach to enjoy a discovery walk along the waterfront where you will see fishermen harvesting shellfish from the shallow reefs, casting fish nets and raising their fish traps.

Approx. 3 hours

Overnight: The Royal Clipper
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 5 Falmouth Antigua

Antigua (pronounced An-tee'ga) and Barbuda are located in the middle of the Leeward Islands in the Eastern Caribbean. With 365 beaches, one for every day of the year, it is the sunniest of the Caribbean Islands. The expansive, winding coastline that made Antigua difficult for outsiders to navigate is where today's trekkers encounter a tremendous wealth of secluded, powdery soft beaches.

Included Shore Excursion – Antigua Historical Tour

Enjoy an authentic St. Lucian experience blending the past and present as you See, Taste and Smell the flavors of the island while discovering, exploring and learning about life in days gone by.

This morning we are met in Falmouth Harbour, an area rich in history and breath-taking views by our local and driver. We travel uphill to the Blockhouse ruins where you can pause to take in the commanding view of the Atlantic Ocean and the surrounding coastline. Continuing uphill, you will enjoy exploring the ruins of Shirley Heights and a stunning view of the English Harbour, Nelson's Dockyard and Falmouth Harbour. We continue past country villages and through the winding, forest-flanked roads of the Fig Tree Drive (tropical forest) onwards to the coastline where your heart will frolic with contentment viewing the beautiful blue waters. Then, we drive through the historical city of St. John's to Nelson's Dockyard, the largest of Antigua's National Parks. Today it is still used as a working dockyard for numerous yachts and ships. You will have free time to explore on your own before returning to the Royal Clipper.

Approx. 4 hours

Overnight: The Royal Clipper
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 Basseterre & South Friar's Bay, St. Kitts

St. Kitts is the larger of the 2 Caribbean islands that comprise the nation of Saint Kitts and Nevis. It's known for rain forested mountains and beaches of white, gray, and black sand. On its southwestern coast is the capital, Basseterre, containing Georgian buildings from the colonial era. Anchoring Basseterre is the Circus, a plaza modeled after London's Piccadilly Circus, complete with Victorian-style clock tower.

Included Shore Excursion – St. Kitts Scenic Rail Tour

This national rail tour runs a complete circle around the island allowing visitors the opportunity to see the entire country by rail and by road. No trip to this two-island federation is complete without the experience of traveling on the new St. Kitts Scenic Railway, one of the most beautiful train rides in the world. This one-of-a-kind narrow-gauge railroad was built almost a century ago to deliver sugar cane from the fields to the sugar mills in the capital city of Basseterre.

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This still operational railway now provides a fascinating way to see the entire island from the comfort of double-deck railcars built specifically for touring the island of St. Kitts.

All guests will have a seat on both levels of the railcar. The upper level features a spacious open-air observation deck with panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. The lower level provides air-conditioned comfort with expansive vaulted windows. Island ambiance is evoked with comfortable rattan furniture, complimentary specialty drinks, island music and a colourful narrative history of the Caribbean. The railway hugs the northeastern coastline with rippling fields of sugarcane stretching from the shoreline up to the mountains. The high volcanic mountain ranges, coated with lush green rainforests, rise nearly 4000 feet above sea level.

The train rolls across tall steel bridges spanning deep “ghuts” or canyons, and winds through small villages and farms. Our railway conductor will point out old sugar estates, abandoned sugar mills and windmills while giving insight into the island’s unique history. Your experience is complimented by a scenic bus drive on the Southern coast. Enjoy the excellent vistas of Brimstone fortress, the British “Gibraltar of the Caribbean” and Middle Island where Thomas Jefferson’s great-grandfather is buried; and the neighbouring island of Nevis where American statesman and first Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, was born.

Approx. 3 hours

Overnight: The Royal Clipper
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 Terre de Haut, Iles des Saintes

Les Saintes (also known as Iles des Saintes) are perfect for the kind of traveler who relishes unspoiled tropical beauty, serenity and French style. Just 10 kilometres south of Guadeloupe, these idyllic tropical jewels float like exotic dreams in the Caribbean Sea. Only Terre-de-Haut and Terre-de-Bas are inhabited, with a combined population of little more than 3,000. Many of the Saintois are fair-haired, blue-eyed descendants of Breton and Norman sailors. Fishing still is their main source of income, and they take pride in their work. The shores are lined with their boats and filets bleus (blue nets dotted with orange buoys). The day is yours to explore on your own, swim or just relax with a good book on the beach.

Overnight: The Royal Clipper
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Martinique

Lauded as the best Caribbean vacation destination, Martinique or “Madinina” to the Caribbean Indians, is located in the heart of the Caribbean archipelago, and is part of the Lesser Antilles, or “Windward Islands.” The Atlantic Ocean washes against its eastern shores, while its western coast is lapped by the Caribbean Sea.

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Martinique is simply one of the Caribbean's most enchanting destinations. Francophiles adore the French island for its gastronomy, its music and élan, and the availability of the finest French products, from Chanel fashions to Limoges china. It's endowed with physical beauty as varied as white-sand beaches and tropical rain forests.

Included Shore Excursion – Martinique Exploration

A scenic drive takes us through the countryside to Les Trois Ilets, the famous pottery village located on a former Jesuit Monastery. Time will be given to explore the many ancient buildings and authentic Creole small houses occupied by artisans, potters, shop-owners, and also one of the oldest active brickyards in France. Following our visit to Les Trois Ilets, we continue to the fishing village of Les Anses d'Arlet with its charming little church, Creole houses, sandy beach and pontoon over the turquoise sea create a truly picturesque scene. Aligned exactly with the pontoon on the beach, the Church of St Henry is undoubtedly one of the most photographed sites in all Martinique!

Approx. 3 hours

Overnight: The Royal Clipper
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 Bridgetown, Barbados

This morning we disembark the Royal Clipper and taking a scenic drive from port in the capital we travel up the beautiful West Coast of the Island. We will have short stops at St James Parish Church, which stands on one of the oldest parcels of consecrated land on the island, often known in Barbados as "God's acre", as well as Speightstown, which formally settled around 1630 and in the earliest days of settlement was Barbados's busiest port. From here we travel to Cherry Tree Hill, which offers a spectacular view of the eastern and northern sections of Barbados before making our way down to the East Coast of the Island to Bathsheba, which is the main fishing village in the parish of Saint Joseph. We enjoy some typical Bajan cuisine before making our way to the airport. Enjoy your private car to your home.

Overnight: Home
Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

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Ports of call and shore excursions are subject to change at the discretion of the shipping operator, ground operators or Jerry Van Dyke Travel. While we endeavour not to make changes, when we do have to make them, changes are always intended to improve the itinerary

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Your Journey Includes

First Class Accommodation

Bridgetown	Accra Beach Hotel	1 night
Cruise	The Royal Clipper	7 nights

Included Flights

Airline:	Air Canada
Outbound:	Toronto (YYZ) – Bridgetown (BGI)
Inbound:	Bridgetown (BGI) – Toronto (YYZ)
Class of Service:	Economy <i>Premium Economy and Business are available on request</i>
Note:	Fly from select Canadian gateways for only \$100 <i>For additional gateways and further information, contact us for details.</i>

Journeys by Van Dyke Inclusions

Journey Manager	Services of a professional Journey Manager throughout the journey
Home-Pickup Service	Private car home pick-up & return service (where available) or a credit or
Hotel Overnight	Hotel overnight near Toronto Pearson International Airport
Gratuities	Tips included for all intermediaries: all ship staff, Journey Managers, local sightseeing guides, coach drivers, porters, etc.
Porterage	Porterage for one piece of baggage
Visas & Fees	All fees, visas, port & service charges
Gift with Every Journey	Branded overnight carry-on bag or backpack
Taxes	All taxes incl. HST, PST, VAT

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Journey Specific Inclusions & Experiences

- Complete pre-trip information & assistance
- 8 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 8 dinners
- All sightseeing & entrance fees as listed
- Included Excursions:
 - Essence of St. Lucia
 - Culture of Calibishie
 - Antigua Historical Tour
 - Scenic Rail Tour – St. Kitts
 - Martinique Exploration

Fares

Cabin	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
Category 6	\$6,490 CAD	\$7,790 CAD
Category 3	\$7,190 CAD	\$8,790 CAD
Category 2	\$7,290 CAD	\$8,990 CAD
Deluxe	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT

Fuel Surcharges - These journey fares include the current known fuel surcharges. Additional supplier fuel charges and or government fees may apply at final payment date.

Royal Clipper



Inspired by the tall ship Preussen, the Royal Clipper has the proud distinction of being the largest and only five-mast full-rigged sailing ship built since her predecessor was launched at the beginning of the last century. With her complement of 42 sails, Royal Clipper is a splendid sight to behold.

You might think she was an apparition from the grand age of sail, but Royal Clipper is as new as tomorrow, boasting state-of-the-art navigation systems and every comfort and luxury one could wish for. For connoisseurs of sail cruising, the 439-foot Royal Clipper offers the ultimate sea-going experience, balancing the grandeur, adventure and tradition of sailing with the superb service, amenities and accommodations of the finest modern yacht. Royal Clipper carries just 227 guests in luxurious style. A full 19,000 square feet of open deck and three swimming pools create a wonderfully spacious and expansive outdoor environment.

A convenient marina platform lowers from the stern for watersports. And the ultimate unique Royal Clipper experience, the one-of-a-kind Captain Nemo Lounge, is the site of our spa and health club with underwater glass portholes!

Specifications

Tonnage:	5,000	Length:	439 feet
Passenger Capacity:	227	Beam:	54 feet
Crew Members:	106	Mast Height:	177 feet
Masts:	5 Masts, 42 Sails	Sail Area:	56,000 square feet

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All staterooms have ensuite bathroom with shower. The ship's accommodations are thoughtfully designed, featuring private bathrooms, air conditioning, hair dryers, private safe, television, DVD player, telephone and other amenities an experienced traveler has come to expect. Royal Clipper's electrical output is 220 volts.

Categories 2-3 Stateroom 145 sq. ft

Clipper & Commodore Deck

Outside cabin, twin/double/triple beds, marble bathroom with shower.

*Category 2 is Superior Outside cabin.



Category 6 108 sq. ft

Clipper Deck

Inside cabin, double/triple beds, marble bathroom with shower.

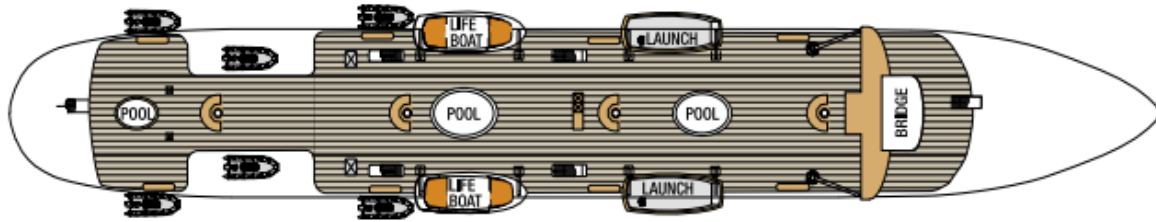


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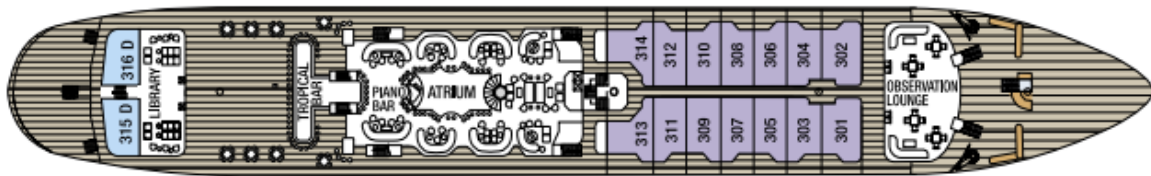
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Royal Clipper Deck Plan

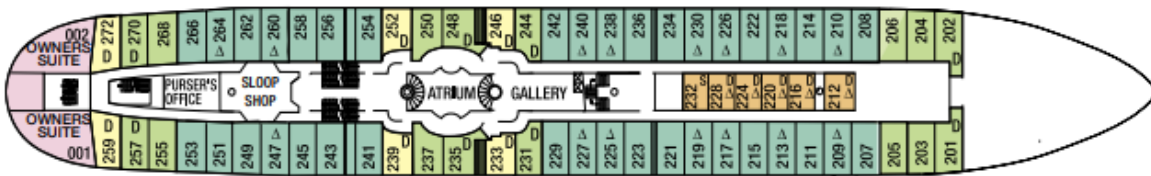
Sun Deck



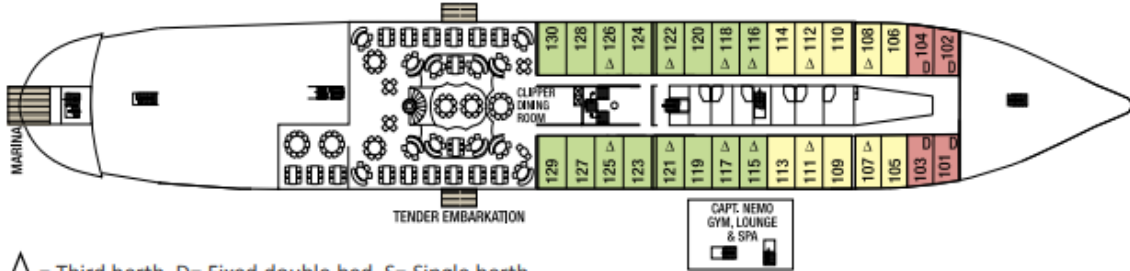
Main Deck



Clipper Deck



Commodore Deck



△ = Third berth D= Fixed double bed S= Single berth

OWNER'S SUITE

CLIPPER DECK
Deluxe outside suite (no private verandah), two double beds, separate sitting area, minibar, bathroom with whirlpool, room service.

DELUXE SUITE

MAIN DECK
Deluxe outside suite, private verandah, twin/double beds, sitting area, minibar, bathroom with whirlpool and room service.

CATEGORY 1

MAIN DECK
Deluxe deck cabin, double beds, minibar, bathroom with whirlpool, cabin doors open onto deck.

CATEGORY 2

CLIPPER DECK
Large outside cabin, two lower beds, double bed, or triple berths, bathroom with shower.

CATEGORY 3

CLIPPER & COMMODORE DECKS
Outside cabin, two lower beds, double bed, or triple berths, bathroom with shower.

CATEGORY 4

CLIPPER & COMMODORE DECKS
Outside cabin, twin/double/triple beds, bathroom with shower.

CATEGORY 5

COMMODORE DECK
Outside cabin, double bed, bathroom with shower.

CATEGORY 6

CLIPPER DECK
Inside cabin, double/triple beds, bathroom with shower.

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Outstanding Accommodation

Bridgetown

1 night

Accra Beach Hotel

Sitting on Rockley Beach along the Caribbean coast of Barbados and surrounded by tropical gardens, Accra Beach Hotel is like a private island retreat. Each of the 221 guest rooms features either an island, pool, or ocean view, and is just steps from the dazzling white sandy beach. With colourful murals to brighten the walls, the comfortable rooms offer free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, coffee makers, and in-room safes. This tropical hotel also has plenty of great amenities including three restaurants, two bars, two outdoor pools, a day spa, a hair salon, and a fitness centre.



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Personal Notes & Questions