

## **Cabin Cruise from Martinique (Cocktail Grenadines alternative)**



### **Day 1: MARTINIQUE - SAINTES ARCHIPELAGO**

The cabin cruise begins in the south of the island at 6pm from Le Marin, Martinique. After a get-together that includes a welcome drink and security briefing, you will sail towards the Saintes. Relax on an outdoor lounge, enjoying exceptional moments under the starlit sky. If you get tired, your comfortable cabin is only a few steps away.

### **Day 2: SAINTES ARCHIPELAGO**

Today you will start to explore the Saintes Archipelago.

The beauty and authenticity of the area and its people with their Britannic heritage create an atmosphere so seductive that many sailors have settled down there. You will be eating lunch in the pain de sucre, ideal for swimming and snorkeling with colorful fish and corals.

We highly recommend that you spend the afternoon exploring the streets of Terre de Haut. Go shopping, drink coffee on a sun terrace or enjoy some snacks in the local pastry shop "Tourment d' Armour / Tortures of Love". Not far away you can also visit Fort Napoleon and its Museum. Watch the "Sainttoise", local fisher boats, doing their work. Dinner and overnight at anchor near Terre de Haut.

### **Day 3: SAINTES ARCHIPELAGO - RESERVE COSTEAU – GUADELOUPE (Deshaies)**

Today you will sail further into the Archipelago to explore the islands Cabrit and Terre de Bas. There will be plenty of swimming opportunities on the way.

You will leave the Saintes heading north, and sail in sight of the coastline of Basse Terre, the western part of Guadeloupe. The next stop will be the Pigeon Islands in the heart of the Réserve Cousteau. Lunch will be served while sailing.

The Pigeon Islands belong to the town of Bouillante but are 1100m away from the shore. The islands of the Réserve Cousteau are recognized as Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO. Apart from its vegetation, which is dominated by Manchineels and Frangipani, the main attraction lies at the bottom of the sea. Here the French captain and scientist Cousteau shot many scenes of his 1956 movie "The silent world". The diversity of coral reefs and fish are among the highest in the Caribbean. Just by snorkeling in shallow waters you will find elkhorn corals, gorgonians, faviidae, parrot fish, molidae and butterflyfish.

In 2004 a bust of Jacques-Yves Cousteau has been erected and moved underwater, into the coral garden. This tribute was initiated by the mayor of Bouillante and is highly appreciated by all divers.

Before nightfall you will continue your trip north until Deshaies, a charming fishing village surrounded by wooded hills. Dinner and overnight at anchor.



#### **Day 4: MARIE-GALANTE**

Today your captain will set sail towards Marie-Galante. You will arrive at Anse Carnot for lunch, and rest in this beautiful bay until afternoon. You might recognize the beach, it is well known from many post cards.

The nickname of the Island "La Grande Galette" (the great pancake), is a reference to its flat and round shape. The island is also known as the "island of 100 mills". The island charms its visitors with its authenticity, the relaxed way of life and the affection of its 15000 residents. People say the island is like Guadeloupe 50 years ago.

Besides the picturesque towns and landscapes Marie-Galante offers many white beaches which are seamed with coconut palms. Many of them are among the most beautiful in all the Antilles. There are also some fantastic turquoise lagoons that will lure us into anchoring there.

At the end of the afternoon we take the 30-minute trip to St. Louis, the oldest town on Marie-Galante. You will see many Creole houses that are traditionally made from wood, close to the magnificent lagoon. After a walk on the island dinner and overnight stay at anchor.



#### **Day 5: MARTINIQUE (Saint Pierre)**

On this day we will return to Martinique where we stay in the North of the Island and get a chance to visit the city of Saint Pierre.

The city is set below the famous Vulcan Pelée and was destroyed by the eruption of the volcano on 02 Mai 1902 and rebuilt in the 1920s. You can see ruins of the tragedy in the district of Fort and the city center.

Then you can visit the market at the square "Bertin" where social life is at its peak. The night will be spent at anchor.

#### **Day 6: MARTINIQUE (Anse d'Arlet)**

In the morning we will head towards the Anse D'Arlets which is known for the church directly at the promenade. Here you will find a beach that is known as the most beautiful on the island. You will swim in crystal clear waters and see colorful fish when snorkeling or

enjoy a cocktail in one of the various beach bars. The night will be spent at anchor in the south of Martinique.

### **Day 7: MARTINIQUE (Saint-Anne)**

The last day of your cruise will be spend in Saint-Anne. Saint-Anne is the village with the most beaches of the Island. A true paradise for swimmers.

Friends of nature can hike the “petrified savannah” - a landscape which is unique on the Island and reminds of deserts or landscapes on the moon. The last night will be spent in front of Saint-Anne.

### **Day 8: MARTINIQUE (Le Marin)**

In the early morning you will return to our pontoon in the Marina Le Marin where your cruise will end after breakfast.

The itinerary is subject to change. Due to the current worldwide corona pandemic the itinerary is subject to change due to changing regulations and travel restrictions.