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12 NIGHT ULTIMATE CARIBBEAN On the Celebrity Equinox



January 30 to February 11, 2022

Itinerary

Day 1 – Sunday, January 30th: Ft Lauderdale Arrival at Port Everglades on your own. Ships sails at 4:00PM.

Day 2 – Monday, January 31st: At Sea

A full day to relax and enjoy the programs offered on the ship, perhaps some time at the spa, take a class or relax by the pool.

Day 3 – Tuesday, February 1st: At Sea A full day to relax and enjoy the programs offered on the ship, perhaps some time at the spa, take a class or relax by the pool.

Day 4 – Wednesday, February 2nd: St. Croix, U.S.V.I (8AM to 6PM)

St. Croix for the powdery white beaches, clear blue waters, shipwreck diving, coral-reef snorkeling, birdwatching, and sea turtles. In ancient times, peaceful Arawak natives migrated here, fishing, farming, and painting caves. Then fierce Carib warriors replaced them. In 1493, Christopher Columbus landed at present-day Salt River Bay National Historical Park.

Danish colonial history lives in St. Croix's architecture and language. Ruins of its former sugar industry still dot the island—some sites open to the public. Today, locals process sugar in the form of rum, and two distilleries give tours, Cruzan and Captain Morgan.

The west-end town of Frederiksted unfurls at the foot of the cruise pier. You can't miss richly colored Fort Frederik on your St. Croix cruise. This bright red U.S. National Historic Landmark was built in the 1750s to ward off pirates.

On the north side, Christiansted preserves 18th-century Danish buildings, painted in pastel colors. Explore seven-acre Christiansted National Historic Site. Stroll nearby Cay Beach and imagine pirates anchored offshore.

St. Croix is celebrated for its rums, fruits, and home-style cooking. Try the fish and fungi (say foon-ji). Cornmeal-based fungi can be soft and tender like mashed potatoes or firm like dumplings.

Discover duty-free treasures at the boutiques, galleries, jewelry stores, and workshops in Christiansted and Frederiksted. Find deals on rums, other liquors, electronics, and more. Bring home some St. Croix hook bracelets and colorful Caribbean fashions.

Day 5 – Thursday, February 3rd: Basseterre, St Kitts & Nevis

Explore French and English colonial architecture, breathtaking beaches, and lush landscapes beneath soaring mountain peaks.

Walking distance from the St. Kitts cruise port, find the Circus and Independence Square. The Circus is a roundabout lined by local shops with artisanal batik clothing, leatherwork, and weaving. Stroll another couple blocks to Independence Square, site of the stately courthouse and cathedral.

West of Basseterre, visit 350-year-old Romney Manor estate, once owned by a British earl. The grounds include magnificent gardens with exotic plants and an amazing saman tree—as old as the estate—that covers half an acre.

Tour Brimstone Hill Fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage site, 750 feet above the Caribbean. Ride a narrow-gauge train through breathtaking scenery on the St. Kitts Scenic Railway tour. All round the island, take in magnificent views of Mount Liamuiga, a 3,792-foot-high dormant volcano. Of course, pristine beaches and turquoise waters are everywhere.

For lunch, seek out rustic plantation homes that serve hearty West Indian fare like fresh seafood, local rotis, mango ginger chicken, and goat water stew, blending the islands' staple protein with local papaya and breadfruit.

You'll have so much to discover before returning to the St. Kitts cruise port.

Day 6 – Friday, February 4th: Bridgetown, Barbados (10AM to 6PM)

When Bajans say, "Life's a beach," they mean 80 pristine beaches, some long and straight, some hidden among cliffs, many among the world's most beautiful. Cruise to Barbados for water sports include jet skiing at lively Mullins Beach, paddle boarding at Pebbles Beach, and surfing at Atlantic Shores. Small boats will take you swimming with the turtles, or you can skipper your own Hobie Cat, try spearfishing, or lounge aboard a luxurious catamaran with drinks. Launch a 4x4 safari into the Barbados Wildlife Reserve in search of green monkeys, a rare sight outside Africa. Explore Harrison's Cave from a tram, viewing stalactites, stalagmites, and underground streams. People have come here to trade since the English in 1627. Today, you'll find designer fashion, fine jewelry, fragrances, electronics, and leather in this tax haven. Talented islanders produce exquisite art and collectables. Foodies love this "culinary capital of the Caribbean," fusing the flavors of Africa, the West Indies, and Europe. The Atlantic provides a delicious array of fish including shark, salmon, cod, red snapper, and flying fish, a symbol of Barbados, as well as shrimp, lobster, and crabs. Chicken, beef, pork, turkey, and duck are served fried, grilled, baked, roasted, and pickled. On the side, look for cou-cou, rice and peas, pelau, and macaroni pie, along with tropical fruits.

Day 7 – Saturday, February 5th: Castries, St. Lucia (8AM to 6PM)

Fan out from Castries to find escapes for every taste. Near the port, browse Pointe Seraphine, for dutyfree goods, or colorful Castries Central Market, for native spices and hand-made crafts. Sample the best of St. Lucia on a highlights tour to the Castries Market, historic Catholic church, and city square, and don't miss breathtaking views from Caribelle Batik, offering artisanal goods. Or, join a leisurely coastal cruise past Marigot Bay. Novelist James A. Michener described it as "the most beautiful bay in the Caribbean."

Day 8 – Sunday, February 6th: St. Georges, Grenada (8AM to 6PM) From the moment you set your eyes on St. George's, you'll see why it's considered one of the most picturesque ports in the Caribbean. Lush vegetation, mountainous terrain and colorful colonial architecture make up the landscape. And if the sights don't wow your senses, the aroma will. Grenada is also filled with spice trees and is a leading source of many different spices, including nutmeg, cloves, ginger, cinnamon and cocoa.

Day 9 – Monday, February 7th: Roseau, Dominica (8AM to 6PM)

On this tiny island of high mountains and unusual beaches, you can explore volcanoes, rainforests, and a reef that bubbles. In the capital, Roseau, you'll sway to the infectious rhythm of reggae and behold the historic architecture of the French Quarter. Discover the black sand beaches, eerie shipwrecks, and teeming Caribbean reefs. Underwater volcanic vents at Champagne Reef turn the sea here into an effervescent dream world. Explore Dominica's interior in a 4x4 and hike lush rainforests amid untamed

volcanoes. See where Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest was filmed. Swim the waterfalls at Emerald Pool or Titou Gorge and experience the healing waters at sulfur springs. In Morne Trois Pitons National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, you'll find a great variety of flora and fauna. Marvel at the boiling lake and seething geysers in the Valley of Desolation. In Carib Territory, on the Atlantic coast, browse for native images, carvings, and crafts. Back in Roseau, find hand-made treasures—baskets, attire, soaps, rugs, and carvings—at the historic Old Market Plaza. Dominica's volcanic soil, tropical weather, and Caribbean waters produce abundant fresh fruits, vegetables, and seafood. French and local chefs make good use of them. Sip hand-squeezed juices, savor hearty stews, and try callaloo, the national dish, which originated in West Africa.

Day 10 – Tuesday, February 8thth: St. Johns, Antigua (7AM to 5PM)

Cruise to Antigua, named by Christopher Columbus in 1493, and discover 365 Caribbean beaches—one for every day, every type of beach—hidden among the countless cliffs and bays. The lush rainforest, dramatic landscapes, and turquoise waters tempt eco-adventurers from swimmers to hikers to zip-line flyers

Swim and snorkel with gentle stingrays—even feed and pet them—and snorkel the coral reefs that ring the island and teem with life. Take a scenic catamaran sail. Stop at Paradise Reef and peer below the surface of the clear Antiguan waters. Lie on a golden beach and sip a rum punch or enjoy some lobster on your St. John's cruise.

Antigua and neighboring Barbuda form an independent country in the British Commonwealth. The English settled here in 1632 and imported slaves to build sugar plantations. They became independent in 1981. The capital and largest city, St. John's, is one of the more developed and cosmopolitan municipalities in the Lesser Antilles.

Antigua's hotels and resorts serve excellent European cuisine, featuring the fresh catch of the day. Go native and try the local fungi (like polenta, paired with salt fish), callaloo (a popular West African / Caribbean dish), and hearty pepper pot.

When it's time to go shopping, find Caribbean fashions, local crafts, and designer fashions in the dutyfree shops of St. John's. Browse luxurious Heritage Quay or quaint seaside Redcliffe Quay.

Day 11 – Wednesday, February 9th At Sea

While at sea, take the time to recharge before the next adventure. Lounge by the pool, be spoiled at the spa, taste the delicacies, or explore the venues on-board.

Day 12 – Thursday, February 10th: At Sea Your last day on the ship and a chance to take in any of the activities you have not been able to squeeze in.

Day 13 – Friday, February 11th: Ft. Lauderdale (arrive 7AM) Your cruises ends following an early breakfast.

Tour cruise only cost per person in Canadian dollars sharing double accommodation;

07 Deluxe Outside - \$3,317.00 2C Verandah - \$3,227.00 1C Verandah - \$3,337.00

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- Pre-paid Gratuities
- All taxes and port charges
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