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**£300**  
PER PERSON

# CARIBBEAN ISLAND ODYSSEY

A voyage from Antigua to Cartagena aboard the MS Serenissima  
3<sup>rd</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

NOBLE CALEDONIA

St Lucia



When it comes to pure escapism there are few places in the world more fitting than the Caribbean, particularly during the UK's winter months. Escape the cold at home, join the MS Serenissima in Antigua and set sail on our island hopping voyage through sub-tropical waters. Every island has its own culture and this colourful mix of island personalities, varied terrain and lifestyles makes for a marvellous winter break.



During our in-depth itinerary, which will take us all the way to the fascinating Colombian city of Cartagena, we will discover some of the most beautiful tropical isles, many still untouched by the hands of mass tourism. We will explore historical sites and forts of the Spanish, Dutch and British colonial periods combined with the pretty ports, pastel painted towns, wonderful beaches and the flora and fauna of the region. In addition to our included excursions, we have allowed time for individual exploration of the islands and opportunities to relax on some beautiful beaches and swim in the warm waters of the Caribbean Sea.



Waterfall, Dominica

## The Itinerary

**Day 1 London to Antigua.** Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the MS Serenissima. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner.

**Day 2 Antigua.** We have a day here and on a morning tour will enjoy the views from Shirley Heights before heading to Nelson's Dockyard, beautifully located in English Harbour. See the impressive collection of restored historic buildings which were occupied by the British Navy from 1707 till 1899. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon in St John's or maybe visit one of the beaches.

**Day 3 St Eustatius, Dutch Antilles.** In the 18th century the port of Oranjestad was a major player in the trade between Europe and the new world. Today the island maintains a low key existence and has avoided the modernisation and development of its neighbours. We will explore the small town including the 17th century fort and the museum with information on slavery, colonial relics and historical artefacts. Meanwhile, the more active may wish to take the strenuous hike to 'The Quill', the 600 metre hill that dominates the landscape. This afternoon is at leisure for further exploration.

Admiralty Bay, Bequia



Fortress Oranjestad, St. Eustatius



**Day 4 Montserrat.** Ask any Caribbean connoisseur about their favourite places and Montserrat will always be high on the list. Following the damaging volcanic eruptions of 1995 and 2010, the island is slowly recovering. We will visit the volcano observatory and learn how the islanders coped with the devastation the eruptions caused. We also see some of the untouched areas which are as beautiful as ever.

**Day 5 Dominica.** Stepping back in time, the island of Dominica is still the primitive garden that Columbus first sighted in 1493. An area of tropical rainforests, flowers of incredible beauty and animals that exist nowhere else in the world. We arrive this morning in the small port of Cabrits, just below the national park and the former British garrison of Fort Shirley. Those feeling active can climb to the fort to explore the ruins, visit the small museum and maybe wander the surrounding trails. For the keen birders we will offer a tour to the Morne Diablotin National Park where, from the viewpoint we hope to see the two endemic parrots of Dominica.

**Day 6 St Lucia.** Today we will anchor in sight of the island's best known feature, the twin peaks of the Pitons, which rise dramatically from the sea to more than 2400 feet. In the nearby town of Soufriere we can visit the bubbling sulphur springs, part of a low lying volcano which erupted thousands of years ago. Our island tour will also include the splendid botanical gardens and one of the local plantations.

**Day 7 Bequia, Grenadines.** We have the whole day on this delightful Grenadine island which is totally unspoilt and a place of pure escapism with a charming old world atmosphere. Only seven miles by two it is a long way from the well beaten tourist track, a serene and peaceful island with some of the best beaches in the Caribbean. Join a scenic drive around the island including the main town of Port Elizabeth, followed by some time on a local beach to relax or have a swim.

**Day 8 Grenada.** Explore this wonderful Windward Island which many regard as the most beautiful in the Caribbean. It is a lush and verdant island with spice plantations, rum distilleries, tropical forests, secluded coves, nature trails and select hotels which cling to the hillsides overlooking the ocean. We will moor in the picturesque capital of St George's and will drive through the rainforest to beautiful Grand Etang Lake, 1700 feet above sea level. After lunch on board, enjoy some free time to explore before sailing in the early evening.

**Day 9 Port of Spain, Trinidad.** Due to its location close to the South American mainland, Trinidad has a unique diversity of plant and animal species which we will discover today. From our berth at Port of Spain we will drive inland to the Asa Wright Nature Centre. Founded on a former cocoa and coffee plantation in 1967 it comprises 1500 acres of forest providing habitat for a range of wildlife. On a series of guided walks we will explore the area searching for the 166 species of birds. Return to the MS Serenissima for lunch and later this afternoon we head to the Caroni Nature Sanctuary,

a mangrove swamp covering an area of 40 square miles. On arrival at the sanctuary we board a flat-bottomed boat and slowly travel along the beautiful peaceful waterways and lagoons admiring the beauty of the landscape and a variety of birds including the scarlet ibis, a large bright red bird feeding and nesting here and we hope to catch them as they return to their nests at sunset.

**Day 10 At Sea.** Enjoy a relaxing day on board.

**Day 11 Bonaire, Dutch Antilles.** Arrive over breakfast in Bonaire, famous for the variety of its corals, fish and clear waters. Our morning will be spent at the Washington Slagbaai National Park, which was created to protect some of the Caribbean's last remaining desert habitat. The island's birdlife is remarkable including native parrots and, in one of the lagoons, a resident flock of flamingos. Alternatively join a scenic tour of Bonaire to see the salt water lagoon at Lake Goto followed by Mangazina di Rei cultural park which showcases indigenous culture.

**Day 12 Curacao, Dutch Antilles.** Moor this morning at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Willemstad. The city has a rich history dating back to the 16th century and the island's colonial Dutch heritage sets a genteel tone amid markets, museums and cafes. Enjoy an excursion to explore the historic downtown district including Fort Amsterdam.

Cartagena, Colombia



St George's, Grenada



**Day 13 At Sea.** Spend a day on board as we sail towards Colombia.

**Day 14 Santa Marta, Colombia.** The Santa Marta area is renowned for the eco-diversity and dramatic beauty of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the highest coastal mountain range in the world, that sweep down to the sea. From our berth we will travel slightly inland to the Tayrona National Park this morning. Covered in large part by virgin tropical forest, the park is home to many varied species of mammals, birds and reptiles. On a walk through this semi-tropical jungle we will be joined by a local guide who will offer insights into the park's vegetation, animals and eco-system.

**Day 15 Cartagena.** Cartagena is one of the most fascinating cities in South America and this morning we enjoy a walking tour of the walled-city which is virtually surrounded by water and steeped in history, with a wealth of 16th and 17th century buildings and churches. Return to the ship for lunch and spend an afternoon at leisure to explore.

**Day 16 Cartagena to London.** Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

**Day 17 London.** Arrive today.

## SHIP TO SHORE

Although this voyage is not classified as an expedition cruise, we will be at anchor on many days and use Zodiacs to shuttle ashore.

## PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

### SPECIAL OFFER – SAVE £300 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
2	Standard Stateroom	£7695	£7395
3	Classic Stateroom	£7895	£7595
4	Superior Stateroom	£8295	£7995
5	Deluxe Stateroom	£8795	£8495
6	Junior Suite	£9495	£9195
7	Owner's Suite	£9995	£9695
8	Serenissima Suite	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
10	Standard Single	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Economy class scheduled air travel • 15 nights aboard the MS Serenissima on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance, visas.

## Post-cruise Bogota Extension 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021



Upon disembarking the MS Serenissima we are offering the opportunity to extend your time in Colombia with a two night extension in Bogota.

### The Itinerary

**Day 1 Cartagena to Bogota.** Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Bogota. Upon arrival transfer to our hotel for our two night stay. Enjoy dinner this evening in a local restaurant.

**Day 2 Bogota.** Bogota is a melting pot of people from around Colombia, it is diverse and multi-cultural, with a wonderful blend of modern and colonial architecture. On a full day tour, including lunch, we will visit the historic downtown of Candelaria, full of small cobbled streets and excellent museums including the Gold Museum where objects crafted by the Muiscas, the first ever populations inhabiting Bogota are carefully exhibited. Spend time at the Paloquemao flower and fruit market before we travel up to Monserrate Hill top with magnificent views over the capital. Return to our hotel in the late afternoon and meet for dinner this evening.

**Day 3 Bogota to London.** Enjoy a day at leisure to explore independently. Check out from the hotel in the early evening and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

**Day 4 London.** Arrive today.

### PRICES PER PERSON

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Twin: **£1395**      Single: **£1895**

**Price Includes:** Two nights hotel accommodation in Bogota with breakfast & late check out on Day 3, dinners on Day 1 and Day 2, gratuities, excursions and transfers as described, English speaking guide, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance.

Bonaire Bay



# MS SERENISSIMA



Harald Jarl Lounge



Andrea Lounge



The Restaurant

The charming MS Serenissima began her career as the Harald Jarl, cruising the Norwegian coastline and fjords. Since 2003, when she was extensively renovated, she has been operating as a classic cruise ship. Previously known as the MS Andrea, she was upgraded again in 2013 and started her new life as the MS Serenissima. With her small size she can navigate into small, remote ports inaccessible to the big cruise ships and appears an impressive sight when moored. With her fleet of Zodiacs, she is capable of both destination and expedition cruising.

## Your Cabin/Suite

Accommodating no more than 95 passengers, there are eight different grades of cabin arranged over five decks, and all feature either windows or portholes. The cabins are attractively designed for comfort and convenience. All cabins are fully air conditioned with an en-suite bathroom with shower (please note cabins 601 - 605 and 507 have a bath with shower attachment) and a selection of toiletries in addition to a hairdryer, robes and slippers. All cabins come equipped with telephone, flat screen television, safety deposit box and other thoughtful appointments. Bottles of still and sparkling water are replenished daily. Due to the very nature of the ship, the cabins vary in shape and size, adding to the vessel's overall charm.



## Your Dining

The free seating Venice Restaurant accommodates all guests in one sitting and, with its Deck 5 location, all of the tables benefit from great views. The picture windows also make the restaurant wonderfully light and airy. Breakfast is served buffet-style with cooked dishes available and eggs to order by the ship's accomplished chef. Lunch is also served buffet-style with hot and cold dishes

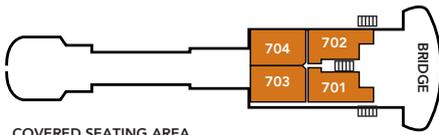
available. Dinner is served a la carte and is four courses, except at the Captain's Dinner, which is a six course affair. Where possible, local produce is sourced for an authentic dining experience. A choice of red or white wine, beer, soft drinks, and water is included at lunch and dinner. In good weather there are al fresco dining facilities available and tea and coffee are available around the clock in the Andrea Lounge.

## Your Space

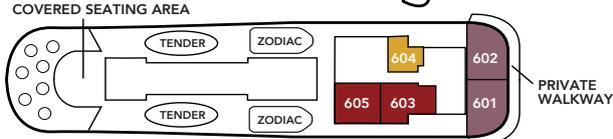
The facilities on board include two lounges – the larger Andrea Lounge is comfortable and spacious and the smaller Harald Jarl Lounge is more intimate. There is also a small library and Wi-Fi is available at an extra cost throughout the vessel. The outside areas really are something special. A spacious observation deck allows 360 degree views of the passing scenery. From here, step down to the lido area with Jacuzzi and outside bar. The covered seating area at the back of Deck 6 is ideal for relaxing with a drink in hand. Perhaps, one of the best known and loved features of this vessel is its unique style. During the major refit in Sweden the then owners commissioned Swedish interior designers to create a Gustavian style interior. This bright Swedish 18th century influenced, country house style works particularly well on a vessel of this vintage, providing intimacy and a classic nautical sensibility often lacking in larger vessels.

## MS SERENISSIMA DECK PLAN & CABINS

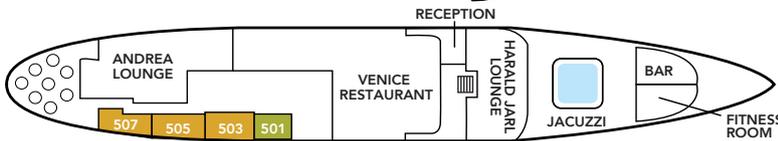
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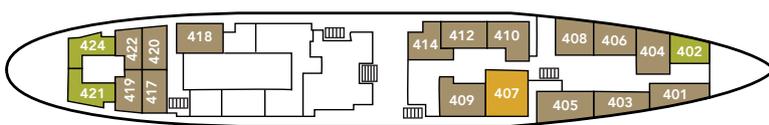
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NB. Please note cabin sizes vary in each category and measurements shown are approximate.



**DELUXE STATEROOM**  
(15 to 25 square metres)



**SUPERIOR STATEROOM**  
(11.5 to 18 square metres)



**JUNIOR SUITE**  
(21 square metres)



**STANDARD STATEROOM**  
(10 to 11.5 square metres)



**STANDARD SINGLE**  
(7 to 12.5 square metres)



**CLASSIC STATEROOM**  
(14 to 19 square metres)



Lido Deck



**SERENISSIMA SUITE**  
(25 square metres)



**OWNER'S SUITE**  
(22 square metres)

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