



SMALL SHIP CRUISING ABOARD THE
MS SERENISSIMA
IN CENTRAL AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

JANUARY TO APRIL 2016

NOBLE CALEDONIA



MS Serenissima

Formerly known as the Harald Jarl and MS Andrea, the charming 107 passenger MS Serenissima began her new life in April 2013 after a thorough renovation and upgrade. We have a long history with the vessel and know her to be perfect for small ship cruising, with her ability to navigate into small, remote ports inaccessible to the big cruise ships.

Your Cabin/Suite

Accommodating a maximum of 107 passengers, the 59 cabins are attractively designed for comfort and convenience. All cabins are fully air conditioned with an en-suite bathroom with shower 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. There are eight different grades of cabin arranged over five decks, and with the exception of the five inside cabins, all staterooms feature either windows or portholes. Because of the very nature of the ship, the cabins do vary in shape and size, adding to the vessel's overall charm. Choose from the cosy inside cabins of approx 10 square metres, to the sumptuous newly built executive suites of 25 square metres boasting private balconies, minibar and all the mod cons. The standard staterooms range in size from 10 to 15.5 square metres. The superior staterooms range in size from 11 to 19.6 square metres. The deluxe staterooms range in size from 15 to 25.4 square metres. The junior suites range in size from 20.9 to 21.7 square metres. And the owner's suites are 22.7 square metres. The dedicated inside single cabins range in size from 9.9 to 11.52 square metres, and the dedicated standard single cabins range in size from 7.1 to 12.7 square metres.



Jacuzzi

Your Space

The facilities onboard include two lounges – the larger Andrea Lounge is comfortable and spacious and the smaller Harald Lounge is more intimate. There is also a small library with a computer for internet access 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 fitness room, Jacuzzi and outside bar. The newly built 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 classic nautical sensibility often lacking in larger vessels.

Your Dining

The free seating Venice Restaurant accommodates all guests in one sitting. Being on deck 5, it has great views from all tables. The picture windows mean the restaurant is 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 4 courses, except for at the Captain's Dinner, which is a 6 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 are included at lunch and dinner. In good weather there are al fresco dining facilities available and tea and coffee is available from 7am to 11pm in the Andrea Lounge.

Life Onboard

The European captain, officers, expedition staff and crew offer a first class service and have been selected for their professionalism and caring attitudes. The atmosphere onboard is warm and welcoming, and the emphasis is not on around the clock entertainment and dining, but instead on well-thought out itineraries, relaxation, time spent with like-minded passengers and discovery. After a day of adventure and exploration, returning to the comfort of your sophisticated ship and its friendly crew will be a pleasure.



Restaurant



Executive Suite



Deluxe Stateroom



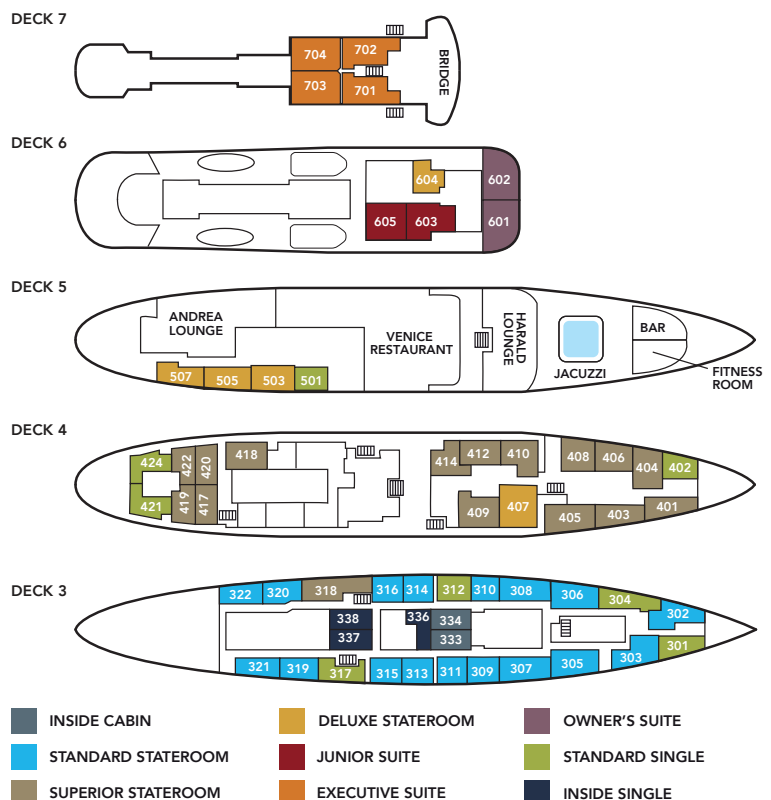
Harald Lounge

For your Comfort, Safety & Security

There are so few ships of this generation still cruising and MS Serenissima is a great testament to her present and previous owners that they have seen fit to invest considerable sums over the years to keep her in top form and complying with the stringent health and safety requirements. For added comfort, the vessel features stabilisers. The ship has an open bridge policy so during your voyage you will have the chance to visit the Captain and Officers. There is a doctor onboard, and staff are trained in first aid.

SHIP TO SHORE IN CENTRAL AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

Please note that the cruises featured in this brochure are not classified as expeditionary in nature but the itineraries do feature a combination of both large and small ports. On some days we will be at anchor and Zodiacs will be used to facilitate with both dry landings and wet landings on beaches. Whilst ashore, many of the excursions will involve walking over uneven terrain and there will be the opportunity to swim and snorkel on a regular basis. These cruises will appeal to the more adventurous and require a certain level of mobility and fitness.



Please note cabin sizes vary within each category and range from 7 to 26 sqm. Please refer to website for sizes of cabin in each category.

East & West of Panama

A voyage from the West Indies to Guatemala including a transit of the Panama Canal
19th December 2015 to 8th January 2016

Join us for our odyssey from Barbados to the shores of Guatemala, the perfect opportunity to escape the British winter to destinations with teeming rainforests, cool cloud forests, beautiful beaches, remarkably diverse landscapes, pristine coral reefs, magnificently diverse wildlife, colonial history and fascinating cultures. Such an itinerary and diversity would be difficult to comprehend or undertake by any other means than a cruise.



Our voyage over Christmas and New Year begins in Grenada followed by two days spent in the Dutch Antilles, these are islands of natural beauty and offer a relaxing and scenic start to our cruise. After a day spent at sea we touch the South American mainland with a call at Cartagena, a wonderfully charismatic port with fine restored colonial buildings. From Colombia we continue our passage through Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and El Salvador to Guatemala.

Our days will be spent snorkelling from pristine beaches, searching for endemic flowers, mammals and birds with our onboard naturalists, meeting with members of indigenous tribes, learning about the colonial and often turbulent history of the region and of course not forgetting what will be one of the highlights for many, our daylight transit through the iconic Panama Canal. In addition we visit some beautiful and uncommercialised little known islands. If you have been contemplating a visit to Central America, then this fascinating voyage could offer you the perfect opportunity with its mix of cultural and natural wonders.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Barbados. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Serenissima in the port of Bridgetown and embark.

Day 2 Carriacou, Grenada. Enjoy a relaxing morning at sea arriving at Carriacou at lunchtime. On an island

drive this afternoon we will learn about the local boat building industry, which was originated by a group of Scottish builders who arrived in the 19th century. Alternatively enjoy the first opportunity to snorkel or relax on the local beach.

Day 3 Grenada. Arrive this morning in Grenada for our exploration of

this wonderful Windward Island which many regard as the most beautiful in the Caribbean. It is a lush and verdant island with spice plantations, tropical forests, secluded coves, nature trails and select hotels which cling to the hillsides overlooking the ocean. We will enjoy a morning exploring the islands visiting the spice gardens and rum estates that thrive here. This afternoon is free to relax onboard, explore independently or join us on a local beach.

Day 4 At sea.

Day 5 Bonaire, Dutch Antilles. We have a full day today in Bonaire, world famous for the variety of its corals, fish and exceptionally clear waters. There will be a choice of excursions. Choose to visit the Washington Slagbaai National Park, created to protect some of the Caribbean's last remaining desert habitat. The island's bird life is remarkable including flocks of native parrots and in one of the lagoons a resident flock of flamingos. Alternatively join a scenic tour of Bonaire and see the salt water lagoon at Lake Goto and spend some time at the Mangazina di Rei cultural park which showcases indigenous culture. Finally for the snorkellers, weather permitting, we hope to be able to offer a visit to Klein Bonaire where we can snorkel off the beach.

Day 6 Curacao, Dutch Antilles. Arrive this morning into the lively port and UNESCO World Heritage site of Willemstad. This capital 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. Either join a

morning excursion exploring the historic downtown district including Fort Amsterdam or head down to one of the local beaches to swim and snorkel.

Day 7 At sea. Enjoy Christmas Day at sea as we sail to Colombia.

Day 8 Cartagena, Colombia. Cartagena is one of the most fascinating cities in South America. Today there is a choice between a walking tour of the colonial walled-city of Cartagena, virtually surrounded by water and steeped in history, with a wealth of 16th and 17th century buildings and churches. Our guides will bring the history of the city to life as we walk its streets and ramparts. Alternatively join a boat trip to the nearby Rosario Islands at Isla Baru, encircled by coral reefs and declared a National Natural Park.

Day 9 San Blas Islands, Panama. Visit the stunning San Blas Archipelago made up of over 400 islands which line the north coast of Panama with dazzling white sandy beaches set in a turquoise sea and with superb snorkelling. The islands are home to the indigenous Kuna Indians who gained self-rule from the government of Panama in the 1920s and maintain their traditional way of life including the production of colourful fabric art known as 'molas'.

Day 10 Panama Canal Transit. An undisputed destination on the travel bucket list has to be the Panama Canal. The Canal is around 50 miles long and takes between eight to ten hours to cross. Unlike many cruise ships we are delighted to be able to guarantee a daytime transit allowing us the best conditions to experience this engineering marvel.





Leon, Nicaragua



Cartagena



Cloud Forest, Costa Rica



Lake Nicaragua

Day 11 Darien. The Darien Jungle is recognised as one of the world's top ten birding sites, and we hope to see many bird species such as the colourful crimson-collared tanager, green and chestnut-fronted macaws, rufous-tailed and snow-bellied hummingbirds. We will explore this pristine, seldom visited area by local canoe, navigating up the tidal Mogue River to an Embera Indian settlement. Untouched by the modern world these little known tribes offer a fascinating glimpse of an ancient world.

Day 12 Isla Coiba. This once infamous prison island, now a National Park, has reverted to an island paradise. Join the onboard naturalists as we explore the main island, which boasts some 147 species of birds, and walk up to the observation tower.

Day 13 Golfo Dulce, Costa Rica. This morning we visit the Casa Orquideas (Orchid House) a five hectare private botanical garden cut out of the rainforest by Ron and Trudy MacAllister who now cultivate over 100 species of orchids which attracts many different bird species. Plants of the tropics burst with colour and the air here is heady with the fragrance of flowers and humid soil. Tonight, enjoy New Year's Eve celebrations onboard.

Day 14 Manuel Antonio National Park. From our berth in Quepos we travel to the Manuel Antonio National Park which is one of the most stunning and bio-diverse areas of the world. Spread out over 683 hectares it is filled with diverse wildlife, has both primary and secondary forests, boasts a stunning shoreline ideal for bird watching or swimming and is home to a number of endemic species of plants and animals. We will make an early start this morning to get the best viewing

of monkeys, vividly coloured birds and the lethargic three-toed sloth.

Day 15 Puerto Caldera. Our berth at Puerto Caldera is our starting point for a choice of full day excursions today. Either choose to visit Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, a nature reserve boasting over 3,000 species of animals and plants. On guided walks we will learn how the forests location ensures it receives a steady supply of clouds and the moisture they contain sustains and supports this eco system. Alternatively join an excursion to the Costa Rican capital of San Jose. Our route will take us through the Braulio Carillo National Park before arriving into San Jose where we will visit the Gold Museum and the National Museum with a wealth of archaeological and historical artefacts. On both tours we enjoy a local lunch before a scenic drive back to the ship.

Day 16 San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua. We will leave from the friendly fishing village of San Juan del Sur for a full day tour to Granada and Lake Nicaragua. Founded in 1523 Granada is Nicaragua's oldest Spanish City. This picturesque city has retained much of its Spanish character with colonial churches, narrow streets and colourful Spanish style homes. We will enjoy a walking tour including the cathedral and convent of San Francisco where we find around 30 pre-Colombian stone statues dating back to 800AD sculpted by the inhabitants of Zapatera Island on Lake Nicaragua. After a local lunch we continue to Lake Nicaragua and enjoy a relaxing boat ride amongst the 365 small islands created by the volcanic activity of the Mombacho volcano around 20,000 years ago. Whilst some islands are inhabited most remain unspoiled and are home to the exotic plants, howler monkeys and orchids.

Day 17 Leon. The Nicaraguan port of Corinto is our base for our visit to Leon, the former capital of Nicaragua. Here we will explore the colonial architecture and the 18th century cathedral which is one of the most prominent buildings in the city with fantastic views from the rooftop. Inside we will see the fresco paintings, statues and the lion that guards the tomb of Ruben Dario, the famous Nicaraguan poet.

Day 18 Acajutla, El Salvador. We arrive today in El Salvador and the main port of Acajutla. There will be a choice of excursions today. Choose to explore the colonial towns and communities or the Mayan sites. On a morning excursion we will drive through the beautiful mountains to the towns of Juayua and Nahuizalco for a guided tour of the communities before continuing to the coffee making towns of Apaneca and Ataco. Alternatively join a full day excursion visiting the archaeological sites of Joya de Ceren, known as the

Pompeii of America and the ruins of San Andres, once an important political and religious centre. After a local lunch we will continue to Santa Ana seeing the beautiful gothic cathedral and national palace before ending at the Ruins of Tazumai, the largest pyramid in El Salvador and important Mayan settlement.

Day 19 Puerto Quetzal to Antigua, Guatemala. After breakfast we will drive to the city of Antigua and enjoy a morning exploring this UNESCO World Heritage site. Built between three magnificent volcanoes in 1542 it is one of the oldest and most beautiful cities in the Americas. After a local lunch we transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 20 Guatemala City to London. After breakfast in the hotel transfer to the airport for the scheduled indirect flight to London.

Day 21 London. Arrive this morning.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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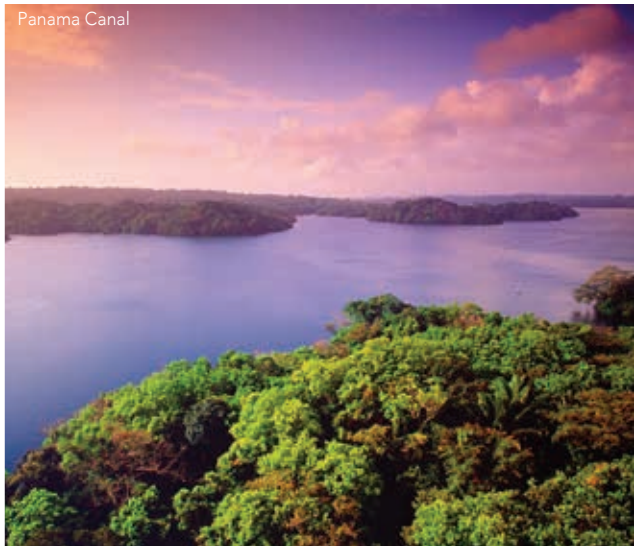
Cat	Cabin Description	
1	Inside Cabin	£7995
2	Standard Stateroom	£8495
3	Superior Stateroom	£8795
4	Deluxe Stateroom	£8995
5	Junior Suite	£9595
6	Executive Suite	£9995
7	Owner's Suite	£9995
8	Standard Single	£8495
9	Inside - single cabin	£7995

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, 18 nights aboard the MS Serenissima on a full board basis with house wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner onboard, Noble Caledonia expedition team, shore excursions, gratuities to crew and on excursions, transfers, port taxes, overnight hotel accommodation in Antigua, Guatemala on a bed and breakfast basis.

Not Included: Travel Insurance, visas, optional excursions.

Ship to Shore: Please note that although this cruise is not classified as an expedition cruise, the vessel will regularly be at anchor and Zodiacs used to transport passengers ashore.

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Secret World of Two Oceans

A voyage linking the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea including a transit of the Panama Canal

5th to 21st January 2016

If you have been contemplating a visit to Central America, then this fascinating voyage could offer the perfect opportunity with its mix of cultural and natural wonders. During our voyage you will enjoy swimming, snorkelling and nature walks all overseen by our expert onboard team. Some days you will be venturing into national parks and conservation areas teeming with wildlife or visiting remote communities where locals live following ancient ways of life.

When most people think of Panama and Costa Rica, they think of overland travel but not the hours which are usually spent traversing rugged roads in order to get around. Our voyage offers an easier and more comfortable way to explore the region, skipping the arduous, lengthy land travel. Relax on deck aboard the MS Serenissima, on your balcony or in one of the lounges as we sail between beautiful islands and fascinating ports of call.

Our expedition begins in Guatemala and includes calls in El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama. Much of the itinerary is far from the 'big ship' routes and includes little known but fascinating ports of call. One of the highlights for many will be the transit of the Panama Canal which makes an itinerary such as this possible as we cross from the Pacific Ocean to the Caribbean Sea and as we do so will we toast the engineering marvel during our daylight transit.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Guatemala City, Guatemala. Fly by scheduled indirect flight. Arrive this evening and transfer to our hotel in Guatemala City for an overnight stay. A light dinner will be arranged tonight.

Day 2 Antigua to Puerto Quetzal. After breakfast in the hotel we will drive to Antigua and enjoy a

morning exploring this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built between three magnificent volcanoes in 1542, it is one of the oldest and most beautiful cities in the Americas. The city remained an economic and political heart of Central America until a devastating earthquake in 1773 destroyed much of the city. We explore the city which is a wonder of colonial buildings, beautiful squares, cobblestone streets and Baroque

churches. After a local lunch we transfer to Puerto Quetzal and embark the MS Serenissima. Sail this evening.

Day 3 Acajutla, El Salvador. We arrive today in El Salvador and the main port of Acajutla. There will be a choice of a half day excursion to explore the colonial towns and communities or a full day tour to the Mayan sites. On the morning half day excursion we will drive through the beautiful mountains to the towns of Juayua and Nahuizalco for a guided tour of the communities before continuing to the coffee making towns of Apaneca and Ataco. On our drive we will be greeted by an abundance of

flowers on the picturesque roads. Alternatively join a full day excursion visiting the archaeological sites of Joya de Ceren, known as the 'Pompeii of America' and the ruins of San Andres, once an important political and religious centre. After a local lunch we will continue to Santa Ana seeing the beautiful



Gothic Cathedral and National Palace before ending at the Ruins of Tazumai, the largest pyramid in El Salvador and an important Mayan settlement.

Day 4 Leon, Nicaragua. After a morning at sea we arrive in the Nicaraguan port of Corinto, our base for our visit to Leon, the former capital of Nicaragua. Here we will explore the colonial architecture and the 18th century cathedral which is one of the most prominent buildings in the city with fantastic views from the rooftop. We will enjoy a little free time for those who wish to visit the bustling market.

Day 5 San Juan del Sur. After an early breakfast we will leave from the friendly fishing village of San Juan del Sur for a full day tour to the picturesque city of Granada and Lake Nicaragua. Founded in 1523, Granada is Nicaragua's oldest Spanish city and has retained much of its Spanish character with colonial churches, narrow streets and colourful Spanish style homes. We will enjoy a walking tour including the cathedral and convent of San Francisco where we find around 30 pre-Colombian stone statues dating back to 800AD sculpted by the inhabitants of Zapatera Island on Lake Nicaragua. After a local lunch we continue to Lake Nicaragua and enjoy a relaxing boat ride amongst the 365 small islands created by the volcanic activity of the Mombacho volcano around 20,000 years ago.

Day 6 Playa del Coco, Costa Rica. Our first stop in Costa Rica is the beach town of Playa del Coco in the Papagayo Gulf. Once a small fishing village, it has grown into a popular destination for local Costa Rican tourism. We will use our Zodiacs to land before heading inland to the Palo Verde National Park. We will use local boats to ride through the Tempisque River seeing the mangroves and dry forest vegetation which is home to countless birds and multiple mammals. As we visit in the dry season we hope to see peccaries, armadillos, jaguarondis, coatis, agoutis, deer's and monkeys which are attracted to the river. Lunch will be taken at the 19th century Hacienda House.

Day 7 Curu National Park & Tortuga Island. Spend the morning exploring the Curu National Wildlife refuge. This small reserve boasts a rich and diverse wildlife in five different habitats ranging from marine zones, including a 200 metre wide beach area, mangrove swamps and tropical forests. Here

on a range of walks we will find over 200 species of birds, howler and capuchin monkeys, mammals such as otters, ocelots and pumas and turtles. Over lunch we sail the short distance to Tortuga Island where we have the chance to snorkel over the volcanic reef which is home to angelfish, morays and needlefish.

Day 8 Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve. Our berth at Puntarenas is our starting point for a full day excursion to the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, a nature reserve boasting over 3000 species of animals and plants. On guided walks we will learn how the forest's location ensures it receives a steady supply of clouds and the moisture they contain sustains and supports this eco system.

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Caiman, Tortuguero National Park

bird species such as the colourful crimson-collared tanager, green and chestnut-fronted macaws, rufous-tailed and snow-bellied hummingbirds. We will explore this pristine, seldom visited area by local canoe, navigating up the tidal Mogue River to an Embera Indian settlement. Untouched by the modern world these little known tribes offer a fascinating glimpse of an ancient world.

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Day 14 Bocas del Toro. The Bocas del Toro archipelago is an area of pristine islands which are now part of a national marine park. We spend the morning surrounded by astounding beauty and using local boats will explore the mangroves

where we hope to see sloths, dolphins in the water and find a remote beach to swim and snorkel over the coral reefs. This afternoon we will visit the small town of Bocas del Toro and have free time to wander amongst the fine old Spanish buildings.

Day 15 Tortuguero National Park, Costa Rica. From our berth at Puerto Limon we will drive north to the Tortuguero National Park, home to more than 2000 plant species and over 400 species of birds together with a number of endangered mammals. Drive through vast banana plantations to the tiny port of Moin. Here we board long boats that take us into the waterways of the park for eye-level views of the astounding flora and fauna in its natural habitat.

Day 16 Puerto Limon to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to San Jose airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

Day 17 London. Arrive this morning.

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2	Standard Stateroom	£6595
3	Superior Stateroom	£6895
4	Deluxe Stateroom	£7195
5	Junior Suite	£7595
6	Executive Suite	£8095
7	Owner's Suite	£8095
8	Standard Single	£6595
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Wonders & Wildlife of Costa Rica & Panama

An in-depth exploration of the wonders of Costa Rica and Panama

18th January to 2nd February 2016

Costa Rica is a small country, yet its particular topography and position between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans result in it being one of the most biologically diverse places on earth. It has, over the past decade, grown in its appeal to the UK traveller. No wonder when you consider its attractions: teeming rain forest, cloud forest, hot volcanoes, sugar sand beaches and a remarkably diverse landscape and culture. Added to this is the famous wildlife of the region: spider, howler and capuchin monkeys, coatimundis and over 300 species of birds including brilliant toucans and scarlet macaws. Exploring by small ship is the perfect means to discover the diversity of Costa Rica; skip the arduous and lengthy land travel which a trip to this part of the world often entails and instead relax onboard as we deliver you to a new and exciting destination each day.



During our expedition, in addition to exploring Costa Rica in some depth and visiting a wealth of national parks we have the added advantage of some calls in Panama. After our daylight transit of the Panama Canal, we spend a day exploring Panama City followed by a visit to the truly remote Darien Province, untouched by the modern world we will spend time with a local Embera Indian tribe. Before continuing our exploration of Costa Rica's shores we also anchor off the island paradise of Isla Coiba.

A flexible itinerary and knowledgeable onboard team will enable us to make the most of each day, whether we are landing on remote beaches by Zodiac, watching out for wildlife or learning more of the history and culture of the places we are visiting. With just over 100 passengers, we can explore in small groups ashore and enjoy a convivial atmosphere onboard.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to San Jose, Costa Rica. Fly by scheduled indirect flight. Arrive this evening and transfer to the Intercontinental Real Hotel (or similar) for a two night stay. A light dinner will be arranged tonight.

Day 2 San Jose. Enjoy a morning tour of San Jose including the Gold Museum and the National Museum with a wealth of archaeological and historical artefacts. The afternoon is free to explore independently.

Day 3 San Jose to Puerto Limon. After a relaxing morning we enjoy a scenic drive through the hills to Puerto Limon on the Caribbean coast enjoying a local lunch along the way. Embark MS Serenissima in the early afternoon.

Day 4 Cahuita National Park & Tortuguero National Park. This morning we head south to the Cahuita National Park. The area is filled with beautiful wildlife that includes howler monkeys, white-faced capuchin monkeys, raccoons, sloths, otters,



Three-toed sloth



Strawberry poison dart frog



Exploring Tortuguero National Park



Scarlet Macaw



Manuel Antonio National Park

coatis, agoutis, armadillos and porcupines. Our naturalist guides will lead us through the trails of the rainforest, sharing their vast knowledge of this fragile ecosystem. Return to the vessel for lunch and this afternoon is free to relax on the ship or alternatively join an excursion north to the Tortuguero National Park, home to more than 2000 plant species and over 400 species of birds together with a number of endangered mammals.

Day 5 Bocas del Toro, Panama.

The Bocas del Toro archipelago is an area of pristine islands which are now part of a national marine park. We spend the morning surrounded by astounding beauty and using local boats will explore the mangroves where we hope to see sloths, dolphins in the water and find a remote beach to swim and snorkel on the coral reefs. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon cruising.

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Day 7 Panama City. Panama City is a combination of the historic old town, declared a UNESCO Historical monument, and the ultra-modern new town. We will stroll along the cobblestone streets of the Casco Viejo visiting the colonial mansions and 17th century churches and convents before continuing to Panama Viejo and the original ruins of the city founded in 1517 which was burnt to the ground by British pirate Henry Morgan. This

afternoon is free to explore further and maybe look for the famous Panama hats. Alternatively join an excursion to the Panama Canal Observation Centre.

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indigenous rainforest searching for howler monkeys, spider monkeys and the prevalent birdlife.

Day 11 Corcovado National Park. Resting on the northern side of the Osa Peninsula, Drake Bay (Bahía Drake) is our gateway to the Corcovado National Park. We will use the Zodiacs to land on one of the beaches before enjoying a walk through the primary and secondary forest with our naturalist guides locating and explaining the extensive rainforest wildlife and flora. The rich biological diversity of the biological corridor of Corcovado National Park is astounding, and sightings may include as many as four types of monkeys, as well as coatis, sloths, anteaters and much more. Bird lovers will be enchanted by a wide variety of birds including tanagers, flycatchers, kingfishers, manikins, trogons, crested guans, and spectacular scarlet macaws and toucans. We return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon hope to find a local beach for snorkelling and beachcombing activities.

Day 12 Manuel Antonio National Park. From our berth in Quepos we travel to the Manuel Antonio National Park which is one of the most stunning and bio-diverse areas of the world. Spread out over 683 hectares it is filled with diverse wildlife, has both primary and secondary forests, boasts a stunning shoreline ideal for bird watching or swimming, and is home to a number of endemic species of plants and animals. We will make an early start this morning to get the best viewing of

monkeys, vividly coloured birds and the lethargic three-toed sloth.

Day 13 Curu National Park & Isla Tortugas. Spend the morning exploring the Curu National Wildlife refuge. This small reserve boasts a rich and diverse wildlife in five different habitats ranging from marine zones, including a 200 metre wide beach area, mangrove swamps and tropical forests. Here on a range of walks we will find over 200 species of birds, howler and capuchin monkeys, mammals such as otters, ocelots and pumas and turtles. Over lunch we sail the short distance to Tortuga Island where we have the chance to snorkel over the volcanic reef home to angelfish, morays and needlefish. Alternatively spend the afternoon relaxing on the white sand beaches.

Day 14 Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve. Our berth at Puntarenas is our starting point for a full day excursion to the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, a nature reserve boasting over 3000 species of animals and plants. On guided walks we will learn how the forest's location ensures it receives a steady supply of clouds and the moisture they contain sustains and supports this eco system. We enjoy a local lunch before a scenic drive back to the ship.

Day 15 Puntarenas to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to San Jose for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

Day 16 London. Arrive this afternoon.

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6	Executive Suite	£7695	£7395
7	Owner's Suite	£7695	£7395
8	Standard Single	£6195	£5895
9	Inside - single cabin	£5895	£5595

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, two nights hotel accommodation in San Jose on a bed and breakfast basis, light dinner on day 1, San Jose City tour, 12 nights aboard the MS Serenissima on a full board basis with house wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner onboard, Noble Caledonia expedition team, shore excursions, gratuities to crew and whilst on excursions, transfers, port taxes.

Not Included: Travel Insurance, visas.

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Rainforests, Reefs and Lost Worlds

An in-depth exploration of the wonders of Costa Rica and Panama

31st January to 18th February 2016

Let us take you to some of the loveliest and untouched islands in Central America and the Caribbean Sea. Our voyage promises to be a fascinating one combining as it does explorations of Costa Rican National Parks, a transit of the Panama Canal, calls to some little known island territories of Colombia and Honduras, visits to the atolls of Belize and the fascinating Mayan sites of Lamanai in Belize and Tulum in Mexico. We end on a high note with our visit to Cuba's capital city of Havana.

The Central American countries have over the past decade grown in their appeal to the UK traveller. No wonder when you consider the attractions; teeming rain forest, cool cloud forest, sugar-sand beaches and a remarkably diverse landscape, wildlife and culture. However, when exploring the region, the usual option is long, overland travel traversing rugged roads in order to get around. There is an easier and more comfortable way to explore the region and that is by small ship, and the engineering marvel, the Panama Canal makes an itinerary such as this possible.

Following our transit of the canal we visit the islands of San Andres and Providencia which are well off the usual beaten tourist track, belonging to Colombia they are exceptionally beautiful and very different to the better known and more commercial islands. The Honduran island of Roatan with its dense rain forests and magnificent reefs is also a Caribbean hideaway. But, when it comes to reefs the waters off Belize are extraordinary. Belize's Barrier Reef, is second in size to Australia's Great Barrier Reef, a true marine paradise of amazingly clear waters.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to San Jose, Costa Rica. Fly by scheduled indirect flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the Real Intercontinental Hotel (or similar) for an overnight stay.

Day 2 Puntarenas. After breakfast in the hotel we enjoy a morning tour of San Jose. After lunch in a local restaurant we continue to Puntarenas where we embark the MS Serenissima.

Day 3 Manuel Antonio National Park. From our berth in Quepos we travel to the Manuel Antonio National Park which is one of the most stunning and bio-diverse areas of the world. Spread out over 683 hectares it is filled with

diverse wildlife, has both primary and secondary forests, boasts a stunning shoreline ideal for bird watching or swimming, and is home to a number of endemic species of plants and animals. We will make an early start this morning to get the best viewing of monkeys, vividly coloured birds and the lethargic three-toed sloth.

Day 4 Golfo Dulce, Costa Rica. This morning we will visit the famous gardens at Casa Orquideas (Orchid House) and see a profusion of over 100 varieties of orchids whilst looking out for tanagers, parrots and colourful toucans. Over lunch we position to the Esquinas River. Here we will use Zodiacs to search for wildlife on the river whilst on shore, guided hikes will explore the indigenous rainforest.



Day 5 Isla Coiba, Panama. This once infamous prison island, now a National Park, has reverted to an island paradise. We will anchor off the ranger station and use our Zodiacs to land on the island. Here our onboard naturalists will lead some guided walks as we explore the main island, which boasts some 147 species of birds and walk up to the observation tower.

Day 6 Darien. The Darien Jungle is recognised as one of the world's top ten birding sites and we hope to see many bird species such as the colourful crimson-collared tanager, green and chestnut-fronted macaws, rufous-tailed and snow-bellied hummingbirds. We will explore this pristine, seldom visited area by local canoe, navigating up the tidal Mogue River to an Embera Indian settlement.

Day 7 Panama Canal Transit. An undisputed destination on the travel bucket list has to be the Panama Canal. The Canal is around 50 miles long and takes between eight to ten hours to cross. Unlike many cruise ships we are planning a daytime transit allowing us the best conditions to experience this engineering marvel.

Day 8 San Andres, Colombia. After a morning at sea we arrive at San Andres. Due to its location in the far south west corner of the Caribbean Sea and its relatively undeveloped tourism infrastructure, this Colombian-owned island is not on the usual 'cruise run'. The island and its keys are very beautiful and we will spend the afternoon exploring the island seeing the Botanical Gardens and West View ecological park.

Day 9 Isla de Providencia. This is another beautiful Colombian Island that is little known and untouched by the hand of tourism. Along with its smaller sister island of Santa Catalina, it is enclosed by an extensive barrier reef system of some 35 kilometres in length, making it one of the most significant reefs in the world.

Day 10 At sea. Enjoy a day cruising to relax onboard.

Day 11 Roatan, Honduras. Our call in Honduras will be at the Islas de la Bahia and the island of Roatan. It is larger than our previous island calls yet still possesses that magical air of times gone by. The island's history is a turbulent mix of Spanish and British colonialism, slave trading, pirates and traders. An island tour takes us to the far western shores where we learn of Garifuna people, the native Indians of the Caribbean and visit the Carambola Botanical Garden.

Day 12 Livingston, Guatemala. Surrounded by water and jungle, Livingston is a settlement of Garifuna people. It can only be reached by sea which is just one of the things that makes it unique among Guatemalan cities. We will transfer onto local boats and venture up the Rio Dulce to the Ak'tenemit project, a local social development organization supporting sustainable tourism. Here we will walk the trails viewing birds and plants before returning to spend time in Livingston itself.

Day 13 Belize City, Belize. We have an interesting day ahead as we travel inland to the ancient Mayan city of Lamanai (translates to 'submerged crocodile'). From the nearby town of Orange Walk



Frigate Bird



Isla Coiba



Bridge we will board local boats for a wildlife cruise through mangroves, wetlands and forests. A short walk through the jungle brings us to the Lamanai Archaeological Reserve with its massive pyramids which are in fact pyramids built upon pyramids. Local guides will tell the story of this site which is the only Mayan city known to have been inhabited through every age of Mayan civilisation.

Day 14 Half Moon Caye. Sail out into the Caribbean Sea during the night for a morning in paradise. Here there are reefs for the snorkellers to explore, the area was the first area to be environmentally protected in 1982 and is now part of the larger Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System, a World Heritage Site of UNESCO. On Half Moon Caye there will be the opportunity to visit the red footed booby sanctuary.

Day 15 Cozumel, Mexico. From the island of Cozumel we shall travel by local ferry to mainland Mexico for our tour to the Mayan site of Tulum, perched forty feet above the sea

on a cliff and with its impressive defensive walls made it one of the best fortified sites of the Maya

Day 16 At sea. Enjoy a relaxing day at sea as we cross to Cuba.

Day 17 Havana, Cuba. This morning we will discover Habana Vieja (Old Havana) which was once enclosed within fortified walls. We will explore its twisting, cobbled streets that lead to beautifully restored Baroque churches, castles and palaces and visit the 16th century Plaza de Armas, the oldest plaza in the city and its original administrative centre. After lunch we will drive along the Malecon, Havana's seafront to Vedado. See the Plaza de la Revolution and the headquarters of President Fidel Castro and his Council of Ministers.

Day 18 Havana to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

Day 19 London. Arrive this morning.

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6	Executive Suite	£9295	£8995
7	Owner's Suite	£9295	£8995
8	Standard Single	£6995	£6695
9	Inside - single cabin	£6495	£6195

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, 16 nights aboard the MS Serenissima on a full board basis with house wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner onboard, Noble Caledonia onboard team, shore excursions, gratuities to crew and whilst on excursions, transfers, port taxes, overnight hotel accommodation in San Jose on a bed and breakfast basis.

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Ship to Shore: Please note that although this cruise is not classified as an expedition cruise, the vessel will regularly be at anchor and Zodiacs used to transport passengers ashore.

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PRE-CRUISE EXTENSION

Monteverde National Park

29th January to 1st February 2016

For those wishing to see more of Costa Rica before embarking the MS Serenissima we are offering an extension to the Monteverde National Park. In the mid 60's, a Quaker community moved to the Monteverde area where they found a cloud forest paradise which they decided to protect. The area was covered with tall trees festooned with orchids, bromeliads, ferns, vines and mosses as well as numerous crystal clear streams and waterfalls. Variable climate and large altitudinal gradient has helped to produce an extremely high biodiversity. The four life zones found in Monteverde are home to more than 100 species of mammals, 400 species of birds, 500 species of butterflies, 120 reptile and amphibian species, 2500 plant species (among them 420 different types of orchids and 200 fern species), 500 species of trees and thousands of insects. Among the 400 species of birds, some of the best known species are: The Quetzal, the Bird Bell, the Black Turkey Bird, the Mot-Mot, the Orange-bellied Trogon, and the Bareneck Umbrella Bird.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to San Jose. Fly by scheduled indirect flight. On arrival transfer to the Real Intercontinental Hotel (or similar) for an overnight stay. Meet tonight for a welcome dinner.

Day 2 San Jose to Monteverde. After breakfast in the hotel we transfer to Monteverde. On the way we will stop at the Scarlet Macaw Sanctuary at El Manantial, a wildlife conservation charity working to save and protect endangered species from extinction. As well as encountering the scarlet macaw we will also have the chance to stroll through the grounds of the sanctuary, discovering the many other breeds of birds that live here. We will enjoy a local lunch and continue to the El Establo Hotel (or similar) for our two night stay.

Day 3 Monteverde. Today we will experience the hanging bridges which span the canyons below, and bring us face to face with the upper level of the forest canopy. There are five bridges in total, the longest of which spans 984 feet. The trails extend for slightly over a mile and a half, and we will be accompanied by local guides who will impart their knowledge about the native plant and animal species. Biologists now know that about 90 percent of all organisms in a rainforest are found in the canopy. The sun that barely reaches the forest floor strikes treetops with full force, fuelling the photosynthesis that eventually results in leaves, fruit and seeds. With the bounty of good food, animals abound in the canopy as well. Many plants in Monteverde's cloud forests are specially adapted to absorb moisture directly from the ever-present mist. Epiphytes (plants that live on trees in order to reach the sunlight) are plentiful in these forests, adding to the water-gathering ability of the trees. We will also undertake a journey on the Sky Tram from where we can view the Nicoya gulf, Arenal volcano, the lake, the mountain range and the cloud forest. Return to the hotel and meet later for dinner.

Day 4 Monteverde to Puntarenas. After lunch today, transfer to Puntarenas and embark the MS Serenissima in the late afternoon.

PRICES PER PERSON Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£795** Single: **£1095**

Price includes: Overnight accommodation in San Jose, two night's accommodation in Monteverde, transfers, tours as described, English speaking guides, breakfast daily, lunch on days 2 to 4, dinner on days 2 and 3, gratuities.
Not Included: Travel Insurance.

Cuban Odyssey

Discover the hidden Cuba aboard the MS Serenissima

17th February to 29th February 2016

Cuba pulsates to a rhythm of a bygone age. A kaleidoscope of colour in the Caribbean Sea, the island is a visual feast for the traveller with glorious landscapes, powder white beaches set against a turquoise sea, verdant mountains, rolling tobacco fields, crumbling forts, delightful people and a lifestyle that is more 1930s than that of today. Despite a famously controversial political system and a humbled economy, the culture, architecture and landscape of the country remain as rich as ever.

Very few cars travel the roads through the soft and gentle countryside, horse drawn carriages or pedal power are the order of the day. This is your chance to step back in time and enjoy the beauty of the landscape, the historic cities and take a rest from 21st century capitalism. With the MS Serenissima as our base, we can enjoy great comfort and excellent food as we navigate our way around Cuba and then across to the banana capital of the world, Port Antonio in Jamaica, and the isolated Little Cayman, where there are more iguanas than humans living.

A flexible itinerary and knowledgeable onboard team enables us to make the most of each day, whether we are landing on remote beaches by Zodiac, watching out for whales or learning more of the history and culture of the places we are visiting. With just over 100 passengers, we can explore in small groups ashore and enjoy a convivial atmosphere onboard.



Our View

"As large as all the other Caribbean islands put together, Cuba stands out in many ways from the remaining Caribbean Islands. The revolution of 1959 was a great political success for the poor and brought an end to the corruption and inequality during the time of the Batista regime. From the early 1960's until the late 70's Cuba played a major role in world politics, culminating in the 1962 missile crisis. Nowadays it is difficult to remain untouched by this diverse, fascinating and exciting island. Cuba has a very varied nature ranging from the mountain peaks of the legendary Sierra Maestra to unspoilt beaches, a moving history, fantastic buildings and dramatic monuments. But perhaps most of all it is the friendliness of the Cuban people which will leave a lasting impression on you. Cuba is the island of contrasts: an isolated island where soap is scarce but medical care is the best in all of Latin America. During our voyage we will have the opportunity to explore the city of Santiago de Cuba, which due to its French influence, reminds us a little of the laid back atmosphere of New Orleans. We will have the chance to discover two historical, but very different cities both on the UNESCO list for world cultural heritage sites. Cienfuegos also known as "the pearl of the south" has one of the largest concentrations of neo classical buildings in the Caribbean and just 80 kilometres away we will discover Trinidad with its cobblestone streets and pastel coloured houses where music sounds around every corner. Having the chance to explore Cuba aboard the MS Serenissima will also give us the opportunity to discover the third largest coral reef on our planet and the pristine reefs of Punta Frances on Isla de Juventud."



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Havana, Cuba.

Fly by scheduled indirect flight. Arrive in Havana in the early afternoon and transfer to the MS Serenissima. Moor overnight.

Day 2 Havana. This morning we will discover Habana Vieja (Old Havana) which was once enclosed within fortified walls. We will explore its twisting, cobbled streets that lead to beautifully restored Baroque churches, castles and palaces and visit the 16th century Plaza de Armas, the oldest plaza in the city and its original administrative centre. Nowhere in the whole of the West Indies does the centuries of New World history come to life in such a dramatic way as in Old Havana. After lunch we will drive along the Malecon, Havana's seafront to Vedado. See the Plaza de la Revolution and the headquarters of President Fidel Castro and his Council of Ministers. This evening we hope to be entertained after dinner by local musicians onboard.

Day 3 Havana. After breakfast explore 'Hemingway's Cuba'. We will visit Ernest Hemingway's finca in San Francisco de Paula and the Ernest Hemingway Museum and later, call into Cojimar Village, the inspiration for 'The Old Man and the Sea'. We will return to the MS Serenissima via the fortress which offers great views over Havana Bay. This afternoon is free for independent exploration of Havana before we sail in the early evening.

Day 4 Maria La Gorda. Enjoy a relaxing morning at sea as we cruise around the west coast of Cuba and the resort of Maria La Gorda.

Renowned as one of the top diving sites in Cuba we will use our Zodiacs to land and then offer the chance to snorkel amongst the 6500 varieties of fish, sponges and molluscs. Alternatively join a nature walk amongst the coconut trees as we search for West Indian woodpecker, cormorants and royal terns or simply relax on the white sand beaches.

Day 5 Isla de Juventud. Located some 50 miles from Cuba's south coast, this attractive island is famous for its beaches, coral reefs and densely forested hills. We have the morning to enjoy its natural beauty as we moor off Punta Frances. Choose to either snorkel or swim in the clear waters or alternatively join a nature walk through the fan palm trees where if we are lucky we will see the endemic Cuban Trogon and Cuban Emerald hummingbird. Enjoy an afternoon at sea as we sail north to mainland Cuba.

Day 6 Cienfuegos. Cienfuegos is a laid back maritime city with a lazy, tropical atmosphere. In colonial times it was known as the 'Pearl of the South', a name earned from its lovely



Flamingos

location on a picturesque Caribbean bay. Explore the town including a visit to the botanical gardens which are spread over 90 hectares and include 2000 species of plants. We will also see the Parque Marti with her 19th century architecture including the Therry theatre.

Day 7 Casilda for Trinidad. The compact colonial centre of Trinidad is one of the most sublime in Latin America. The cobbled streets, terracotta rooftops and pastel coloured houses are a delight. We will spend the morning here exploring the town and visit either the Romantic Museum or the City Museum and also hope to visit a bar for local rum speciality. After a local lunch we will head to the Valley of the Sugar Mills.

Day 8 At sea. We continue cruising along the south coast of Cuba and will pass by the Jardins de la Reina archipelago. The area was named by Christopher Columbus to honour the Queen of Spain and at 75 miles long contains the third longest barrier reef in the world. The reef is home to many species of marine fauna, large fish but is famous for the shark population. Meanwhile the 250 islands support crocodiles, turtles and iguanas amongst the impassable mangrove trees. We hope to receive permission to cruise in the islands and use our Zodiacs to land on one of the islands.

Day 9 Santiago de Cuba. After a morning at sea we arrive at our final Cuban port. After lunch onboard our excursion will begin with a panoramic drive through the city including stops at the

Moncada Garrison, which still bears bullet holes from Fidel Castro's attempted coup in 1953 and also take in the imposing Plaza de la Revolution. We will drive out of the city through lush tropical scenery to the Castillo del Morro which guards the entrance to the harbour, affording magnificent views.

Day 10 Port Antonio, Jamaica. Arrive this morning on the north coast of Jamaica and the small bustling port of Port Antonio renowned as the world's banana capital. We will have a chance to explore the town including the Musgrave market, Titchfield Hill and Trident Castle. For the more active there will be a chance to visit the Somerset Falls. Alternatively we can visit the local beach and relax.

Day 11 Cayman Brac, Little Cayman. After a morning at sea we arrive in one of the most unspoilt and least developed parts of the Caribbean. First discovered in 1503 by Christopher Columbus the island has more iguanas than human residents and is a great place to head for solitude and tranquillity. There will be the choice to join an island drive including the National Trust Parrot Reserve and Cayman Brac museum showing life for the early settlers and the lighthouse. Alternatively take the last chance to snorkel in the clear waters.

Day 12 Georgetown, Grand Cayman to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for your scheduled flight to London.

Day 13 London. Arrive this morning.



Iguana, Little Cayman



Havana



Trinidad

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Exploring in the Zodiacs



Caribbean Island Odyssey

An island hopping adventure from Grand Cayman to Antigua

28th February to 14th March 2016

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



We have developed this itinerary to enable exploration of the chain of Caribbean Islands from Cuba to Antigua. With relatively short sailing distances along the way, we are able to maximise our time on each island, exploring the historical sites of the Spanish, Dutch and British colonial periods combined with the pretty ports, wonderful beaches and the rich natural world of flora and fauna of the region. In addition to our included excursions, we have allowed time for individual exploration of the islands and ample opportunity to snorkel and swim in the warm waters of the Caribbean Sea.

Of course, having the MS Serenissima as the base for our cruise makes all the difference. With just 100 passengers onboard, not only is the atmosphere peaceful and perfect for this type of island hopping trip, it also makes all the difference at the ports of call. In contrast the 2000 passenger cruise juggernauts spend an age disembarking their passengers and can only visit the limited amount of ports that can accommodate their size. There really is a world of difference between the two and on occasions when our paths cross with one of these gigantic vessels, we appreciate the benefits of being aboard a smaller vessel.

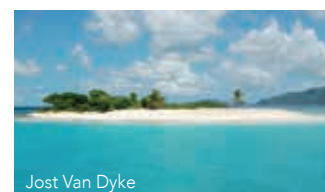
The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Georgetown, Grand Cayman. Fly by scheduled indirect flight. Arrive in the early afternoon and transfer to the MS Serenissima. Sail this evening.

Day 2 Cienfuegos, Cuba. After a morning at sea we arrive in Cuba. Cienfuegos is a laid back maritime city with a lazy, tropical atmosphere. In colonial times it was known as the 'Pearl of the South', a name earned from its lovely location on a picturesque Caribbean bay. Explore the town including a visit to the botanical gardens which are spread over 90 hectares and include 2000 species of plants. We will also see the Parque Marti

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Day 3 Casilda for Trinidad. The compact colonial centre of Trinidad is one of the most sublime in Latin America. The cobble streets, terracotta rooftops and pastel coloured houses are a delight. We will spend the morning here exploring the town and visit either the Romantic Museum or the City



Jost Van Dyke

Museum and also hope to visit a bar for local rum speciality. After a Cuban lunch in a local restaurant we will head to the Valley of the Sugar Mills. These three valleys were the centre of the Cuban sugar industry in the 19th century and contained around 70 sugar mills in their peak.

Day 4 Cruising. We continue cruising the South coast of Cuba and will pass by the Jardins de la Reina Archipelago. The area was named by Christopher Columbus to honour the Queen of Spain and at 75 miles long contains the third longest barrier reef in the world. The reef is home to many species of marine fauna, large fish but is famous for the shark population. Meanwhile the 250 islands support crocodiles, turtles and iguanas amongst the impassable mangrove trees. We hope to receive permission to cruise in the islands and use our Zodiacs to land on one of the islands.

Day 5 Santiago de Cuba. Our last day in Cuba sees us on the south west coast of the island. Our morning tour will commence with a panoramic drive through the city including stops at the Moncada Garrison, which still bears bullet holes from Fidel Castro's attempted coup in 1953 and also take in the imposing Plaza de la Revolucion. We will also drive out of the city through lush tropical scenery to the Castillo del Morro which guards the entrance to the harbour, affording magnificent views.

Day 6 Great Inagua, Bahamas. Situated just 55 miles from the eastern tip of Cuba, Inagua is the third largest island in the Bahamas. We will arrive at the small capital Matthew Town this morning before positioning to nearby Man of War Bay where we will use zodiacs to land on the beach. Here we can enjoy time to swim in the warm waters or enjoy time snorkelling on the reef. For the keen birders there will be a chance to visit the Inagua National Park home to the world's largest population of West Indian flamingos and we also hope to see egrets, brown pelicans and herons.

Day 7 Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. We will arrive in the Dominican Republic this morning and our tour of Puerto Plata will include the colonial San Felipe Fort, completed in 1577 and the oldest military fortification in the Americas and where the hero of the independence movement, Juan Pablo Duarte was briefly confined. We will also take the cable car to the top of the Isabel de Torres mountain. At the summit we find a statue of Christ the Redeemer,

a smaller copy of the one in Rio de Janeiro, and can explore the gardens with its exotic flowers and plantations and take the trails around the lake. Return to the ship via the Brugal Rum Factory where we can enjoy a tasting of this local speciality. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a free afternoon to explore the town, maybe stroll through the old buildings or visit the amber museum.

Day 8 Samana. Arrive this morning at the Samana Peninsula, renowned for its unspoilt beaches, turquoise waters and lush mountains. It is also a centre for migrating humpback whales that are usually resident in the Marine Mammal Sanctuary from January to March. If conditions permit this morning we will use the Zodiacs or local boats to view these amazing creatures. This afternoon we visit Los Haitises National Park where we will explore magnificent limestone caves covered in Taino Indian art and visit Bird Island where we learn the importance of the many migratory and indigenous birds that inhabit the mangroves.

Days 9 & 10 British Virgin Islands. These islands are recognised throughout the seafaring world as one of the finest sailing areas. The 36 islands and cays sit in a dazzling turquoise sea surrounded by beautiful coral reefs. We have a day and half here and will drop anchor and use our zodiacs to explore. We may make calls at the islands of Virgin Gorda, Jost Van Dyke and Tortola but if time and weather permits we may make an expedition call onto one of the small uninhabited islands. We will enjoy island drives offering magnificent views over the islands but also have time to relax on the beautiful beaches and swim and snorkel in the clear waters.

Day 11 St Barthelemy. We spend the day at St Barthelemy, a gem of an island. Very French in atmosphere it is tiny, only eight square miles, yet is one of the most beautiful in the whole of the Caribbean. Mellow green mountains, coral sand coves and dolls house size capital make this one of the most appealing ports in the area. It is also one of the most sophisticated with excellent French restaurants, ultra-expensive hotels, smart yachts in the harbour and a relaxed atmosphere.

Day 12 St Eustatius. 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 her neighbours. We will explore the 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 hike to "The Quill" the 600m hill that dominates the landscape or the botanical gardens. There is also a rich underwater world which we hope to discover on a snorkelling trip.

Day 13 Nevis. True, most of the old plantations are now deluxe resorts, but then you can see why they have chosen this little bit of paradise. The island of Nevis featured significantly in Nelson's time in the West Indies. It was here that he met Fanny Nisbet and later married her in the old Montpelier House, on the site where a hotel now stands. On an island drive we will stop at the Botanical Gardens, a five acre plot featuring flowering trees and shrubs and over 100 species of palms. We continue to the small Nelson Museum and will learn about the sugar industry at

a nearby plantation. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon we will have free time to explore the capital of Charlestown.

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Day 16 London. Arrive this morning.

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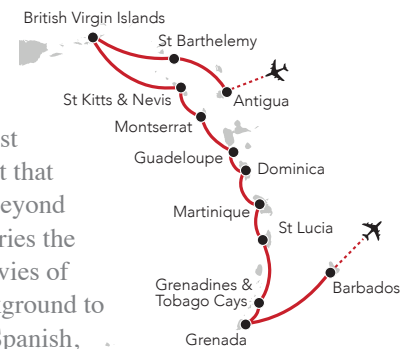
Hidden Caribbean

Island hopping through the secret Caribbean

13th to 27th March 2016

Perhaps you believe the Caribbean is a little too tame for you and that all the islands are too similar. Join us aboard the MS Serenissima and let us show you a very different world to that inhabited by the new breed of mega-cruise ships and some of most delightful islands.

On our island hopping adventure through the Caribbean Sea we will explore some of the most beautiful tropical isles, many still untouched by the hands of mass tourism. There is no doubt that the less commercialised of the islands have enormous charm and great natural beauty. But, beyond the fabulous beaches and pastel painted towns there is more. During the 17th and 18th centuries the West Indies attracted all manner of adventurers, buccaneers, pirates, slave traders and the navies of the major European seafaring nations and this colourful history makes for an intriguing background to a voyage as we are able to hop from island to island and experience the heritage left by the Spanish, French, Dutch and British. This combined with opportunities to snorkel in some of the most enticing sub-tropical waters, beach comb, bird watch and enjoy the colourful flora makes this area an ideal location for the MS Serenissima.



Our View

"A cruise is the best way to explore the string of islands that reach out across the Caribbean Sea. There are many vessels in the area and this cruise will appeal to those who want to visit the smaller islands away from the crowds but which offer a fascinating history and diverse nature. With just 100 passengers we will not take over the small port towns and can explore the interior of the islands in small groups to maintain the relaxing feel. We will see colonial forts and learn of the times when pirates foraged these seas, spot wildlife and tropical flowers and have the opportunity to swim and snorkel in the clear waters and over abundant reefs."



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Day 2 Antigua. A one-time British colony, Antigua is justly famous for its beaches, said to total more than 300. We have a day here and a morning tour will include 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 until 1899. In the afternoon either join us on one of the local beaches or explore the town of St Johns with its vibrant market and cathedral.

Day 3 St Barthelemy. We spend the day at St Barthelemy, a gem of an island. Very French in atmosphere it is tiny, only eight square miles, yet is one of the most beautiful in the

whole of the Caribbean. Mellow green mountains, coral sand coves and dolls house size capital make this one of the most appealing ports in the area. It is also one of the most sophisticated with excellent French restaurants, ultra-expensive hotels, smart yachts in the harbour and a relaxed atmosphere.

Day 4 British Virgin Islands. These islands are recognised throughout the seafaring world as one of the finest sailing areas. The 36 islands and cays sit in a dazzling turquoise sea surrounded by beautiful coral reefs. We will explore Virgin Gorda, one of the principal islands of this charming and unspoiled British Crown colony enjoying a scenic drive with wonderful views. Later sail across to Jost Van Dyke dropping anchor at the little visited hideaway island, enjoy a swim on one of the white sand beaches or spend time in the small harbour.



British Virgin Islands



Day 5 St Kitts & Nevis. We will make a landing this morning on the delightful island of St Kitts. This lovely island has it all, restful green fields of sugar cane plantations, rainforests and long stretches of uncrowded beaches. The atmosphere here is wonderfully relaxed and full of old-world charm. Either wander the street of Basseterre including the colonial buildings or see the impressive UNESCO fortress at Brimstone Hill. Sail over lunch to Nevis. True, most of the old plantations are now deluxe resorts, but then you can see why they have chosen this little bit of paradise. The island of Nevis featured significantly in Nelson's time in the West Indies. It was here that he met Fanny Nisbet and later married her in the old Montpelier House, on the site where a hotel now stands. On an island drive we will stop at the Nelson Museum and also the Botanical Gardens, a five acre plot featuring flowering trees and shrubs and over 100 species of palms.

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Day 7 Les Saintes, Guadeloupe. At first light we sail to this eight-island archipelago which dots the waters of the southwest coast of Guadeloupe. Still untouched by the hand of tourism these attractive islands offer lovely coves

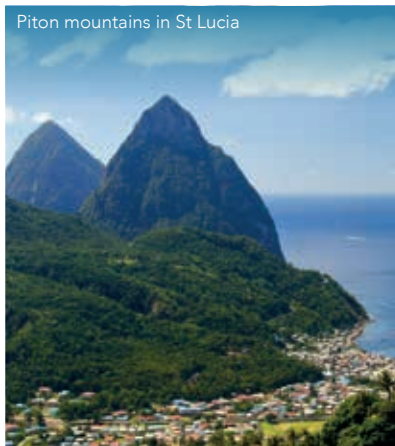
and beaches and colourful fishing villages, populated by fair haired and blue-eyed descendants of Breton and Norman fishermen.

Day 8 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. No doubt in time this lovely place will succumb to the developers and be taken over by hotels, casinos, duty free shopping and all the commercialism of some of its neighbours. But for now it is a place of beauty and solitude. On a morning tour we will explore Cabrits National Park and see the remains of Fort Shirley, an 18th Century British garrison. Enjoy time walking in the park amongst hermit crabs and lizards or maybe take a walk up West Cabrit peak which offers marvellous views.

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Dominica

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Sailing through the Lesser Antilles & Beyond

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In creating a successful itinerary such as this it is important to find the right mix of islands and on this journey we have a marvellous mix of ports from the lush plantations of the Grenadines to the remote Iles de Salut archipelago. Our unique voyage takes us over 1300 nautical miles from the Caribbean Island of Barbados to the city of Cayenne in French Guiana. Our days will be spent visiting islands rich in natural wonders from tropical flowers and indigenous birds to rich coral reefs and impressive waterfalls. This will be combined with the small welcoming towns and friendly islanders we will meet along the way and as we will be sailing short distances, we have full days on many of the islands allowing time to wander and explore at our own pace. The beauty of the islands is breath taking and the surrounding crystal clear waters teem with all manner of fish, a snorkeller's delight.

For a change of pace and scenery we also touch the South American mainland with our calls into little known but fascinating countries including the former British colony of Guyana, Suriname's capital and UNESCO World Heritage site, Paramaribo and French Guiana.



Botanical gardens, Balata

Our View

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Prison hospital, Devil's Island



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some of the region's best coral reefs with abundant marine life and are perfect for snorkelling.

Day 8 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. 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 searching for the 166 species of birds including toucans, hummingbirds and Manakins or some of the hundreds of varieties of butterflies. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon either take time to explore Port of Spain and maybe visit the Botanical Gardens or National Museum. Alternatively in the late afternoon join a tour to the Caroni Nature Sanctuary, a mangrove swamp covering an area of 40 square miles. On arrival at the sanctuary we board



Colonial building, Georgetown

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 egrets and herons and other wildlife. The most astounding bird is 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 9 At sea. Enjoy a day at sea, join a lecture or relax on deck as we cruise towards Guyana.

Day 10 Georgetown, Guyana. We land today in South America's only English speaking country. Georgetown was called Longchamps under the French and Stabroek under the Dutch, so it comes as no surprise that the tree lined streets are a wonderful mix of colonial styles. There is a choice of excursions today, either choose a half day city tour to include St George's Cathedral, St Andrew's Kirk and the Stabroek market, once described as a "bizarre bazaar", contains every conceivable item from household goods and gold jewellery to fresh meat and vegetables brought to town on the river daily. Alternatively take an optional excursion by air to the Kaieteur National Park. Here, the mighty Kaieteur Falls plunge 822 feet to the bottom of a rocky gorge. Five times the height of Niagara Falls, an amazing 30,000 gallons of water per second crashes to the depths below.

Day 11 Paramaribo, Suriname. This morning continue our journey along the South American coastline and arrive in the capital of Suriname, Paramaribo, located

on the banks of the Suriname River. The city has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site and on our tour we will see the many historic colonial buildings and tree-lined avenues. This is a city of many colours and cultures and one of the few places in the world where Mosques, Hindu Temples, Synagogues and Christian churches coexist peacefully side by side. Visit the city's leafy park, Palm Garden which was created in 1682 and home to more than 1000 palms, the waterfront and Fort Zeelandia, originally named Fort Willoughby by the British in 1651.

Day 12 Devil's Island, French Guiana. After a morning at sea we anchor off the Iles de Salut, also known as "Devil's Island", an archipelago made up of three small islands and the site of the infamous French penal colony where, after the French Revolution, France's criminals were shipped. One such criminal was Henri Charrière who described the inhumane treatment and his escape in his autobiography "Papillion". We will visit both Isle St. Joseph and Ile Royale where many of the old prison buildings are still standing such as the guard's quarters, prisoner's cells and hospital.

Day 13 Cayenne to Paris. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for your scheduled flight to Paris Orly airport.

Day 14 Paris to London/ Manchester. Arrive at Paris Orly airport this morning and transfer to Charles de Gaulle airport to connect with your scheduled flight to London or Manchester.

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