# PEARLS OF THE CARIBBEAN



PONANT brings you a brand-new itinerary to the heart of the most enchanting islands in the Caribbean Sea. Board Le Champlain for an 8-day cruise combining long white-sand beaches and the easy Creole way of life.



#### **DATES:**

**2020:** MAR 07-14 | MAR 14-21\* | MAR 21-28\*

**DURATION: 8-DAYS/7-NIGHTS** 

**EMBARK:** FORT-DE-FRANCE

**DISEMBARK:** FORT-DE-FRANCE

SHIP: LE CHAMPLAIN

**FROM:** \$3,590

First time Ponant Cruisers save \$300 \*\$1,000 PER PERSON AIR CREDIT **PONANT** brings you a brand-new itinerary to the heart of the most enchanting islands in the Caribbean Sea. Board Le Champlain for an 8-day cruise combining long white-sand beaches and the easy Creole way of life.

An experienced diving instructor is on board for the entire cruise, enabling you to safely enjoy swimming and scuba diving

From Fort-de-France, the capital of Martinique, Le Champlain will set sail to Les Saintes, a highly popular anchorage site with crystal-clear waters and fabulous seabed. You will then set sail to Bequia Island, the "whale-hunting island," and its wild and unspoiled coastline.

In the island of Grenada, visit its elegant capital, St. Georges, a particularly picturesque town dotted with pastel-colored colonial houses nestled in a very pretty bay.

During your cruise, Le Champlain will lower her anchor in the Tobago Cays National Park. This rosary of islands bound together by the most beautiful coral reef in the West Indies, will reveal its incredible underwater wildlife and its secret coves. of the gods.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- A true picture-postcard of the West Indies: long white-sand beaches, colorful seabeds, and the easy Creole way of life.
- UNESCO World Heritage Site: Discovering Saint Lucia and its two rocky peaks.
- Discovering the Grenadine Islands, considered one of the world's most stunning archipelagos.
- On Mayreau Island, privatization of a beach for the day and barbecue.
- Exceptional sea bed with possibility to observe turtles, barracudas, spiny lobsters and parrot fishes.
- Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) with an experienced instructor on board.

# **ITINERARY**

We can arrange pre- and post-cruise tour programs for you – see more while you are here! It is always advisable to arrive at least one day early.



## DAY 1 - FORT-DE-FRANCE, MARTINIQUE

Located on the western coast of Martinique, Fort-de-France will amaze you by the splendor of its bay, a magnificent cut-out in the coastline, considered as one of the most beautiful in the world. At the harbor mouth, on its strip of land, Fort Saint-Louis overlooks the capital city of Martinique. If you climb up to it, you can see some breath-taking views. Saint Louis Cathedral and the Schoelcher library bear witness to a secular history, intimately linked to the island's story. Why not try some fresh coconut at the colorful Grand Marché. Two really pleasant places you can take a breather in, right in the heart of the city, are the garden of Balata and the Aimé Césaire park.



#### DAY 2 - LES SAINTES

During the feast of All Saints in 1493, Christopher Columbus discovered this archipelago of nine islands that he named "The Saints". Today, only two of them are inhabited. Terre de Haut, in the east, is dominated by the Morne Mire hill; at the summit stands Fort Napoleon, paying homage to the islands' history. In the heart

of the botanical garden, shared by iguanas and cacti, there is an exceptional view of the Baie des Saintes, one of the most beautiful in the world. On Terre-de-Bas, you'll be charmed by the authenticity of the village of Petites-Anses. Off the coast of the "Saints" archipelago, traditional fishing vessels sail the blue seas of the Caribbean. Don't turn down a coconut "tourment d'amour", a sweet treat you'll be offered when you disembark.

#### DAY 3 - PORT ELIZABETH, BEQUIA ISLAND

In the heart of the Caribbean, Bequia is the second-largest of 32 islands that make up the country of St Vincent and the Grenadines. This secluded island, strongly attached to its tradition of whale hunting, is popular with visiting yachties and divers. Port Elizabeth, the island's main town, has a lively atmosphere and further afield tropical rainforest and white-sand beaches provide a natural setting for peaceful walks.

# DAY 4 - SAINT GEORGE'S, GRENADA

Delicately set against the back of a bay on the west coast of Grenada, Saint George's attracts newcomers by the beauty of its location and its friendly, festive atmosphere. This "spice island" capital is an excellent base for visiting the surrounding natural sites, but you'll also want to spend some time here moseying around its narrow streets where colonial houses and lush green gardens coexist. Carenage is Saint George's lively commercial fishing harbor, high in color, especially when the boats are being loaded with fruit and vegetables destined for neighboring islands. 5 kilometers south, the Grand Anse beach is one of the most beautiful in the Caribbean islands.



#### **DAY 5 - MAYREAU ISLAND**

Among the string of paradisiac islands with their white sandy beaches that form the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines archipelago, Mayreau is the smallest. Its peaceful and idyllic atmosphere, far from the madding crowd, invites you to relax. Onshore, make the most of a shaded

and fully equipped beach, from where you'll be able to set off snorkeling to explore superb coral gardens overflowing with life and color.

## **DAY 6 - TOBAGO CAYS**

Scattered between St Vincent and Grenada, the Tobago Cays comprises five little islands: Petit Rameau, Petit Bateau, Baradal, Petit Tabac and Jamesby. This rosary of uninhabited cays in the southern West Indies is a marine park that has some outstanding marine fauna in its turquoise lagoons. Girded and united by a coral reef, these secluded islands are a peaceful paradise for divers, swimmers and snorkelers.



# DAY 7 – ST. LUCIA - PIGEON ISLAND BEACH – SOUFRIÈRE

Linked to St Lucia by a sand causeway, Pigeon Island has been a designated National Park since 1979. The tropical vegetation of this wild, protected island is home to abundant birdlife. It is easy to explore on foot; the remains of Fort Rodney offer an insight into the region's naval history as well as fabulous views. Two beautiful beaches nestle on the southern side of the island, where you can take a scuba dive adventure, an exciting mix of diving and snorkeling.

Nestled in the crook of a breath-taking bay, the former capital of St Lucia is brimming with attractions. Soufrière is famous for The Pitons, volcanic spires that tower over the entrance to the town, and you will fall in love with its authentic Creole charm and warm friendly atmosphere. As well as diving and swimming off exquisite beaches, don't miss Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens for the mineral baths, one of the natural wonders of the Caribbean.

# **DAY 8 - FORT-DE-FRANCE, MARTINIQUE**

Disembark. Stay on to enjoy the sunshine and French ambience, or return home.



DECK 7

# **ALL SUITES HAVE PRIVATE BALCONIES**

Rates are per person, Double Occupancy

Pre- and Post-Cruise tours are available to suit your interests.

#### **Included features:**

- All accommodations, meals, and excursion described above
- Gratuities to crew, guides and drivers on included excursions
- Comprehensive 7-night cruise aboard the deluxe Le Champlain, with all the amenities for which Ponant ships are famous.

# Not included:

- Meals and beverages other than those specified above
- Optional excursions
- Personal expenses (such as laundry, telephone, Internet, etc.)

<b>2020 Rates</b>	MAR 07, MAR 14*, MAR 21*
SUITE –	
Deluxe – Deck 3	WL
Prestige – Dk 4	\$3,590
Prestige – Dk 5	\$3,690
Presitige – Dk 6	\$3,790
Deluxe Ste – Dk 3, 4, 5, 6	\$5,040
Prestige Ste – Dk 5	\$7,150
Prestige Ste – Dk 6	\$7,350
Privilege Ste – Dk 5 &6	\$7,570
Grand Deluxe – Dk 5 & 6	\$7,780
OWNER SUITE	\$10,510

DECK 6 Prestige Suite (Prestige Suites consist of two Grand Deluxe Owner's Suite Deluxe Suite Privilege Suite Prestige Stateroom combined Prestige Staterooms) Not avallable in 2018 DECK 5 Grand Deluxe Owner's Suite Deluxe Suite Privilege Suite Prestige Stateroor (Prestige Suites consist of two combined Prestige States DECK 4 \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\* Prestige Stateroom Deluxe Suite DECK 3 ..... Deluxe Stateroom Deluxe Suite

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