

SAILING THE WINDWARD SLANDS

Martinique • St. Vincent and the Grenadines Grenada • St. Lucia • Dominica

aboard the
Three-Masted Small Ship
M.Y. LE PONANT
February 14 to 21, 2015



- ♦ Only 32 Staterooms—100% Ocean-View
- Experience the Caribbean under full sail
- Daily excursion in each port
- ◆ Save \$2000 per couple!





Dear Alumni & Friends:

Elude the depths of winter 2015 during this exceptional opportunity to experience seafaring in its most timeless form beneath 16,000 square feet of billowing white sails aboard the exclusively chartered, three-masted M.Y. LE PONANT. Sail among the idyllic Windward Islands, a remote archipelago of spectacular volcanic islands in the southern Caribbean Sea and discover the historic towns and picturesque harbors favored by yachtsmen and the sublime charm of island life.

Enjoy a refined yet casual style of life on board this small sailing ship with only 32 Staterooms—all ocean-view. M.Y. LE PONANT can call in smaller ports not accessible to larger ships. The ideal tropical breezes of the southern Caribbean, especially at this time of year, compel the seasoned sailing crew to unfurl the sails and provide an unforgettable sailing experience—the very best way to see the islands.

Sail round trip from Fort-de-France, Martinique, into secluded harbors and popular sailors' haunts to explore the rich culture and beautiful natural features of the Caribbean's remote Windward Islands. On this custom-designed itinerary visit Martinique's lush, artist-designed Balata Garden integrating 3000 varieties of tropical plants and flowers; be on deck as you approach St. Lucia for a picturesque glimpse of the Gros and Petit Pitons, stunning twin mountain peaks and a UNESCO World Heritage site; experience Dominica's geothermal activity and see its famous twin Trafalgar Falls; snorkel amid the awe-inspiring reefs and marine life in the lagoons of Tobago Cays Marine Park; call at Bequia, the most beautiful isle of the Grenadines; visit Grenada, where the scent of spices wafts through the air of this quintessential Spice Island; and explore the old-world charm of St. Vincent and its historic capital, Kingstown.

You don't want to miss this intimate, small sailing ship escape to the warm temperatures and secret ports of the pristine southern Caribbean. This unique voyage is an excellent value for a special, elegant experience shared with a small group who, too, love the lure of the sea. I encourage you to book now, while space and Early Booking Savings are available.

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The Luce Sailing

In 1493, in pursuit of the ever-elusive route to the gold of the East Indies, Christopher Columbus encountered the sun-drenched shores of an archipelago yet half a world away—a world abundantly rich with the golden glow of the sun, the freshness of the cooling trade winds, and the lushness of tropical rainforests. Recapture the spirit of this long ago era and retrace the path of discovery aboard an authentic small sailing ship while watching the sails unfurl to harness the wind and carry you toward untrammeled, secluded havens. Each of these tropical island ports played a role in the ongoing tug-of-war between the great British and French sea powers during the past centuries, and each holds its own unique treasures.

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- 3 Bequia, Grenadines/ Tobago Cays
- 4 St. George's, Grenada
- 5 Kingstown, St. Vincent
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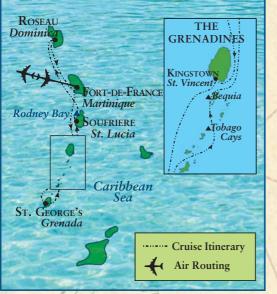
Martinique

Explore the sophisticated French-Caribbean culture of beautiful Martinique, the most French island of all the French West Indies and inspiration for several of Paul Gauguin's paintings. Near the capital city of Fort-de-France, walk through vivid Balata Garden, designed around a family estate of typical Creole architecture and landscaped with 3000 varieties of lush tropical plants and flowers. In St. Pierre, the original capital of the island before the eruption of Mount Pelée (1902), see the ruins of a grand, 18th-century theater

Photo this page: Tobago Cays Marine Park is a snorkeler's paradise, with its idyllic cluster of uninhabited cays and crystal-clear lagoons known for green sea turtles and colorful coral reefs.

Cover Photo: Sail along the coast of St. Lucia for an unforgettable view of its iconic twin peaks, the Petit and Gros Pitons, a UNESCO World Heritage site.





and visit the Volcanological Museum to learn more about the geological history of the island. Drive along the coast, through the colorful fishing villages of Le Carbet, where Christopher Columbus landed (1502) and where Gauguin lived (1887); Bellefontaine, a picturesque assemblage of pastel houses and painted *gommiers* (fishing boats); and Case-Pilote, known for its Jesuit-rococo 17th-century church, the oldest on the island.

The Grenadines

Verdant and mountainous Bequia, a seven-square-mile island where locals and visitors mingle easily, is arguably the most beautiful of the Grenadines. Enjoy spectacular views of yacht-filled Admiralty Bay from the remains of 18th-century Hamilton Fort and from Mount Pleasant, Bequia's highest point at over 800 feet. Visit the Old Hegg Turtle Sanctuary, dedicated to raising and safely releasing into nature hawksbill sea turtle hatchlings.

The Grenadines' breathtaking
Tobago Cays Marine Park comprises
nearly 1500 acres of lagoons and reefs.
Protected from the sea by Horseshoe Reef,
these small, uninhabited islands provide
ideal snorkeling conditions. Swim among
the sea turtles and vivid reef fish and
observe an abundance of marine life,
including colorful sponges and conchs.

Grenada

Before Grenada achieved independence in 1974, the island was a British colony for nearly two centuries, and yet today it retains its distinctively 17th-century French influences in its surnames and



Island fishermen ready their nets for catching some of the

place names, in its local language laced with French words and in spicy dishes prepared in a French style much like New Orleans Creole. The volcanic island of Grenada is best known as the "Spice Island," its cool breezes infused with the fragrances of its main exports—nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves, ginger, mace, allspice, orange peel, wild coffee and organic cocoa. Tour an herb and spice garden, where you will see ginger, pepper and turmeric growing; walk among cinnamon, clove and bay trees; and learn about rare and medicinal botanicals such as zebapique and jump-up-and-kiss-me, commonly used to treat locals' cold and flu symptoms.

St. Vincent

From the charming, English-influenced capital city of Kingstown, travel through the lush tropics of St. Vincent, following the dramatically scenic Leeward Highway.

In the heart of the Dominican rainforest, Trafalgar Falls' double cascades tumble into refreshing pools below.





most popular fresh fish in the Caribbean.

From the ruins of Fort Charlotte, an early 19th-century citadel built atop a steep promontory, enjoy sweeping vistas of the island's golden beaches, Kingstown and the Grenadines beyond. Stop at the pre-Columbian settlement of Layou to see dwelling houses, stone churches and the mysterious petroglyphs distinguished by both Amerindian and South American carving characteristics. Visit the nearby fishing village of Barrouallie, where the community's long history of whaling is evident in an assortment of brightly painted wooden harpoon boats.

St. Lucia

Approaching the Windward isle of St. Lucia from the sea, be on deck to experience the magnificent view of its unmistakable twin volcanic peaks, the legendary Pitons: Gros Piton and Petit Piton, together a UNESCO World Heritage site. Many other extinct volcanic domes and craters dot this island of spectacular scenery and unspoiled beaches.

Control passed back and forth between the British and French for 200 years until the early 1800s, when the British prevailed. In Soufriere, visit Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens, renowned for the mineral-rich waters that have tinted the rocks beneath the falls yellow, green and purple. Then, enter the crater of Soufriere Volcano to see firsthand that even a dormant volcano experiences ongoing geological activity.

On an excursion from bustling Rodney Bay into the St. Lucian countryside, enjoy a guided nature walk through a tropical forest to look and listen for endemic birds, including the colorful Jacquot parrot, green-throated Carib hummingbird and reddish-brown St. Lucia pewee. Conclude with a private visit to an authentic Creole kitchen to sample exotic fruit and homemade Creole cuisine.

Dominica

Dominica, one of the youngest islands in the Lesser Antilles and the southernmost of the Leeward Islands, is still being formed by geothermal-volcanic activity. Amongst the island's unspoiled natural beauty are the numerous rivers—there is said to be one for every day of the year—running through the lush mountainous rainforests. And, it is home to endangered Sisserou Parrots and rare plants and animals long extinct on neighboring islands. Enjoy a walk through the rainforest to view the misty twin cascades of legendary Trafalgar Falls. Cool your feet in the shallow river pools below or wade into the warm sulfur springs nearby, where mineral deposits have left unusual vellow streaks in the porous volcanic rock.

Sailboats and fishing boats dot Martinique's postcard-perfect waterfront, framed by the red-tile-roofed cottages and tropical vegetation of the quiet village of St. Pierre.





CHARTERED SMALL SAILING SHIP M.Y. LE PONANT

The intimate, three-masted M.Y. LE PONANT offers an unforgettable and captivating sailing experience, seafaring in its most traditional form. When the 16,000 square feet of majestic sails are unfurled, the ship's sleek lines and stylish beauty evoke the Golden Age of Sail. A harmonious alliance of nautical tradition and great elegance, this small ship cruises into the most secluded harbors, and the refined yet casual style of life on board is manifest in the warm charm of each Stateroom and in the discreet, impeccable service.

Each of the 32 ocean-view Staterooms features a window or porthole, private bathroom with shower, one fixed queen bed or one queen bed convertible to two twin beds, individual climate control, satellite flat-screen television, wireless Internet access, direct-dial telephone, safe, minibar, dressing table, hair dryer and plush robes.

Meals feature superb French-inspired cuisine and are each served in a single, unassigned seating. Breakfast and lunch can be alfresco in the indoor-outdoor Le Diamant Panoramic Restaurant, and dinner is served in the elegant, wood-paneled Karukéra Restaurant. Complimentary wine is served with lunch and dinner.

The comfortable public areas showcase the ship's philosophy of tasteful sophistication favoring life in the open air. There are two lounges, a library and expansive open-air decks that extend the full length of the vessel, and there is an observation platform just above sea level for optional water sports and



Double Cabin



Dining Room



Alfresco Dining

viewing marine life. Complimentary snorkeling equipment is provided.

The courteous, English-speaking crew provide attentive, professional service, with a guest-to-crew ratio of less than two to one, and they are always delighted to answer your questions about their sailing maneuvers. M.Y. LE PONANT will certainly captivate anyone who is privileged to come aboard for a sailing.

Included Features

On board the Exclusively Chartered Sailing Yacht M.Y. Le PONANT

- Seven-night cruise round trip Fort-de-France, Martinique, with port calls at Bequia and Tobago Cays, Grenadines; St. George's, Grenada; Kingstown, St. Vincent; Soufriere and Rodney Bay, St. Lucia; and Roseau, Dominica.
- Deluxe, ocean-view, air-conditioned Staterooms, each with private bathroom facilities.
- ◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- ◆ Superb French-inspired cuisine each day at single, unassigned seatings, with breakfast in the elegant Le Diamant Panoramic Restaurant, lunch alfresco and dinner in the wood-paneled Karukéra Restaurant.
- Complimentary wine served with lunch and dinner.
- Complimentary snorkeling equipment.

Sailing the Windward Islands

- Half-day cultural tour of Martinique, including a visit to the lush Balata Botanical Garden.
- ◆ Tour of the verdant and mountainous Bequia, the most beautiful isle of the Grenadines.
- ◆ Island stop at the breathtaking Tobago Cays Marine Park comprising nearly 1500 acres of lagoons and reefs, for the opportunity to snorkel among an abundance of marine life.
- Tour of Grenada, the Spice Island, featuring a visit to an herb and spice garden of rare and common botanicals used in cooking, medicines and liqueurs.
- Specially arranged rum tasting at a Grenada distillery.
- ◆ Island tour of **St. Vincent** from the historic center of Kingstown.
- Visit to Soufriere to admire the beauty of St. Lucia's Pitons, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring an excursion to Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens with its renowned waterfall and to Soufriere Volcano.
- Excursion from Rodney Bay to experience
 St. Lucian country life with a guided nature walk and a sampling of exotic fruit and Creole cuisine.
- ◆ Excursion into the natural paradise of lush, green, volcanic **Dominica**, where it is said there is a river for every day of the year, highlighted by a visit to Trafalgar Falls and hot springs.

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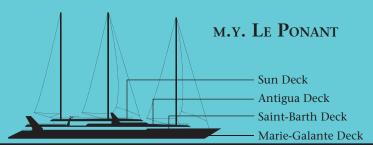


The 18th-century cannons at Bequia's hilltop Hamilton Fort evoke the Caribbean's maritime legends and history.

Legends of the Caribbean

Caribbean tales bring to mind elusive treasure maps, booming cannon blasts and the popular locally produced beverage of choice, rum. The history of the Caribbean islands, while owing much to the British, Dutch and French influences, would be incomplete without a mention of those fearsome swashbucklers of legend—pirates. From 1650 to 1720, thousands of these seafaring robbers, also known as buccaneers, targeted merchant ships and coastal towns. Notorious among them were Calico Jack, Henry Morgan and Captain Kidd, but perhaps most legendary of all was Edward Teach, better known as Blackbeard.

In 1717, Blackbeard famously captured the French slave ship La Concorde off the coast of Martinique, abandoned its crew and captive passengers ashore on Beguia and robbed them of their gold. Blackbeard renamed the ship Queen Anne's Revenge and set sail, plundering the Caribbean and the southern Atlantic colonies and adding ships to his fleet. He grew quickly in infamy, tucking smoldering ropes into his wild hair and beard to intimidate his enemies with an air of supernatural terror. But, barely a year later, Blackbeard battled Royal Navy Lieutenant Robert Maynard, commissioned by the Crown governor of colonial Virginia, and fell in defeat, ending his notorious yet riveting swashbuckling legend.



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