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Treasures of the Caribbean

Cruising the Windward Islands

Grenada • St. Vincent and the Grenadines • Martinique • Iles des Saintes • St. Lucia • Barbados

aboard the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star Le Champlain

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Howdy, Ags!

Elude the depths of winter in the idyllic Windward Islands, a remote archipelago of dramatic volcanic peaks, lush gardens and white-sand beaches, the southern most islands of the Caribbean. Enjoy the intimate atmosphere of the exclusively chartered, Five-Star, small ship Le Champlain, featuring only 92 Suites and Staterooms, each with a private balcony—and the extraordinary Blue Eye, the world’s first multisensory underwater Observation Lounge, for viewing the Caribbean’s abundant marine life through clear water. Experience exclusive access to small ports, picturesque islands and secluded bays and cays inaccessible to large ships—truly the best way to see the authentic Caribbean. Relax with warm tropical breezes amid turquoise waters and revel in the sublime charm of island life on Zodiac excursions to encounter the natural treasures of the Caribbean.

This custom-designed, unique itinerary spans the boundlessly lush natural landscapes of the Windward Islands from Grenada to Martinique to Barbados. Visit Kingstown, home to the oldest botanic garden in the Western Hemisphere, and travel amid waving coconut palm trees alongside the Caribbean Sea on the most captivating isle of Bequia. Marvel at St. Lucia’s iconic Pitons, twin volcanic peaks and part of a UNESCO World Heritage site, and see the island’s distinctive geothermal activity in Soufrière’s Sulphur Springs. Snorkel along the intricate reefs blooming with marine life in the lagoons of Tobago Cays Marine Park and Mayreau Island. Delve into the history of Grenada, where the wonderful aromas of spices permeate the air. Learn about the enduring West African, Creole, Arawak and Carib heritages and their colonial influences, unique to each island and historic city.

Escape to paradise and the alluring ports of the pristine southern Caribbean; this rare opportunity to cruise the Windward Islands is an excellent value and a special experience to be shared with those who love the lure of the sea. Book now, while space and Early Booking Savings are available.

Gig ‘em!

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Photo this page: Snorkel the crystal-clear lagoons of uninhabited Tobago Cays Marine Park, famed for its vibrant horseshoe coral reef brimming with marine life, including green sea turtles, sting rays and tropical fish.
The Lure of the Hidden Caribbean

A secluded archipelago impossibly blessed by Mother Nature, the Windward Islands have for centuries captivated sailors riding the carousel of Atlantic trade winds. With jungle-cloaked peaks that plunge into crystalline waters and vibrant coral reefs, cascading waterfalls and mini geysers, these remote islands combine the magnetic allure of the Caribbean with a rare authenticity. The iconic twin peaks of the Pitons, the world’s only drive-through volcanic crater, breathtaking topography and a flamboyance of fauna invite you to experience these surreal and lightly trodden landscapes. The swaying rhythms of calypso and reggae reverberate through convivial streetscapes and harbors where pastel-hued Creole houses and stately Georgian-style mansions bear the imprint of British, French and Spanish colonial rule. Experience a unique, off-the-beaten-path itinerary and intimate cruise on board an exclusively chartered small ship, offering unparalleled access to the idyllic ports and secluded bays of the southernmost Caribbean islands.

**Grenada**

Best known as the “Spice Island,” the volcanic isle of Grenada enjoys cool breezes perfumed with fragrant exports—salt air swirled with nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves, allspice, coffee and cocoa. First controlled by the French in the early 17th century, Grenada was a British colony for nearly two centuries before achieving independence in 1974. Distinctive French influences remain in surnames, dialect and cuisine. See historic landmarks in the picturesque capital, St. George’s, including Fort George. Enjoy panoramic views of the Carenage, a scenic waterfront dotted with colorful fishing boats and Georgian-style architecture. Walk among cinnamon, clove and bay trees in an herb and spice garden where ginger, pepper and turmeric also grow, and learn about rare botanicals, such as zebapique and jump-up-and-kiss-me. Visit Grenada’s largest rum distillery and savor impeccably aged rum. Later, stroll the quintessential white-sand shores of Grand Anse Beach at your leisure.

**Itinerary**

**Day**  
**Grenada Pre-Cruise Option**  
1. Depart the U.S./Arrive St. George’s, Grenada/Embark Le Champlain  
2. St. George’s  
3. Admiralty Bay, Port Elizabeth, Bequia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines/Kingstown  
4. Fort-de-France, Martinique  
5. Terre-de-Haut, Iles des Saintes  
6. Rodney Bay, St. Lucia/Soufrière  
7. Saline Bay, Mayreau, St. Vincent and the Grenadines/Tobago Cays  
8. Bridgetown, Barbados/Disembark ship/Return to the U.S.

**Barbados Post-Cruise Option**

Cover photo: Cruise along the captivating coast of St. Lucia and see the iconic twin peaks of Petit and Gros Pitons, a part of a larger UNESCO World Heritage site.
St. Vincent and The Grenadines

Enjoy sweeping vistas of the Caribbean Sea and the capital city of Kingstown from the early-19th-century ruins of Fort Charlotte, built atop a steep promontory. Walk among the largest botanical gardens in the Western Hemisphere, populated with trees from around the world and look for the endangered St. Vincent parrot. Kingstown is replete with historic architecture, including 19th-century cathedrals.

Bequia/Tobago Cays/Mayreau

Bequia is the largest island of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Enjoy spectacular views of yacht-filled Admiralty Bay from the remains of 18th-century Hamilton Fort. Visit Mt. Pleasant, Bequia’s highest accessible point, for its amazing views.

An ideal snorkeling retreat shielded from the sea by Horseshoe Reef, Tobago Cays Marine Park is an underwater gallery of colorful sponges, conchs, sea turtles, butterflyfish and parrotfish.

Spend time swimming and snorkeling in Saline Bay, Mayreau, where iridescent blue waves wash peaceful, serene shores.

Marvel at the kaleidoscopic colors of Soufrière’s Diamond Falls, formed by the water’s rich mineral content.

Martinique

The most heavily French-influenced of all the Caribbean Basin, Martinique celebrates its Creole heritage amid paradisal scenery. In Fort-de-France, see the varied architectural styles of its historic buildings blending harmoniously with the landscape, including the elaborate Romanesque Schoelcher Library.

Snorkel among hawksbill sea turtles in the clear-blue waters of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Admire the verdant Pitons du Carbet from the Sacré Cœur de Balata, a reduced replica of the Basilica of Montmartre in Paris.

Explore St. George’s, Grenada’s alluring capital founded in 1650, and its picturesque harbor dotted with handsome Georgian architecture.
Discover the authentic traditions and captivating scenery of the Windward Islands’s timeless fishing villages.

From the veranda of a Creole farmhouse in the famous Balata Gardens, watch effervescent hummingbirds feed on sweet nectar. Then, stroll through a shaded canopy of trees, including twining begonias, mahogany, musa nana and bamboo amid 3000 varieties of tropical plants.

Admire distinct Creole architecture and vast sugarcane fields at the Clément Plantation, a French historical landmark and producer of Clément rum for more than 125 years. Tour the former distillery and see the manor house, notable as the site of the 1991 post-Gulf War meeting between French President François Mitterand and late U.S. President George H. W. Bush.

**Iles des Saintes**
Experience the picture-perfect beauty and laissez-faire charms of the Old Caribbean on Terre-de-Haut, one of two sparsely-inhabited islands that form the spellbinding archipelago of Les Saintes.

Take in the widescreen panoramic views from Fort Napoleon, a hilltop fortification built in 1867. Explore Bourg, Terre-de-Haut’s quaint village where fishermen and their families walk streets dotted with colorful houses and storefronts draped with bougainvillea.

Fall under the spell of Iles des Saintes, a pristine archipelago ringed with reef-protected beaches that afford excellent snorkeling opportunities.

The photogenic horseshoe bay of Plage de Pompierre is famed for its world-class snorkeling.

**St. Lucia**
The twin volcanic peaks of Gros Piton and Petit Piton are part of a comprehensive UNESCO World Heritage site.

Begin your exploration of St. Lucia’s lush interiors and captivating coastline from Rodney Bay. Relax on the golden sands of Pigeon Island Beach or explore the vestiges of Fort Rodney at Pigeon Island National Park where the British defeated the French during the Battle of the Saints in 1782.

In Soufrière, wander a canopied haven of vivid flora in Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens past rocks tinted yellow, green and purple from the falls’ mineral-rich waters. At Sulphur Springs, witness firsthand ongoing geological activity in the dormant crater of Soufrière Volcano.

**Barbados**
Originally inhabited by Arawaks, stunning Barbados was the first landing spot for many Spanish and Portuguese explorers, who named it Los Barbados—“the bearded ones”—for the unusual bearded fig trees.

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Blue Eye – World's First Multisensory, Underwater Observation Lounge
Introducing the extraordinary Blue Eye, the world’s first multisensory, underwater Observation Lounge. View the beauty of marine life through the large, subaquatic windows and integrated digital screens providing live images from underwater cameras, and enjoy the sensory experience of listening to the ocean’s unique underwater universe in the comfort of the exclusive Blue Eye lounge.*

Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design
Le Champlain, launched in 2018, ushers in a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for unparalleled cruising. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships and where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

Life on Board
Enjoy sweeping views from the lounges, which open to the outdoors, and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa and sauna or the Sun Deck’s infinity-style swimming pool. There is a beauty salon, fitness room and there are three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

92 Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies
Each Five-Star Stateroom and Suite (up to 484 square feet) features a private balcony. Grand Deluxe Suites have a bay window and spacious private terrace. Accommodations offer two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, private bathrooms with a shower and luxury hotel-style amenities.

Respect for the Environment
A new addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, an important distinction among ocean-cruising vessels, Le Champlain is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems.

Chic and Casual Dining
Dine indoors or alfresco on international and regional cuisine served in the stylish, spacious indoor-outdoor restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Daily meals include continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

World-Class Service
The highly trained, English-speaking crew are personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and nurse.

*Marine life viewing varies by location.
Included Features

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star Small Ship Le Champlain

◆ Seven-night cruise featuring Grenada; St. Vincent and the Grenadines, including Bequia, Mayreau and Tobago Cays; Martinique; Iles des Saintes; St. Lucia; and Barbados.

◆ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom.

◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.

◆ All meals aboard ship.

◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.

◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting).

◆ Blue Eye—the world’s first luxury, multisensory, underwater Observation Lounge.

◆ Complimentary snorkeling equipment.

◆ Tour of Grenada, the “Spice Island,” featuring historic Fort St. George and a visit to a local herb and spice garden.

◆ Specially arranged rum tasting at Grenada’s largest authentic distillery.

◆ Transportation to Mt. Pleasant, verdant Bequia’s highest vantage point.

◆ Tour of Kingstown’s historic city center and a visit to colonial Fort Charlotte.

◆ City tour of Fort-de-France, Martinique, with a visit to the beautifully preserved and historic Clément Plantation and the lush Balata Gardens.

◆ Day at leisure in Iles des Saintes to explore this small island at your own pace.

◆ Visit to historic Rodney Bay, St. Lucia, for scenic views.

◆ Excursion in Soufrière, St. Lucia, featuring panoramic views of the iconic, UNESCO World Heritage-designated Pitons, and visits to Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens and volcanic Sulphur Springs.

◆ Stop at breathtaking Tobago Cays Marine Park comprising nearly 1500 acres of lagoons and coral reefs, for the opportunity to snorkel among an abundance of vibrant, fascinating marine life.

◆ Time at leisure to enjoy the peaceful beaches or swim or snorkel in the clear, blue Caribbean waters.

Always Included

◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).

◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.

◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.

◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.

◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.

◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset for guided land excursions.

◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.

◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Unravel the cultural legacy and traditions shaped by 350 years of British colonial rule.

Engage your senses in the exotic flavors, vibrant colors and heady aromas of Grenada’s lush interior.

“Spice Island” Exploration
Pre-Cruise Option
Spend two nights in colorful St. George’s, Grenada. Explore the rich biodiversity of the Grand Etang Forest Reserve surrounding a crater lake in an extinct volcano, visit a working 17th-century cocoa plantation and stop at the Grenada Nutmeg Station to learn more about the island’s famed spice. Enjoy deluxe tropical accommodations in the Radisson Grenada Beach resort, ideally located on Grand Anse Beach.

The Beauty of Barbados
Post-Cruise Option
The ideal complement to your cruise, historic Barbados celebrates a thriving geographical and cultural landscape. In extraordinary Hunte’s Gardens, tropical plant life blooms in a beautifully landscaped rainforest gully. Celebrated Bridgetown showcases a fascinating fusion of more than 350 years of English and Afro-Caribbean architecture, culture and traditions. On a walking tour of Bridgetown’s UNESCO-designated historic center and Garrison, visit St. John’s Parish Church, one of the oldest churches in Barbados, dating from 1645, and the neo-Gothic-style Parliament Building. Visit the Careenage, the focal point of the city, studded with historic buildings, and the site of the iconic Chamberlain Bridge. Tour the notable George Washington House, where the United States’s first president stayed for two months as a young man. Spend two nights in the deluxe Hilton Barbados hotel.

The Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
**TREASURES of the CARIBBEAN RESERVATION FORM**

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**Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s)**  
Tour No. 112-02/22/20-104

Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Grenada Pre-Cruise Option and/or $200 per person Barbados Post-Cruise Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $ as deposit.  
- 1/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $ to:  
  - Visa  
  - MasterCard

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All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by November 19, 2019.

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Singles are available in category 5 at $10,395* and in category 2 at $12,495* on or before July 25, 2019.  
Add $1,000 for reservations made after July 25, 2019.

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**Taxes are an additional $495 per person and are subject to change.**

Le Champlain has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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Single at $1,195 per person.  
Double at $795 per person.  

**Barbados Post-Cruise Option**  
Double at $1,975 per person.  
Single at $1,175 per person.  
I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

**Grenada Pre-Cruise Option**  
Double at $795 per person.  
Single at $1,175 per person.  
I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

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Please make my/our reservation(s) in category:  
1st choice  
2nd choice

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).  
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).  
- Single accommodations.  
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

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Please make my/our reservation(s):  
- Grenada Pre-Cruise Option  
- Barbados Post-Cruise Option

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Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $ as deposit.  
Make checks payable to **2020 Treasures of the Caribbean**.

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1/We want you to book my/our air, at an additional cost to be advised, from:

(fill in departure city)

- Economy Class  
- Upgraded Economy  
- Business Class  
- First Class

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Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

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1/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
Visit Bequia's protected natural harbor on the largest of the Grenadine islands.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

RESPONSIBILITY: Gohagan & Company, the sponsoring associations/organizations, and its and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors or trustees, successors, and assigns (collectively "Gohagan"), do not own or operate any entity to which or does provide goods or services for your trip including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vessel, or other transportation companies, guides or guides to local areas, or providers of excursions, food service or entertainment providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Gohagan is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity or of any other third party.

In addition and without limitation, Gohagan is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, or not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts of government, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, riots from or attacks by animals, insects or pests, strikes or other labor activities, criminal activity, damage to or for the loss of personal property, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof, the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels, or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart safely or on time.

If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner’s risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a trip participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person Gohagan judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors of the trip, or who is absent from any activity arranged for the trip. Gohagan reserves the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and Gohagan shall not be liable for any loss of any kind as a result of any such changes. Ship schedules, port calls, hours of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or inspection fees not listed in the "Included Features" section of the brochure; airfare and associated local taxes, airport facility and security taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the "Included Features" section of the brochure; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel/ship on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); any overnight on land due to flight schedule(s)’s, meals, alcoholic or other beverages and all other services not specifically mentioned in the "Included Features" section.

AIRFARE: Airfare is subject to change and availability depending on the fare basis, likely is nonrefundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a non-refundable "discounted" reservation. A “replacement” reservation is a new reservation and can be made only by your airline. The fare you are quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. On land and/or cruise programs, even after full payment, Gohagan reserves the right to increase the trip cost in the event of increases due to changes in supplier costs, currency fluctuations or fuel or energy surcharges and all such increases are to be paid to Gohagan upon notification to the participant of such increases. On programs which include Gohagan purchased interstate or international air (which originates or returns to the United States), no increased costs will be passed on after final payment as they were not presently imposed governmental tax increases.

TRIP INSURANCE: We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

RATES: Price quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. On land and/or cruise programs, even after full payment, Gohagan reserves the right to increase the trip cost in the event of increases due to changes in supplier costs, currency fluctuations or fuel or energy surcharges and all such increases are to be paid to Gohagan upon notification to the participant of such increases. On programs which include Gohagan purchased interstate or international air (which originates or returns to the United States), no increased costs will be passed on after final payment as they were not presently imposed governmental tax increases.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including Pre/Post Program(s) reservation(s) will not be effective unless received in writing in the offices of Gohagan. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellation(s) are subject to a $200 ($50 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $600 ($200 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 70% of the published full regular rate; cancellations 59 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariffs. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees and administrative fees may apply.

BINDING ARBITRATION: Any dispute concerning, relating or referring to this Agreement or any other literature concerning the trip, or the terms and conditions, the participant and Gohagan are waiving the right to a trial by jury.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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