



MSC

EXCURSIONS
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Philipsburg

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE



GOLDEN EAGLE CATAMARAN (Code: SMT09)



Duration
4 h



Enjoy snacks and an open bar while sailing in the waters of St. Maarten. Sail aboard the Golden Eagle! The first stop will be for snorkelling, after a safety briefing, jump in the water and see the tropical marine life. Next, Golden Eagle will anchor off the golden sand beach, explore the island, and look for shells in the waters. The crew will provide you with flotation and snorkel equipment. Enjoy sandwiches and a glass of champagne, with onboard music, sailing back in the waters of St. Maarten. Guests must be at least 4 years old to participate.

Please note: Minimum age requirement is 4 years old. An alternate venue may be visited depending on sea conditions at the time. All participating guests will be required to sign a waiver which may only be available in English. Guests will be required to swim to reach the beach. Sightings of marine wildlife are common but cannot be not guaranteed.

Minimum number of participants required: 20
undefined (English)

SCENIC ROUTE



EXPLORER CRUISE & ISLAND TOUR (Code: SMT10)



Duration
4 h



This tour offers a combination of a party cruise on the lagoon with an open bar and DJ as well as a narrated island drive. Depart the cruise ship pier passing the Great Salt Pond on a guided tour of the island. See historic landmarks along the way and learn about the history of St. Maarten. Enjoy approximately 45 minutes of free time in Marigot to explore the local shops and cafes or stroll along the waterfront and shop at the open-air market. From Marigot, you will drive to Simpson Bay to board the double-decker catamaran, the Explorer Boat. Cruise Simpson Bay Lagoon passing the luxury villa's and mega yachts which visit the many marinas situated in the waters of the lagoon. With music and drinks, you will cruise past Port de Plaisance to Simpson Bay Marina docking at the Explorer private dock where the coaches wait for the short return drive with views of the cruise ships and Philipsburg. Guests must be at least 4 years old to participate.

Please note: Guests must be at least 4 years old to participate. This tour may operate in reverse order depending on time. All participating guests will be required to sign a waiver which may only be available in English.

Minimum number of participants required: 25
undefined (English)

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"AMERICA'S CUP" 12 MT REGATTA (Code: SMT11)



Duration
2.5 h



Sign up this week to experience this sailing adventure. Feel the exhilaration of the real America's Cup regatta racing aboard the famous Stars & Stripes or contenders Canada II or True North IV as you compete in an actual race around a shortened America's Cup course. The crew will show you what to do in your "crew members" position. Then it's off to the racecourse...grind a winch...trim a sail...punch a stopwatch, or just sit back, and relax. For this adventure, previous sailing experience is NOT necessary! After the race enjoy the complimentary victory rum punch party, while you browse through the souvenir boutique. Guests must be at least 9 years old to participate.

Please note: The minimum age to participate is 9 years old. A waiver is required for participation. As these boats are pure race boats, they have no toilet facilities aboard. All guests should be asked to wear comfortable, closed toe shoes. T-shirts and shorts over a swimsuit are ideal. There is ample storage space below for beach bags, etc. and a small plastic bag to prevent a camera being splashed is a good idea. The race is only performed if there are sufficient guests to participate. If there aren't enough guests to facilitate the race, then guests will have the option to cancel the tour or enjoy a leisurely sail instead.

Minimum number of participants required: 9



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SCENIC ROUTE



PANORAMIC TOUR OF ST. MAARTEN AND BEACH (Code: SMT12)

Duration
2.5 h



During this tour, you'll drive from today's modern Dutch capital of Philipsburg passing the Great Salt Pond, which served to make the island "worth its salt" attracting the French. On the way to the French side, you'll pass the Border Monument. Between 1648 and 1816, this border changed 16 times. The tour will travel through the seaside town of Grand Case, known for its architecture and exquisite restaurants then will pass through the bustling small capital of French Saint-Martin (Marigot). Then, you will arrive at one of the island's beaches for some free time. All too soon it's time for the drive back to be dropped off at the pier. Guests must be at least 5 years old to participate.

Please note: Bring a towel, sunscreen and sunglasses. The order of the tour may be reversed depending upon local conditions. Traffic can be heavy at times. All beaches are public so please do not leave your personal belongings unattended. There are no lifeguards, so swim at your own risk. Chairs, umbrellas etc. are not included but may be available for rent from local vendors. Remember where the bus drops you off as this is where you will pick up the return. Clothing optional sunbathing may be observed throughout beaches in St. Maarten. Guests must be at least 5 years old to participate. Presence of seaweed could cause limited visibility and be present in the water or beach. Seaweed is not harmful but may cause light itching on sensitive skin.

Minimum number of participants required: 15
undefined (English)

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POWER RAFTING ADVENTURE, SNORKEL & BEACH (Code: SMT14)

Duration
4 h



Board a high-speed power rafting boat for foam-flying adventures around the coast of St. Maarten into Simpson Bay Lagoon. Next, snorkel a coral reef loaded with fish and marine creatures. You will pass the French capital of Marigot and see the historic Fort Louis atop the hillside. Then head to one of St. Maarten's beaches where you can relax or take a dip in the ocean. Guests must be at least 4 years old to participate.

Please note: All snorkel gear included - mask, snorkel, buoyancy vest and fins. All participating guests will be required to sign a waiver which may only be available in English. Guests must be at least 4 years old to participate. All guests will be required to wear a lifejacket. Sightings of marine wildlife are common but cannot be not guaranteed.

Minimum number of participants required: 12

MSC BIKE ADVENTOURS



HISTORICAL PHILIPSBURG BY BICYCLE (Code: SMT32)

Duration
3 h



Your guide will meet you at the entrance to the cruise ship terminal and give you a short lesson on the operation of your Trek bicycle. You will start riding along the Point Blanche Road in the capital, Philipsburg, where you will have views of the famous island of St. Barths. Your first historical stop will be The Old Courthouse, situated in the heart of Philipsburg. From there you will head to the Freedom Fighter's Monument, Carnival Village, and the Great Salt Pond, where your guide will talk about the island's important salt trade. You will then cycle back to the town centre and continue along the Boardwalk until you come to the Walter Plantz Plaza, where you can enjoy a drink, take a dip in the waters of the Great Bay and take a fresh-water shower before heading back to your ship. Guests must be at least 11 years old to participate.

Please note: Please bring, sunglasses, sunscreen, and a towel if you plan to swim. Guests must be at least 11 years of age and 153 cm/5 ft. in height to take part. Guests must wear closed-toed sports shoes to take part in the tour. This tour requires some physical energy. Please consult a physician if you have any concerns about your health before taking part. Parts of this tour also require cycling alongside traffic.

Minimum number of participants required: 10
undefined (English)



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KAYAK SNORKEL ADVENTURE (Code: SMT33)

 **Duration**
3.5 h



The tour leaves from Kim Sha beach after a short paddling technique demonstration by the guide. You will paddle through Simpson bay and will reach a small beach at the Pelican Resort where you will pull up your kayak and have a snorkeling instruction by your guide. You will then swim along with your guide to the shallow reef at Pelican Rock, where you will spend some time looking at the world undersea. There is a beach where you can rest if you feel the need to as well as an accompanying guide on a kayak who can assist you while snorkeling. On the way back along the Pelican coast, the guide will point out the neighboring islands of Saba, St. Eustatius and St. Kitts that can be seen from this southern side of St. Maarten. Guests must be at least 10 years old to participate.

Please note: Guests wishing to take part in the tour should be in good physical health. Guests must be at least 10 years of age to take part; a maximum weight restriction of 113 kg/250 lbs per person applies. The tour is not available for guests with cardiac disease or back/neck injury. Pregnant women should seek their doctor's advice before joining this tour. Sightings of marine wildlife are common, however, cannot be guaranteed.

Minimum number of participants required: 12
undefined (English)

CITY TOUR



ST. MAARTEN ISLAND TOUR (Code: SMT57)

 **Duration**
3 h



Treat yourself to a few hours of fun off the ship by joining this tour of Sint Maarten/Saint Martin island. After meeting your guide at the pier, the narrated outing begins with a drive through Philipsburg, the attractive capital of the Dutch Sint Maarten, as you head for Cole Bay Hill, where views of Simpson Bay Lagoon await you. On a clear day, you may even catch a glimpse of St. Kitts, Nevis, Sint Eustatius and Saba in the distance. You'll then travel through Cole Bay and Simpson Bay, two fishing villages, and past the airport where you might be lucky to see a plane landing before you move on to Marigot, the capital of the French Saint Martin. You'll capture a bird eye view of this French style town before returning to your ship.

Please note: Traffic can be heavy at times. Clothing optional sunbathing may be observed throughout beaches in St. Maarten. Clothing optional sunbathing may be observed throughout beaches in St. Maarten. Plane landings cannot be guaranteed.

Minimum number of participants required: 15
undefined (English)

CITY TOUR



SWEET ST MAARTEN, MAHO & MARIGOT (Code: SMT65)

 **Duration**
4 h



One small island, two great nations, a slew of landscapes, beaches & resorts! This is the Caribbean Island of Saint Martin/St. Maarten; which is shared by two nations: France in the north and the Netherlands in the south. Your tour begins in Philipsburg, the capital of the Dutch side, with a coach ride that will take you along the coastal road, across the border to your first stop on the French side, Orient Beach Bay. You will spend about twenty minutes in Orient beach before heading into Marigot, the French capital of Saint Martin. In Marigot, you will have time to go shopping, visit the open-air market or take the weight off your feet at an outdoor café. Your tour then takes you to Maho Beach where you may have a chance to see aircraft flying overhead as they prepare to land at the nearby airport. On the way back to Philipsburg, take some photos during a brief stop at a hilltop viewpoint.

Please note: Plane landings cannot be guaranteed.

Minimum number of participants required: 15
undefined (English)



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SKY EXPLORER, FLYING DUTCHMAN, SCHOONER RIDE & ZIP LINE (Code: SMT80)

Duration
6 h



Made for thrill seekers, this tour kicks off with a 30-minute coach ride to the Rockland Estate, home to an 18th-century plantation house. From here, you'll go on another half-hour ride to the Sky Explorer cable car to reach the Crow's Nest on Sentry Hill at an elevation of 341 m. Several platforms encircling the mountain afford all-round views of the neighbouring islands of Saba, Sint Eustatius, Saint Barthélemy and Anguilla. After a safety briefing, you'll then take the Flying Dutchman - a zip line course - down the mountain. Prepare for a fast and furious ride: you'll be whizzing down the line at a speed of up to 90 km per hour (56 mph). Then take the Sky Explorer back up the top to enjoy another zip line ride en route to the Schooner Ride, from where you'll take an inner tube down along a track. At the end, you can choose to purchase a photo or video of your adventure and explore the estate. Finally, return to the ship by coach.

Please note: Guests wishing to take part must be at least 132 cm (4 ft. 4 in.) and no more than 203 cm (6 ft. 6 in) in height and at least 46 kg (100 lbs) with no more than 124 kg (275 lbs) in weight. Guests will be required to wear securely fastened closed shoes (open shoes or flip flops are not permitted). The tour is not available for pregnant women or guests with neck or back injuries and/or with heart problems. Sequence of tour may vary. During high season, long wait times may occur. Guests are informed of their estimated wait times upon arrival and then are encouraged to enjoy the 360-degree viewing platform while waiting for their turn. GoPros and handheld cameras are not permitted on the Flying Dutchman, Schooner or Zip line. Lockers are available for rent for guests with bags larger than 14 inches wide by 6 inches high. Guests wishing to take part in only the Sky Explorer & Flying Dutchman activities are requested to book using code SMT80A; guests wishing to take part in only the Sky Explorer & Zip Line Adventure are requested to book using code SMT80B (minimum weight is 80 lbs, maximum weight is 275 lbs, same height restrictions as SMT80); guests wishing to take part in only the Sky Explorer & Schooner Ride are requested to book using code SMT80C; guests wishing to take part in only the Sky Explorer, Zip line & Schooner Ride are requested to book by using code SMT80D (minimum weight is 80 lbs, maximum weight is 275 lbs, same height restrictions as SMT80).

Minimum number of participants required: 15
undefined (English)

SCENIC ROUTE



ST MAARTEN 360° (Code: SMT81)

Duration
4.5 h



Enjoy some time off the ship and join this half-day outing, which combines sightseeing with a visit to one of St Maarten's attractions: Rockland Estate Park. Board your transportation for an approximately 2 hour tour by bus prior to arriving at Rockland Estate. There will be some photo stops made along the way. Once you arrive at the park, you will receive a safety briefing, which will include information about the return shuttle times. Your guided tour will end here, but you will be directed to the museum, where you will have time to learn about the story of Emilio Wilson Estate. After your brief stop at the museum, feel free to board the Sky Explorer cable car and enjoy approximately 30 minutes of aerial vistas to reach Crow's Nest on Sentry Hill, the island's highest elevation at around 341 m. The peak is surrounded by a series of viewing platforms from which you can soak up a 360° panorama of the area. Look out for the neighboring islands of Saba, Saint Barthélemy and Anguilla. If visibility is particularly good, you may even be able to catch sight of Sint Eustatius, Saint Kitts and Nevis as well as Montserrat. You will then take the Sky Explorer back down when you're ready. Once you arrive back down at the bottom, make sure to check the screens for the return times back to the ship. While you wait for the shuttle, feel free to explore the estate before your approximately 30-minute return drive. Guests must be at least 3 years old to participate.

Please note: Guests must be at least 3 years old to participate. Guests will be required to wear securely fastened closed shoes (open shoes or flip flops are not permitted). Guests using a wheelchair are advised that they must be accompanied by a paying helper to provide assistance with getting on and off the coach and that wheelchairs must be collapsible/foldable since the coach has neither a ramp nor a lift. The visit to Rockland Estate Park is unguided. The chairlift to the top is included in the tour price. All other activities onsite are based on availability, timing, and are subject to an additional cost. There will be screens visible to the guests displaying the shuttle time information for their return to the port. After descending the mountain, guests will proceed independently to the designated area with the screens and wait for the next scheduled shuttle.

Minimum number of participants required: 15
undefined (English)

MSC PROTECTOURS



ORIENT BAY BEACH DAY (Code: SMTAC)

Duration
5 h



Run off to the heart of French Saint Martin for a well-deserved beach day at Orient Bay, an approximately 20-minute drive from the pier. With a variety of water-based sports, this is the go-to place for those seeking an adventure, to try out the French cuisine, or just looking to relax during their time on the island. Upon arrival, you will be welcomed with a complimentary beach chair and umbrella. Enjoy approximately 4 hours of beach time before returning to the port.

Please note: It is recommended that guests bring a bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, and cash for any food and drink purchases onsite. Water sports are available at an additional cost.

Minimum number of participants required: 10
undefined (English)

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5 h

Enjoy one of St. Martin's beaches in your own private cabana. You will be transported by a private minivan to reach Maho Beach, where you will spend approximately 30 minutes watching some of the planes landing. Then, you will be transferred to Baie Longue, home of La Samanna Hotel, and be shown to your cabana on the beach. Relax in the sun, or the shade, take a swim in the ocean, or have lunch at the nearby beach restaurant, La Plaj, at your own expense. Your driver will be on standby when you are ready to return to the pier.

Please note: This tour is available for guests who are booked in the Yacht Club only. The price of this tour is per cabana for up to 4 guests and includes a bottle of rose, towels, non-motorized water sports (available on a first-come, first-served basis), and round-trip transportation. It is recommended that guests bring a bathing suit, cash and credit cards for any additional purchases, and sunscreen. The deadline to cancel this tour without any penalties is 48 hours prior to the call. Any cancellations after this will result in a 100% penalty of the tour price. The listed price is per cabana (not per person); only one person needs to book, with tour payment chargeable to only one account. The name of the companions joining the purchaser must be registered at the Yacht Club concierge desk once onboard. The transportation to and from Baie Longue may be shared with other Yacht Club guests. Should you wish to have private roundtrip transportation, please inquire with the shore excursions desk onboard as additional charges may apply. Plane landings cannot be guaranteed.

Minimum number of participants required: 1
undefined (English)

SOMETHING SPECIAL**BEST BEACHES BOAT TOUR - YACHT CLUB EXCLUSIVE (Code: SMTAGYC)****Duration**
4.5 h

Discover four of the best beaches of St. Maarten/Saint Martin. Depart the pier for a transfer to a private dock, where you will board a 35 ft. Boston Whaler. Your captain will take you to Simpson Bay Beach, Mullet Bay Beach, Baie Longue, and Baie Rouge. At Simpson Bay Beach, you will have the opportunity to enjoy some refreshments and snacks. Sit back and relax or move along to the next beach location, the choice is yours! Guests must be at least 4 years old to participate.

Please note: This tour is available for guests who are booked in the Yacht Club only. The price of this tour is per person. Included in the tour price is roundtrip transportation to reach the dock, English speaking captain and crew, snacks, and drinks. It is recommended that guests bring a bathing suit, sunscreen, cash, and credit cards for any additional purchases. Restrooms are available onboard the boat. The minimum age to participate is 4 years old. Guests should be able to swim to participate on this tour. The deadline to cancel this tour without any penalties is 48 hours prior to the call. Any cancellations after this will result in a 100% penalty of the tour price. This tour may be shared with other Yacht Club guests.

Minimum number of participants required: 10
undefined (English)

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE**ATV TOUR AND MAHO BEACH (Code: SMTAH)****Duration**
3.5 h

Depart the pier and board a bus for a short transfer to the starting point of your ATV adventure, where you will receive a brief orientation. Ride along the roadways of St. Maarten, convoy style, as you take in the views of the hilly terrains of the island. Continue to Maho Beach where you will have approximately one hour to bask in the sun or take a dip in the water as you watch the airplanes land. While you're here, a welcome drink will be served. Afterward, hop back on your ATV and ride through the oldest town on the island as you make your way back to the starting point before returning to the ship. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate.

Please note: The price of this tour is per person. Each ATV can fit up to 2 pax. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate. Drivers must be at least 18 years of age or older and must present a valid driver's license. Guests may be required to sign a waiver which may only be available in English. Alcohol consumption is not permitted during this tour. Guests should wear their bathing suits under comfortable clothes and bring biodegradable sunscreen and a towel. It is also recommended that guests bring a backpack as there are no lockers available to store personal items. Closed toe shoes are required. The maximum combined weight for the ATV is 700 lbs. This tour is not available for guests who have had recent surgeries, have neck or back problems, are pregnant, or have difficulty walking. Plane landings cannot be guaranteed.

Minimum number of participants required: 10
undefined (English)



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MULLET BAY BEACH EXPERIENCE (Code: SMTAJ)



Duration
4.15 h



Get ready to experience Mullet Bay Beach. This crescent-shaped bay features rocky areas at the east and west ends, with sand and Caribbean waters in between. Your tour begins with an approximately 45-minute drive to the beach. Once you arrive, you'll find complimentary beach chairs and an umbrella waiting for you. Enjoy approximately 3 hours of sun, sand, and sea before returning to the port. Please note: Guests are recommended to bring a change of clothes, bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, and cash or credit cards for any additional purchases. There are no showers available onsite, however restrooms are available onsite.

Minimum number of participants required: 20
undefined (English)

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE



SOUALIGA SNORKEL PARK (Code: SMTAK)



Duration
3 h



The Spirit of Soualiga sculpture park in Sint Maarten is a unique eco-attraction featuring over 300 artificial reef sculptures along a designated snorkeling trail. This experience allows guests to explore underwater art that celebrates the island's culture and history while serving as a habitat for marine life. After snorkeling, relax with a rum punch while cruising down the coast, with a view of the famous Princess Juliana Airport for a possible plane-landing before returning to the ship. Guests must be at least 4 years old to participate. Please note: Guests must be at least 4 years old to participate and should know how to swim. Alcoholic beverages will only be served after the snorkeling portion of the tour. The spotting of marine life is not guaranteed. Plane landings cannot be guaranteed.

Minimum number of participants required: 20
undefined (English)

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE



Pirate Sky Ride and Flying Dutchman (Code: SMT80A)



Duration
6 h



Pirate Sky Ride and Flying Dutchman

Minimum number of participants required: 15
undefined (English)



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ACTIVE & ADVENTURE



Pirate Sky Ride and Zip Line Adventure (Code: SMT80B)



Duration
6 h



Pirate Sky Ride and Zip Line Adventure

Minimum number of participants required: 15
undefined (English)

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE



Pirate Sky Ride & Schooner Ride (Code: SMT80C)



Duration
6 h



Pirate Sky Ride & Schooner Ride

Minimum number of participants required: 15
undefined (English)

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE



Pirate Sky Ride, Schooner Ride & Zipline (Code: SMT80D)



Duration
6 h



Pirate Sky Ride, Schooner Ride & Zipline

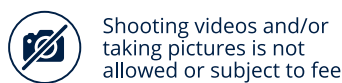
Minimum number of participants required: 15
undefined (English)



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Key to symbols



Wheelchair guests must be accompanied by their own helper to get on/off the coach. Wheelchairs must be foldable as coaches do not have ramps or lifts. Once on board, please contact the MSC Excursions desk staff promptly so they can help make arrangements.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL



Easy
May involve a limited quantity of steps, uneven surfaces and/or periods of standing.



Moderate
May involve inclines, steps, uneven surfaces and/or extended periods of standing.



Strenuous
Active excursions recommended only for guests in good physical health.

Please check your ticket for meeting time and location. There will be no announcements to remind you of departure times or meeting points.

OUR EXCURSION CATEGORIES

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE	Thrill seekers can find adventures for sports and fun. Trekking, snorkeling kayak tours and 4x4 vehicles.
CITY TOUR	The easiest way to explore the city center and local scenery. A guided tour with a comfortable coach ride.
CULTURE AND HISTORY	Learn the destinations history and culture with visits to must-see locations and guided tours.
NATURAL WONDERS	Immerse yourself in spectacular scenery and discover the fascinating flora and fauna of your destination.
SCENIC ROUTE	Take in the destinations best views and main points of interest in total comfort, with a scenic coach tour.
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MSC BIKE ADVENTURES	Explore from the unique vantage point of an MSC Bicycle. A truly immersive guided tour of the destination.

Some excursions are very popular and therefore availability cannot always be guaranteed. We recommend booking in advance the tours you are interested in.

The availability of language guides (ENG-ITA-GER-FRE-SPA-POR) varies depending on the destination. At the time of booking, you will be able to select your preferred language from the available options. The language in which each excursion will be conducted will be confirmed on board during the cruise.