

## BRAZILIAN RIVIERA



### SEVEN SEAS MARINER

SEGMENT 1  
FT. LAUDERDALE TO BUENOS AIRES

JANUARY 26, 2009

19 DAYS | 18 NIGHTS

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>M Ft. Lauderdale, USA</b>		<b>5pm</b>
27	T <i>Cross the Tropic of Cancer</i>		
28	W <i>Cruise the Atlantic Ocean</i>		
29	TH Gustavia, St. Barts	8am	9pm
30	F Roseau, Dominica	9am	6pm
31	S Bridgetown, Barbados	7am	3pm
Feb 1	SU <i>Cruise the Atlantic Ocean</i>		
2	M <i>Cruise the Coast of Brazil</i>		
3	T <i>Cross the Equator</i>		
4	W Fortaleza, Brazil <i>Special shore event included</i>	8am	1pm
5	TH <i>Cruise the Coast of Brazil</i>		
6	F Salvador da Bahia, Brazil	9am	5pm
7	S <i>Cruise the Coast of Brazil</i>		
8	SU <i>Cruise past Ipanema and Copacabana Beaches</i> Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (overnight)	Noon	
9	M Rio de Janeiro, Brazil		5pm
10	T <i>Cruise the Coast of Brazil</i>		
11	W <i>Cruise the Coast of Uruguay</i>		
12	TH Buenos Aires, Argentina (overnight)	1pm	
<b>13</b>	<b>F Buenos Aires, Argentina</b>		<b>Debark</b>

Relax on a leisurely voyage through the Caribbean and along the Brazilian Riviera, an almost uninterrupted stretch of tropical beaches. Visit the markets of Fortaleza and historic colonial riches of Salvador. Then spend two days in South America's most exciting cities: Rio de Janeiro with its dazzling setting, and Buenos Aires, South America's most sophisticated city.

### ATV Adventure in St. Barts • STB-7356

**Duration:** 2 Hours

**Transport:** All-Terrain Vehicles



Experience the scenic beauty of St. Barts in a unique new way during this off-road journey through the island's North Coast.

Depart the pier via off-road vehicle for the ride through Public, St. Bart's industrial area, en route to the North Coast of the island. You will then pass by St. Jean, the airport and famous Col de la Tourmente, where you may catch a dramatic view of a plane landing. Just past the airport, you will ride around the St. Jean Pond and climb up the hill of Morne Tourterelle. Along the way, you will take in spectacular views over Salines. Your guide will share the history of the salt ponds and salt industry, St. Barts' only industry until the mid-1950s.

Next, you will pass through the valley of Petite Salines before arriving in Grand Fond, which overlooks the Atlantic Ocean. You will then drive along the coast towards Toiny, where you will leave the main road and proceed to the beach of Petit Cul de Sac along a very narrow and suspended road.

After a brief stop on the beach, you will continue on past the flower-filled cemeteries of L'Orient and the seaside resort of Saint-Jean before arriving at the top of Lurin. From here, you will descend to the tranquil Gouverneur's Beach, where a brief stop will be made for refreshments and an opportunity to take a swim.

Following your visit, you will ride back to Gustavia Harbor and return to the ship.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This tour is only recommended for active guests in good physical condition. This tour is not recommended for guests with back and/or neck problems, guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair. The off-road vehicles used for this tour are automatic, and officially allowed by French law to carry one driver and one passenger. Guests are advised to wear a swimsuit under a cover-up, biodegradable sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses, and bring a towel and camera from the ship. There is a trunk on the rear of the off-road vehicle to store personal effects. This tour is priced is per off-road vehicle, not per guest; guests can travel alone or as a couple at no extra charge. The maximum weight is 330 lbs per off-road vehicle. Drivers must be at least 18 years old, and present a valid driver's license and credit card for the deductible. The minimum age to be a passenger is 12 years old. All guests must fill out a liability waiver prior to participating on this tour.

### Blue Cat on the Blue Sea Snorkel Tour • STB-437

**Duration:** 2 Hours

**Transport:** Power Catamaran



Explore the undersea beauty of the Caribbean during this snorkeling adventure in the crystal-clear waters of St. Barts.

Depart the pier aboard your catamaran for the ride to Les Petits Saints, a small rock southwest of Gustavia. En route, you will be outfitted with your snorkeling equipment.

Upon arrival, the captain and crew will provide you with your safety instructions, show you the snorkeling area and point out the restricted area you will not be permitted to enter. Afterward, you will enter the crystal-clear blue waters for approximately 1 hour of snorkeling. Your guides will provide you with assistance in the water, and throughout the tour.

During your tour, you will be served sweets and snacks that include peanuts, chips, French sausage and Swiss cheese. Soda, beer and homemade rum punch will also be served.

Following your snorkeling session, you will be returned to the pier in Gustavia. Upon arrival, opt to return to the ship, or do some shopping and island exploration.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This tour is not recommended for guests with back and/or neck problems, guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear a swimsuit under a cover-up, biodegradable sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses, and bring a towel from the ship. Guests must be at least 21 years of age to be served alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages will be served only after water activities are completed. Snorkeling equipment will be provided.

### Rent-a-Car in St. Barts • STB-3888

**Duration:** Varies

**Transport:** Local Transfer and Rental Car



Explore St. Barts at your own pace during a rent-a-car tour of this beautiful island paradise.

Depart the pier with your car rental representative for the brief transfer to the airport. Upon arrival, you will complete your registration formalities and receive driving instructions, then pick up your rental car and commence your tour. Along the way, you can explore the beautiful beaches and do some shopping in Gustavia, St. Jean or at the stylish La Villa Créole. If you get hungry, you may stop in at a restaurant offering fine French Caribbean cuisine accompanied by fresh baguettes.

Following your tour, you will return your car to the car-rental parking lot at the airport and be transferred back to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Extra care is required while driving in St. Barts; the roads are narrow and winding, the terrain is hilly and there are many steep inclines. It is illegal to sound your horn in St. Barts, except in the event of an emergency. Most cars have

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automatic transmissions, and air-conditioning is available in European-style cars. Models of cars available include the Samurai, Vitara, Feroza, Terio and Jimmy. The price of a car rental is per-car. All cars must be returned to the rental agency no later than 6:00 p.m., even if the ship stays later in port. Each driver must present a driver's license and a credit card when registering for their car; a credit card imprint for the deductible will be held by the agency, and the driver must sign a contract and control sheet prior to departing. In some cases, cars may be ready at the pier; a copy of the contract will be sent via onboard e-mail so guests may register in advance to expedite the process of picking up their car.

## Sailing the Leeward Coast • STB-6011

**Duration:** 3 Hours

**Transport:** Catamaran



Explore St. Bart's pristine natural beauty from a unique perspective during this scenic catamaran cruise along the leeward coast of the island.

Depart the pier aboard your catamaran for the cruise to the Bay of Colombier. Upon arrival, you can swim in the crystal-clear waters and explore the beach. Your captain and hostess will also inform you about the local marine life.

During your cruise, you will be served French-style snacks that include various cheeses, *pâté* with French bread, or baguettes, tropical fruit, chips, olives, and peanuts. An open-bar featuring sodas, beer, juice and homemade rum punch will also be included. Your snacks and beverages will be accompanied by stereo music. A restroom can also be found on board.

Following your cruise, you will be returned to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Guests are advised to wear a swimsuit under a cover-up, biodegradable sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses, and bring a towel from the ship. The sailboat does not pull up close to the beach. Participants will need to swim ashore. Guests must be at least 21 years of age to be served alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages will be served only after water activities are completed.

## Seafari in St. Barts • STB-6523

**Duration:** 1½ Hours

**Transport:** Rapid Insubmersible Boat



Experience the scenic beauty of St. Barts from the sea during this unique boat tour around the island.

Depart the pier in Gustavia Harbor aboard your boat for the cruise south past Shell Beach, and on toward Pointe de Gouverneur. En route, you will encounter the typical southeasterly swell. Upon arrival at

Gouverneur's Beach, you will pass the secluded Chovet Beach, Salines Beach and Morne Rouge, the southeastern-most point of St. Barts, before entering the Atlantic Ocean.

Next, you will pass by the beautiful valley of Grand Fond and 938-foot-high Morne Vitet, St. Barts' highest mountain, before reaching the bays of Petit Cul de Sac and Grand Cul de Sac. Here, you will see Marigot, home of beautiful hotels and beach restaurants, along with the exclusive villas at Pointe Milou. You will then pass by L'Orient, the bay of St. Jean, Anse des Cayes, Flamands and Pointe de Colombier. A stop will then be made in a protected area of the bay off Rockefeller Beach, where you will have an opportunity to swim in the warm waters.

Following your visit, you will embark the boat for the return cruise to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This tour is only recommended for active guests in good physical condition. This tour is not recommended for guests with back and/or neck problems, guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair. Participants standing in the boat will be cradled against a backrest, and not permitted to move about while the boat is in motion. A watertight plastic bag is located under each seat to safely store valuables and dry clothes during the trip. Guests must be at least 16 years of age to participate on this tour. The maximum weight per guest is 200 pounds. All guests must wear life jackets. The itinerary, as well as the speed of the boat, will depend upon weather conditions. Guests must be able to negotiate a ladder to get embark and disembark the boat at the swimming stop. Guests are advised to wear a swimsuit under a cover-up, biodegradable sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses with a strap, and bring a towel from the ship.

## Semi-Submersible Exploration • STB-6537

**Duration:** 1½ Hours

**Transport:** Semi-Submersible Vessel



Explore the diverse marine life and coastal beauty of St. Barts during this scenic voyage aboard a semi-submersible vessel.

After embarking the semi-submersible vessel at the pier, you can stay outside on the upper-deck, or walk down to the tunnel-like hull in front of the underwater windows.

You will then cruise to the entrance of the harbor, where you should be able to see some of the many green turtles that live here. After a brief stop, the vessel will pass over the wreck of the *Marignan*, a 50-foot island freighter that sunk during Hurricane Luis in 1995. En route, gentle music can be heard inside the vessel's tunnel-like hull.

En route to your next stop, the vessel will cross the southeastern edge of the Saint Bart Marine Park. Here, you will see marine life pass right in front of you. The sea bottom in this area is filled with colorful coral reefs, and schools of sergeant major fish.

Your semi-submersible vessel will then cruise on for the highlight of your tour, a brief visit to a group of three tiny rock islands known as The Saints. The crew will feed the surrounding fish, and you may even see a shark or two during the frenetic feeding frenzy. After the feeding, your semi-submersible vessel will travel the same route, in reverse order,

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back to the pier. Upon arrival, you may return to the ship, or opt to remain on the upper-deck to take in spectacular views of the beautiful anchored yachts and shores of Saint Barts.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Guests are advised to wear comfortable clothing, biodegradable sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses. The boat may not be exclusive to RSSC guests. Extra care must be taken on the steep stairs into the lower cabin. The itinerary may change depending upon weather conditions, general safety or other reasons as determined by the captain.*

## St. Barts Island Overview • STB-407

**Duration:** 1¼ Hours

**Transport:** Non Air-Conditioned Taxi Van



Explore the historic sites and scenic beauty of St. Barts during this brief, but picturesque orientation drive through the island.

Depart the pier for the drive through St. Barts. Your first stop will be at Le Col de la Tourmente, which overlooks St. Jean Beach, the island's most popular beach, and the airport. From here, you will continue on to Salines. At one time, St. Barts exported salt throughout the Caribbean from this industrial area. You will then drive through Petite Salines, the only place on the island where the ocean is not visible, before proceed to Grand Fonds. From here, you will take in breathtaking views and photo opportunities overlooking the green valley and raging ocean breaking on the shoreline. It is very windy here, and the landscape is vastly different from the rest of the island. Only a few years ago, Grand Fond was the cattle center of St. Barts, and home to numerous cows, goats and sheep.

Next, you will drive along the coast and pass by the oceanfront house that once belonged to the famous Russian dancer, Rudolf Nureyev. You will then Pass Petit-Cul de Sac, the small salt pond, and Grand Cul de Sac. This scenic locale features large lagoon, many hotels and resorts, and hosts the 24-hour windsurfing regatta held in August each year. Your drive will continue to Marigot, famous for its wine shop, La Cave, which stocks more than 300,000 bottles of wine. From here, you will pass the flower-filled cemeteries of L'Orient, La Vigie and Coupe Gorge en route to St. Jean. You will then take the road to Corossol, and climb one last hill before returning to Gustavia.

Depending on traffic conditions, your taxi will either stop in the parking lot next to the pier, or in town at the main taxi station.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This is not a guided tour; it is an orientation drive of the island. The mini-bus taxi drivers speak varying degrees of English with a heavy French-West Indian accent.*

## Sunset Cruise • STB-3327

**Duration:** 1½ Hours

**Transport:** Sailing Vessel



Embrace the splendid beauty of a Caribbean sunset during this scenic catamaran journey to the leeward coast of St. Barts.

Depart the pier aboard your catamaran for a sunset cruise along the coast of St. Barts. During your cruise, your captain and hostess will serve you French-style snacks that include various cheeses, *pâté* with French bread, or baguettes, tropical fruit, chips, olives, and peanuts. An open-bar featuring sodas, beer, juice and homemade rum punch will also be included. Your snacks and beverages will be accompanied by stereo music. A restroom can also be found on board.

Following your cruise, you will be returned to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Guests must be at least 21 years of age to be served alcoholic beverages.*

## Trekking in St. Barts • STB-6610

**Duration:** 2 Hours

**Transport:** Local Transport and On Foot



Experience the scenic beauty of St. Barts, and visit areas of the island seldom encountered by visitors during this trek through the island.

Depart the pier with your guide for a scenic trekking tour along the coast of St. Barts. Along the way, you will visit lovely hidden areas seldom encountered by visitors. A stop will also be made at Colombier Bay for a scenic nature walk, and a swim. Throughout the tour, your guides will point out interesting sites and facts about the history of the island, and the life of its people.

Following your tour, you will be transferred back to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Guests are advised to wear a swimsuit under a cover-up, comfortable walking shoes, biodegradable sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses, and bring a towel from the ship. Items brought on this tour should be secured in a backpack or hip sack that enables you to have both hands free at all times. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair. Local taxis will transport you to and from the trekking area.*

### Accessible Dominica and Rainforest Drive • RSU-5976

**Duration:** 3½ Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Mini-Van or Coach



Discover why Dominica is known as the Nature Island of the Caribbean during this scenic tour of this Caribbean paradise.

Depart the pier for the drive through the capital city of Roseau, and on to the Morne Bruce viewpoint. Upon arrival, you will take in splendid views and photo opportunities overlooking the capital and Caribbean Sea. A stop will then be the Botanical Gardens. Here, you will be able to see the famous and endangered Sissereau and Jaco parrots in protective cages, along with many large trees, exotic flowers and tropical plants.

Next, your drive will continue on towards Dominica's exquisite interior. Along the way, you will pass by tropical rainforest and many plantations featuring mango, banana, avocado, *cacao*, and other fruit trees. During your visit, a brief stop will also be made at the Jaco Falls. A mere 30 yards of easy walking will take you to the viewpoint of this rainforest waterfall. Upon arrival, you can take photos of your surroundings, and snack on seasonal fruit accompanied by a complimentary rum punch or fruit juice. You will also have an opportunity to take a short walk down to the pool for a quick dip in the refreshing waterfall.

Your tour will conclude with a drive down to the scenic Layou Valley and a brief stop by the Layou River, Dominica's longest and largest river.

Following your visit, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier and ship.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Guests are advised to wear biodegradable sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses; those wishing to swim in the waterfall should also wear a swimsuit under a cover-up, and bring a towel from the ship.*



### Caribbean Blue • RSU-4660

**Duration:** 2¾ Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coaster



Explore the blue Caribbean during this scenic journey to Dominica's exquisite beaches and reefs.

Depart the pier for the scenic drive to our private beach. After your safety and orientation briefing, you will board your comfortable, electrically-powered catamaran, the Fun Cat. Built for two passengers, this craft is the ideal mode of transportation for exploring the marine park home of the famous Champagne Reef.

During your ride, you will take in the pristine coves and pebble beaches along Dominica's uniquely diverse coastline. As you navigate the coral-filled shores, you will also find exclusive snorkeling sites hugging the lush, mountainous coast that are only accessible by sea. Your own controlled sea vessel will easily maneuver along the sea surface at a comfortable speed of 4 mph.

A stop will be made for snorkeling at beautiful Solomon's Reef, which is surrounded by pristine waters protected by its precipitous mountains and rugged coast. Here, you will find an abundance of marine life, and your guides will share interesting facts about the fish and marine park.

Upon returning to our private beach, you will have an opportunity to relax on the lounge chairs, swim in the coastal waters, browse for souvenirs, view the photos you have taken, or purchase refreshing beer and blended drinks at the bar.

Following your visit, you will re-board your mini-bus for the return drive to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair. Drivers must be at least 18 years old, and passengers must be at least ten years of age. The maximum weight allowable per passenger is 220 lbs. Guests are advised to wear a swimsuit under a cover-up, biodegradable sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses, and bring a towel from the ship.*

### Emerald Pool and Trafalgar Falls • RSU-4773

**Duration:** 4 Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coaster



Discover a pair of Dominica's most popular and frequented destinations during this half-day visit to Trafalgar Falls and the Emerald Pool.

Depart the pier for the drive east from Roseau to the village of Trafalgar. Upon arrival, you will view the top of the falls cascading side-by-side out of the deep gorges that they have carved for themselves. At Trafalgar Falls, you will walk along an uneven trail until you arrive at the viewpoint. After viewing the falls, you will return to Roseau and proceed north to the Springfield Guest House. A brief stop will be made at the Springfield Guest House for a complimentary fruit juice.

Next, you will continue on through fern-covered hillsides en route to Pont Casse, the center of the island. From Pont Casse, you will then head toward World Heritage Trois Piton National Park, home of the Emerald Pool. The trail leading to the pool is the best introduction to the tropical rain forest. The Emerald Pool is small and fed by a delicate cascade plunging off a fern-covered cliff.

Following your visit to the Emerald Pool, you will be transferred back to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This tour involves moderate walking over bumpy and uneven terrain, and about 50 steps that must be negotiated to reach the Emerald Pool. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair. Guests are advised to bring a light rain jacket or an umbrella for possible showers in the rainforest, and wear good, sturdy walking shoes as the trail can become slippery when wet. In addition, guests are advised to wear biodegradable sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses.

### Nature's Hidden Treasures and Carib Indians • RSU-3337

**Duration:** 6 Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coaster



Discover the history, culture and people that inhabited the Caribbean before the arrival of Christopher Columbus during this visit to the world's only remaining Carib Indian territory, and the beautiful and secluded Twin Falls.

Depart the pier for the drive to Twin Falls. Upon arrival, you will take a brief walk through the rainforest to access the first fall. More adventurous guests may then opt to climb a small hill to reach the second white sulphur waterfall, said to be good for the skin.

You will then continue on to the Indian-built Eco-Village, where you will be served an organic buffet of local fare while the Carib Indians entertain you with their folkloric dances. After the celebration, you can take a swim in the natural pool of the Pagua River, which floats along the Eco-Village. You may also visit the craft shop to learn how local vendors make their award-winning crafts.

Next, your scenic drive will proceed on through the Carib Territory and towards Horseback Ridge. Upon arrival, a brief stop will be made to take in the panoramic views and photo opportunities of the beautiful valleys and mountains.

Your tour will conclude with a visit to the Botanical Gardens, where you will see the endangered Jaco and Sisserou parrots before being transferred back to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This tour involves a moderate amount of walking and driving over bumpy and uneven terrain. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair. Guests wishing to take a brief swim in the natural pool of the Pagua River are advised to wear a swimsuit under a cover-up, and bring a towel from the ship. All guests are advised to wear biodegradable sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses.

### Rainforest Aerial Tram • RSU-6226

**Duration:** 4 Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coach and Tram



Experience the exquisite beauty of Roseau's rainforest canopy in a unique new way during this memorable journey on the Rain Forest Aerial Tram.

Depart the pier for the drive to the Base Station located at the edge of Morne Trois Pitons National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Upon arrival, you will be met by a naturalist guide, board your tram and begin your discovery of the treasures of nature's hanging garden, previously unexplored prior to the establishment of the Rain Forest Aerial Tram. Along the way, you will take in splendid views and photo opportunities as you cross over the awe-inspiring, 300-foot Breakfast River Gorge.



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You will have the option of getting off the tram at Tower 19, the Final Station, and walk along the remarkable 275-foot-long suspension bridge for spectacular views of five stunning waterfalls. From here, you take a short walk through the Chatannier Nature Trail, then re-board your tram at Mid Station and return to the Base Station.

Afterward, some time will be made available for you to sample the rum punch, local juice or other beverages at the juice bar, browse through the gift shop, or simply relax and take in the stunning beauty of the surrounding rainforest.

Following your visit, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.

### Rainforest and Emerald Pool • RSU-3336

**Duration:** 3¼ Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coaster



Experience the stunning natural beauty of Dominica during this scenic journey to the rainforest and Emerald Pool.

Depart the pier for the drive to historic Morne Bruce. Upon arrival, you will take in spectacular vistas and photo opportunities over Roseau township and the Botanical Gardens. You will then continue on for a visit to the Botanical Gardens, which form the eastern boundary of the town of Roseau and are tucked beneath the verdant slopes of Morne Bruce. The Botanical Gardens encompass some forty acres, and are adorned with exotic plants.

Next, your drive will proceed north to Canefield Estate, home of one of the island's two airports. From here, you will take Springfield Road past fern-covered hillsides and along the winding roads en route to the Springfield Guest House, where complimentary fruit juices await your arrival. Your drive will then continue on up to Pont Casse, the center of the island, then toward the World Heritage Trois Piton National Park, home of the Emerald Pool.

From Pont Casse, you will head toward World Heritage Trois Piton National Park, home of the Emerald Pool. The trail leading to the pool is the best introduction to the tropical rain forest. The Emerald Pool is small and fed by a delicate cascade plunging off a fern-covered cliff. During your visit, you can take a swim in the cool water of the Emerald Pool. The Emerald Pool's green color is derived from the surrounding rainforest, and the beauty and serenity of the Nature Isle.

Following your visit, you will re-board your coaster for the return drive to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This tour involves about 50 uneven steps that must be negotiated in order to reach the Emerald Pool; extreme care should be taken. This tour is only recommended for active guests in good physical condition. This tour is not

recommended for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair. The total time spent at the Emerald Pool is approximately 40 minutes, with approximately 20-30 minutes available to swim in the water. All guests are advised to wear comfortable walking shoes, biodegradable sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses. Guests wishing to swim in the Emerald Pool should wear a swimsuit under a cover-up, and bring a towel from the ship.

### River Tubing Ride • RSU-5241

**Duration:** 3 Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coaster



Discover an abundance of fun and excitement during this exhilarating tubing adventure on the largest and longest of the 365 rivers of Dominica.

Depart the pier for the 40-minute drive through the unspoiled Layou Valley, and on to your launching site. En route, you will see one of the island's two airports, and pass the village of Massacre, named after the massacre of the Carib Indians in 1674. You will then pass by the village of Mahaut, and the Dominica Coconut Product Factory in Belfast, where cosmetics, detergent and soaps are manufactured utilizing local raw materials that include coconuts, cocoa and hibiscus leaves.

Upon arrival at the launching site, your guide will provide you with your safety and tubing instructions before taking you on a breathtaking journey down the Layou River. You will feel the rush of excitement as you cascade downward, and maneuver through the challenging rapids before descending to the calm of the pools.

Following your tour, you will be served a complimentary drink before re-boarding your mini-van for the return drive to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Guests are advised to wear a swimsuit under a cover-up, water shoes, biodegradable sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses, and bring a towel from the ship. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair. Children must be at least six years of age and accompanied by a parent to participate on this tour. Maximum weight for participants is 250 lbs. Extra care should be taken while entering the water. Operation of this tour is dependent upon water levels.



### Atlantis Submarine • BDS-221

Duration: 2½ Hours

Transport: Mini-Bus, Shuttle Vessel and Submarine



Experience the undersea beauty of the Caribbean in a unique new way during this adventure on board the *Atlantis* submarine.

Depart the pier for the brief transfer from the cruise terminal to your awaiting shuttle vessel at Shallow Draught. Upon arrival, you can browse for souvenirs, or have a cool drink or snack at Café Sublime before the shuttle vessel departs. On the hour, a call will be made for guests to board the shuttle vessel (guests should be fully mobile to facilitate easy boarding). You can then sit back, relax and listen as the *Atlantis* crew outlines your safety instructions. Upon arrival at the dive site, you will see the *Atlantis* submarine surfacing, then make the easy transfer from the shuttle vessel to the *Atlantis*. Once on board, you will be seated in spacious, air-conditioned comfort and begin your 40-minute underwater journey.

Your submarine will initially dive to 55 feet. At this depth, you can view the beautiful coral reef and an abundance of marine life that includes spectacular coral, sponges and colorful tropical fish through the large, clear viewing windows. The co-pilot will point out and explain the amazing sea life, and the submarine's history. Before rising to the surface, the submarine will descend to depths of 115 to 150 feet to view a sunken shipwreck previously accessible only by scuba diving.

After resurfacing, you will be transferred back on board the shuttle vessel for the return to Shallow Draught. Upon arrival, you will re-board your mini-bus for the return drive to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All participants on this tour should be fully mobile. Guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair may participate if they are able to safely navigate an 11-step ladder into and out of the submarine. Guests are strongly advised to wear shoes with non-skid soles. Children must be at least three feet tall in order to participate in this tour.

### Barbados Concorde Experience and Island Drive • BDS-5245

Duration: 3½ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Experience the beauty of Barbados like never before during this unique Concorde experience and island drive.

Depart the pier for the scenic drive along the South Coast of Barbados en route to the Barbados Concorde Experience, a brand new, world-class attraction at the Concorde Museum that is unique to the Caribbean. Ian Richards, the Flight Engineer for all Concorde operations in Barbados, will greet your arrival at Alpha-Echo, the state-of-the-art Concorde facility. He will then explain the history of flight and the Concorde G-BOAE, and answer all of your questions.

The highlight of your visit will be the exhibition's thrilling multi-media show, Engineered for Speed, which uses the Concorde itself as a backdrop to showcase the plane's advanced engineering. During the show, you will hear how the Concorde's engines sounded, and feel as if you have just witnessed a spectacular takeoff. A visit into the interior of this amazing aircraft will give you a chance to experience how passengers felt traveling on it.

Following the exhibition, some time will be made available for you to browse the many interesting pieces of Concorde memorabilia at the souvenir shop, or take in spectacular views of the airport and coastline before re-boarding your coach. Leaving Alpha-Echo, you will take in spectacular views and photo opportunities of the picturesque East Coast. You will then drive through the countryside, passing by quaint villages and friendly locals along the way.

Your tour will conclude with a stop at a local rum shop for a refreshing rum punch, fruit punch or ice-cold beer before returning to the pier.

### Capture Barbados – Photo Tour • BDS-6200

Duration: 4 Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Capture the pristine natural beauty of Barbados during this half-day photo tour with renowned Barbadian photographer Ronnie Carrington.

Accompanied by Ronnie Carrington, you will depart the pier for your photo tour through Barbados. Ronnie is a leading Barbadian photographer and television producer who is renowned for his stunning and thought-provoking black-and-white images. He has documented on film many aspects of life in Barbados and the wider Caribbean, and is recognized as a national and international photographic exhibitor and judge. Ronnie's work has also appeared in magazines, on calendars and on his own line of postcards, and he regularly teaches photography courses at regional and national institutions.



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Along the way, Ronnie will provide you with photographic tips and interesting information about the island in a fresh, exciting and interactive manner. Highlights during your photo tour will include visits to Sandy Lane Estate, St. Thomas Parish Church, the ancient Scotland District, Barclay's Park and Bathsheba, perhaps the island's most picturesque locale.

A refreshing drink will be offered in one of the traditional rum shops along the route, and a brief stop will be made at Barclay's Park before re-boarding your coach for the return drive to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Guests are encouraged to bring along their cameras, and plenty of film.*

## Culinary Barbados • BDS-4557

**Duration:** 3¼ Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coach



Learn to cook in the traditional Bajan style during this culinary adventure hosted by Anne-Marie Whittaker.

Accompanied by Anne-Marie, you will depart the pier for the drive to her factory. Anne-Marie is the famous author of the book, *Treasures of My Caribbean Kitchen*, as well as the creative genius and managing director of Native Treasures Gourmet Products. Upon arrival at her factory, you will learn all about Anne-Marie's sauces, condiments, spices and other products. You will also see how the famous, old-fashioned Bajan Pepper Sauce is bottled and labeled, and how fresh peppers and local delicacies are processed and packaged.

Next, you will re-board your coach for the brief drive to a gazebo near a beautiful beach location. Upon arrival, your host will reveal some of her secrets while you relax in comfort and listen to the melodies of a local steel-pan musician playing in the background. You will also be invited to help Anne-Marie prepare rum punch, fish cakes made with salted cod fish, stuffed flying fish, the national dish of Barbados, and cook-up rice, which consists of rice, peas and meat prepared with local ingredients.

Upon completion, you will then be invited to try all of these delicacies, and be given a recipe card to prepare these authentic Bajan dishes once you have returned home.

Following your visit, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.

## Discover Barbados by Helicopter • BDS-3292

**Duration:** 2 Hours (20-Minute Flight)

**Transport:** Local Transport and Helicopter



Experience Barbados' picturesque terrain during this exhilarating flight-seeing tour of the island via helicopter.

Depart the pier for the scenic drive along the South Coast of Barbados en route to the helipad located at the Concorde Museum. Upon arrival, you will board a helicopter for an exhilarating 20-minute, 30-mile flight-seeing tour. After lift-off, you will take in breathtaking aerial views of the lush countryside from above, and visit both the rugged East Coast and tranquil West Coast of the island.

You will begin with a flight over Bottom Bay, a wide expansive beach featuring smooth rolling waves that lap the shore. This beach is semi-enclosed by high coral cliffs, and the aerial view provides panoramic scenes of its South Shore. The scene is enhanced by the presence of tall palm trees that add to the peaceful and relaxing atmosphere of the bay.

Next, you will fly over the rugged East Coast and aquamarine Caribbean Sea. Along the way, you will view the Scotland District, which is the only location in the entire Caribbean where this mountain range is above water. From here, you will cruise down to Morgan Lewis and past Sturges before returning to the helipad at the Concorde Museum.

Following your flight-seeing adventure, some free time will be made available for you to browse the Concorde Souvenir and Coffee Shop for memorabilia or a delicious cappuccino before re-boarding your coach for the return drive to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Guests are encouraged to bring their cameras or camcorders, and plenty of film.*

## Green Monkey and

## Off-Road Safari Adventure • BDS-3683

**Duration:** 3½ Hours

**Transport:** Off-Road Vehicle



Discover the unique natural beauty and green monkeys of Barbados during this off-road safari to the Barbados Wildlife Reserve.

Depart the pier for the drive along the East Coast of Barbados en route to the Scotland District, one of the most beautiful locations in Barbados and the only location in the entire Caribbean where this mountain range is above water. The Scotland District is home to unusual rock formations stemming from ancient coral reefs, and a pristine 9-mile beach with whirlpools of foaming surf.

Next, you will proceed into the Barbadian interior en route to the Barbados Wildlife Reserve. Hidden in the countryside and away from the normal tourist areas, the reserve is home to the renowned green monkey. Inside the reserve, these monkeys are free to roam wherever they please

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as they go about their daily lives. Upon arrival, you will take a walking tour along the shady paths and observe the monkeys in their natural environment. A rare sight outside of West Africa, this species has saved thousands of people, as it is responsible for 70% of the world's polio vaccine.

Following your visit, you will re-board your off-road vehicle for the return drive to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *As this tour involves travel over bumpy surfaces, guests with back or neck problems are discouraged from participating. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear comfortable walking shoes, biodegradable sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses. Participants must be at least five years of age and accompanied by a parent.*

## Tiami Five-Star Catamaran and Snorkel • BDS-5975

**Duration:** 5½ Hours

**Transport:** Sailing Catamaran



Relax, unwind and take in your idyllic surroundings during this picturesque catamaran and snorkeling tour in Barbados.

After embarking your catamaran, you will be greeted by the friendly crew and served a Continental breakfast that includes complimentary champagne and orange juice cocktails. You will then depart the pier for a cruise along Barbados' scenic coastline en route to a sheltered bay. Upon arrival, you may opt to swim in the azure waters, relax on the beach or join the professional instructors for an optional snorkel tour on beautiful coral reefs teeming with tropical fish. After snorkeling, you will be served a lunch consisting of local dishes accompanied by cool refreshments from the open bar.

You will then proceed to another scenic and tranquil stop. Here, you will have an opportunity to bask in the sun, relax in the shade of the comfortable cabin, or observe and swim with Hawksbill turtles.

At the conclusion of your catamaran cruise, you will be returned to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair. Guests are encouraged to wear a swimsuit under a cover-up, biodegradable sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses, and bring a towel from the ship. Turtle sightings are typical but not guaranteed, and visits are subject to sea and weather conditions. In these cases, shipwreck snorkeling at a premium site may be substituted. Snorkeling equipment, professional instruction and safety vests will be provided. This tour may not be exclusive to RSSC guests.*

## “Where de Sugar Come From”

**Plantation Tour • BDS-7258**

**Duration:** 4 Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coach



Explore picturesque villages and plantations of Barbados during this scenic, half-day tour of the coast and countryside, and a special visit to the St. Nicholas Abbey.

Depart the pier for a leisurely drive along the famous West Coast of Barbados. Along the way, you will pass the charming seaside villages of Hometown and Speightstown en route to North Point, the northernmost tip of the island. Here, you will see where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Caribbean Sea; a unique natural occurrence.

Turning inland, your drive will continue through the Barbadian countryside and past sugar cane fields en route to St. Nicholas Abbey. Upon arrival, you will tour the elegant Jacobean mansion. Built in 1650, this home is one of only three of its kind in the Western Hemisphere and one of the Seven Wonders of Barbados. The plantation and its buildings have remained much as they did for more than 350 years, thus preserving a wealth of history and traditions. Afterward, you will be served a complimentary rum or fruit punch in the cozy courtyard.

Next, you will proceed for a visit to the Sugar and Rum Bond Museum. Here, you will find fancy brown sugar and molasses, and sample their famous Pepper Rum. You will also see a display of Bajan products, and the hand-bottling of a special blend of 2006 St. Nicholas Abbey in the old stables. During your visit, you may purchase a beautifully engraved bottle of their Limited Edition Rum, which will be bottled right before your eyes. Afterward, you will view a brief old film depicting life on the plantation and in Bridgetown before proceeding to the Top Lawn for a buffet-style taster's menu of Bajan delicacies. Finally, you will take a tour of the Boiling House, where you will see a refurbished 19th-century steam-driven mill and an original mule cart.

Your drive will then continue on to the outskirts of St. Nicholas for a brief photo stop at Cherry Tree Hill. Located 850 feet above sea level, this viewpoint offers panoramic vistas over the Scotland District, which covers the parish of St. Andrew and was named after the Patron Saint of Scotland.

Your tour will conclude with a drive along the East Coast to view the Atlantic Ocean's pounding surf, unusual rock formations from ancient coral reefs and a pristine 9-mile stretch of beach with whirlpools of foaming surf.

Following your tour, you will drive past quaint villages during the return drive to the pier.

# FORTALEZA, BRAZIL

FEBRUARY 4, 2009

## Brazilian Celebration in Dance • FTZ-5568

**Duration:** 3 Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coach



***This special event is included for all guests, with compliments of Regent Seven Seas Cruises.***

Celebrate Brazil and its children through the art of dance during a moving ballet performance by Edisca.

Depart the pier for the drive to the Teatro José de Alencar. A fascinating theater has been refurbished in grand style and air-conditioned, and it will serve as the setting for this special performance and cocktail reception.

One could say dance is a universal language that speaks to all nations and all nationalities. The human spirit can be profoundly influenced by music. Here in Fortaleza, a very special foundation offers direction and purpose for the children of the streets. Edisca, a modern dance company of local dancers ranging from children to adults, helps local youth express themselves and communicate with the world through the art of dance.

During the performance, you will view the ballet, *Bale Jangurussu*; a work based on life on the streets in Brazilian cities. Using modern instruments and video effects, it makes a statement, sometimes humorous and sometimes serious, about contemporary Brazilian life. The ballet creates a great visual and emotional impact, and produces striking effects made with simple tools and innovative choreography.

The event will conclude with a brief cocktail reception accompanied by canapés. The local dancers will mingle with the guests and perform the *maracatu*, an Afro-Brazilian dance; couples will dance the *forró*.

At the conclusion of your visit, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.



### City Highlights and Folk Ballet • SDB-3653

**Duration:** 3 Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coach



Experience Salvador da Bahia's intriguing blend of African and European cultures during this combination city tour and folk ballet performance.

Depart the pier for the drive to the Municipal Square, or Terreiro de Jesus Square. After a guided tour of its historic center, a visit will be made to a pair of Salvador's most important churches. The first, the Baroque-style Cathedral de Salvador, faces the square and was formerly the chapel of the largest Jesuit seminary outside Rome. Its plain exterior belies a stunning interior featuring a paneled ceiling of carved and gilded wood, and a rococo altar and side chapels.

Next, a visit will be made to the Church of São Francisco, located at the end of the recently renovated square. Its opulent interior features cedar woodcarvings covered in gold leaf that took 28 years to complete.

Your tour will conclude with a brief stroll to the Miguel Santana Theater, where you will be treated to an intriguing folklore show. The 38-member troupe of dancers, musicians, and singers will perform a repertoire based on a Bahian folkloric dance of African origin. The performance will include slave dances, a form of martial arts, *capoeira*, samba, and those that celebrate Carnival. The troupe is Brazil's only professional folk dance company, and has achieved considerable success in its short history.

Following your visit, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This tour involves approximately 700 yards of walking in 90 minutes.*

### Salvador da Bahia – A City of Contrasts • SDB-2494

**Duration:** 4 Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coach



Discover Salvador da Bahia old and new during this tour of its historic squares and cathedrals, and a visit to the city's more contemporary areas.

Depart the pier for the drive to the yacht club, which features a marina and is dotted with the sleek sailing boats and yachts of Salvador's wealthy residents. Attracted by the scenic coast, the Barra District is the favored haunt of the city's elite. At the entrance to the bay stands the fortress of San Antonio, built on the spot where Americo Vespucci landed in 1501.

Next, you will proceed to the historic upper city, where Brazil's best preserved Colonial architecture is located. Upon arrival in Praça da Sé, you will leave your coach at the square and proceed on a walking tour of this fascinating and colorful locale.

A slight downhill walk will take you to Pelourinho Square, one of the city's oldest squares. Formerly the site of the slave market, a pillory still marks the spot where slaves were once publicly punished. The square's appearance hasn't changed much since the 18th century. However, many of the buildings lining the cobbled streets now house art galleries, and jewelry and souvenir shops.

Your tour will continue on with a visit to the Municipal Square, or Terreiro de Jesus Square. After a guided tour of its historic center, a visit will be made to a pair of Salvador's most important and picturesque churches – the Baroque-style Cathedral de Salvador and Church of São Francisco.

You will then take a sightseeing drive past City Hall, the Lacerda Elevators, the Palacio Rio Branco and Castro Alves Square, the heart of the Bahian Carnival. After passing through the tree-lined streets of the residential section, a visit will be made to the Carlos Costa Pinto Museum. Formerly a private residence, Costa Pinto provides a unique look at how the elite of Old Salvador once lived. The mansion is beautifully furnished with authentic Colonial pieces and impressive works of art.

Following your visit, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This tour involves approximately 2 hours of walking, mostly on cobbled streets with uneven surfaces. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair. Wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses from the ship.*



# SALVADOR DA BAHIA, BRAZIL

FEBRUARY 6, 2009

## Salvador In Depth • SDB-6825

**Duration:** 7 Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coach



Explore Salvador's historic sites, culture and architecture during this comprehensive tour of Bahia's state capital, and one of Brazil's cultural highlights.

Depart the pier for the drive through the elite Barra District, then a walking tour along the charming cobblestone streets and squares of Pelourinho, recognized by UNESCO as the most important Colonial architectural complex in existence.

Following a guided tour of the elegant São Francisco Church and Cathedral de Salvador, you will proceed to an authentic Brazilian barbecue, or churrascaria. Here, you will find an endless selection of barbecued meats, salads and dessert. After lunch, your tour will continue on with a relaxing drive past beautiful beaches, including Boca do Rio, Corsario, Piata, Placa Fort, and Itapoa.

The highlight of your tour will be a visit to the Carlos Costa Pinto Museum. Formerly a private residence, Costa Pinto provides a unique look at how Old Salvador's elite once lived. The mansion is beautifully furnished with authentic Colonial pieces and impressive works of art.

Following your visit, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier. En route, a stop will be made at the Mercado Modelo market for an opportunity to browse through stalls displaying an extensive selection of traditional Bahian handicrafts.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This tour involves walking on cobbled streets with uneven surfaces throughout the Terreiro de Jesus and Pelourinho District. Lunch includes domestic beer, mineral water and soft drinks.*



# RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

FEBRUARY 8, 2009

## Lesser Known Rio and its Favelas • RDJ-6604

Duration: 3 Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Mini-Van



Experience a taste of city life beyond the Copacabana during this unique introduction to cities within a city; Rio's hillside *favelas*.

There are close to 550 *favelas* in Rio, most of which have been erected on former public lands on the slopes of the city's steep hillsides. Emerging during the last 30 years, Rio's *favelas* are now home to 20 percent of the city's population. However, they remain a mystery for most visitors traveling independent of watchful local guides. Picturesque from a distance, a closer inspection of the *favela* reveals a complex architecture, developing commercial system and friendly local people. Many of the samba schools that participate in Rio's annual Carnival parade originate from hillside *favelas*.

Depart the pier for the 45-minute drive through Rio's downtown business and residential areas en route to the São Conrado District. Here, you will visit Favela da Rocinha, one of the largest in the country. During your visit, your guide will provide commentary about the local architecture, public services and an explanation of general life in the *favelas*. Before continuing on, a brief stop will be made at a local terrace for breathtaking views and photo opportunities pictures over Rio.

Next, your drive will continue on through the Estrada da Gávea, a former F1 racetrack, and the commercial district. A stop will then be made at the Canoas Village, where you take a guided, 30-minute walking tour to explore the unique internal order of your surroundings.

Following your visit, you will re-board your mini-van for the return drive to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This excursion involves substantial walking for a period of approximately 50 minutes on uneven surfaces and steps. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair. Guests are encouraged to wear flat, comfortable walking shoes. Guests are strongly advised to exercise caution with personal items during your visits to the favelas, particularly when walking through crowded areas, and leave all jewelry on board the ship. Pre-registration for this excursion is recommended, as participation is limited.*



## Panoramic Rio and Corcovado • RDJ-3648

Duration: 4 Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach and Train



Explore the natural beauty of Rio from a unique perspective during this scenic journey through the lush Tijuca Forest, up to Corcovado, and along the beaches of Leblon, Ipanema and Copacabana.

Depart Praça Maua for the drive to the cool confines of the Tijuca Forest, a quiet, green sanctuary away from the noise of the city. Comprising an area of 47 square miles, this once-dense tropical forest was largely cut down in the 19th century to accommodate coffee plantations. A project of reforestation was initiated in the late-1800s with the planting of more than 100,000 trees. Today, the park is recognized as a relaxing retreat from city life.

At Cosme Velho, you will leave your coach and board the cog railway for the ride up to Corcovado, also known as Hunchback Mountain. As the train makes its way up the mountain, you will ride through dense vegetation and see glimpses of Rio along the way. Following the 30-minute ride, you will be able to access the foot of the famous monument of Christ the Redeemer by elevator or escalator. The 120-foot-high statue was completed in 1931, and stands at the top of the mountain with arms outstretched in welcome.

Following this scenic train journey, you will re-board your coach for the return drive through the forest, and along the beaches of Leblon, Ipanema and Copacabana before reaching the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *There may be a short wait boarding the train to Corcovado. Corcovado Mountain is frequently enshrouded by clouds, which may affect views of the city.*

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## Rio Magic by Coach and Cable Car • RDJ-3649

**Duration:** 4 Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coach and Cable Car



Explore the city, beaches and mountains of Rio during this scenic orientation tour by coach and cable car.

Depart the pier for the drive through the heart of Rio's business district, past the tall skyscrapers and along the broad boulevards. You will then view the city's old Colonial buildings and narrow streets as you pass by the WWII Memorial and Museum of Modern Art.

Next, you will continue on past Botafogo's inlet and beach area before arriving at the Urca District. You will then board the cable car for a 3-minute ride up to Urca Hill. Along the way, you will take in spectacular views of its lovely gardens and the city below. Guests wishing to venture to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain can take another cable car to the summit at 1,300 feet above the sea; the views from the top are extraordinary.

Following the train ride, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier. En route, you will pass by some of Rio's finest residential areas, the Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon and Botanical Gardens; home to more than 5,000 species of tropical plants.



## Samba Sounds and Glitter • RDJ-6601

**Duration:** 3 Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coach



Experience the raw energy, sounds and glitter of Rio's only Samba show during this memorable dancing and musical performance.

Depart the pier for the evening drive to the popular Plataforma nightclub. En route, you will take in the glittering lights outlining the buildings and mountains of this scenic metropolis. Upon arrival at the nightclub, your guide will escort you to your reserved seat and ensure that the waiter takes care of your drink order. You will then sit back and be embraced by Brazil's vibrant rhythms during a 2-hour samba performance. If you have never experienced Carnival in Rio, the show will offer a glimpse of what the excitement is all about. The hypnotic music combined with lavish feathered and sequined gowns are the very essence of a typical Samba show.

Following the show, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier and ship.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Guests participating in this program do so fully aware of its limitations, and approach the evening as an experience of Rio in the raw. The music can be loud, and some performers wear topless costumes. Samba shows are not sophisticated; they convey the music of the street. This show will be a reflection of this bright, noisy, glitzy and to a degree, rustic city setting. This tour involves a 15-minute walk and 20 steps. This is the only Samba show in town; the seating is basic and cramped, and there can be lines and a wait to enter. Please dress comfortably, as the air-conditioning at this venue may be insufficient.



### Botanical Gardens and the Tijuca Forest • RDJ-3651

**Duration:** 4 Hours

**Transport:** Open-Air Off-Road Vehicle



Experience the natural and exotic beauty of Rio's diverse topography during a visit to the Botanical Gardens, and an off-road tour of the Tijuca Forest.

Depart the pier for the drive to Rio's Botanical Gardens. Upon arrival, you will begin your leisurely, 1-hour guided walking tour of the beautiful tropical gardens lying between the Corcovado Mountain and Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon. Opened in 1808, the gardens feature more than 5,000 tropical plants and trees. While meandering along the various paths, you can admire a wide array of native foliage that includes Brazil wood, centenarian mango, majestic imperial palms and cannonball trees. You will also pass by colorful clumps of azaleas and bamboo groves that offer shade from the heat and sun, and see the orchid nursery, insect-eating plant house and bromelia garden.

After your visit to the Botanical Garden, you will board an open-air, off-road vehicle for the drive through the mountains of Rio, and into the dazzling green world of Tijuca National Park. A stop will be made at the Chinese Lookout for spectacular views of the Corcovado and Sugar Loaf Mountains, Ipanema and Leblon Beaches, and Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon before continuing to the Taunay Waterfalls, your final stop. Back at the entrance of Tijuca National Park, you will re-board your mini-van for the return drive to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Guests are strongly advised to wear light clothing and comfortable walking shoes. Sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses are also essential, as the off-road vehicles are not covered and you may get sunburned. Insect repellent may also be needed. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair.*

### Cidade Maravilhosa – The Best of Rio! • RDJ-4674

**Duration:** 7½ Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coach and Train



Discover Rio's most spectacular sites during this full-day tour of Sugar Loaf Mountain and Corcovado, and a traditional lunch served at one of Rio's finest barbecue restaurants.

Depart the pier for the drive through the city, then on to Sugar Loaf Mountain; one of Rio's most famous landmarks. Upon arrival, you will board a cable car for the 3-minute ride up to Urca Hill. Along the way, you will take in spectacular views of its lovely gardens, and the city



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below. Guests wishing to venture to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain can take another cable car to the summit at 1,300 feet above the sea; the views from the top are extraordinary.

Next, you will continue on to Corcovado, also known as Hunchback Mountain; the most famous of all of Rio's images. En route, you will proceed to the cool confines of the Tijuca Forest, a quiet, green sanctuary away from the noise of the city. Comprising an area of 47 square miles, this once-dense tropical forest was largely cut down in the 19th century to accommodate coffee plantations. A project of reforestation was initiated in the late-1800s with the planting of more than 100,000 trees. Today, the park is recognized as a relaxing retreat from city life.

At Cosme Velho, you will leave your coach and board the cog railway for the ride up to Corcovado. As the train ascends the mountain, you will ride through dense vegetation and see glimpses of Rio along the way. Following the 30-minute ride, you will be able to access the foot of the famous monument of Christ the Redeemer by elevator or escalator. The 120-foot-high statue was completed in 1931, and stands at the top of the mountain with arms outstretched in welcome.

Your tour will conclude with another Brazilian tradition, lunch at one of Rio's finest barbecue restaurants, or churrascaria. Upon arrival, you will choose from a selection of tender barbecued meats sizzling on the huge grill, along with salads and other accompaniments. Your guide will explain the traditions behind the restaurant, and you will have an opportunity to inspect the large kitchen grills and watch the busy grill-master at work.

After lunch, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier. En route, you will pass by some of Rio's finest residential areas, the Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon and Botanical Gardens, home to more than 5,000 species of tropical plants.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *There may be a short wait to board the train to Corcovado. The mountain is frequently enshrouded in clouds, which may affect views of the city. Lunch includes local beer and wine, and an extensive salad bar for vegetarians.*

### Lesser Known Rio and its Favelas • RDJ-6604

**Duration:** 3 Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Mini-Van



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# BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

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## Discovering Buenos Aires • BUE-2797

**Duration:** 3½ Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coach



Discover the highlights of Buenos Aires during this scenic and memorable tour of the city's major attractions.

Depart the pier for the scenic drive through Buenos Aires. Your route will pass through the narrow streets of the old section, as well as the wide boulevards of the city's modern areas. Along the way, you will see the Plaza de Mayo. The city's major hub, it features such important historic buildings as the Colonial Town Hall, or Cabildo, and Casa Rosada, the presidential palace that occupies the former site of the city's Colonial fortifications. During your drive, a visit will be the Metropolitan Cathedral, which houses the tomb of General San Martin. If the cathedral is open, a short visit to the interior will be made.

Leaving the city's cosmopolitan center, your drive will proceed towards San Telmo. This charming neighborhood is popular amongst artists, and was considered a very fashionable area in the 19th century. From here, you will pass through the La Boca section, which was originally settled by Italian immigrants. Today, it is perhaps the city's most colorful area due to its brightly painted tin houses with corrugated roofs. A stop will then be made at Caminito, a pedestrian street named after a popular version of the tango. Upon arrival, you will have an opportunity to walk through the quarter and take photographs.

Next, you will drive through the elegant Barrio Norte en route to the Recoleta Cemetery, an amazing above ground cemetery lined with mausoleums and statues. During a brief stroll through the cemetery, you will see the tomb of Eva (Evita) Peron. You will then re-board your coach for a drive by Palermo's magnificent mansions and parks before returning to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *The cathedral may not be open for an inside visit. Conservative dress is required for an inside visit to the cathedral; guests wearing shorts or short skirts will not be permitted to enter.*

## Evita! • BUE-5699

**Duration:** 4 Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coach



Explore the life and times of Eva Peron, perhaps Argentina's most celebrated and controversial figure, during this unique tour dedicated to her memory.

Depart the pier for the drive to Plaza de Mayo Square. Upon arrival, you will view the balcony of the famous Casa Rosada, the Presidential House from which Evita addressed the Argentinean people. From here, you will proceed for a visit to Recoleta's cemetery; her final resting place.

The highlight of your tour will be a tour of the Evita Museum, which opened its doors on the 50th anniversary of her death. By virtue of the patronage of the state and independent donations, this unique museum was erected to celebrate the life of Argentina's most famous luminary. The museum's pictorial displays and collection of Evita's personal belongings will provide you with a unique insight into her impact on the Argentine people, and the world stage of her time.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *The order of sites visited may vary depending on the confirmed time for the museum visit. This tour is limited to a maximum of 30 guests.*

## San Telmo Antique Stores and Pallarols Silversmiths • BUE-6635

**Duration:** 3½ Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Van



Explore San Telmo's bohemian charm and classic architecture during this art tour of the city, and a visit to the nation's most renowned silversmiths.

Depart the pier for the drive to San Telmo, which is situated midway between the bustling downtown and port areas of La Boca. During the 19th century, Buenos Aires' aristocracy inhabited San Telmo. After the yellow fever outbreak of 1871, the wealthy moved northward, leaving behind opulent mansions that were converted into tenements and occupied by immigrant families known as conventillos.

In the 1970s, renewed urban planning and government subsidies transformed the worn sidewalks and crumbling structures into quaint streets lined with antiques shops, galleries, chic restaurants and tango halls. The famous San Telmo Antique Fair, or Feria de Antigüedades de San Telmo, takes place on Sundays, but most of the area's antique shops are open daily.

Upon arrival, you will take a brief walking tour to see the city's splendid architecture and browse the many antique shops. Afterward, you will continue on to Plaza Dorrego, which is filled with bars, restaurants and the San Telmo Antique Fair on Sundays. Nearby, a mix of Colonial, Baroque, Neo-Classical and Italianate architecture can be seen in the church of San Pedro Telmo.



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Next, you will proceed for a visit to the workshop, store and small family museum of Juan Carlos Pallarol, owner of Pallarol's Silversmiths. During your visit, you will witness 250 years of family tradition and see how little has changed since the times of Vicente, the family's first silversmith in 18th-century Barcelona.

After your visit to Pallarol's workshop, you will be transferred back to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This tour involves approximately 45 minutes of walking in the San Telmo area.*

## Tango! Tango! • BUE-4725

**Duration:** 2½ Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coach



Explore the evolution one of Argentina's most renowned dances during this lively and memorable tango performance.

In the late-19th century, the Great Village of Buenos Aires was becoming an immigrant city where sad and frustrated Europeans displaced gaucho rustics, who gradually retreated to the distant countryside. The children of those immigrants would become the first generation of porteños. Permeated with nostalgic memories of a disappearing way of life, the tango show reflects the apprehensions, anxieties and concerns of the local inhabitants.

Depart the pier for an opportunity to discover the tango's different forms of expression as interpreted by fine tango dancers and singers, as well as a tango orchestra. During this exclusive performance, you will find the music of Buenos Aires to be full of emotion, rhythm and movement. Andean music and typical Argentine folk music will also be performed, and beverages and canapés will be served.

At the conclusion of the performance, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.

## Tango! Tango! and Lesson • BUE-6631

**Duration:** 4 Hours

**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coach or Mini-Van



Learn the basic steps to one of the world's most romantic dances during this tango tour and lesson in Buenos Aires.

In the late-19th century, the Great Village of Buenos Aires was becoming an immigrant city where sad and frustrated Europeans displaced gaucho rustics, who gradually retreated to the distant countryside. The children of those immigrants would become the first generation of porteños. Permeated with nostalgic memories of a disappearing way of life, the tango show reflects the apprehensions, anxieties and concerns of the local inhabitants.

Depart the pier for the drive to the salsa venue. Upon arrival, you will have a wonderful opportunity to take a part of Buenos Aires home with you in a unique way as instructors will guide you through the basic steps of this famous dance. During this 1-hour experience, you can indulge in, and feel the spirit of, the local music and dance.

After your lesson, you will discover the tango's different forms of expression as interpreted by fine tango dancers and singers, as well as a tango orchestra. During this exclusive performance, you will find the music of Buenos Aires to be full of emotion, rhythm and movement. Andean and typical Argentine folk music will also be performed, and beverages will be served.

At the conclusion of the performance, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This tour is recommended for guests in good physical condition. This tour and Tango! Tango! BUE-4725 share the same show; the tango lesson will precede the show.*

