



## **M/Y STARFIRE Itinerary · 8-Day Cruise · St. Maarten to Antigua**

We invite you to spend eight days of luxurious relaxation aboard the magnificent **STARFIRE**. The following itinerary will have you leisurely exploring the enchantment of the **Leeward Islands**. With their clusters of glistening emerald-hilled isles and islets lined with silky white beaches, this necklace of small island jewels also presents the ultimate in diverse Caribbean atmosphere and culture.

Beginning in Simpson Bay on the Dutch side of **Sint Maarten**, we will travel just around the corner to visit the French-ruled side: **Saint Martin**. Next, we will sail on to experience the more remote paradise, **Anguilla**, which we will spend two days exploring. From there, **STARFIRE** will take you to the charming village of **Grand Case**. Here you will enjoy a more tranquil and serene setting where relaxation happens effortlessly. Next, it's on to the tiny, yet mountainous, **Nevis**—a lush, green, and unspoiled Caribbean paradise. We will end our journey with two days in the incredibly chic and picture-perfect **St. Barts** before heading back to St. Maarten for departure.

Keep in mind that itineraries are only guidelines. The following outline for your journey is subject to change, as we are dependant on **favorable** winds and seas. However, we know the area very well and always have a contingency plan!

Our **STARFIRE** crew will ensure you see all the highlights while offering the ultimate in personal service and guest care. **Welcome aboard!!**

### **Day 1 – Pick-up St. Maarten**

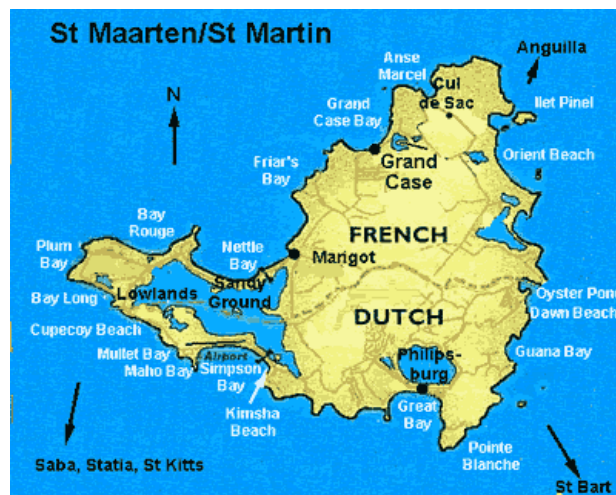
On arrival at the airport, a host from the **STARFIRE** crew warmly welcomes you to **St. Maarten / St. Martin**, where you are about to sample two diverse cultures neatly contained on one 37-square-mile island. From French bakeries and boutiques on one end, to wild-night casinos on the other, this island is literally two worlds in one: half belongs to France and half to the Netherlands.



## DAY 1 – St. Maarten / St. Martin cont.

Within minutes you will be onboard the **M/Y STARFIRE**, waiting for you in Simpson Bay, on the Dutch side of St. Maarten. After your journey there will be time to relax, explore your surroundings, and meet the entire **STARFIRE** crew before we embark on a short, one-hour cruise over to Marigot Bay—the capital on the French side of the island. Here you will find an excellent spot for watersports action.

This evening, we will anchor out off of Marigot Bay where you can dine onboard under the stars or head ashore to dine at one of the island's many fine restaurants.



## Day 2 – Anguilla

This morning your crew will serve breakfast alfresco as your Skipper sets sail for another short, one-hour cruise North to the wild island of **Anguilla**.



With its magnificent, deserted, white sand beaches, Anguilla is little more than a strip of sand some 16 miles long by 3 miles wide.

We will find an anchorage spot in Long Bay for the afternoon where you can relax, sunbathe, and take a light lunch.

**Day 2 – Anguilla cont.**

You may also choose to take a tender ashore to explore the island's secluded beaches. Anguilla is also a top birding spot with over 80 species of birds that either migrate or permanently reside here. It is hardly surprising that this small island ranks as an expensive top end destination in the Eastern Caribbean.

This evening, **STARFIRE** will remain at anchor off of Anguilla. Enjoy a relaxing dinner onboard.

### Day 3 – Anguilla

This morning we will head across to **Prickly Pear**—an offshore cay that is part of a series of small islets forming a horseshoe of brilliant white sand around a shallow reef. The reef teems with life and makes for a perfect spot to drop anchor and take advantage of some spectacular snorkeling, with plenty of opportunities to see tropical fish undisturbed in the turquoise water.

The waters around this idyllic Caribbean sanctuary are a National Park, and the numerous reefs also make this a perfect spot for snorkeling or scuba diving. Take a dingy ashore to explore the uninhabited and beautiful beaches. Prickly Pear truly is a picture book Caribbean island.



**STARFIRE** will remain at anchor near Prickly Pear for the night. This evening, dine onboard ship and reflect on the day's sites by relaxing under the stars.

### Day 4 – Grand Case

This morning we head back to the island of St. Martin for a visit to **Grand Case**. The sweeping curve of the beach at Grand Case near the northern tip of the island shelters a little fishing village that is famous not only for its fine foods but also for its distinctive style of architecture.



Take a tender ashore to explore the charming, gingerbread-style carvings and fretwork that adorn the fronts of the small wooden houses painted in pastel colors. Some of the island's best restaurants also happen to be located in this area.

We will anchor our near the white tip of beach near Grand Case for the night.

## Day 5 – Nevis

This morning, we leave Grand Case to head out on a 5-hour jaunt to **Nevis**, a small island (36-square miles) that is also very mountainous (rising to 3,600 ft. above sea level) and comes complete with rain forests, tropical flower gardens, and unspoiled and uncrowded beaches.



## Day 5 – Nevis cont.

Take a tender ashore to stroll around and see the architecture of eras gone by: churches, windmills, and refurbished Great Houses. The 10,000 residents on the island are friendly, helpful, and ready to make new friends with their genuine charm and hospitality.

We will anchor here, in front of the Four Seasons resort, for the afternoon and night.

## Day 6 – Ile Fourchue / St. Barts

This morning we will travel to the uninhabited **Ile Fourchue**. Take time to snorkel and admire the multi-colored fauna. Then, bathe in the sun and enjoy cocktails and a gourmet lunch before we head on to the popular yachting center of **St. Barts**.

St. Barts, also known as St. Barth, St. Barths, and St. Barthélemy, is located in the French West Indies and, at eight miles long, is one of the tiniest islands in the entire Caribbean.



**Gustavia**, the picture-postcard capital, is an enchanting harbor town where we will dock for the evening. You will have plenty of opportunity to explore its "downtown," which includes dozens of chic boutiques, duty-free shops, galleries, and an open-air market. You will also discover world-famous restaurants and bars housed in buildings that date back to the Swedes and the early French settlers.



## Day 7 – Anse Colombier / St. Barts

We will leave the dock at Gustavia this morning to travel over to **Anse Colombier**—an idyllic and a favorite spot for yachts to anchor, and a favorite meeting place for tortoises, rays, lobster, and even dolphins.

This beach hideaway is still called "Rockefeller's Beach" because for many years, David Rockefeller owned the property that surrounds it.

Today, you could opt to take advantage of scuba diving or snorkeling opportunities, or simply relax onboard and soak in this oasis of peace and tranquility.



This evening, we will return to the dock in Gustavia where you are welcome to once again explore the opportunities for shopping, dining, and exploring this lively and fashionable port.

## Day 8 – St. Maarten (Noon departure)

We will head back to St. Maarten early this morning. We will have breakfast onboard before your departure.

As your journey aboard **STARFIRE** comes to an end, you can be certain that you have enjoyed the definitive Caribbean getaway!

