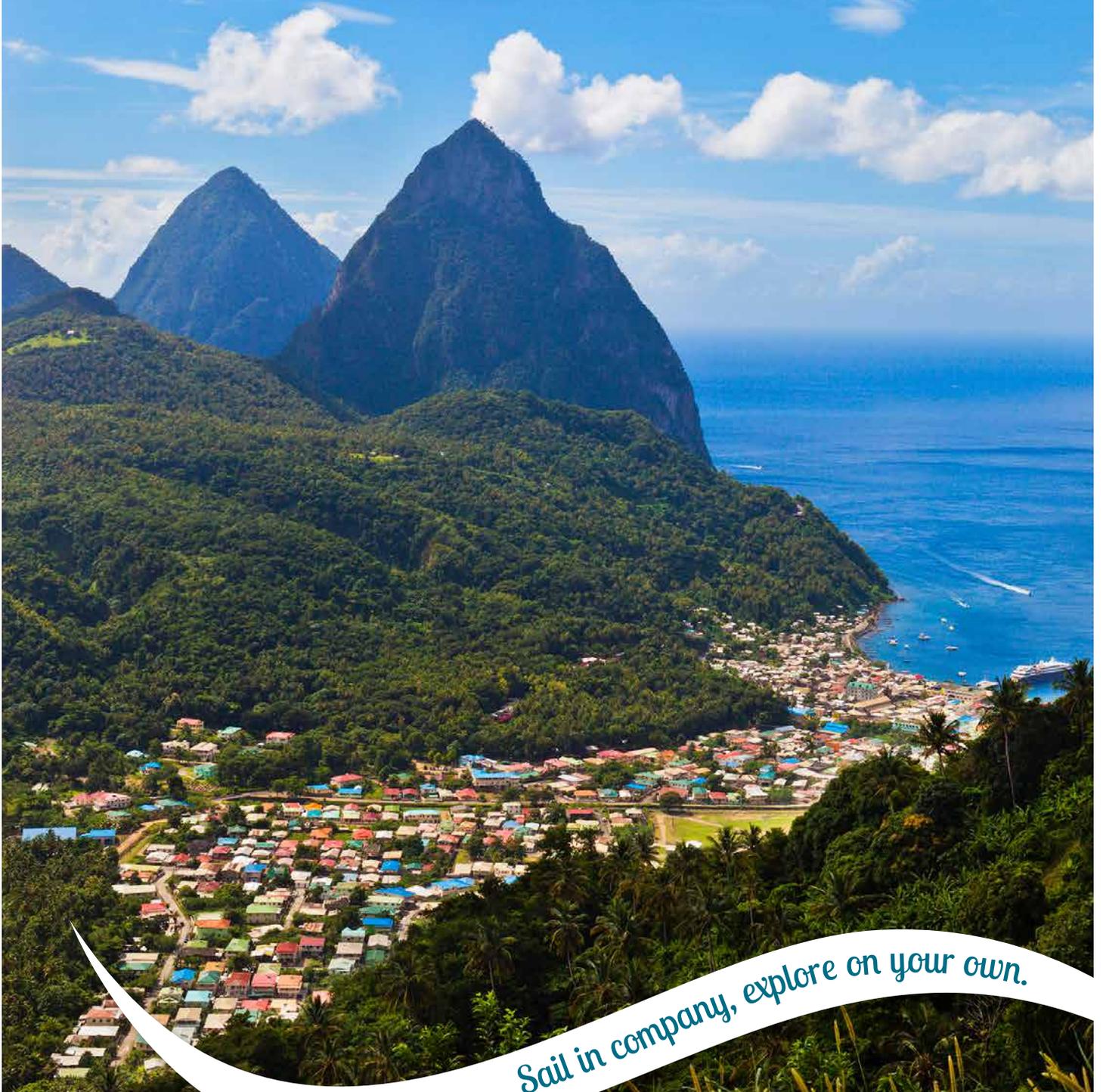


Caribbean Yacht Rally

Martinique to Grenada

16 February to 2 March 2019



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The Caribbean Yacht Rally is a feast for the senses, a fascinating mix of cultures, colours and sounds. The history is as varied as the characters living there with English, French and Creole flavors all adding to the mix.

Travelling south, one way across the north easterly trade winds means broad reaching on flat water; great stuff for catamarans where your G&T won't spill. February and March are the driest months of the year with relative humidity also at the bottom of the curve and the breezes at a constant 15 – 20 knots; 24 hours every day.



About the Rally... sail in company, explore on your own

How does it work?

Whether you are a seasoned sailor or a complete novice, here at Mariner Boating our goal is to make sailing in this beautiful location easy! All you need to do is grab some friends and choose a yacht from our fleet, or book a cabin and join other like-minded adventurers.

From the time you board your spacious catamaran in Martinique your hosts will be there to provide support and make your sailing experience stress free.

Technical assistance, customs services, daily weather advice and travel support are just a few of our services.

Cruise in company and along the way your guides will organise fun races, optional excursions and provide extensive local knowledge.

Martinique to Grenada

The rally will start in Martinique, which offers everything you'd expect of a French colony in the sun; nightlife, restaurants and beaches. The terminus will be in Grenada, the spice island of the Caribbean; nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves and fun are major exports.

St. Lucia and St. Vincent

Along the way St. Lucia and St. Vincent will offer a mix of Creole and French cuisine. These islands are both volcanic in origin so the scenery is mountainous and the walks through the rain forests a real treat.

The Grenadine Archipelago

The 32 islands of the neighbouring Grenadine Archipelago offer the Marine Park of Tobago Cays as the main

underwater attraction. Bequia, Mustique, Canouan, Carriacou and Union Island will also feature on your shot list. These islands are low and sparsely wooded but the anchorages and ports are tiny and the beaches spectacular.

You might even encounter one of the British Royals at the beach; Mustique seems to be one of their favourite hideaways. Also famous on Mustique is Basil's Bar where on Friday night live music and dinner will provide the ingredients for a jump up.

Throughout the Grenadines snorkelling and diving will be at the top of your activity list and since you will be on a yacht the best spots will never be far away.

Canouan features a new full service marina, which with its' eatery will provide an alternative to the bays and anchorages that we will use through the Grenadines.

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Caribbean Sea



Canouan also features a Nick Fazio golf course for those so inclined.

None of these islands are on the mass tourism highway and so an authentic experience is guaranteed, enhanced of course by 28 degree air temperatures and the 24 degree briny ablaze with coral and alive with tropical sea life.

Grenada

The final port for the rally is a destination all by itself and while St. George the capital has developed over recent years it has done so without losing its' history, culture or natural beauty.

The history and Creole culture of the Southern Caribbean combines the influences of the Amerindians, Caribs, Africans, the British and of course the French.

The people are particularly partial to crews from sailing yachts because they

find it easy to make contact with small groups of people. English is widely spoken, except for French speaking Martinique, but the musical Island Patois spoken throughout can take some understanding.

Cricket is a "religion" through most of the islands and if we are lucky enough to encounter a 50 overs game between two island teams it will be an occasion all by itself with the music going off between overs. Otherwise just mention to a local that you are Australian and you'll be instantly engaged in a conversation about Gary Sobers or Brian Lara.

You will certainly experience a "jump up" where a BBQ cooked curb side will be accompanied by a hastily assembled group of musicians convinced that BBQ and reggae are inseparable.

Getting there and back

Flights from Australia to any major USA, UK or European city can connect with flights to Fort de France on Martinique.

When departing from Grenada airlines such as British Airways, American Airlines and Virgin will easily take you to their hubs for connection to return flights to Australia.

Sailing experience

The goal is for you to have the most enjoyable experience possible. If you choose to skipper a yacht then we will require details of your experience and an internationally recognised qualification such as the ICC certificate of competence. Alternatively you may wish to hire a professional skipper.

Speak to your Mariner Boating Holidays consultant for more information.

Yacht Rally Package

From A\$5,575 per person

- This is the lead in price, based on a 40ft catamaran, less than 3 years old and with 8 passengers on board.
- Prices vary according to the vessel size and total number of people on board.
Please visit our website for more information on the vessels available and the full price list.
- Prices are in Australian dollars and do not include flights.

What's included?

Yacht charter and equipment

- 14 night bareboat charter
- One-way re-delivery fee
- Yacht security bond reduction
- Standard navigation equipment
- End of charter cleaning
- Welcome pack
- Dinghy and outboard motor
- Snorkeling gear
- 2 sets of bed linen per person
- 2 sets of bath towels and beach towels per person
- Cruising permits and taxes

Land

- Customs clearance between islands
- Five dinners onshore

Everything else!

- 24/7 support from experienced host
- 24/7 professional technical assistance for the yacht
- Race management
- Prizes for race days
- Yacht Rally souvenir
- Daily weather updates
- Regular newsletters with up to date itinerary suggestions

Additional costs

- Flights
- Airport transfers
- Marina and anchoring fees
- If required, add a professional skipper from A\$320 per day, plus food and beverage
- Optional pre and post yacht rally extension tours
- Travel Insurance
- Mandatory refundable yacht security bond
- On board provisioning
- Fuel for the yacht and outboard motor
- Fishing rods, kayaks and stand up paddle boards (available upon request)

Personal travel insurance

Travel insurance is recommended by Mariner Boating Holidays. Travellers should ensure they have a valid policy at time of booking.

Please note

- A booking form and deposit of A\$1,500 per person is required to confirm a place on the rally
- Prices are subject to currency fluctuation until paid in full
- Credit card transactions are subject to merchant fees
- The prices are correct at the time of issue but subject to changes without notice (25/01/18)

Optional Post Rally Tour Why not take a short Mexico adventure after the rally!

Discover the Yucatan peninsula showing off some of the most important sights of the Aztecs and Mayas. Visit Palenque, Uxmal, Chichen Itza and Tulum and explore the wonderful cities in between.



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