

# *Tall Ship Caribbean Sailing Adventure*

## **January 8 - 15, 2022**



*On board 4-masted Star Flyer*

## ***Ahoy! Sailers!***

*Would you enjoy a world class getaway this winter in the warm Caribbean?*

*Trip fees are from \$3,295 pp twin share + air & port fees, + optional excursions.*



Please join us for an amazing sailing adventure in the Leeward Isles of the Caribbean this January, on board the 4-masted Tall Ship, *Star Flyer*.

It is the 360-foot Tall Ship we used for our Atlantic Crossing Eclipse trip in 2013. It was simply a wondrous voyage – the ship, the lectures, the meals, the eclipse!

***It was all utterly amazing.***

Come join us now for another splendid adventure!



*We would like to share the sheer joy of traveling on board Star Flyer with you, as we explore these fascinating islands in the Leeward Isles this January*

**The itinerary will include the jewels of the Leeward Islands, including:**

- *St. Maarten/St. Martin* - the smallest island in the world shared by two countries. See Philipsburg for the Dutch experience or Marigot for its French touch.
- *Nevis Island* - A small Dutch island, with old sugar plantations, charming inns, and edged by perilously steep cliffs.
- *Dominica* - Explore from the orchid-filled rainforest at Cabrits National Park or hike to breathtaking Trafalgar Falls.
- *Terre-de-Haut, Isles des Saintes* - Enjoy the superb beaches, snorkeling, kayaking or other watersports at this enchanting group of islands just off Guadalupe.
- *Guadalupe* - Discover this remarkable French island where the popular PBS series *Death in Paradise* is filmed!
- *Falmouth Harbour, Antigua* - The epicenter of the Caribbean yachting world.
- *St. Barts* - Discover French and Swedish joie de vivre here!

One morning sail side by side on board 4-masted *Star Flyer* with her sister ship, 5-masted *Royal Clipper* for a remarkable sailing adventure!

*Throughout our journey, there are optional shore excursion choices each day, from historic excursions to snorkeling and birdwatching (you register and pay for the excursions on board ship). You will also delight in the sheer joy of being on deck, watching the world sail by!*

*We invite you to join this magnificent adventure! Space is limited, so please contact Taunya right away, (800) 252 4910.*

Best regards,

Margaret M. Betchart  
President, Betchart Expeditions Inc.



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## ITINERARY

### **Day 1 Arrive Philipsburg St Maarten**

Fly this morning from the USA to Philipsburg, St. Maarten in the Leeward Islands of the Caribbean. This evening, board *Star Flyer* and prepare to sail at 10 pm. St. Maarten is the smallest island in the world that is shared by two countries, the French on the north and the Dutch on the South.

### **Day 2 Charlestown, Nevis**

We will enjoy a morning of sailing and then arrive in the port of Charlestown on Nevis Island at noon. The capital is a well preserved old Caribbean town in a lush tropical paradise like the South Pacific. The island has many old sugar plantations, many now turned into charming inns, and is dominated by Mt. Scenery. The islands of St. Kitts and Nevis are one country, once the pearls of the British Caribbean. You may explore 3,232-foot Nevis Peak on an optional excursion or the cultural heritage of Nevis, including Fig Tree Church, Montpelier Plantation, the Golden Rock Inn (an 18th century sugar plantation), and other historic sites.

### **Day 3 Sailing with *Royal Clipper* & Cabrits, Dominica**

This morning we will meet the *Royal Clipper*, the 5-masted sister ship of the *Star Flyer* and sail together on a windward itinerary. This will be a magnificent morning to be on deck with your camera (and hat that won't blow off) as you watch these two gorgeous Tall Ships sailing side by side. We will then continue to the lush island of Dominica. Here the British and French battled for control, and the British won and maintained control until 1978. The forest landscape and mountains provide a rich island paradise. Here you may choose to join the optional excursion to go river tubing or boat down the Indian River to look for wildlife. You may also join an excursion to explore the nature trail in Syndicate National Park or an optional trip to learn about chocolate making, including a magnificent flower garden.

### **Day 4 Terre-de-Haut, Iles des Saintes**

These small islands are six miles off the southern coast of Guadeloupe. They have a well deserved reputation for beautiful beaches and reefs and attract divers from around the world. The charm of these enchanted isles remains unspoiled. The ship tenders will take you to the tiny capital "Le Bourg," a charming, picturesque seaside village.

### **Day 5 Deshaies, Guadeloupe**

Guadeloupe is a department of France, and shares the culture, cuisine, and language of France. Its two main islands, Basse-Terre and Grande-Terre are separated by a sea water channel. There is an authentic rural lifestyle, with lush tropical forests and a dormant volcano. There are lots of choices today for optional excursions ashore. You may explore the mangroves of Caret Islet aboard the *Coco Mambo* motorboat and enjoy snorkeling over an attractive coral reef. Or join a private sailing tour aboard *Keila One*, or paddlers may wish to explore the Grand Cul de Sac Marin lagoon by kayak. Visiting Cousteau's nature reserve is another option, as is visiting the Parc de Valombreuse botanic garden. This is the island where the TV series *Death in Paradise* is filmed.

### **Day 6 Antigua**

For over 300 years, life on Antigua focused on the sugar industry. There were over 150 sugar mills on the island. Antigua achieved independence from Britain in 1981 and has become as a Caribbean offshore banking centre. Today, an ideal way to explore the coastal mangrove ecosystem is by kayak. This is a rich

excursion for birdlife and marine life. Another option today is to visit Stingray City, situated among the coral reefs off the northeast coast of Antigua. Here you can snorkel among these friendly creatures, touch them gently and take pictures. If a tree top adventure is your preference you may join the Antigua Canopy Tour. The zip lines criss-cross the gorge at tree canopy level, full of fascinating plants and birds. Another excursion will focus on Antigua's history, sugar plantations, and Devil's Bridge.

### Day 7 St. Barts

Here we may see traditional dress and customs from 17th century France. The capital of Gustavia has picture book beauty, and is one of the jewels of the Caribbean.

### Day 8 St. Maarten

We will disembark in Philipsburg, St. Maarten this morning. Please schedule afternoon return flights to the USA.

**Please Note:** This itinerary is a guideline and is subject to change due to local circumstances and flight schedule changes. Your guide will keep you informed.

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### RESERVATIONS

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**YES!** I/We want to join Betchart's **Tall Ship Caribbean Adventure, January 8-15, 2022.**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s). As a deposit, I/we have enclosed a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person), payable to Betchart Expeditions Inc. Trust Account.

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Member: AAAS Sigma Xi ACS Planetary Society

Accommodations Preference: \_\_ Owners Suite, \_\_ Cat 1, \_\_ Cat 2, \_\_ Cat 3, \_\_ Cat 4, \_\_ Cat 5

\_\_\_\_\_ double \_\_\_\_\_ twin or \_\_\_\_\_ single accommodations.

Please mail to: **Caribbean Adventure 2022**  
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**17050 Montebello Road**  
**Cupertino, CA 95014**

## COSTS & CONDITIONS

**Expedition Fee:** Is based on twin share per person (depending on cabin category) plus port charges and air fare to St. Maarten.

Owner's Suite	\$4,495 + port charges \$235 pp
Cat 1	\$3,795 + port charges \$235 pp
Cat 2	\$3,595 + port charges \$235 pp
Cat 3	\$3,395 + port charges \$235 pp
Cat 4	\$3,295 + port charges \$235 pp
Cat 5	\$3,195 + port charges \$235 pp

**Singles:** From \$3,495 - \$6,795 depending on cabin category + port charges \$235 pp. We encourage all singles to bring a roommate, or we may be able to pair you up with a roommate. **Triples:** A limited number of cabins can accommodate a third person for 1/2 price.

**Expedition Fee Includes:** Transportation by yacht from January 8 – 15, 2022; accommodations based on twin share in comfortable yacht-sized cabin with private bath; meals and activities on board ship; leadership; administration.

**Expedition Fee Does Not Include:** International air fare, port taxes, independent transfers, optional shore excursions as described on itinerary (reserved and paid on board ship); tips on board ship (suggested tip \$77 per paying passenger); baggage handling, alcoholic beverages, sodas, bottled water, laundry, internet use, phone, passport, travel insurance, other personal expenses.

**What to Expect:** This expedition is for the travel enthusiast who would like to sail on one of the greatest sailing vessels in the world, the 4-masted, 360-foot *Star Flyer*. Like the great navigators of the 15th century, we will board our Tall Ship and sail through the Leeward Isles of the Caribbean, touching base on islands settled by the French, Dutch, and British, with a rich heritage of sugar plantations. Enjoy lively discussions, excellent meals, and camaraderie on board ship. This is a fun-filled relaxing adventure on a very comfortable ship, with wonderful opportunities for kayaking, hiking, snorkeling, zip-lining, and other adventures in the Leeward Isles.

**M/Y Star Flyer:** Our journey will be on the 170-passenger clipper ship, *Star Flyer*, which, at 360 long, is one of the largest full-rigged sailing yachts in the world. *Star Flyer* was the dream of a Swedish gentleman who built the yacht in 1991. It accommodates passengers in 85 cabins, with double or twin lower beds, all with private bath (some cabins have triples available). All cabins have portholes and are air conditioned; The dining room serves all passengers at once and doubles as a lecture room. There are indoor and outdoor bars, a library, and two mini pools. Betchart groups have enjoyed the service, food, and lifestyle on *Star Flyer* in Tahiti in 2008 and 2009, along the Pacific Coast of Costa Rica in 2011, on the Atlantic Crossing in 2013, and on several Caribbean voyages. We look forward to sharing this magnificent journey with you!

**Air Fare & Airline Ticketing:** It is most convenient to fly from Miami (you will likely have to overnight Miami the day before). Please contact Taunya for flight information, (800) 252 4910. AIR FARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TICKETED.

**Reservations, Deposits & Payments:** To reserve a space, please contact Terri or Taunya at Betchart Expeditions Inc.

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Email [betchartterri@gmail.com](mailto:betchartterri@gmail.com) or [betcharttaunya@gmail.com](mailto:betcharttaunya@gmail.com)

**Final payment is due September 1, 2021.**

**Cancellations & Refunds:** The initial deposit is refundable up to 120 before departure less a handling fee of \$250 per person. There is no refund for any cancellation within 120 days of departure. Trip cancellation insurance will be offered. No refunds are made for unused services. Air fare is non-refundable, non-transferable.

**Responsibility:** Betchart Expeditions Inc. acts only as agent for the passenger with respect to transportation and hotels and exercises every care possible. Operation of the ship is solely the responsibility of Starclipper.com. Betchart can assume no liability for injury, damage, delay, loss, accident, or irregularity in connection with the services of any airplane, ship, motorcoach, or any other conveyance used in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, terrorism, quarantine, acts of God, or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to substitute another leader of similar expertise or to cancel any tour prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded with no further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. The price of the program is based on current tariffs and rates, and is subject to change. Any tariff, exchange rate, or fuel increases will be passed on to participants. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk entirely. It is understood that the air ticket when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the airline concerned. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance.

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# STAR CLIPPER & STAR FLYER

Twin Ships of identical elegance, Star Clipper & Star Flyer are modern cruise ships in every way. These vessels are created for passengers who love the traditions and romance of the legendary era of sailing ships.



**OWNERS CABIN - CLIPPER DECK**

Deluxe outside cabin (no private-veranda), double bed, separate sitting area, minibar, marble bathroom with whirlpool, room service. Average Cabin Size: 237 sq. ft.



**OWNERS CABIN - CLIPPER DECK**

Marble bathroom with whirlpool



**CATEGORY 1 - MAIN & SUN DECK**

Deluxe deck cabin, twin converted to double, minibar, marble bathroom with whirlpool, cabin doors open onto deck. Average Cabin Size: 156 sq. ft.



**CATEGORY 5 - CLIPPER & COMMODORE DECK**

Outside cabin with raised double bed, twin/double/triple beds, marble bathroom with shower. Average Cabin Size: 118 sq. ft.



**CATEGORY 2 - CLIPPER DECK**

Large outside cabin, twin/double/triple beds, marble bathroom with shower. Average Cabin Size: 129 sq. ft.

**CATEGORY 3 - CLIPPER & COMMODORE DECK**

**CATEGORY 4 - COMMODORE DECK**

Outside cabin, twin/double/triple beds, marble bathroom with shower. Average Cabin Size: 118 sq. ft.

# DECK PLAN

Star Clipper & Star Flyer are both 379 ft. long and each carries just 170 guests pampered in comfort. Life aboard is blissfully relaxed, much like sailing on a



**SUN DECK** **MAIN DECK** **COMMODORE DECK**

**CATEGORY 1**  
(double or twin)

**CATEGORY 2-4**  
(double or twin)

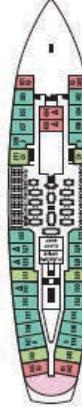
**CATEGORY 6**  
(upper/lower berth)



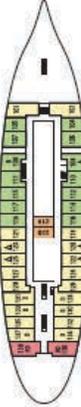
**SUN DECK**



**MAIN DECK**



**CLIPPER DECK**



**COMMODORE DECK**

**Cabin Legend:**  $\Delta$ =Third berth;  $D$ =Fixed double bed;  $O$ =Opens directly into dining room;  $R$ =Raised over 4ft. off ground

Passenger Capacity: 166

Cabins: 83 Cabins

**Cabin Amenities:** All cabins are air conditioned and equipped with a flatscreen tv (not cat.6), DVD (not cat.6), radio, hair dryers, phones, safe, closets and under bed storage, private bathrooms and toiletries. Electric Output: 110 volt

**Public Areas:** Tropical Bar, Piano Bar, Dining Room (1 seating), Library, 2 Salt Water Pools,

**Water Sports:** Complimentary water-skiing, paddle-boarding, windsurfing, kayaking, sailboating and snorkeling\*

**Year Built:** SF 1991, SC 1992  
**Crew:** 74 International Staff  
**Sails:** 16 Sails, 36,220 sq.ft.  
**Masts:** 4 at 206 sq.ft.  
**Beam:** 49 feet  
**Length:** 379 feet  
**Speed:** Between 5-16 knots  
**Draft:** 18.4 feet  
**Gross Tonnage:** 2,298  
**Registry:** Malta