

Caribbean Vacation Planning Guide

Everything You Need to Know Before You Cruise

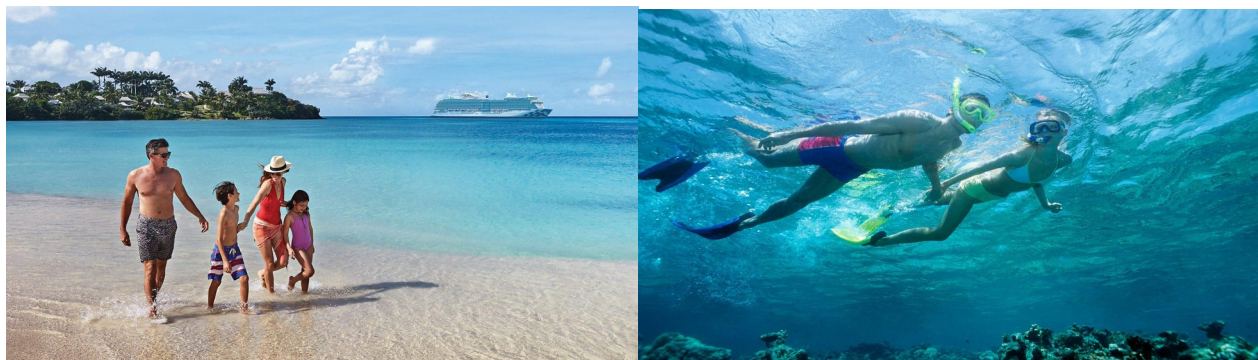


Welcome to the Caribbean

The Caribbean is the world's most popular cruise destination, welcoming millions of visitors each year with crystal-clear waters, warm tropical weather, colorful cultures, and unforgettable adventures. Whether you're planning your very first cruise or returning to explore new islands, this guide will help you choose the right itinerary, prepare for your vacation, and discover the experiences that make every Caribbean cruise unique.

At Premium Travel Group, we've also created an extensive library of complimentary Port Guides, Experience Guides, and Wildlife Guides to help you get even more out of every destination.

Why Cruise the Caribbean?



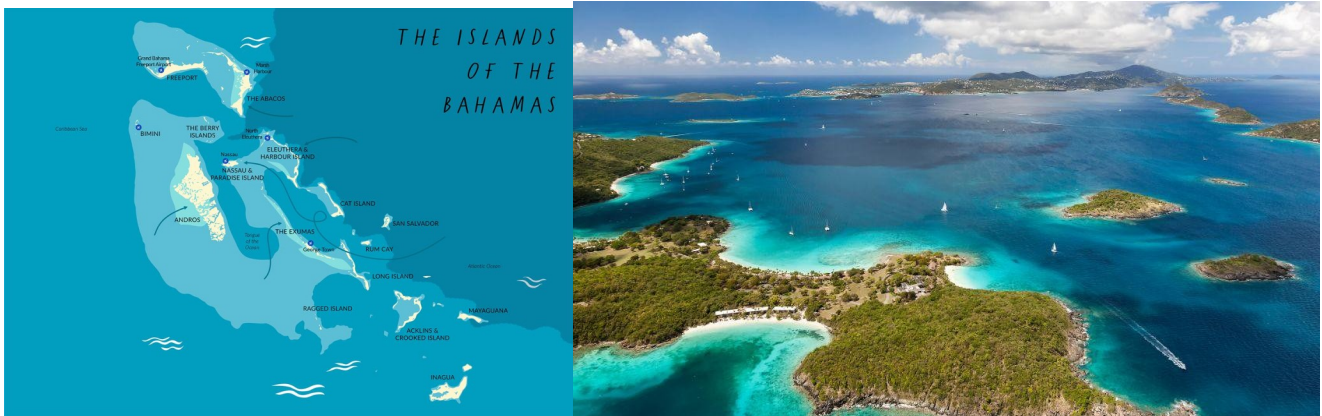
A Caribbean cruise offers something for everyone:

- Beautiful beaches and turquoise water
- Warm weather year-round
- World-class snorkeling and diving
- Rich history and vibrant island cultures

- Family-friendly adventures
- Romantic getaways
- Amazing food and tropical flavors
- Convenient itineraries from several U.S. homeports

Whether you want to relax on a beach, explore ancient ruins, or swim with sea turtles, there's a Caribbean itinerary for you.

Understanding the Caribbean



BS Bahamas

Ideal for first-time cruisers, shorter sailings, and private island experiences.

Eastern Caribbean

Known for lush mountains, beautiful beaches, shopping, and historic ports.

Western Caribbean

Perfect for Mayan ruins, adventure excursions, snorkeling, and eco-tourism.

Southern Caribbean

Offers colorful Dutch islands, reliable weather, incredible diving, and unique cultural experiences.



When Should You Cruise?



December–April

- Best weather
- Lowest humidity
- Peak cruise season

May–June

- Excellent value
- Warm temperatures
- Fewer crowds

July–November

- Best prices
 - Hurricane season
 - Flexible itineraries often provide excellent vacations despite seasonal weather
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Packing for the Caribbean



Pack light, but don't forget:

- Passport
 - Swimsuits
 - Comfortable walking shoes
 - Water shoes
 - Hat and sunglasses
 - Reef-safe sunscreen
 - Waterproof phone pouch
 - Small daypack
 - Refillable water bottle
 - Light rain jacket
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★ Signature Caribbean Experiences



Some unforgettable experiences include:

- Swimming with the Pigs
- Atlantis Paradise Island
- El Yunque Rainforest
- The Baths
- Pitons of St. Lucia
- Ancient Mayan Ruins
- Stingray City
- Dunn's River Falls
- Harrison's Cave
- Curaçao Floating Market
- Mount Gay Rum Experience
- Bonaire Salt Flats

Each experience has its own dedicated Premium Travel Group guide.

Caribbean Wildlife

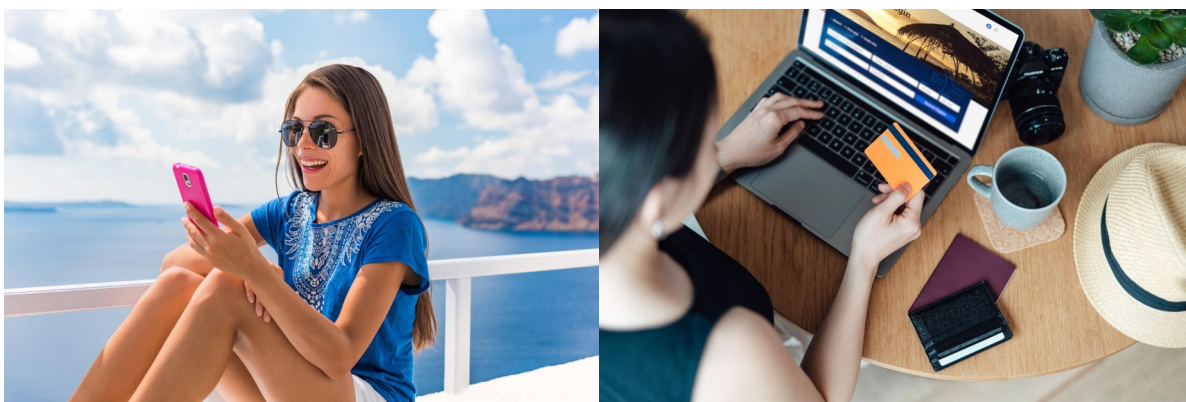


The Caribbean is home to incredible wildlife including:

- Sea Turtles
- Flamingos
- Dolphins
- Nurse Sharks
- Humpback Whales
- Coral Reefs
- Tropical Reef Fish
- Caribbean Spiny Lobsters
- Sloths
- Monkeys
- Iguanas
- Native Parrots

Explore our dedicated Wildlife Guide collection to learn more.

Explore Our Caribbean Guide Library



Your complimentary library includes:

Cruise Port Guides

Detailed information for major Caribbean cruise ports.

Experience Guides

The Caribbean's most iconic attractions, adventures, culture, food, and history.

Wildlife Guides

Discover the amazing animals you'll encounter throughout the islands.

Our library continues to grow with new destinations and updated information.

Premium Travel Group Tip

Don't try to "do everything" in every port. The Caribbean is meant to be enjoyed, not rushed. Mix relaxing beach days with active excursions, and leave time to experience the local culture—you'll create far more meaningful memories than by trying to check every attraction off a list.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need a passport?

A passport is strongly recommended for all Caribbean cruises.

When is hurricane season?

June through November, with peak activity typically from August through October.

Can I use U.S. dollars?

Many islands accept U.S. dollars, though some use local currencies.

Should I book excursions early?

Yes. Popular excursions often sell out before sailing.

Why Book with Premium Travel Group?

Whether you're planning your first cruise or your fiftieth, we're here to help you travel with confidence.

We provide:

- Personalized vacation planning
- Expert cruise advice
- Complimentary planning guides

- Ongoing support before, during, and after your vacation
 - Access to available promotions and special offers
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Joe's Logbook

The Caribbean is where my passion for cruising truly came to life.

Every island has its own personality. Some are known for incredible beaches, others for history, wildlife, colorful architecture, or unforgettable local food. Even after multiple visits, I still discover something new every time I cruise these waters.

That's exactly why we created this guide—and the entire Caribbean library behind it. My hope is that these resources help you arrive in each port with more confidence, a deeper appreciation for the destination, and excitement for the adventures ahead.

Whether you're sailing to the Bahamas for the first time or returning to favorite islands you've visited before, I hope these guides help you create memories that last a lifetime.

Until then... happy cruising, and I hope to see you onboard someday.