

## Ports & Excursions



### Martinique

To the Arawak, Martinique was their treasured "isle of flowers." Lying in the Lesser Antilles between Dominica and St. Lucia, the island is a tropical paradise of dense rain forest, rolling savanna and stunning beaches. The rich volcanic soil nourishes banana plantations and pineapple fields as well as mangoes, papayas, lemons, limes, and West Indian cherries. Little wonder that Columbus praised Martinique as the "best, most fertile, most delightful, and most charming land in the world." Martinique's cultural heritage is as rich and bountiful as its soil. The island has been governed by France for over three centuries. Today an overseas department of France, the island boasts a culture that is a unique and zesty blend of French, Caribbean, African and Middle Eastern influences, resulting in that spicy combination called Créole. Créole culture is reflected in Martinique's architecture, cuisine, language, and music. For years the mayor of Fort-de-France was the internationally acclaimed Créole poet Aimé Césaire. Five centuries after Columbus made his landfall, Martinique remains a rare flower in the Caribbean.

### Points of Interest

#### 1 Church of Balata

The impressive model of Paris' Sacré-Coeur Basilica is a beautiful vision rising above the lush green hills of the suburb of Balata.

#### 2 St. Pierre

This French municipality was destroyed by Mt. Pelée's eruption in 1902. Today, it is a tourist destination in the north district of Martinique, and has been designated the "city of art and history."

#### 3 Rum Distillery

Taste some of the best rums in the world on the island of Martinique. Many have been bestowed with the Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée (AOC) award.

#### 4 Fort-de-France

Located on the west coast of the island, this capital city has one of the largest populations in the Caribbean and remains a part of France as an overseas department.

#### 5 Banana Plantation

Martinique's soil is rich and fertile. This combined with the tropical climate makes for excellent fruit-growing conditions, the banana being one of the island's most important crops.

#### 6 Balata Botanical Garden

Stroll through lush, tropical landscapes surrounded by exotic flora, such as anthurium, bird of paradise, heliconia, hibiscus, orchids and more.

#### 7 Underwater Exploration

Enjoy the brilliant sea gardens, coral reefs and colorful marine life while snorkeling.

### Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

### Sightseeing & City Tours



Most Popular

#### St. Pierre & Rum Distillery FDF-100 | Martinique

You will visit:

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You will see:

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4 hours

from \$109.00

Toast to your good fortune when you explore charming Martinique on this half-day excursion, which includes a tour and tasting at a renowned local rum distillery. Enjoy photo stops at such landmarks as the Church of Balata, and tour the village of Saint-Pierre, previously destroyed in a volcanic eruption.



#### Walking Tour of Fort-de-France FDF-380 | Martinique

You will visit:

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1.5 hours

from \$45.00

Take a guided walking tour of Martinique's capital. Stroll through its colorful streets, take in the lovely architectural features and visit La Savane, a peaceful park in the heart of the city. It's the only way to see the real Fort de France.

### Activities & Adventures



#### Martinique 4X4 Adventure FDF-340 | Martinique

You will visit:

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You will see:

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4 hours

from \$99.00

Explore the heart of the island on a 4-wheel-drive adventure that travels the backcountry on this half-day excursion. Go deep into the rainforest to reach your destination at a tranquil river.



#### Two-Site Snorkeling Adventure FDF-820 | Martinique

You will see:

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3 hours

from \$79.00

A special snorkel boat visits two of the island's top sites. Anchor off Anse Dufour Beach for snorkeling on the reef and then explore the famed Bat Cave from underwater.

### Nature & Wildlife



**Balata Botanical Garden**  
FDF-220 | Martinique

You will visit:

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3  
hours

from \$89.00

Stroll the grounds of the stunning Balata Botanical Garden, one of the finest in the Caribbean. Over 3,000 varieties of flora and picturesque ponds and bridges make it a nature photographer's dream. You'll also visit the historic Church of Balata and travel scenic roads on this pleasant half-day tour.



**Catamaran Cruise, Grand Anse Beach & Swim**  
FDF-610 | Martinique

You will visit:

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You will see:

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3.5  
hours

from \$89.00

Discover underwater wonders and the breathtaking coastline of Martinique aboard a catamaran. Your vessel is equipped with a submarine scope affording spectacular views of turtles and marine life. Cross Flemish Bay and photograph the famous Bat Cave. Swim at Grand Anse Beach and enjoy refreshments and music as you cruise.

**Special Interests**



**Belfort Plantation House & Clement Rum Tasting**  
FDF-270 | Martinique

You will visit:

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4.25  
hours

from \$79.00

Nature's bounty is on full display on this scenic half-day tour that celebrates Martinique's exceptional beauty. Ride a tram through L'Habitation Belfort, a lush banana plantation, and visit Clement Plantation House, a showcase for historic Creole architecture, spectacular gardens and a rum distillery where you can enjoy a rum tasting.