

# DESTINATION GUIDE: CARIBBEAN & CENTRAL ANERICA

VENTURE INTO TROPICAL PARADISE IN The Caribbean & Central America



# Why discover the Caribbean and Central America with Hurtigruten?

# Treasures of the sun

Bask in all the pleasures of a perfect tropical climate as we explore dramatic natural beauty, discover relics of great civilizations, and experience stunning wildlife habitats in the Caribbean and Central America.

# Golden beaches and blue waters

Catch the sun on soft sand beaches, swim and snorkel in azure waters, and watch for rich wildlife as we get right up close to hidden natural and cultural treasures on an unforgettable expedition cruise.

# Nature and sustainability

Hurtigruten cruises put nature, culture, and education in the forefront of your experience. We also sail sustainably, with deep respect for the natural world. Join a refreshing yoga program on deck, attend lectures in the Science Center, or relax in the hot tubs as we sail some of the most scenic waters in the world.

Which Caribbean & Central America adventure is right for you?

# GELKEA! FOR YO ADVENT

-Relax, discover, and learn from the moment you step on board. We've created fascinating events and opportunities to learn during your entire voyage, designed. to help you get the most out of your expedition.

# INCLUDED IN YOUR EXPEDITION

Expert guiding with the Expedition Team	The Expedition Team members are specia field, selected for your specific voyage and will join you on included activities, host lee educational sessions on board and ashore.	itinerary. They ctures, and lead
Activities on board and on shore	Join us on a series of included activities designed to immerse you in your destinations, including small-boat (RIB) cruising and onshore exploration.	
Lectures and happenings in the Science Center	In depth lectures on history, wildlife, glaciology, culture, climate change, and sustainability. Destination-specific themes will provide context to your expedition cruise and help you better understand the destinations you visit.	Enjoy casual opportunities to engage with the Expedition Team, including a welcome event and a daily evening gathering to recap and prepare for the day to come.
Neith TANKE CONCELLON	Photo and footage from your cruise shared in an Expedition Logbook after your voyage.	Opportunities to dine with the Expedition Team and interact with officers.
	Free introductory photo lecture, camera adjustment, tips, and tricks.	Learn from educational sessions about the environment and take advantage of our onboard library.
Relax and renew in maximum comfort	Two hot tubs, a sauna, and a fitness room	Outdoor pool Only on MS Roald Amundsen and MS Fridtjof Nansen
Food and beverages with an international twist	Breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Specially selected wine and beer, sodas, and mineral water in the restaurants during lunch and dinner. Tea and coffee are available throughout the day.	a varier to the concert un
Loan of equipment on hikes and activities	A small selection of gear, such as trekking and rubber boots, will be available for loan depending on the season and the destination.	
<b>Extras</b> to make your voyage even better	You will recieve a complimentary wind- and water-resistant jacket and a reusable water bottle. Enjoy free Wi-Fi*. At the end of each expedition there will be a farewell event.	

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### Cockburn Town

Explore old shipwrecks or spend some time on one of the white-sand beaches and soak in the crystal-clear water in which the island is known.

# ATLANTIC OCEAN

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# **Port Antonio**

Experience real Jamaican culture and natural beauty. Trek through the jungle to stunning Reach Falls and the famed Blue Lagoon.

# Bocas del Toro

Keys and thousands of islets make up this archipelago lost in time, which offers lush tropical beaches and amazing snorkeling opportunities.

# COLOMBIA

on golden beaches, try a

beautiful bay, or visit

Piedras Blancas.

variety of water sports in the

the nearby national park of

# Panama Canal

Ranked as one of the seven wonders of the modern world, this is a constructed 51-mile-long waterway that connects the Atlantic Ocean with the Pacific Ocean.



# Fun in the sun

"Our cruises in the Caribbean and Central America are guest favorites because, in addition to the bigger ports, we sail to smaller islands that larger ships don't visit. And we stay for full days so everyone can relax and fully explore. Fewer ships mean less tourismand our guests get to explore locales with a more authentic feel and vibe. Nicaragua's Corn Island is especially popular for its uncrowded whitesand beach-and there is a wonderful beach restaurant that serves great langostino lobster, cooked in local spices. There are also a lot of fun water activities to choose from. One of the most popular is snorkeling in the crystal-clear waters around reefs full of colorful fish. I've tried it. Trust me, it's amazing!"

Vibeke Anita Martinsen Chief Purser, MS Fram



n us in lectures, landings and hikes and earn about cultures, wildlife and geology while enjoying the sun and sandy beaches in the Caribbean and Central America.

Meet our international Expedition Team members. All lectures and activities with the Expedition Team are conducted in English.



Steffen Biersack, Germany

Expedition Leader

Steffen was a police officer in Berlin, Germany. Then he went back to school and studied geology, and with this new degree, applied to Hurtigruten as a ship lecturer. Ever since, Steffen's bond to the polar regions and Hurtigruten has grown stronger. When he sees that sparkle in the eyes of guests, he knows the team's efforts were well spent.



Naturalist

Luciano's home is Patagonia. He studied translation and conference interpreting, and worked for several years as a tour guide at Torres del Paine and on the seas around Cape Horn. His passions are music and Patagonian nature. His goal is to provide visitors with unforgettable experiences.



Spain

Born in Santiago,

Miguel Rodríguez-Gironés, Biologist

Miguel's longing for unspoiled environments led him to quit his research job in theoretical physics and start a new career in behavioral ecology. This change allowed him to climb 100 foot-high trees in the Bolivian rainforest, wash elephant in Sri Lanka, and study penguins on Deception Island. He likes sailing and hiking, and when he is not working on his research projects, he enjoys sharing his passion for nature and wildlife.



Judith Heinrich, Germany

Raised in Germany, Judith completed her master's degree in tourism business administration in the U.K., which led her to work in Mauritius, Scandinavia, Costa Rica, and Chile. Returning to Germany, she worked as a Product Manager planning polar expedition cruises. Her role at Hurtigruten gives her the opportunity to share her extensive travel experience and expertise.



Tessa van Drie, Netherlands

Expedition Leader

Tessa is from the Netherlands and has a master's degree in physical geography from the University of Utrecht. After traveling and volunteering in Centraland South America for two years, she started working as a tour leader and guided tourist groups in several countries in the region. Tessa now lives in Norway and spends her spare time cross-country skiing, kayaking, and hiking in the mountains. Tessa has been a lecturer aboard MS Fram since 2011.



Join us on a wide range of included and optional activities\* on land and at sea. No matter your activity level or interest, you will find something that suits you—so you can explore and discover Central America the best possible way.





STAND-UP PADDLE BOARDING\* AND SNORKELING<sup>3</sup>

KAYAKING\*





BIRDWATCHING

SCIENCE CENTER

Central America is home to a spectacular array of wildlife, from massive whales to colorful jungle creatures. We explore a wide range of rich ecosystems and offer the opportunity to encounter many memorable species.



WHALES

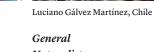
frequently seen.

DOLPHINS A wide variety of dolphin species are frequent companions to our ships and can often be seen from the deck.



SLOTHS Sloths are known for their slow movement and hanging upside down in the trees of tropical rainforests.

BIRDS Avian life is abundant on our cruises, from parrots and hummingbirds in the jungle to huge condors and pelicans



Expedition Coordinator

# **ACTIVITIES**



HIKING



SHORE EXCURSIONS\*



YOGA AND WELLNESS PROGRAM



LECTURES

\* Optional excursions are available at an additional cost, and subject to availability

# **WILDLIFE**





Whale-watching season is from July to October and December to February. Humpback whales are most

IGUANAS Some iguanas can grow up to 2.5 feet in length from head to tail and weigh up to 20 lbs.



MONKEYS Spider, capuchin, and howler monkeys are common in the rainforests of Mexico and Central America.





TURTLES Gracefully slow leatherback, green and hawksbill sea turtles inhabit local waters along our routes.



FISH Marine life in the area includes more than 700 fish species, including whale sharks and tuna.

# **15 DAYS MS ROALD AMUNDSEN/MS FRIDTJOF NANSEN** MS Roald Amundsen departure: September 25, 2021 MS Fridtjof Nansen departure: October 5, 2021

# Caribbean Sea – **Hidden Highlights** and Sailing Through the Panama Canal

# **Itinerary 1**

Explore gorgeous tropical islands in the Bahamas, Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, Nicaragua, and Panama, and then end your voyage by sailing through the legendary Panama Canal

Day 1 Nassau (Embarkation) Discover this former pirate haven that still trades in rum and cigars and offers endless shopping and dining options. Consider arriving early and exploring more with an optional Pre-Program before boarding MS Roald Amundsen.

### Day 2 At Sea

Enjoy a pleasant sea day on our way to the Inagua Islands. The Expedition Team starts their Caribbean lecture series. Make the most of the day at sea and enjoy a relaxing yoga workshop out on deck.

Day 3 Inagua Islands (Full day) Spot up to 140 different species of exotic birds, including more than 80,000 flamingos; visit the natural habitat of green sea turtles; and learn about island life from friendly locals.

Day 4 Cockburn Town (Full day) Stroll along narrow streets lined with antique street lamps and 18th century British-Bermudian architecture, and see an exhibit of the oldest known European shipwreck in the Americas, dated 1505.

# Day 5 At Sea

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Join the Expedition Team as they present interesting lectures, learn the basics of expedition

photography, do yoga, and spend time out on deck enjoying the fresh sea air as you watch for wildlife.

Day 6 Port Antonio (Full day) Enjoy the romantic, slowpaced rhythm of this one-time beach escape for celebrities in the 1940s, and experience its makeshift markets, friendly street vendors, and the famous Blue Lagoon. INCLUDED EXCURSION: Scenic Tour of Port Antonio

Day 7 Montego Bay (Full day) Discover why Christopher Colombus called 'Mobay' the 'Gulf of Good Weather;' ioin locals and visitors at the beaches and exquisite eateries; or board a bamboo raft and sail down the Martha Brae River.

Day 8 George Town (Full day) There is so much you can do here! Go on a submarine tour; board a glass-bottom boat; go snorkeling, scuba diving, or parasailing; and visit rum distilleries and art galleries.

# Day 9 At Sea

Spend this sea day at your leisure as we sail to Central America. Take advantage of the ship's many onboard facilities, relax and meditate at our yoga workshop, or sit in on lectures.

# Day 10 Isla de Providencia

(Full day) Visit this tiny, unspoiled Colombian island in the Spanish Caribbean, see deserted golden beaches, and explore diverse coral reefs in the UNESCOlisted Seaflower Biosphere Reserve. INCLUDED EXCURSION: Cultural Show

GULF OF MEXICO

NICARAGUA

PACIFIC OCEAN

Corn Island

Bocas del Toro

Panama City

FOLIATOR

PANAMA

George Tow

CAYMAN ISLANDS

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Day 14 Panama Canal (Full day) Enter the Panama Canal near the city of Colón and experience firsthand the ingenious lock system as we pass through man-made channels and lakes to eventually emerge in the Pacific Ocean.

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THE BAHAMAS

JAMAICA

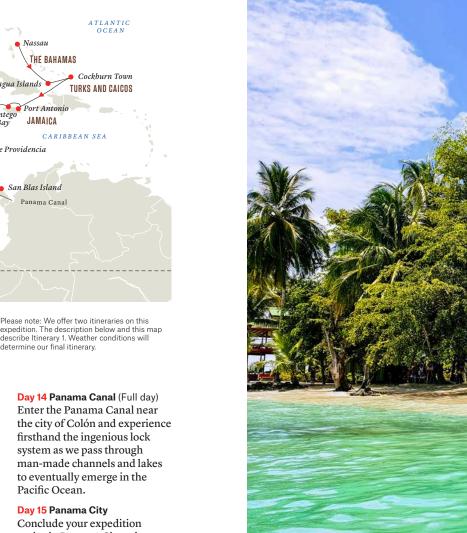
San Blas Island

Panama Canal

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Isla de Providencia

Conclude your expedition cruise in Panama City, where you can visit the ruins of Old Panama City, destroyed by pirates, or hike Ancón Hill to enjoy views of the cityscape. Consider adding an optional Post-Program to extend your stay in this beautiful region.









# Included

# ACTIVITIES

- · Lecture program Nature landings
- · Short hikes and walks
- Art activities
- Photo program
- Science activities
- Birdwatching
- Yoga and meditation sessions

# Optional

# EXCURSIONS

- Bamboo Rafting on the Rio Grande, Port Antonio
- Great Huts Nature Walk
- Port Antonio Reach Falls Jungle
- Adventure, Port Antonio Adventure to the Peak,
- Isla Providencia Snorkeling Tour,
- Isla Providencia Island Tour by Car with
- a Local, Isla Providencia Sustainable Cacoa Farm
- Bocas del Toro · Cayo Zapatilla, Bocas del Toro
- Cacao Farm & Indigenous
- Community, Bocas del Toro Stand-up paddle boarding
- (SUP), snorkeling

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# 8 DAYS MS ROALD AMUNDSEN/MS FRIDTJOF NANSEN MS Roald Amundsen departure: September 25, 2021 MS Fridtjof Nansen departure: October 5, 2021

# Hidden Highlights of the Caribbean from Nassau to George Town

Embark on a tropical cruise of island hopping in the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos, and Jamaica before ending your voyage in lovely George Town in the Cayman Islands.

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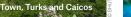
Day 8 George Town (Full day) Your expedition cruise ends in George Town, the capital of the Cayman Islands. Explore the area by going on a submarine tour, board a glass-bottom boat, visit rum distilleries, or try local delicacies in one of the many restaurants before heading home.















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# Optional

### EXCURSIONS

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- Great Huts Nature Walk, Port Antonio
- Reach Falls Jungle Adventure, Port Antonio
- Stand-up paddle boarding (SUP), snorkeling

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# 8 DAYS MS ROALD AMUNDSEN/MS FRIDTJOF NANSEN MS Roald Amundsen departure: October 2, 2021 MS Fridtjof Nansen departure: October 12, 2021

# **Hidden Highlights** of the Caribbean from George Town to Panama City

Explore gorgeous tropical islands such as Isla de Providencia and Corn Island, and then sail to Nicaragua and Panama before ending your voyage by sailing through the legendary Panama Canal.

Day 1 George Town (Embarkation) Spend your day exploring the capital of the Cayman Islands before boarding MS Roald Amundsen.

# Day 2 At Sea

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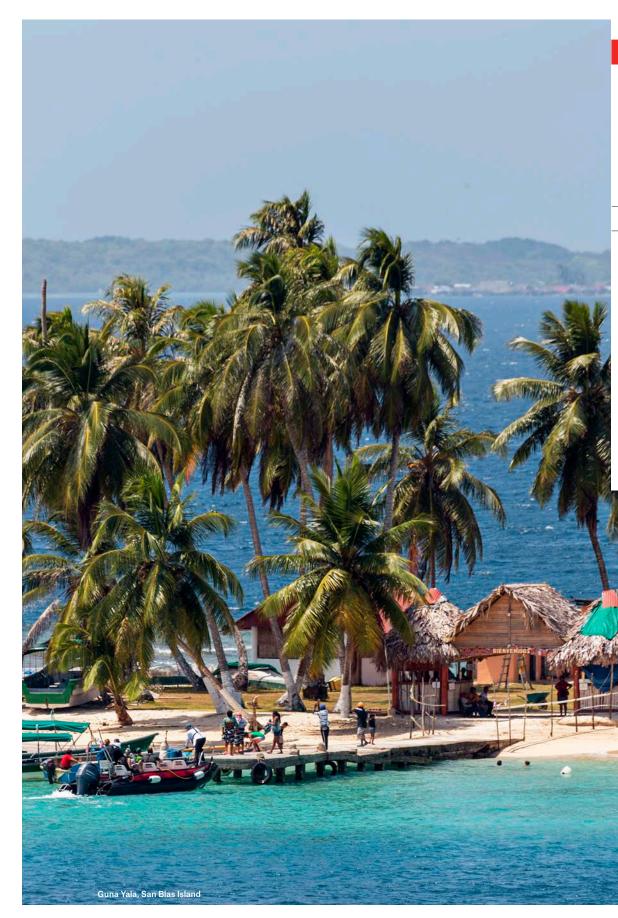
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# Optional

# EXCURSIONS

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- Adventure to the Peak. Isla Providencia
- Snorkeling Tour, Isla Providencia
- Island Tour by Car with a Local, Isla Providencia
- Sustainable Cacoa Farm, Bocas del Toro
- · Cayo Zapatilla, Bocas del Toro Cacao Farm & Indigenous
- Community. Bocas del Toro Stand-up paddle boarding
- (SUP), snorkeling

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# **16 DAYS MS FRAM** Departure: September 16, 2021

# Caribbean Sea – Discover Keys, Coves, and Cultures

# **Itinerary 2**

Sail from Miami to Key West and to tropical paradises in the Caribbean and Central America. Visit remote islands and protected marine areas with sandy beaches, crystal-clear waters, diverse wildlife, and fascinating history.

### Day 1 Miami

Start your expedition cruise in Miami's vibrant cocktail of Latin American, Caribbean, African, and European cultures. Consider arriving early for an optional Pre-Program to see more of what Miami offers.

Day 2 Key West (Full day) Wander about laid-back Key West, the southernmost island in the Florida Keys and just 90 miles from Cuba, and don't forget to visit the Ernest Hemingway House Museum. INCLUBED EXCURSION: Old Trolley Tour

### Days 3-4 At Sea

Join the Expedition Team as they prepare you for your upcoming tropical island experiences. Spend time on deck, watch for marine wildlife, or participate in an invigorating yoga workshop.

Day 5 Belize City (Full day) Discover colonial houses and seaside parks, and cross the Belize City Swing Bridge. Take a tour to the Mayan Lamanai temple in the surrounding jungle, and keep an eye out for crocodiles, bats, and monkeys.

Day 6 Lighthouse Reef (Full day) Land at remote Half Moon Cay on Lighthouse Reef to visit Belize's oldest bird sanctuary and first protected marine area, home to endangered loggerhead, hawksbill, and green sea turtles. Day 7 Isla de Útila (Full day) Explore the tiny tropical island of Útila, which at eight-miles long and three-miles wide forms part of the world's second-largest barrier reef system and is home to gentle whale sharks up to 20-feet long. INCLUDED EXCURSION: Water Cay Beach

# Day 8 Cayos Cochinos

(Full day) Discover this strictly protected archipelago with no roads, cars, or motorbikes. Explore crystal-clear waters and observe marine wildlife at what is quite possibly the most beautiful place in Honduras.

Day 9 Trujillo (Full day) Visit three indigenous Garífuna fishing villages, meet local people, and try gifiti, a traditional drink. Learn about the area's history—from Christopher Columbus to pirates to banana companies.

# Day 10 At Sea

Enjoy another relaxing day at sea. Join the Expedition Team for interesting lectures, learn the basics of expedition photography, watch for wildlife, or unwind with a yoga and meditation workshop out on deck.

# Day 11 Isla de Providencia

(Full day) Visit this tiny, unspoiled Colombian island in the Spanish Caribbean, discover deserted



golden beaches, and explore coral reefs in the UNESCO World Heritage Site-listed Seaflower Biosphere Reserve. INCLUDED EXCURSION: Cultural Show

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### Day 14 At Sea

Drop by the Science Center and use its state-of-the-art microscopes to observe samples taken during the cruise, attend another interesting Expedition Team lecture, and do yoga and meditate under the stars.

# Day 15 San Blas Islands

(Full day) Step into this natural paradise inhabited by the Guna Yala people, who protect their pristine islands by only conducting and accepting eco-friendly tourism. Day 16 Colón End your cruise through the Caribbean at the entrance to the Panama Canal. We highly recommend adding a few extra nights with an optional Post-Program to explore even more of the region.









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# ACTIVITIES

- Lecture program
- Nature landingsShort hikes and walks
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- Birdwatching
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# EXCURSIONS

- Key West Mangrove Eco Tour
- Best of Food Walking Tour and Mojito Workshop, Key West
- Historic Walking Tour and Hemingway's House, Key West
- Utila Town Exploration
- Copán Archaeological Site by Air
- Adventure to the Peak, Isla Providencia
- Snorkeling Tour, Isla Providencia
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