



CLIA ITINERARY EXPERIENCE FACTSHEET

EASTERN CARIBBEAN (EX. MIAMI)

ITINERARY - 7 NIGHTS

- **Day 1:** Departing Miami USA
- **Day 2:** At Sea 
- **Day 3:** Puerto Plata Dominican Republic
- **Day 4:** St Thomas US Virgin Islands
- **Day 5:** San Juan Puerto Rico
- **Day 6:** At Sea 
- **Day 7:** Nassau Bahamas
- **Day 8:** Disembark Miami USA



Key port:

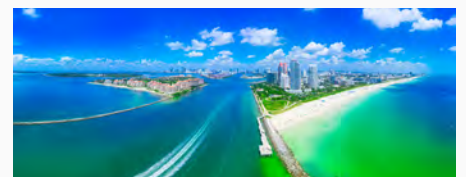
MIAMI, USA

Embark (Day 1) & Disembark (Day 8)

Docking: At Pier

Miami is vibrant, diverse, glamorous and seriously cool, and should not be missed as you race to start your cruise. Arrive two or three days early to shrug off the jetlag, take in sun, sand and sea on South Beach, stroll along Ocean Drive and join a daytrip to the Everglades.

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Day One & Eight

MIAMI, FLORIDA

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Docking: At pier

In a nutshell

Known as the cruise capital of the world, PortMiami has 11 terminals (and another two new facilities MSC is opening) and handles a thousand-plus cruise ship calls and turnarounds a year. Passengers love the city's cool vibe; cruise lines love the port's top-class facilities, proximity to Mexico, the Caribbean and Panama Canal, and excellent air links with the rest of the world.



Arrive early

Add a couple of nights in Miami to join a walking tour of South Beach's Art Deco District, go Cuban in Little Havana and peek into the homes of the rich and famous on a Duck tour around Biscayne Bay.



Getting there

British Airways, Virgin Atlantic and American Airlines offer non-stop flights from the UK to Miami International Airport (MIA). Flight time is about 10 hours. The airport is seven miles from downtown Miami. Transfers by road or rail take 20 (depending on traffic) or 30 minutes respectively.

Climate

Sunny year-round, with summers averaging 28C-30C and winter rarely falling below 17C. Rain also falls year round, with most precipitation between June and September, making these months also fairly humid.

Opening times

Shopping malls: 10am-9/10pm Monday to Saturday (11am-6pm on Sundays). Some museums shut on Mondays or Wednesdays.

Visas

British visitors need an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation) to enter the US.

Day Two SEA DAY



Day Three

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PUERTO PLATA, Dominican Republic

Docking: At pier

Walking ashore? Ships dock either at Taino Bay, which is within easy walking distance of the town, or Amber Cove, about eight miles from Puerto Plata.

Gateway to: Puerto Plata. Transfers by road take 20 mins (depending on traffic); by rail it's 30 mins.

Hero excursion: Get the low-down on the town's Spanish and pirate history on a cable car ride up Mount Isabel de Torres (there's a replica of Rio's Christ the Redeemer statue at the top) and tour of Spanish-built San Felipe fort.

Active excursion: Zip and dip on a two-in-one tour that starts with a zipline adventure through the treetops and ends with a splash at the Damajagua Waterfall.

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ST THOMAS, US Virgin Islands

Docking: At pier

Walking ashore? Most ships dock at Havensight, close by Charlotte Amalie, the capital. On busy days, passengers might end up docked in Crown Bay, about 40 minutes' walk from the town, or at anchor off Charlotte Amalie.

Gateway to: St Thomas

Hero excursion: Discover St Thomas on a tour that includes a trip to the top of the island's highest peak and time to explore the capital's historic centre.

Active excursion: Go in search of lizards, birds and turtles on a hiking, kayaking and snorkelling tour in Mangrove Lagoon Wildlife Refuge and Marine Sanctuary.

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NASSAU, Bahamas

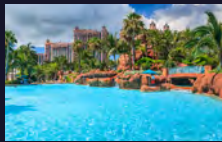
Docking: At pier

Walking ashore? Exit the port area and you've arrived in Nassau.

Gateway to: Nassau

Hero excursion: Sign up for a trip to Atlantis to get up close to dolphins, see sharks and make a splash on some of the resort's Aquaventure water rides.

Active excursion: Look out for dolphins, turtles, parrotfish and groupers on a catamaran and snorkel tour around the island.



Day Six SEA DAY

Day Five

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico

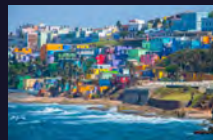
Docking: At pier

Walking ashore? There are several cruise ship berths, either right by the colonial old town or a mile outside.

Gateway to: San Juan

Hero excursion: Tick off the Puerto Rico's top two sights on a tour that visits San Cristobel Fortress and El Yunque rainforest.

Active excursion: Don masks and flippers and go in search of tropical fish on a snorkelling tour in Escambron Marine Park.



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SELLING TIPS AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Sell to first-timers or more experienced cruisers?

Sell it to literally anyone, whether past cruisers or not. As long as they love sun, sand and sea, they'll have a ball.

When to go?

Caribbean cruises operate year-round. Go in winter to escape cold, dark days at home and in summer to cruise with the children.

At sea to port ratio?

Caribbean cruises typically include at least two sea days, especially on big ships.

Currency?

The USA, St Thomas and Puerto Rico use the US dollar, the Dominican Republic uses the Dominican peso, the Bahamas uses the Bahamian dollar. The US dollar is also accepted everywhere.



Children?

- **Puerto Plata** has great beaches and Ocean World, where children can get close to dolphins and sea lions.
- They can try snuba diving or join scavenger hunts in **Charlotte Amalie - St Thomas**.
- Learn to surf in **San Juan**.
- See if the pirate's life is for them at an interactive Pirates of **Nassau** experience.

Opportunities for exercise

- Hike up Mount Isabel de Torres in **Puerto Plata**.
- Follow a scenic two-and-a-half-mile trail around **Charlotte Amalie harbour - St Thomas**.
- There are swimming, snorkelling and walking tours at **every port**.

Food & souvenirs

- Try sancocho (a meat, corn and potato stew) or plátanos fritos (twice-fried plantain) in **Dominican Republic**.
- Try rice and beans in **San Juan**.
- Try rum cake in **Nassau**.
- Buy local spices – and a cook book on how best to use them – for a souvenir.

Photo Moments Of The Cruise!



Make a splash at the Damajagua Waterfalls in Puerto Plata.



Pose for a sun, sea and selfie on one of St Thomas' white sand beaches.



Try the stocks on for size at the Pirates of Nassau experience.