



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
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History & Gardens of the Caribbean
Round-Trip Barbados Aboard *Emerald Azzurra*

February 24 – March 2, 2024



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My fellow Hoyas,

You're invited to join us for a winter Caribbean escape aboard the state-of-the-art new superyacht *Emerald Azzurra*. In the company of experts, cruise to seven breathtaking island paradises, discovering their complex histories and ties to the birth of the United States. Our journey also grants you exclusive guided access to historic estates, extraordinary gardens, and national parks showcasing some of North America's most stunning flora. If you wish, you may luxuriate in the warm, blue Caribbean waters and unwind on powdery soft, white-sand beaches.

Sail from Barbados to Dominica, "the Nature Isle," for a private look at the 18th-century, UNESCO-listed Fort Shirley inside the crater of an extinct volcano. Visit Nevis, the birthplace of U.S. Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, to see Hamilton's 17th-century waterfront childhood home. Join garden experts at the Botanical Gardens of Nevis, with their five acres of orchid terraces, rainforest conservancy, and water lily ponds. On stylish St. Barthélemy ("St. Bart's"), stroll around secluded beaches. Venture to Antigua for inside looks at the famous Nelson's Dockyard and a restored 17th-century sugar plantation.

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

SET sail on the new superyacht *Emerald Azzurra*, a spacious yet intimate vessel with only 50 suites and staterooms, and enjoy a collection of luxurious amenities

JOIN expert guides on seven island paradises that all stand at the crossroads of the Americas, Africa, and Europe

ROAM private tropical gardens on specially guided tours, including the breathtaking botanical garden on Nevis and the lush Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens on St. Lucia

EXPLORE Revolutionary War history in the Îles des Saintes, site of the April 1782 Battle of the Saintes between the British Royal Navy and the French fleet

DISCOVER the childhood home of Alexander Hamilton in Nevis, a fully reconstructed 17th-century waterfront Georgian stone mansion

STEP back into Dominica's colonial past with a guided tour of Fort Shirley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built within a volcanic crater surrounded by abundant natural splendor

STROLL exquisite hidden beaches and snorkel in clear blue waters on St. Barthélemy or take an optional dip from the swim deck of *Emerald Azzurra*

In the British Overseas Territory of Montserrat, "a modern-day Pompeii," join expert guides at its enchanting botanical garden established after its 1995 volcanic eruption. Then sail to the archipelago of Îles des Saintes, where the British faced the French during a 1782 Revolutionary War battle. Finally, venture to Soufrière, St. Lucia, for a private tour of the lush, magnificent Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens, nestled in a natural gorge and featuring a colorful waterfall.

The spacious yet intimate *Emerald Azzurra* boasts an infinity pool, a watersports platform, and ample outdoor areas across several levels. As this cruise is shared with participants from cosponsoring associations, space is sure to fill quickly. Please contact the Georgetown Travel Society at GeorgetownTravelSociety@Georgetown.edu or call (866) 525-8664 for more details and to reserve your place today.

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Julie Farr C'88, Parent '19, '21, '24
Executive Director

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24: DEPARTURE / BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

Upon arrival in Barbados this afternoon, transfer to the elegant *Emerald Azzurra* for our seven-night Caribbean cruise. This brand-new, sleek superyacht is spacious, with ample outdoor areas across several levels. Take advantage of the infinity pool and watersports platform throughout the voyage. D

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25: ROSEAU, DOMINICA

Today, discover Dominica, nicknamed the "Nature Isle" of the Caribbean for its untouched wilderness. It boasts some of the highest mountains in the Lesser Antilles as well as thick virgin jungle, where rivers plunge and animals abound. On an excursion to Cabrits National Park, marvel at the natural scenery and the two extinct volcanoes at its center. Once inside the park, make your way to the UNESCO-listed Fort Shirley, formerly a strategic network of defenses built in the 18th century, whose ruins have been recaptured by the surrounding jungle. This evening, join the captain for a welcome reception and dinner. B,L,R,D

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26: GUSTAVIA, ST. BARTHÉLEMY

Arrive in cosmopolitan St. Barthélemy, known to most travelers as "St. Bart's." Experience the island's French *savoir-faire* as you stroll past stylish cafés and boutiques. Swimmers will have an opportunity to visit one of the many beautiful beaches before returning to the ship for lunch. Later, the group will gather aboard *Emerald Azzurra* for an evening of merriment, featuring a tasting of excellent rums from island distilleries. B,L,D

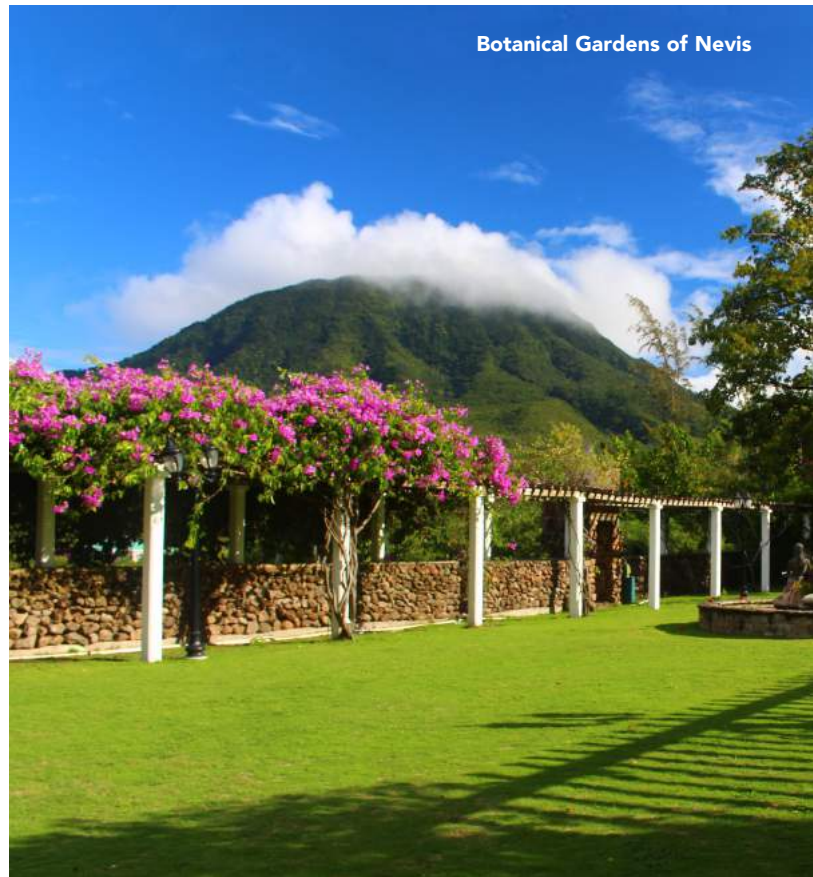
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27: CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS

Call at the island of Nevis, birthplace of Alexander Hamilton, where you will see the Founding Father's childhood home. This 17th-century, two-story waterfront Georgian dwelling has been restored and also serves as the island's local historical museum. Learn how Hamilton's humble beginnings here are said to have informed some of his political views as one of America's Founding Fathers. Continue to the spectacular Botanical Gardens of Nevis. Explore its five acres of orchid terraces, various tropical plants, and a rainforest conservancy. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28: FALMOUTH BAY, ANTIGUA / LITTLE BAY, MONTSERRAT

Anchor off the south shore of beautiful Antigua and savor fantastic views over the English Harbour as well as Nelson's Dockyard, an old restored shipyard named after the Admiral. Go ashore and visit Betty's Hope, a restored sugar mill where "white gold" was processed during the island's bitter past. Nearby, see sweet black pineapples growing in the gently rolling landscape around Boggy Peak, Antigua's highest point. Along the coast, admire the island's bays and lagoons, countless white palm-filled beaches, and an almost unbroken coral reef. Later, *Emerald Azzurra* will drop anchor off the coast of the enigmatic island of Montserrat, where you will visit its beautiful botanical garden. B,L,D

Botanical Gardens of Nevis



Diamond Falls
Botanical Gardens, St. Lucia



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29: TERRE-DE-HAUT, (ÎLES DES SAINTES), GUADELOUPE

An archipelago of eight tiny volcanic islands, Îles des Saintes is the site of the April 1782 Battle of the Saintes between the British Royal Navy and the French fleet. The four-day battle resulted in the greatest British naval victory over the French in the Revolutionary War, preserving their claims in the Caribbean. Tour the colonial-style island town of Terre-de-Haut, or visit 17th-century Fort Napoléon, with its commanding views and exotic gardens. You may also choose to enjoy a swim at one of the white-sand beaches before returning to *Emerald Azzurra*. B,L,D

FRIDAY, MARCH 1: SOUFRIÈRE, ST. LUCIA

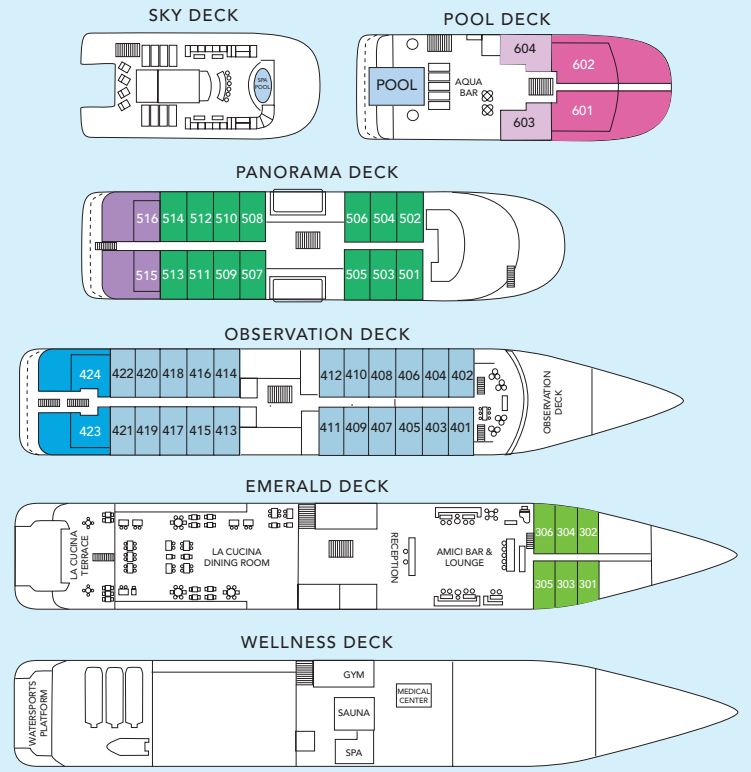
Anchor this morning in the Bay of Soufrière, tucked between the dramatic Anse des Pitons. Step ashore to tour the lush Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens, with its bounty of tropical blossoms as well as hot mineral springs and a dazzlingly colorful waterfall. In the early afternoon, return to *Emerald Azzurra* and set sail for Barbados. Gather for the captain's farewell dinner this evening. B,L,D

SATURDAY, MARCH 2: BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS / DISEMBARK / RETURN

Disembark *Emerald Azzurra* early this morning and transfer to the airport for your flights home. B

This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Georgetown University Alumni Association and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at arrangementsabroad.com/terms.

EMERALD AZZURRA



CRUISE RATES

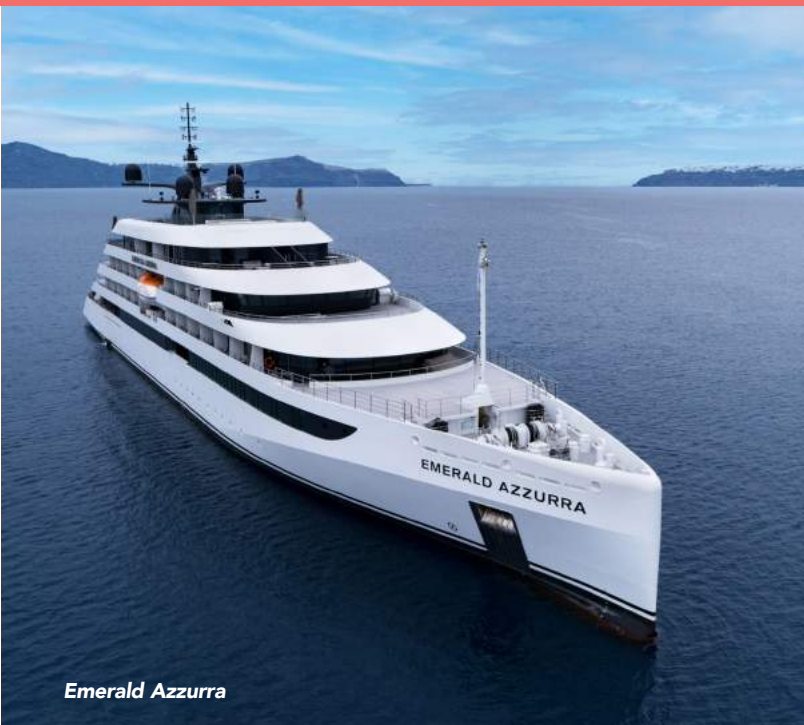
Cabins	Decks	Double	Single
301 to 306	Emerald Deck	\$6,999	\$8,749
Oceanview Stateroom, 205 sq. ft.			
401 to 422	Observation Deck	\$9,999	\$14,999
Balcony Suite, lower floor, private balcony, 285 sq. ft.			
501 to 514	Panorama Deck	\$10,999	\$16,499
Balcony Suite, higher floor, private balcony, 305 sq. ft.			
603 & 604	Pool Deck	\$13,999	\$20,999
Deluxe Balcony Suite, private balcony, 390 sq. ft.			
515 & 516	Panorama Deck	\$16,999	Inquire
Terrace Suite, outside terrace, 650 sq. ft.			
423 & 424	Observation Deck	\$17,999	Inquire
Yacht Suite, outside terrace, 720 sq. ft.			
601 & 602	Pool Deck	\$19,999	Inquire
Owner's Suite, outside terrace, separate bedroom and lounge area, 1180 sq. ft.			

RATES INCLUDE

- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard *Emerald Azzurra*
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; wine/beer with lunches and dinners
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities
- Taxes, service, and portage charges

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES: International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than what is noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; excess baggage; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

EMERALD AZZURRA



Emerald Azzurra

Reaching an impressive 360 feet in length with only 50 cabins, the spectacular new *Emerald Azzurra* will exceed your yacht cruising expectations as it sails into some of the most picturesque ports and harbors in the world. Relax in your spacious, modern surroundings and enjoy a collection of luxurious amenities. Discover a secluded spot to read a book, enjoy unimpeded views of the unspoiled landscapes, or take a relaxing dip in the infinity-style pool. Expect fresh, locally sourced meals thoughtfully crafted by expert chefs and appreciate the ocean breeze from the large *al fresco* terrace. Have a nightcap in the plush, relaxed atmosphere of the Horizon Bar & Lounge. Unwind completely in the onboard Wellness Center, where a selection of indulgent spa treatments includes massages, facials, and even a hairdresser. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available for all our guests and a full selection of bikes is on board for your use.



Photos clockwise from top left: Pool; Dining room; and a Yacht Suite



Nelson's Dockyard, Antigua

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To reserve a place using a credit card, please call the Georgetown Travel Society at (866) 525-8664 or scan this form and email it to GeorgetownTravelSociety@Georgetown.edu. To reserve by check, complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees) payable to *Arrangements Abroad*. Mail to: Georgetown Travel Society, P.O. Box 930, Riverside, CT 06878. For more details call (866) 525-8664, email GeorgetownTravelSociety@Georgetown.edu, or visit <http://alumni.Georgetown.edu/travel-society>.

Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print. _____ Date of Birth _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (home) _____ (business) _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

ACCOMMODATIONS

Emerald Azzurra cabin preference 1. _____ 2. _____

I wish to share a cabin with _____

FORM OF PAYMENT

- Enclosed is my check (payable to *Arrangements Abroad*)
- Debit card Credit card Wire transfer

Name on debit/credit card _____

Debit/credit card number _____

3- or 4-digit security code _____ Expiration date _____

I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the *Terms & Conditions* of this Program (see www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms to review or call for a copy). I/We agree to full payment by check, wire transfer, or credit card 120 days prior to departure. Each participant must sign below.

Signature (required) _____ Date _____

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