

# Tango cruise: Pearls of the Caribbean

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## Feb 10th - 22nd, 2019: Tango Cruise - Pearls of the Caribbean

- Fantastic route to the Virgin Islands and the Lesser Antilles: Fort Lauderdale – St. Croix – St. Maarten – St. Lucia – Grenada – Barbados – Dominica – St. Kitts - Fort Lauderdale
- Relaxing on beautiful beaches during the day and dancing tango on board



### Reisebeschreibung

On to paradise! During our 12-day cruise, we will discover some of the most beautiful tropical islands in the southern Caribbean. In the evening, we can dance tango aboard our ship- at sunset or possibly under the starry sky on the top deck.

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Our journey begins in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The first two days are for relaxing, with no time pressures. We can enjoy the luxurious but carefree lifestyle aboard our elegant ship, the "Silhouette" and dance tango.

Then for the next seven days, you can forget everything else because it's all about the Caribbean.

Our first stop, the **island of St. Croix**, is not only known for its fine sandy beaches, but also for its rich history: from the original inhabitants, who date back to 2500 B.C., to its exploration and colonization by many Europeans over the centuries- there's plenty to see. From Frederiksted, the cruise port, it is not far to the beautiful Rainbow Beach- a popular little spot on the island. Here's a tip: with its stunning, clear waters, coral reef and amazing underwater flora and fauna- St. Croix is a true Eldorado for snorkeling and diving.

Our next port is **St. Maarten**, a lively and bustling holiday island. Only 37 square miles across, it is a much-favored location for those who enjoy their food, appreciate culture, fabulous shorelines, and yes, a little duty-free shopping in between- we probably won't be the only cruise guests who show up.

Now on to **St. Lucia**, one of the "pearls" in the Caribbean. A lush, emerald green carpet stretches out over large swathes of the island, covering the towering mountains and steep, sloping valleys with dense rainforest. The two volcanic peaks "Petit and Gros Piton" form the landmark of the island. Majestically, they rise steeply from the sea on the southwest coast, and repeatedly, one sees picturesque bays alternate with fine sandy beaches, all lined with palm trees – truly a paradise!

**Grenada** is equally as heavenly and exotic. Also called "the Spice Island", due to it being one of the world's largest producers of nutmeg. But it's not only the aroma of nutmeg you can detect, take in the fragrant scent of cinnamon, cloves, vanilla and cocoa that thrive in the rich, productive, volcanic soil. There is so much to explore here: crater lakes, waterfalls, lush rainforest and 17th and 18th century fortifications. The most famous beach of the island is Grand Anse Beach, a three-kilometer crescent of golden sand, gentle waves, bordered by trees, and without a doubt- one of the most beautiful beaches in the world.

Our next "pearl" is **Barbados**. Barbados is a coral island because of how it was created- its base is made from upwardly-moving coral, not volcanic lava flow. From Bridgetown, the capital city, on the west coast of the island, snow-white sandy beaches are never too far away. Among the island's other attractions are its sugarcane industry, rum distilleries, historic plantations, tropical gardens, museums, a wildlife preserve and an amazing underground limestone cave network.

Now it's off to **Dominica**, otherwise known as "the Nature Island of the Caribbean". You won't find the typical glorious beaches of the Caribbean here or the mass tourism. Dominica has other treasures on offer; the Champagne reef, volcanoes covered in spectacular rainforest, teeming with interesting creatures, you can even find hot springs and the Boiling Lake. Unfortunately, in 2017 the island was badly damaged during Hurricane Maria and the people and the land have been rebuilding and regenerating ever since.

Our last port will be **Basseterre** on the small charming Caribbean island of St. Kitts: Basseterre attracts culture lovers with its historic buildings, many dating back to the French and British colonial era.

Contrastingly, the beaches in the south of the island invite you to an unforgettable day of swimming and sunbathing, and possibly a crossing to St. Nevis: just over a narrow channel only three kilometers you can ferry to the small island of St. Nevis with its beautiful palm beaches.

What a fantastic ending to a wonderfully varied Caribbean cruise! It is important now, more than ever to enjoy the next two days on board our ship to the fullest, before we find ourselves back on land, when we return to Fort Lauderdale.

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By the way, from December to April is the best travel time for the Caribbean. The hurricane season from July to November is over. We can fully enjoy the beach life with pleasant, warm temperatures. A Caribbean dream come true!

### Reiseverlauf:

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| Feb, 10th | Fort Lauderdale -<br>Departure   |       | 16:00 |
| Feb, 11th | Day at sea                       |       |       |
| Feb, 12th | Day at sea                       |       |       |
| Feb, 13th | St. Croix, U.S.V.I.              | 08:00 | 18:00 |
| Feb, 14th | Philipsburg, St. Maarten         | 08:00 | 17:00 |
| Feb, 15th | Castries, St. Lucia              | 09:00 | 18:00 |
| Feb, 16th | St. George's, Grenada            | 08:00 | 18:00 |
| Feb, 17th | Bridgetown, Barbados             | 08:00 | 18:00 |
| Feb, 18th | Roseau, Dominica                 | 08:00 | 17:00 |
| Feb, 19th | Basseterre, St. Kitts &<br>Nevis | 07:00 | 16:00 |
| Feb, 20th | Day at sea                       |       |       |
| Feb, 21st | Day at sea                       |       |       |
| Feb, 22nd | Fort Lauderdale - Arrival        | 08:00 |       |

The shipping company reserves the right to change the itinerary.

### Arrival and Embarkation:

The arrival and departure is possible daily to / from Florida.

It is advisable to book a flight directly to Fort Lauderdale or to Miami.

The distance Miami Airport to Fort Lauderdale is about 40 km. There are shuttle buses that offer transfers between the two cities.

If the flight is to be booked via Bailando Travel, this is possible via the cruise company Celebrity Cruises at selected fares and airlines. Organizer: Celebrity Cruises.

Note: We will arrive 2 nights before the cruise starts. Details available - if you will join us pls send an email.

### „Silhouette“, Celebrity Cruises:

The “Silhouette” is one of the most modern and stylish cruise ships of “Celebrity Cruises”.

We have been on board the sister ship "Equinox" several times for our Tango cruises and we have always been more than satisfied. Celebrity Cruise ships consistently rank among the best in the world. Everything on board has been designed with your well-being in mind. The “Silhouette” offers modern design-style, world-class cuisine, luxurious accommodation and outstanding service. There are numerous elegant bars with live music, cosy cafes, a three-story theatre, a discotheque and casino. Several “a la carte” restaurants offer an exclusive and private dining experience (service charge). Our group will have reserved tables in the main restaurant: enjoy a five-course menu served nightly in the elegant two-level restaurant. You also have the option to eat in the buffet restaurant with its large terrace overlooking the ocean. It is open almost all hours of the day to satisfy your appetite! (full board is included).

Feel the need for pampering? Then why not visit the AQUA SPA and indulge yourself with one of their

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treatments. And there's the state of the art fitness centre, where you can shed those extra calories. Make your way to the Lawn Club: there really is nothing like it! A freshly manicured lawn on the highest deck of the ship: this is The Lawn Club. Enjoy casual outdoor activities in a decidedly Country Club atmosphere and feel the grass between your toes and relax your feet after dancing Tango! Modern comfortable cabins are equipped with air conditioning, television, safe, mini bar, shower and bathrobe. We have inner, outer and balcony cabins remaining. Suites are available upon request. There are two dance floors on the ship. Depending on availability, we will organize some Milongas, which will take place mainly before Dinner so we can enjoy the beautiful sunsets and still be fit for the next day. Tango lessons will mainly be held in the Disco: here we have more privacy and can concentrate more easily on the lessons of Amanda and Adrian.

**Participation in all Tango events is only possible, when booking through Bailando Reisen.**



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## Leistung und Preise

### Reisepreis pro Person in einer Doppelkabine:

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| Inside stateroom:  | 2.540,- € |                                      | fully booked |
| Outside stateroom: | 2.640,- € | inclusive "Classic Beverage Package" | on request   |
| Balcony stateroom  | 2.990,- € | inclusive "Classic Beverage Package" | on request   |

Minimum number of participants already reached!

Single cabins and accommodation for children are available upon request.

PLEASE NOTE: if you wish to pay in US Dollars: Dollar to the Euro rate fluctuates on a daily basis. Please contact us for USD payment, if desired.

### Cruise price includes:

- 12 nights in your reserved stateroom
- Full board (breakfast, lunch, snacks, dinner)
- Use of onboard facilities i.e. fitness center, sauna, and onboard activities
- Nightly entertainment in the theatre, live music and discotheque
- 24-hour room service
- Harbour tax & fees
- Tango dancing on board
- Travel guides (Klaus & Anette Spiegel)
- New: onboard gratuities (160 USD/12 days)
- If you book a balcony or outside stateroom, the "Classic Beverage Package" is included in your cruise price.  
This Package includes: All Fountain and Canned Soda, All Bottled Juices, Freshly Squeezed Juices, Premium Coffees and Teas (also Cappuccino and Espresso), Aqualina Bottled Water, Beers up to 6,- USD, Spirits/Liqueurs/Cocktails, Frozen Drinks and any Wine by the Glass up to 9,- USD - at indefinite consumption

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Please indicate during registration for the cruise if you want to take advantage of the Tango Package Workshop – 5 x 90 minutes of tango lessons with Adriana & Felipe: 100,- € per person.

**Not included in the cruise price:**

Beverages, purchases on board, shore excursions, travel to/from Fort Lauderdale

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## Tango

### **Tango on board / ashore:**

There are two dance floors on the "**Silhouette**", which we can use at selected times for our courses and milongas. The milongas take place after coordination with the entertainment program and the availability of the dance floors. On this trip, 6-8 milongas are scheduled before dinner. Therefore we are fit for the next day. There are also a variety of other evening activities on board.

### **Tango courses:**

On this trip, Adriana Duré & Felipe Martinez will offer tango courses. Adriana and Felipe have been teaching on our Tango Cruises for 11 years. Adriana lives in Buenos Aires, Felipe lives and teaches in San Francisco. They teach with a lot of humor and commitment. Particular attention is paid to rhythm and dynamics as well as a good embrace.

The workshops are timed to be able to participate in all excursions. Thus, this trip offers a good balance of tango workshops, tango enjoyment and a varied and relaxing beach life on land.

Adriana & Felipe teaches in English.

This trip can be booked with or without tango lessons. Please specify when registering if the Tango Intensive Package with Felipe should be booked: 5 x 90 minutes Tango Workshop 100, - € per person. Workshops are offered in the morning and late afternoon. There is enough time for individual or shared landings.

**Participation in the Tango program (milongas, workshops) on board is only possible if the travel booking has been made via Bailando Travel.**

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## Anmeldung

### **Registration and information:**

Registration must be made in writing for double occupancy staterooms.

(Single registrations are possible and upon request).

A minimum of 25 persons is required for the tango cruise. (confirmed)

For those guests who do not wish to participate in the tango program/tango lessons there are limited spaces which require a separate offer. As with all registrations, contractual agreements will be in place and will adhere to the Royal Caribbean/Celebrity Cruise Line conditions.

**Participation in the tango program is only possible if booking is made through Bailando Reisen.**

### **Reservation:**

Registration must be completed in writing for double occupancy staterooms.

We will send you a confirmation/invoice with our bank details.

There is a deposit of 15% of the cruise price which must be paid within seven days after booking date.

Final payment must be done until six weeks prior to departure. At the moment, payment by credit card is not possible.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to send an email to Anette Spiegel.

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