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Emerald Cruises Reimagines Caribbean Cruising

Onboard their Modern, 100-Guest Yachts

Book by March 31 to save on 2023 and 2024 Sailings

Hollywood FL (February 2023) When [Emerald Cruises](http://www.emeraldcruises.com)—known for its award-winning river cruise fleet in Europe and Southeast Asia—entered the ocean cruising market last year with their first [100-guest luxury yacht, *Emerald Azzurra*](#), travelers took notice. The one-of-a-kind yacht’s inaugural Mediterranean season sold out, and the 2023 Mediterranean season is on track to do the same. This November, both *Emerald Azzurra* and her twin, *Emerald Sakara* (launching in August), will begin their first **Caribbean season** island hopping in waters much closer to home for North American travelers.

“The Emerald Cruises yachts offer a fresh take on cruising in this picturesque region. With just 100 guests apiece, these yachts will redefine what a Caribbean vacation can look like,” said Ken Muskat, Managing Director for Emerald Cruises US. “We’re excited to double our capacity in this region with *Emerald Azzurra* and *Emerald Sakara*. Our luxury yachts moor in small harbors and hidden coves, allowing our guests to feel they’re sailing on their own private yacht, in a secluded paradise. We believe US travelers will love experiencing their favorite destinations from a new perspective with the outstanding service and attention provided by our Emerald Cruises team onboard these state-of-the-art vessels.”

Emerald Azzurra and *Emerald Sakara* have the amenities to back up the private yacht comparison. Modern, luxe suites and staterooms range from 185 to 1,185 square feet—all but six of which feature large balconies. The open-air infinity pool is surrounded by lounge chairs and day beds ideal for relaxing and enjoying a cocktail from the nearby Aqua Café. A wellness deck complete with spa, infrared sauna and gym allows guests to keep focused on their health goals, while the top deck Sky Bar offers the ideal spot to watch the sun set over the Caribbean Sea. Located at the yacht’s stern, a marina platform boasts water toys galore—kayaks, standup paddleboards, snorkel equipment, SEABOBs and a giant trampoline are available to guests when the platform is deployed. The extra-spacious La Cucina dining room

specializes in fresh, seasonal cuisine with seating indoors as well as on the adjacent terrace, while the warm and welcoming Amici Lounge is a friendly place to gather and enjoy live music in the evenings. Finally, with 76 crew members onboard, guests can count on receiving attentive, personalized service.

Emerald Cruises has a lot to offer when the sister yachts homeport in the Caribbean during the [2023](#) and [2024](#) winter seasons. Twelve distinct itineraries ranging from eight to 19 days will take guests to picture-perfect islands in the Grenadines, British and US Virgin Islands, Eastern Caribbean and West Indies, as well as ports in Puerto Rico, Panama, Costa Rica and Colombia.

The [eight-day Eastern Caribbean with St. Barths](#), sailing between Bridgetown, Barbados and Marigot, St. Martin, explores some of the most intimate ports in the Leeward and Windward islands. This part of the Caribbean has a distinctly European air, and the itinerary offers visits a new port each day. Terre-de-Haut in Îles de Saintes feels like the South of France with the addition of stunning white sand beaches. Here, guests can wander the colorful streets sampling the local pastries, get a taste of the island's history at Fort Napoleon, or snorkel in the crystal-clear waters. In Gustavia, St. Baths, French "joie de vivre" can be felt in the historic wooden houses that populate the island as well as in the high-end shopping and world class dining found here. Soufrière, St. Lucia is situated in the crater of a dormant volcano, allowing visitors to experience hot springs, botanical gardens and waterfalls in close proximity.

For those looking to visit some of the most stunning beaches in the Caribbean, the [eight-day West Indies Island Hopping](#) itinerary from San Juan, Puerto Rico is a great choice. Culebra, Puerto Rico is well known for its pristine beaches and its active reef is ideal for snorkeling. In Vieques, guests can choose between exploring the quaint coastal town of Esperanza with its lovely waterfront or booking a kayaking excursion in the famed Bioluminescent Bay. Known as 'The Last Virgin Island,' White Bay Beach on Jost Van Dyke in the BVI is the perfect setting for a hosted beach BBQ with a live band. This itinerary will offer multiple opportunities to experience the ships' marina platform and enjoy the gorgeous waters of the West Indies.

Guests booking 2023 and 2024 Caribbean sailings by March 31 will [save up to \\$1,500 per couple](#). Additionally, guests who pay in full 12 months prior to sailing, or within 72 hours of booking for cruises departing within 12 months, will also receive their choice of (1) free or reduced international airfare, (2) free premium drinks package, or (3) up to \$2,000 per couple bonus savings.

Emerald Cruises offers a diverse lineup of river and yacht cruises on three continents. *Emerald Azzurra*, the line's first ocean-going vessel which debuted in March 2022, is a 100-guest, luxury yacht sailing the warm waters of the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Red Seas, and new for the 2023/2024 season, the Caribbean and Central America. In November 2022, *Emerald Azzurra* was named Best New Luxury Ship in Cruise Critic's 2022 Editors' Picks Awards. *Emerald Sakara*, the brand's second luxury yacht, launches in 2023. On the rivers, Emerald Cruises sails eight branded Star-Ships in Europe and one on the Mekong. The brand offers innovatively-designed ships, outstanding service and a focus on active shore excursions and onboard wellness offerings through their signature EmeraldACTIVE program. Emerald Cruises is part of Scenic Group, which includes Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours, Mayflower Cruises & Tours and Evergreen Tours in Australia.

Emerald Cruises can be found on Twitter at @emerald_cruises, on Facebook as EmeraldCruisesGlobal and on Instagram as @EmeraldCruises.global.

Additional information can be found by contacting your local travel advisor; on Emerald Cruises' website, www.emeraldcrises.com; or by calling the consumer/travel agent reservations line at 844-428-8389. Digital brochure downloads are available on the website.

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