

New York City to Southern Caribbean No-Fly Cruise Tour

January 30 – February 14, 2027 (16 Days)

Tentative Itinerary



Welcome aboard our annual winter Caribbean Cruise Tour sailing on the stylish Norwegian Bliss from New York City, another great “no-fly” cruise vacation. Get ready to escape the winter blues and pull out that sun hat as you prepare to set sail for the Southern Caribbean Sea! Your tour manager is excited about the opportunity to make your holiday something to treasure and looks forward to delivering a professional and enjoyable tour. You can leave the usual travel hassles behind and just enjoy yourself. Below is the daily itinerary for your tour. With over 60 years in business and experience in tourism, I’m confident your tour with us will be fantastic!

-Sincerely, Greg Collins, President Collins Tours

Day 1: Saturday, January 30 – Maritimes – Courtyard Marriott, Portland, ME

- Board our premium motorcoach at your scheduled departure location and time.
- Please arrive at least 15 minutes before departure so we can get you comfortably situated.
- All stops for passenger pick-ups will be brief (10-15 min.) and we ask that you remain on board unless otherwise instructed by your tour manager.

Tentative Pick-up Locations:

Prince Edward Island:

- Charlottetown - TBA

Nova Scotia:

- Halifax, Sobeys Lacewood Drive TBA
- Dartmouth Crossing, Hampton Inn TBA
- Quality Inn Airport Hotel TBA

New Brunswick:

- Aulac Big Stop – TBA 20 min rest stop
- Moncton, Magnetic Hill McDonalds TBA
- Saint John, Rte #1 Irving Big Stop TBA 1-hr lunch stop

- The drive today will include a coffee break as well as an hour lunch stop at a location that is convenient to our route (See table above). Snacks and lunch are your expense.
- Our border crossings are preregistered, and you can expect minimal delays during our crossing.
- Please be sure to have your ***VALID passport** for entry into the U.S. Note: Please review the “important details” of this itinerary, as far as policies and your responsibilities relating to entry into the United States.
- We expect to arrive in Portland early evening. For those interested in a little shopping, we will drop you off at the Maine Mall before we check in at the hotel. The coach will meet you again at a designated time and location your tour manager will advise you of for your short transfer to the hotel. Your bags will be waiting in your room and your tour manager will have your room key ready.
- The coach, and any of you who prefer to relax at the hotel, will then continue to South Portland’s Courtyard by Marriott Hotel. Your tour manager will check you in, hand out your room key and have your bag sent to your room. Dinner is on your own this evening.

Day 2: Sunday, January 31 – Portland, ME – Marriott Marquis, New York City! (B)

Broadway Hit Musical (included, visit our website for the most up to date promotions to qualify)

- Enjoy your complimentary hot continental breakfast in the hotel. Your tour manager will handle group check out, however, please be sure to cover any personal charges you may have incurred during your stay. Next, we depart early for New York City to ensure we maximize our time in “The Big Apple”.
- A coffee break and hour lunch stop at the Blue Colony Diner are scheduled along our route (your expense).
- Arrive at the Marriott Marquis Times Square Hotel, located in the heart of Manhattan, late afternoon. Our signature group check in service is offered again today and we will have you relaxing in your room in no time! Your tour manager will check everyone in at the hotel, hand out room keys and have bags delivered to your room. Please note baggage handling may take up to 1 hour, but you do **not** need to be in your hotel room.
- After some time to freshen up, board the coach for a night on Broadway. Meet your tour manager this evening for your short transfer to the Gershwin Theatre where you will see a **TBA hit musical show**. After the show has finished return transfers will be provided at no additional charge for those interested or enjoy a 10 min walk to the hotel.



Day 3: Monday, February 1 – Embarkation aboard Norwegian Bliss (L, D)

- Enjoy breakfast at a location of your choice (your expense).
- This morning we check out of the hotel.
- Board the coach for our **professionally guided morning tour** of NYC’s most notable attractions, including Grand Central Station, Central Park, Rockefeller Plaza, and some more midtown Manhattan notables.
- Following our tour, we make our way to Pier 80 to board the Norwegian Bliss, where you will enjoy lunch on board (**included**). Your tour manager will assist with your pier-side check in, conveniently completed in advance by your Collins Tours staff.
- Please note: Your luggage will be delivered to your stateroom onboard the ship as soon as possible. Not all cabins will be ready upon check-in and checking into your cabin will not be guaranteed until after 3:00 pm.
- Be sure to head out on deck for the cast off and wave Bon Voyage as you sail down the Hudson River, passing Lady Liberty, gliding under the Verrazano–Narrows Bridge and cruising out into the Atlantic!
- Refer to the ship’s Itinerary for options available for tonight’s complimentary dining and entertainment.



Day 4: Tuesday, February 2 – At Sea (B, L, Cocktail Reception, Group D)

- Refer to ship’s Itinerary – Fun day at sea. Enjoy the ships fabulous amenities. Relaxing poolside is another great way to spend your first full day at sea as you head steadily towards warmer weather.
- This afternoon, enjoy a private cocktail reception at Syd Norman’s for 1 hour with all your fellow Collins Tours guests, from 3:30 to 4:30PM. Your cocktail party will include light appetizers and open bar. (**Included**). Following our reception, we enjoy a group dinner (**Included**) at Tropicana Dining Room at 5:00PM. Your tour manager will assist you in finding seating as our group has been assigned a section in the restaurant for dining.

Day 5: Wednesday, February 3 – At Sea (B, L, Group D)

- Refer to ship’s Itinerary – Fun day at sea.

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- Enjoy the ship's amenities, including the pools and hot tubs at the Aqua Park, spa, and fitness center, climbing walls, and three-deck sports court for fun and fitness combined! Relaxing poolside is another great way to spend your full day at sea as you head steadily towards the Caribbean.
- Refer to the ship's itinerary for a full list of today's events and activities.
- Tonight, meet your Tour Manager and fellow passengers on a group dinner.
- Tomorrow, our first port of call is Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.

Day 6: Thursday, February 4 – Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic (B, L, D)

- Today we dock in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic from 11:00am – 7:00pm
- Located on the eastern tip of the Dominican Republic near La Romana, Punta Cana truly is paradise. Perfectly clear turquoise waters, expansive beaches and awe-inspiring lagoons intertwine with an abundance of dining, shopping and cultural activities - offering something for everyone to enjoy. The town is uniquely situated so that it hugs both the Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean - you can take a dip in both bodies of water in one day! From snorkelling with sea turtles and surfing to exploring the pristine beaches of the uninhabited Isle Saona, Punta Cana is your sun-kissed tropical playground. Whether you're looking for relaxation, excitement or a little of both, Feel Free to do it all or nothing at all with Norwegian.
- Tonight, we sail for San Juan, Puerto Rico.



Day 7: Friday, February 5 – San Juan, Puerto Rico (B, L, D) **Optional Excursion**

- Today we dock in San Juan, Puerto Rico from 11:00am– 7:00pm
- Meet your fellow group participants for an optional Collins Tours shore excursion. We will have an unforgettable best of San Juan excursion, not to be missed exploring this colonial gem of the Caribbean with its contrasts of old and new in Old San Juan, and adjacent neighborhoods. Visit the historical district of Old San Juan, see Fort San Cristobal before travelling to the “New City” which will take you to the Condado District filled with high-rise condos and luxury resorts. Stop at the Capitol Building for a photo opportunity. Return to Old San Juan where you will visit the famous Plaza Colón.
(TBA per person). Limited Space. Call Collins Tours Staff to Book This Exciting Tour.
- Tonight, we sail for Basseterre in St. Kitts & Nevis.



Day 8: Saturday, February 6 – Basseterre, St. Kitts & Nevis (B, L, Group D)

- Today we are docked in Basseterre, St. Kitts & Nevis from 9:00am – 6:00pm.
- Enjoy the lush tropical island of St. Kitts known for its central rainforest mountains, sugar plantation history and beautiful beaches.
- Tonight, we meet at Savor Restaurant at 5:30PM for another Collins Tours group dinner. Your tour manager will assist you in finding our group seating.
- Following dinner, you are free to enjoy the evening as we make our way towards Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Day 9: Sunday, February 7 – Tortola, British Virgin Islands (B, L, Group D)

- Today we are docked in Tortola from 7:00am-6:00pm.

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- Discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1493, this peaceful Caribbean Island is known for its white-sand beaches, lush forests, and towering mahogany trees. Outdoor enthusiasts can take on the 1,780-foot climb up Sage Mountain, the highest peak in the Virgin Islands, where scenic trails offer excellent birdwatching and a chance to spot colorful native species. At the summit, breathtaking views stretch across Tortola and the neighbouring islands, making it a perfect destination for both adventure and relaxation.
- Refer to the ship’s itinerary for a full list of today’s events and activities. The island is accessed by a ship’s tender readily available leaving and returning from the cruise ship.
- Meet your Tour Manager and fellow passengers on a group dinner.
- Tonight, we sail for Philipsburg, St. Maarten.



Day 10: Monday, February 8 – Philipsburg, St. Maarten (B, L, D)

- Today we are docked in Philipsburg from 7:00am - 6:00pm.
- Enjoy a free day in this tropical paradise, located on the southern Dutch side of St. Maarten, Philipsburg is the island’s lively capital and a favorite stop for visitors from around the world. Though St. Maarten itself is only 37 square miles—the smallest landmass in the world divided between two nations—Philipsburg shines as a vibrant hub. Its bustling Front Street is lined with duty-free shops, boutiques, and jewelers, while casinos, waterfront cafes, and historic forts highlight its mix of culture and entertainment. With stunning beaches just steps from town and a welcoming island spirit, Philipsburg perfectly blends relaxation with excitement.
- Refer to the ship’s itinerary for a full list of today’s events and activities.
- Tonight, we sail for St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands.



Day 11: Tuesday, February 9 – St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands (B, L, D) **Optional Excursion**

- Today we are docked in St. Thomas in the US Virgin Islands from 7:00am – 6:00pm
- You may opt to meet your fellow group participants for an optional Collins Tours shore excursion. The joyful locals shine as we will have an unforgettable island tour. Meet your local, professional guide and vehicle to be whisked away to the beautiful north side of the island, taking in the most breathtaking view along the way up the mountainside, first at the Skyline Drive scenic lookout, 900 ft. above sea level overlooking the city of Charlotte Amalie. Next, stop is at Drake’s Seat; once a lookout for pirates watching passing ships in beautiful Magens Bay, the island of Tortola and other surrounding islands. Further up the mountain we reach 1,500 ft. above sea level overlooking the east side of St Thomas towards the island of St John followed by scenic stops in the north-western part of the island all while our local guide offers commentary to the significance of the places visited. Next, take in the historical aspect of the tour at the Dutch Reform Church and shown the second oldest Jewish Synagogue in the Western Hemisphere, both built in the 1700’s, See Hotel 1829, the 99 Steps, Blackbeard’s Castle, Statue of the Three Queens, and Fort Christian built in 1671 before a sampling of local cuisine and time for shopping. Stop at the beach at Magens Bay, considered one of the Top 10 Beaches in the world!



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- Tonight, we sail back to New York!

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Day 12: Wednesday, February 10 – Day at Sea (B, L, Group D)

- Refer to ship’s Itinerary for the list of today’s activities.
- Enjoy what the ship has to offer
- Tonight, meet your Tour Manager and fellow passengers on a group dinner.

Day 13: Thursday, February 11 – Day at Sea (B, L, D)

- Refer to ship’s Itinerary for the list of today’s activities.
- Tonight, you may choose to dine in one of the many specialty restaurants on board.

Day 14: Friday, February 12 – Day at Sea (B, L, Group D)

- Refer to ship’s Itinerary for the list of today’s activities.
- Today you will receive documentation regarding disembarkation and details for your group departure in New York City.
- This afternoon, meet your tour manager and fellow passengers for a final group dinner aboard the Norwegian Bliss (**Included**), in the Tropicana Dining Room at 6:00PM.

Day 15: Saturday, February 13 – New York City – Hampton Inn by Hilton - Augusta, ME (B)

- The ship arrives back in New York City this morning. After we are cleared to disembark, we will meet at a designated location TBA on the ship and disembark as a group. Once on shore, identify your luggage and proceed to our motorcoach before departing NYC.
- Lunch today is scheduled at a location convenient to our route (your expense) followed by a 20-minute rest stop before arriving at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Augusta, Maine where your luggage will arrive in your room as part of Collins Tours check in service.
- Tonight, dinner will be on your own. We have arranged a group setting at a restaurant nearby to have dinner with fellow passengers. Spend the remainder of the evening at your leisure. Reminisce over the incredible new memories you made during our exciting mid-winter journey through the islands of the Southern Caribbean.

Day 16: Sunday, February 14 – Augusta, ME – Maritimes (B)

- Enjoy your complimentary hot buffet breakfast this morning at the hotel before checking out of your room
- Board the motor coach for our morning departure followed by a brief coffee break and 1-hour lunch stop (your expense) along our route. Please use restroom prior to departing our stop as the restrooms at the Duty-Free Store are very limited.
- We then report to Canadian Customs at our scheduled time. Once again, your tour manager will represent the group at customs. NOTE: Duty free allowance for this trip is \$800 per person. Please see your Canadian Customs and Immigration forms (handed out by your tour manager on your return) for amounts of Alcohol and Tobacco allowances.
- Time to bid farewell. Everyone will be returned to their initial pick-up locations.

ESTIMATED RETURN TIMES

New Brunswick:

Saint John Rte. 1 Irving: **TBA, 20 min rest stop**
Moncton Magnetic Hill McDonalds: **TBA**
Aulac Big Stop: **TBA, 30 min dinner stop if needed**

Nova Scotia:

Halifax Airport Quality Inn: **TBA**
Dartmouth Crossing Hampton Inn: **TBA**
Halifax Sobeys Lacewood Dr. **TBA**

PEI: Transfer from Aulac Big Stop Charlottetown TBA

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Tour itineraries are a **guideline and may need to be adjusted** by Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd. or your tour manager. Itineraries can be impacted by unforeseen factors such as emergencies, weather, traffic, changes to event times, and/or any act of God, pandemics, or local Government restrictions. **Collins Tours is not responsible for any refunds, reimbursements, credits, or liable due to any changes in itineraries, modifications, or lost time in any one area due to any such unforeseen events described above, or occurrences causing similar outcomes and delays.**

Hotel Contact information:

Courtyard by Marriott – 100 Southborough Drive, South Portland, ME (207) 253- 5005

Marriott Marquis Times Square – 1535 Broadway, New York, NY (212) 398-1900.

Hampton Inn by Hilton – 388 Western Ave, Augusta ME (207) 622 – 4077

- Customs and Immigration requires that **everyone have a Valid Passport and Proof of vaccination**. U.S. Customs has the right to refuse entry to anyone with a past record. Please check with border agents to clarify your status before departing. Collins Tours and Consulting Ltd. are not responsible or liable for U.S. Customs refusal. Collins Tours and Consulting Ltd are not responsible for passengers return expenses or any portion of unused travel. It is the client’s responsibility to ensure that their status is in good order prior to leaving Canada.
- Norwegian Cruise Line has the right to refuse embarkation on their ships if you test positive for COVID-19 or show any signs of illness. Guests are also responsible for complying with all local health and safety requirements which may include additional testing.
- Purchase your trip cancellation and health insurance from Collins Tours. Without cancellation or trip interruption insurance, your finances are unprotected and at a loss subject to terms and conditions stated on company website and invoices. We now provide COVID-19 Travel Plan coverage, protecting your travel dollars in case of a COVID-19 diagnosis while travelling.
- Covid-19 Protocol. Guests who contract Covid-19 while traveling with the tour many not be able to continue with the tour depending on the itinerary of each tour. Depending on the severity of sickness or illness, guests may be removed and isolated. If symptoms are mild, fully boosted and vaccinated guests can continue with advisement from Management. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for any flight delays, schedule changes, flight gate changes, acts of God, mechanical issues, any emergencies, or any missed connections due from any such events described above or unforeseen circumstances arising not described above, yet may cause similar outcomes or delays. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for providing additional transportations costs, if necessary, reimbursements or and king for these additional expenses, loss of use, or loss of hotel nights, meals, transportation arrangements, or any portion of your planned vacation you have that may or may not be missed. These costs, if any, will be paid directly by the traveler and submitted through the appropriate persons travel insurance for reimbursement of expenses. Please contact our office if you need assistance with all-inclusive medical insurance, trip cancellation and interruption coverage, or quarantine insurance. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd does not anticipate any such concerns or events and only wishes for everyone to ensure proper travel insurance has been purchase in advance.
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- Collins Tour is not responsible for lost or stolen baggage or personal items.
 - **REMEMBER:** Your Tour Manager handles hotel check in/checkout procedures, overall group management (e.g. cruise check-in, timely transitions, itinerary planning), and group representation at attractions, events, hotels, Customs and Immigration and overall operation of each tour. We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his or their experience to the fullest. **Gratuities for your Tour Manager and driver are not included in your tour price.** Tipping is your way of saying “Thank You,” for a job well done. **Here are our guidelines on Tipping Etiquette:**
 - Collins Tours Manager - Ranging from \$6.00-\$8.00 per person, per day
 - Bus driver-\$4.00-\$6.00 per person, per day.
 - Private city tour guides- \$3.00 per person, per day