

Sample Xploreo 8-Day Itinerary of Martinique

\$2185 for groups of 19 or more participants
(Prices for smaller group sizes on back)



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Martinique, a rugged Caribbean island that's part of the Lesser Antilles. An overseas French colony, Martinique is a curious medley of French and West Indian influences.

Saturday, Day 1

In-transit from home country. Airport pick-up on arrival in Fort de France airport. Transfer to Tartane. Check into a hotel and rest.

Tartane, a charming fishing village

Tartane is a time-warp, small fishing village situated at the center of the island of Martinique. Famous for its beautiful beaches and rough water, Tartane is now the hot favorite amongst many professional surfers.

Sunday, Day 2

Trip to Mt. Pelee, Martinique's infamous volcano

The volcano, once described as a gentle giant, wrought havoc in 1902, claiming thousands of lives, as it unleashed its wrath on the town of St. Pierre.

8:00 am: Meet for breakfast.

10:00 am: Travel to Mt. Pelée.

12:30pm: Lunch break.

2:00pm: Hike up the volcano or swim through a beautiful river gorge that lends the area a character. Afterwards, visit the ruins of the former capital in the town of St. Pierre and learn about the volcano and the havoc it wrought when it erupted in 1902.

5:30pm: Start for Tartane.

7:00pm: Dinner on your own. Retire for the night.

Monday, Day 3

Les Trois-Ilets, the culturally rich resort town

The very fact that Les Trois-Ilets happens to be the birthplace of Joséphine,

Napoléon Bonaparte's first wife, has earned it a place in the world map.

7:00 am: Travel to the town of Trois-Ilets. Have breakfast on the way.

10:00 am: Take a kayaking trip through a submerged Mangrove forest. Along the way, marvel at the thick canopy of mangrove trees, crabs, lizards and other animals that call the forest their home.

1:00 pm: Lunch break.

2:30 pm: Students will experience a pottery demonstration by a local artist in Village de la Potterie.

4:00 pm: Cap off the adventure with snorkeling in the quiet black-sand cove of Anse d'Arlet.

6:00 pm: Head back to Trois-Ilets and have dinner on your own.

9:00 pm: Reach Tartane and retire for the night.

Tuesday, Day 4

Service learning activities near Tartane

8:00 am: Meet for breakfast.

10:00 am: Service learning activities at a local non-profit. Have packed lunch at one of the volunteer sites.



4:00 pm: Spend time at one of the local beaches.
6:00 pm: Dinner.
8:00 pm: Return to the hotel, have dinner on your own and rest.

Wednesday, Day 5

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8:00 am: Meet for breakfast.

10:00 am: Service learning activities at a local non-profit. Have packed lunch at one of the volunteer sites.

4:00 pm: Spend time at one of the local beaches.

6:00 pm: Dinner.

8:00 pm: Return to the hotel, have dinner on your own and rest.

Thursday, Day 6

Historic Tours in and around Martinique

8:00 am: Meet for breakfast.

10:00 am: Explore the Banana Museum that covers almost everything related to banana followed by the Cane Sugar Factory, as Martinique specializes in export of sugarcane, one of its major products. Understand how these exports are keeping the island's economy alive.

12:00 pm: Lunch break.

1:30 pm: Explore Martinique and get introduced to its history. Visits include the Savane des Esclaves or Empress Josephine's Birthplace and learn about Martinique's colonial past

4:30 pm: Spend time at one of the local beaches.

6:30 pm: Have dinner on your own.

8:00 pm: Return to the hotel and rest.

Friday, Day 7

Trip to Fort de France, the bustling capital of Martinique

Famous for its colonial past, Fort de France is a major city in the Caribbean that exports sugar, rum, tinned fruit and cacao.

8:00 am: Breakfast

10:00 am: Explore the bustling morning market in Fort de France and learn about local goods. Practise conversational France, and try to bargain with the local vendors over the price of some local items on sale. Buy souvenirs for folks back home.

12:30 pm: Lunch break.

2:30 pm: Take a walking tour of Fort de France. Marvel at its beauty and colonial past, reflected in the architecture of its buildings.

4:30 pm: Head back to the hotel and pack for the trip back home.

6:30 pm: Have dinner on your own and retire for the night.

Saturday, Day 8

Go to Fort de France airport and fly back home.



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Price includes all in-country costs (except dinner) but not international airfare. Chaperons' costs are not included in the price but if they are to be included the price would increase between 5-10% for each additional chaperon, depending on the group size. Prices are:

\$2185 19-24 participants

\$2385 15-18 participants

\$2585 10-14 participants

\$2885 5-9 participants