

Promenade Cruises

Introduction

Size and Stability

Promenade was built in Bristol, a famous seaport in the west of England, where tall ships have been built for centuries. Elegant in design, a sleek hulled schooner rigged trimaran, she is one of the most stable living platforms you could choose for a vacation cruising around the islands. Sitting perfectly steady and upright when at anchor, she hardly heels at all when sailing in the gentle breezes of the trade winds. Her stability allows you to walk around as though you were on a vessel many times her size. First time sailors especially enjoy not having to worry about tipping over, and experienced hands also quickly discover the pleasures of multihull sailing.

Step Into the Cockpit

In the middle of the yacht is the cockpit, the focal point of many activities. This large area is covered with a bimini-type sun awning, and with curtains which roll down when required. Fitted seats with cushioning all around, speakers so that you can listen to your favorite music, and a refrigerator for cold drinks make this a natural gathering point. There is ample room here for everyone to relax when the time for sunbathing is over. Sip on an exotic tropical cocktail and observe the pelicans, as they wheel about in the sky. Watch your friends trying out a kayak, or just sit back, relax and read a book.

Below Decks

The saloon is fitted with varnished woods, fine fabric covered cushions and seating all round one side. The VCR, stereo and DVD player are kept here together with a large collection of CD's and DVD's for your enjoyment. Promenade also boasts a large screen movie theater with surround sound in the evenings, and an IPOD with thousands of songs. Ventilation is by means of opening hatches to allow the breezes in, and overhead fans. Full air conditioning is also available, when required.

Dining

We serve all our meals "al fresco" in the cockpit, with the islands as a backdrop. Occasionally, lunch may even be served while sailing, the ride can be so smooth. Our sample menu shows the general style of the dishes presented. You will enjoy the attention to all details, even down to the napkin folding!

The Staterooms

There are five guest staterooms, one in each outer hull and three at the rear of the center hull. Three of the staterooms have queen size berths and the other two staterooms have berths that are larger than king size. So large, in fact, that the berths in these two staterooms can be converted into two single berths, making four singles and three queen size available if your party has such a need. In this way, both couples and families may be catered to with ease. Each stateroom has its own washbasin and mirror, and there are four guests showers. All have excellent ventilation with overhead hatches and fans. In addition, there is full air conditioning available.

Crew

Promenade carries more crew than most yachts of similar size to ensure that you are totally looked after. You might well consider this aspect when making your choice of yacht. Our regular complement of crew is three to four. You can be assured you will receive truly caring, friendly and professional service at all times.

Space on Board

If you've been concerned that you might feel crowded when aboard a sailboat, worry no more. You will see, as you read on, that there's plenty of space for everyone to find their own private hideaway aboard Promenade. The vast area of this vessel ensures everyone always has plenty of room.

Cabin Service

You will find on arrival a full set of linens in each cabin, including extra towels for use on the beach or on deck. Each day your cabin will be cleaned and tidied.

Out in the Sun

Out on the huge deck area, for those intent on getting the perfect tan, there are two double size deck mattresses on the main deck and two built in "trampolines" spread between the three bows. Towards the stern there's a boarding ladder and platform which, combined together, make exiting the water very easy. The general shape of the decks also provides several quiet corners for those who would like more solitude.

Cruising Grounds

The British Virgin Islands

Discovered by Columbus on his second voyage in 1493, there are 35 to 40 main islands, some 15 to 20 of which are inhabited. When Robert Louis Stevenson wrote about the B.V.I. in his wonderful book "Treasure Island", they were almost unknown, and surely he never suspected that one day they would become the chartering capital of the world. Many of the islands remain today in the same pristine condition that inspired Stevenson. Some are home only to sea birds, undisturbed by man, except for the occasional visitor who swims to the beach for a shelling expedition, or to play in the surf. The awe inspiring beauty of such places as South Bay, Ginger Island, below which is hidden the magnificent dive site known as Alice-in-Wonderland, can never be changed.

The B.V.I. are a self governing Dependent Territory of the United Kingdom and are part of the British Commonwealth. The official language is English and the population at the last census was around 20,000 (2001).

Our Geography

Between the islands runs the Sir Francis Drake Channel, renowned as one of the best cruising grounds in the world. The gentle trade winds blow their balmy breezes and the islands on each side keep the ocean waves away, leaving a tranquil "lake" for leisurely sailing.

The Weather

The B.V.I. are fortunate in having the sort of climate that most people just love for a warm weather vacation. An atlas will tell you that the climate is sub-tropical, but is just another way of saying it's perfect. The constant trade winds keep the temperature ranging for a possible low of 77°F in the winter, to a maximum of about 90°F in the summer. At night there may be a fall of 10°F. The steady breeze also keeps the humidity remarkably low, especially compared with somewhere like Florida. Hurricanes, though possible, are extremely rare.

Getting Here is Easy

To get to the B.V.I. fly to San Juan, Puerto Rico (airline code = SJU) and take a shuttle flight to Beef Island Airport (EIS). A taxi ride of about 20 minutes will get you to Promenade. Alternatively, if it is necessary that you visit St. Thomas (STT), in the USVI, you can easily catch a ferry to ride up to Tortola.

Crew Profile

Kerry Hucul

originally trained in advertising and public relations for large hotels and dinner theaters throughout North America (P.R. for such legends as Gale Gordon of "I Love Lucy"). After living and working in various countries, from England, Belgium and Germany to Canada, the US and Mexico, she operated a successful restaurant for six years before deciding that a different way of life was definitely in order. Kerry taught SCUBA/Sea Kayaking on Canada's Bay of Fundy before deciding to make the winter trips south a permanent way of life. Over the past 8 years with Promenade, Kerry has completed over 150 charters from Puerto Rico to Bonaire, with parties ranging in size from two to fourteen. Kerry holds a MCA Yachtmaster Offshore license with a sailing competency and is also STCW 95 compliant. She also holds a local BVI Captains license and is a NAUI SCUBA Instructor. She is very eager to share her part of paradise with you.

Barry "Bazza" Cooper

joined Kerry Lynn and Promenade after spending a year as Chief Engineer and First Mate on "Lonestar", one of the largest charter cats in the area. He originally hails from Australia and has been sailing for 30 years. Baz spent 20 years in trade school for various mechanics, holding tickets for everything from diesel mechanics to welding and has built several boats, including "Alley Cat" a 37 foot catamaran that he sailed around the east coast of Australia for 18 months. Besides the fact that he can sail or fix anything on a yacht, he is an avid SCUBA diver and has a love of seeing new places. Bazza is a PADI SCUBA Instructor, and not only holds a BVI Captain's license, but also holds the distinction of being the first person to obtain a BVI marine engineering license. He is very talented in sailing a yacht as well as teaching guests how to do "pull toys" behind the tender. Promenade also carries a third crew member (Deckhand/Stewardess) who is always known for their outgoing personality, and when needed, will increase their crew size to 4

Promenade

feels that they have the perfect hospitality and water sport skills to "spoil" you on your dream cruise! From the moment you book a cruise, your individual desires and needs will be considered to create an unforgettable experience! Promenade is our home and we like to tell guests "Welcome to our home. Please make yourself at home."

Watersports

Water Skiing

Including kneeboarding, tubing, wakeboarding and banana boating. Promenade's tender is a 15 foot rib and carries a 50 hp outboard. It's just perfect for water sports. All kinds of waterskiing and related activities are available. We have both full size and children's skis.

Fishing

Fishing equipment is available on board. You should be advised, however, that some of the predator reef fish in this area carry ciguatera toxin, and cannot be eaten. We will be pleased to give you advise on which species carry the risk, but really, we prefer the catch and release system.

Snorkeling

We keep a wide variety of masks, snorkels and fins including a selection of smaller (children's) sizes. Even non-swimmers will enjoy learning when they try using a life jacket or a ski vest to help support them in the sea.

Kayaking

Now here's a sport that's become incredibly popular. Anyone can learn to do it in about five minutes. We carry both a "Scramber Single" and two "Malibu Two" ocean kayaks. You can go out and have fun as a flotilla of boats or organize races along the shoreline. Go exploring while Promenade is anchored in a quiet cove, or zip to the beach, laden with cold drinks. They're great for exercising, and parents especially appreciate the children using excess energy paddling around.

SCUBA Diving

In the British Virgin Islands, where year round the water is at a temperature of close to 80°F, diving is rarely deeper than 80 feet, and most dives are between 30 and 60 feet. Our dive sites vary from sheltered coral reefs to offshore rocks and walls. You can also dive inside grottos, caves and old shipwrecks. Visibility is mostly good to excellent. The tremendous variety of undersea life you'll encounter will keep you checking in the guide books again and again. The Virgin Islands offer a diversity of sites that is without equal.

Diving and Promenade

Promenade is without a doubt the best equipped yacht of its size for SCUBA diving. Whether you are an avid diver looking for a vacation that your entire family can share, or just looking for resort diving as an exciting addition to your cruise, our two SCUBA instructors have learned to turn your diving adventure into one of the most memorable and exciting parts of your vacation.

Diving From Promenade

Diving from Promenade is very easy. One soon takes for granted the spacious deck area of a trimaran. You won't be crowded while getting all your gear sorted out and there are two easy places to suit up and sit down while everybody gets ready. There is a ladder that extends five rungs below the water to make it easier for you to climb aboard at the end of a dive, with a fresh water shower right beside it. Everybody's needs are considered and a great time is had by all. When we have keen divers on board, it is our philosophy to visit, on average, two quality dives sites a day, to complement a pleasant, relaxed sailing schedule.

Training

We offer a resort course for non-divers as well as offering check out dives for those wishing to finish their training obtained elsewhere. Complete certification courses are offered on Promenade. We certify in PADI and NAUI.

Pricing

Open Water Referral Certification: \$250
Open Water Full Certification: \$400
Advanced Certification: \$225
Resort Divers: \$75 per dive (max \$400, includes gear)
Certified Divers: \$125 per week
Gear Rental: \$125 per week

The minimum age for SCUBA is 12 years.

SCUBA Equipment Carried

Compressors - 9 cfm
18 aluminum tanks - 80 and 50
16 BC jackets - various sizes
16 regulators - with octopus, depth & pressure gauges
Underwater lights for night diving are available for purchase in our "Ship's Boatique"
2 oxygen tanks - qualified DAN emergency O₂ provider
4 Underwater Scooters (extra rental fee)



Diary

DAY Joined PROMENADE at the marina. Painkiller Cocktails set the mood, as we all unpacked and introduced ourselves. Had lunch at the dockside, and then the crew prepared to set sail. Away we went to Benures Bay on Norman Island. Dropped anchor close by a great reef and had our first swim in the Caribbean Sea. As the sun went down hors d'oeuvres appeared and the "Libation of the Evening" arrived on deck. Soon it was dark, and as the lights of Tortola sparkled over the Sir Francis Drake Channel, we prepared for our first evening meal. After a feast of food, some of us sallied forth in the launch to the "Willy T", a nearby floating bar, for an after dinner drink.

DAY 2 Up early for a snorkel before breakfast. There were turtles in the bay so we slipped very slowly into the water in order not to disturb them. After breakfast, the divers chose to get checked out for SCUBA. Everyone else decided on suntanning. When the divers returned we all took a trip to the famous Caves for a snorkel. Back to Promenade for lunch. In the morning discussions, we'd opted to sail to Cooper Island for the night. After an exhilarating sail we ended up moored so close to shore we could almost count the grains of sand from on deck. A couple of us swam over to check out the boutique and the bar. Suddenly the kayaks came chasing after us, with much splashing and laughter. That evening, we decided to stay on board as we were all quite tired. Not used to so much sun and activity perhaps.

DAY To Virgin Gorda today. But first we went to see the "Wreck of the Rhone". She sank in 1867, off Black Rock Point, Salt Island, and today is a famous site. The snorkelers enjoyed seeing the stern section, which is close to the shore, and the divers went to the deeper parts. After lunch we were away, with the wind on our beam, sailing up to Oil Nut Bay. That evening we all went ashore at dusk and had a beach bonfire. As the hors d'oeuvres were passed round and we sipped on our evening cocktails, the crew dug the pit for the fire. I can't remember all the jokes we told, but it was certainly was a magic evening under the stars!

DAY 4 First we made a morning visit to the Bitter End Yacht Club for a little shopping at the boutique. Then we sailed downwind to Mountain Point. It was fun to eat lunch underway. After arriving I think we tried every activity possible. Kayaks and tube were some of the toys we had out. It was a busy afternoon. As dusk approached, we looked to the west and could see the Dogs, Beef Island, Scrub Island and Tortola, all silhouetted by the setting sun. What a wonderfully romantic sight.

DAY 5 Used the red and white "Fisherman Staysail" to sail down to the National Park called "The Baths". These are a unique formation of huge granite boulders, all piled one atop the other. We all went ashore and spent an hour hiking along the trail between there and the lovely little beach at Devil's Bay. Quite energetic, but lots of fun. We left after lunch and sailed to Muskmelon Bay on Guana Island, arriving in time for an evening snorkel. A beautifully secluded spot. Just us and the sea birds. Played "trivial Pursuit" during cocktail hour. We won!!!

DAY Came back past Marina Cay and sailed to Peter Island. Stopped on the way, at Ginger Island, for a dive at "Alice in Wonderland". Spent the afternoon waterskiing and kayaking in Great Harbour. Some of us went ashore to the Peter Island Hotel, a large resort owned by Amway Corporation. Decided we preferred being on Promenade. How else could we have seen all the beautiful bays and anchorages we'd visited? Before bedtime we lay out on the trampolines for a while. We did something we could never do at home: pointed out the stars to each other and traced the outlines of the constellations.

DAY 7 After an early breakfast and a sail back to the marina, it was time to say our goodbyes. It was hard to believe we'd been in the islands a week. Every moment's been great. Next time I'd like to sail over to Anegada and visit Sandy Spit, next to Jost Van Dyke. There's so much to see and do. Can't wait to come back...

Samples from our Bill of Fare

BREAKFASTS

Tropical Fruits, Chilled Orange Juice & Fresh Coffee,
with Croissants, Bagels, Homemade Muffins

Belgian Waffles with Fresh Strawberries
& Canadian Maple Syrup

Homemade Sticky Buns

American Breakfast Cooked to Order

Eggs Promenade, our unique version of Eggs Benedict

Potato Pancakes with Sour Cream or Applesauce

LUNCHEONS

Each day various home-baked breads and fresh salads
are presented with the principal dish

Teriyaki Chicken Wings, marinated all night, served with
Caesar Salad and Crazy Garlic Bread

Grilled Chicken Fajita Buffet A Mexican fiesta without
equal!

Caribbean Pizza Promenade style with three cheeses

Cold Assorted Meats, Cheese and Salad Platter with
Focaccia bread

Barbequed Hamburgers and Potato Salad How can you
miss?

HORS D'OEUVRES

Nachos and Cheese with Peppers and Tomato Salsa

Red Pepper Dip with Crudities

Spicy Conch Fritters

Selection of Cheeses with fresh Pineapple,
Grapes and Biscuits

APERITIFS

Served each day as the sun goes over the yard arm!

Promenade's Extensive Cocktail Recipes Include:

Black Banana Boat

Painkiller

Traditional Rum Punch

Anegada Colada

Bushwhackers

Frozen Daiquiris & Margaritas

just to name a few

ENTREES

Each evening the main dish is accompanied by a
selection
of freshly prepared vegetables and salads.

Lobster, Shrimp and Scallops Done Scampi style

Tuna Steaks with Tomato Pineapple Chutney

Indonesian Chicken Sate Kabobs

Chinese Stir Fry -- Chicken, Beef or Shrimp
with Angel Hair Pasta

Tenderloin Steaks Barbequed to perfection

Mississippi Rub Barbecued Ribs

DESSERTS

Delicious and delightful, let yourself go, and enjoy!

Key Lime Pie

Chocolate Cheesecake

Apple Streusel Pie

White Chocolate Mousse

Homemade Ice Cream What's your favorite?

JAVA ANYONE?

Freshly Brewed Coffee
served with a variety of liqueurs

WINES

We keep a considerably varied selection of wines
onboard,
from such houses as

Simi, Santa Margherita, Louis Jadot, Lindemanns,
Rosemount, Round Hill, Robert Mondavi, Kendall
Jackson and Other Fine Vintners

Chardonnays, Cabernet Sauvignons, Sauvignon Blancs,
Merlots & Pinot Grigios are featured

Our "al fresco" menu on Promenade is an exciting
occasion and reflects our chef's love of the ocean and
attention to detail.

Needs and styles are dictated by the appetites of our
guests and we make every effort to continually adjust
our menu.

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2006/2007 Rates

7 Night Charters

Up to 8 Guests \$16,900.
Up to 10 Guests \$18,900.
Up to 12 Guests \$20,900. (Families ONLY)

* Per Cabin sailings \$1,950 per person (6 nights)

* Add 10% for charters under 6 nights

* Xmas & New Year's week - \$20900. Up to 10 guests

* Prices include all gourmet meals, ship's bar, cruising taxes and water sports

* Not included are taxi transfers to and from the yacht, customary crew gratuity of 15%

* SCUBA: Certified Divers \$100 per week, BC and regulator rental \$125 per week, Resort divers \$75 per dive, max of \$400.00

Open Water referral \$250

SAILING TIMES:

Boarding at 12:00 noon. Yacht returns on departure date at 10:00 am. Guest departure is by noon. Promenade sails out of Roadtown, Tortola, BVI.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND REFUND POLICY:

For cruises more than 180 days away the deposit is 25% of the total rate for the cruise with a further 25% due 180 days before the cruise commences. For cruises less than 180 days away the amount of the deposit is 50% of the total rate for the cruise. The remaining 50% balance is due 30 days in advance unless paying by credit card, in which case it is due 60 days in advance. In the case of cancellation all payments are fully refundable (less 15% agency fees) provided the yacht is fully re-booked for the same period. All rates are in U.S. Dollars. We strongly suggest travel insurance.