

# Turquoise Caribbean Seas



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## Day 1 — Miami, United States

Arrive in Miami today, Florida's sun-kissed city of glimmering high-rises and vibrant culture on scenic Biscayne Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. Settle in to your veranda stateroom and take time to explore your ship amid Miami's coastal beauty.

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## Day 2 — Key West, United States

Experience the carefree culture of Key West, the southernmost city in the continental US and a rich blend of Caribbean, Latin and American culture. Soak up its atmosphere with a stroll along Duval Street to Mallory Square, passing old Bahamian-style homes and Spanish-influenced Victorian mansions. See Ernest Hemingway's home, where he wrote several novels, and former president Harry S. Truman's Winter White House, preserved today as a historic monument.

*Note: Day 2 on Dec 24, 2017 sailing will be at sea. Call for details.*

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## Day 3 — Cruise the Caribbean Sea

As you sail the sapphire-blue waters of the Caribbean toward Costa Rica, take advantage of the many amenities of your ship. You might take in an enrichment lecture on board, or sip a cocktail and enjoy the view through the two-story panoramic windows of the Explorers' Lounge.

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## Day 4 — Belize City, Belize

Call on Belize today, inhabited by Mayans for more than 5,000 years. Journey to the mysterious ancient site of Altun Ha, one of Central America's most accessible temples. Enjoy a cruise along the tropical Belize River. Or embark a small boat along the Belize River, a tranquil and pristine ribbon of beauty lined with lush jungle, vividly hued birds taking wing and monkeys hollering from the treetops.

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## Day 5 — Cozumel, Mexico

Discover the Mayan and colonial past of the island of Cozumel, located off Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula. Explore the colorful streets of San Miguel or visit Mayan and Toltec ruins at San Gervasio to gain insight into the island's ancient beliefs and customs. View the scenic lighthouse at Punta Sur and the many pristine beaches for which the island is world renowned.

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## Day 6 — Mérida, Mexico

Call in Mérida, capital of the Mexican state of Yucatán. More than half of the city's welcoming residents are of Mayan descent, infusing the culture with a rich and deep heritage. Drive from Progreso to Mérida and learn all about the Yucatán heritage and traditions on a panoramic tour. You will see the French-inspired Paseo de Montejo boulevard, the country's national monument, the 19th-century Governor's Palace and Mérida Cathedral, built in 1774. Or, choose to travel through the flat expanse of the Yucatán Peninsula to Chichén Itzá, one of the most important archaeological sites in the Americas. Marvel at the symmetry of the Kukulcan Temple, known to *los conquistadores* as El Castillo, and view the Temple of the Warriors, the observatory and the sacred cenote, a natural sinkhole central to Mayan religious life.

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## Day 7 — Scenic Cruising: Gulf of Mexico

As you cruise the calm and tranquil Gulf of Mexico, often referred to as the "south coast" of the United States, the distinct light of the sun plays on the water like dazzling diamonds. The first European explorer to sail the gulf, Amerigo Vespucci, paved the way for the pivotal conquest of Mexico. During your day of cruising, you might visit The Spa, where a soothing massage, the Thermal Pool and the Snow Grotto complement your relaxing sail.

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## Day 8 — Miami, United States

Disembark your ship today and depart for home, or extend your stay in Miami and take in the city's lively Cuban-American culture, fresh cuisine and the vibrant art deco architecture of South Beach.

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*\* One shore excursion included per port as indicated (included); all others available at an extra charge. Depending on your stateroom category, shore excursions may be reserved beginning 90 days before your cruise sails. Not all excursions will be available for all sailings. Full details of the excursions available on your specific departure date can be viewed at My Viking Journey once your cruise booking has been made.*