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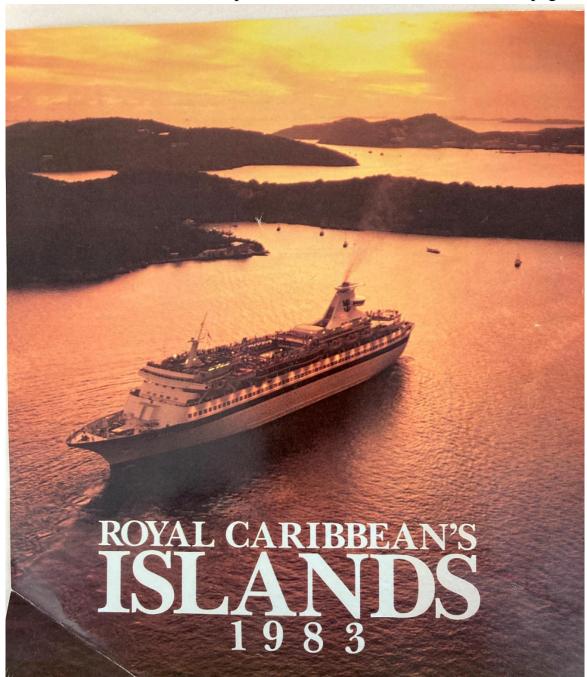
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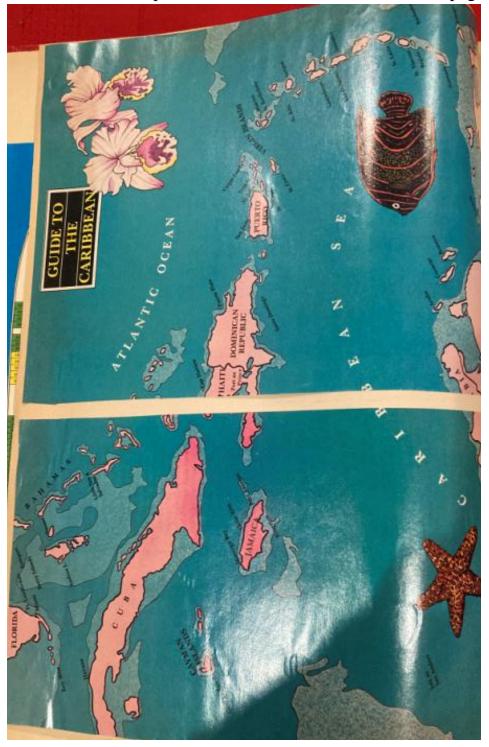
This is a travel album of Hans von Schweinitz and Helga about their trip on the Royal Caribbean ship Sun Viking 29 October through 5 November 1983. The cruise began in Miami Florida, went to the port of Ocho Rios Jamaica, Willemstad Curacao, Caracas (LaGuaira) Venezuela, and Bridgetown Barbados. The ship continued to island hop for another week before returning to Miami. But Hans and Helga left the ship early in Barbados and flew back to Miami to visit relatives.

As was Helga's habit, she kept a diary during their travels. This travel diary accompanies this album that she put together. And there are lots of photos of the pamphlets and other documents that are always collected while on vacation. At the end of the album, is the complete photo of each pamphlet and document. In a few places, some updates or additional information has been provided, mostly to explain the historical significance of some events.

Larger copies of the articles and inserts are provided at the end of the album. Also a complete transcript of Helga's diary is provided.

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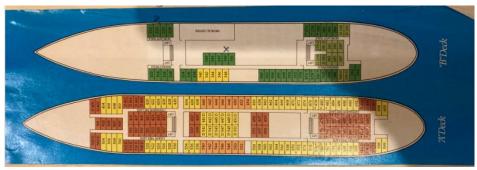
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29 October 1983 Miami Florida

Parked car in City Satellite Prkg lot, (slot B-2), \$2.00/day with bus to terminal, good arrangement. Pan Am to Miami, tour bus to the "Sun Viking", our cruise boat.



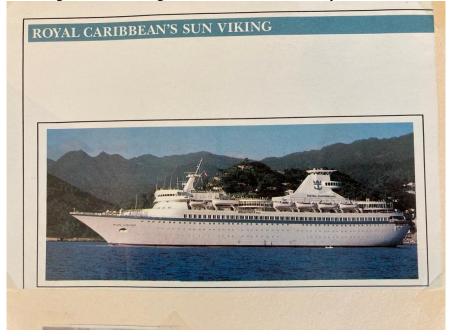
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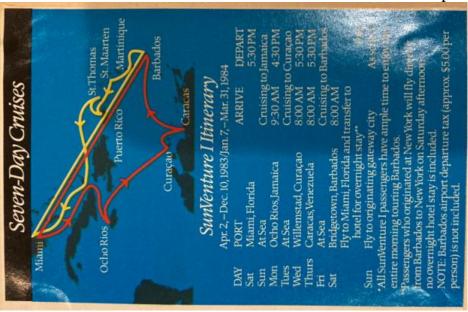


Stateroom 224 on the "Morgans Walk" hallway



Boarding the Sun Viking 29 October 1983 Saturday





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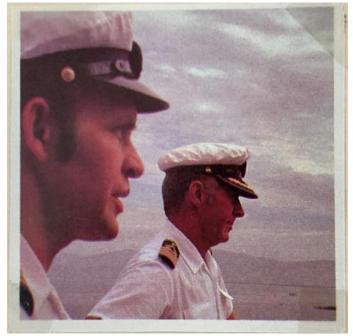
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Boarding Pass

Our Route is in red



Captain Per Moen - Master





Our cabin (Stateroom) looked like this!



Cabin Stewart in action



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Our itinerary

Diary

We are glad it's sailing under the Norwegian flag, since the US invaded Grenada less than a week ago, and the Cubans and the Russians are very upset, and the Caribbean is battle ground, at least on Grenada (we are headed for Barbados, the next door island).

Additional information

The United States invasion of Grenada

began at dawn on 25 October 1983. The U.S. and a coalition of six Caribbean nations invaded the island nation of Grenada, 100 miles (160 km)north of Venezuela. Codenamed Operation Urgent Fury by the U.S. military, it resulted in military occupation within a few days.

The Reagan administration in the U.S. launched a military intervention following receipt of a formal appeal for help from the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States. In addition, the Governor-General of Grenada Paul Scoon secretly signaled he would also support outside intervention, but he put off signing a letter of invitation until 26 October. President Reagan also acted due to "concerns over the 600 U.S. medical students on the island" and fears of a repeat of the Iran hostage crisis

The date of the invasion is now a national holiday in Grenada called Thanksgiving Day, commemorating the freeing of several political prisoners who were subsequently elected to office.



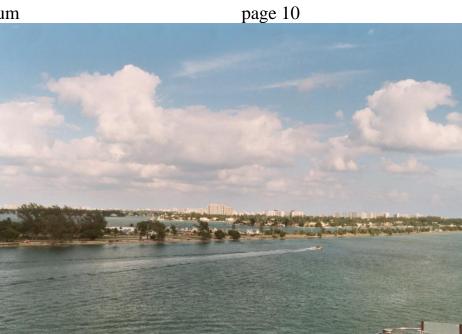
A drill just in case



Farewell ceremonies in Miami: music and paper snacks



Another ship and a plane in Miami



Leaving Miami



Looking back at Miami skyline

Diary

Dinner, "Main seating", the first regular meal. Trained stewards of different nationalities. First thing he does is he puts the linen napkin on your lap. One can choose from a menu, an excellent selection. I had marinated herring to start out with, then lamb for entree. I eat items I don't get every day at home. One has the same table partners all through the cruise. There is John and Carolyn from Harford CT, he is with Adler Typewriters; then there is Ed, a black veterinarian from Beverly Hill CA and his wife Wendy, I think a physician who looks much too young for that; and there is Jack from West Palm Beach, and his wife ??. They smoke half a pack of cigarettes during a meal.



Found in daily newsletter Compass: What happens when I dial 200? You get action

Diary

In the evening most passengers were rather tired, but some danced in different lounges for hours on end. Hans and I went on deck for a while. The wind was literally breathtaking.

Although the ship has stabilizers, I had to take a Dramamine to settle my stomach which acted up and interfered with love making. What a stable ride compared to the old Italia and the Queen Mary.



On deck the wind was breathtaking



The Viking Crown





Life Boats



Of course, we can't promise singles a shipboard romance.



Evening on upper deck



Sunset



Oct30, Sunday

It started well enough, Breakfast at 7:30, and then a few hours on deck enjoying the breeze and the sun. Talked to members of a German group who will go skiing in Ischgl, Hotel Post. A small world. In contrast to the official comments of the German government, they applauded the invasion of Grenada by the US. "Endlich läβt sich Amerika nicht mehr alles gefallen."



Good weather pool

Then I became seasick, just made it to the cabin, now called stateroom. Ever since Hans is enjoying himself immensely, dropping in once in a while to show his beaming face. I am glad for him. He even dressed up cheerfully in his new navy blue suit for the Captain's Cocktail Party. And to think about the hard time I had to get him to a store to buy that suit. He looks good in it, no kidding, just like a captain.

I have now recovered enough to sit up and write, it is late evening. Hans got a pill that he stuck behind my ear eight hours ago. Maybe it is finally oozing through the skin and calming my stomach. I ordered a marinated herring. The first two bites stayed in.

All day long we cruised along the northern coast of Cuba. A cold front makes the ship roll and roll.



Seasick





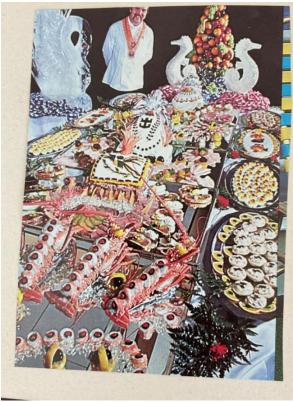
Dancing the Limbo



Horse Racing



Favorite sport on deck: tanning



Food exquisitely presented

31 Oct, Monday JAMAICA

Docked at Ocho Rios, Jamaica, Montego Bay. The Captain did the maneuvering personally from an extended platform on the side of the ship.



Captain Per Moen, he maneuvers the ship into port personally

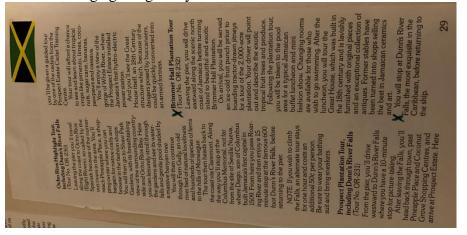


View from ship, down dock





Hans and Helga getting ready to invade Jamaica





We had signed up for a bus tour to the Brimmerhall Plantation. Drive through narrow, winding road full of potholes.

The population looks all black, really black. We didn't see a single pale face except for tourists. Most were poorly dressed, just sitting or walking around or peddling little things for sale.

Lush climate, rain, sunshine, another shower for a few seconds, middle 80's. Pleasant. Things grown and bloom wherever you let it. Many people walk around with long machetes, I guess their way back home to the village might be overgrown after they spent a day in town. There were some villas and fancy hotels (Noel Coward's home on top of a hill overlooking Montego Bay), but generally even along the waterfront there were mostly shacks and run down little houses. The Playboy Club was absolutely deserted and falling to pieces.



The good life, Jamaica

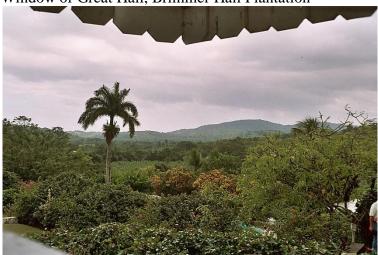


Parrot Macaw

The Plantation great house is a beautiful home over 200 years old, now with electricity. A large veranda with a roof pulling down deep so you can see out over the hills and valleys when you sit in the huge easy chairs. Large rooms, polished wooden floors, high ceilings and windows in all directions for a breeze. No fire place, of course. It never get below 60F. Stables, barns and smaller houses nearby for the running of the plantation, now also a swimming pool Brimmer Hall used to be owned by an Englishman but belongs now to a Jamaican.



Window of Great Hall, Brimmer Hall Plantation



View over plantation

We were served a buffet style lunch with strange dishes including goat curry and ackee, which is made of the inside of a fruit and looks like scrambled eggs.

One grows mainly Bananas and coconuts, also pineapple, all spice and coffee, but coffee more in the high regions on Blue Mountain.

DuPont did research recently on how to increase the use of the banana plant and discovered that the stems produce material ideal for fiber which can be turned into wigs, clothes and above all for pantyhose.



Jamaican Coffee Liqueur



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Guide demonstrates the pantyhose of the future made of Banana plants

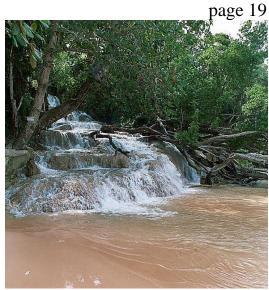


All workers on the plantation earn 8 Jamaican dollars per day. They provide their own housing and transportation (\$1=2.50 JD). Medical care is socialized. Out guide told us that he could get a better paid job in Kingston, but for that he needed a recommendation from his present employer, and landowners don't give recommendation to workers they want to keep.

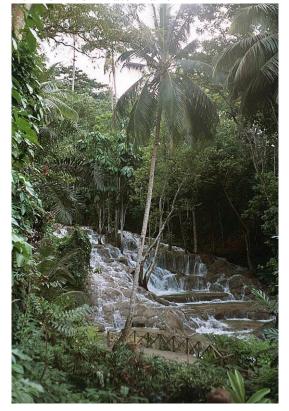
I haven't seen anybody perform any work, all the workers were just sitting around in the landscape although you could see where work needed to be done. Maybe you need ten people to do the job that one person does in the US, and it is better to pay 10 persons 8 Dollars than to pay 1 person 80 Dollars. I guess since the British left the management of things has left with them, maybe if there was more incentive for people to see, they might work a little more. It's that vicious circle, an ideal breeding ground for socialist agitators who make big promises. It seems that most of the lush Caribbean Islands are easy prey unless the prowestern people band together like they did about Granada.

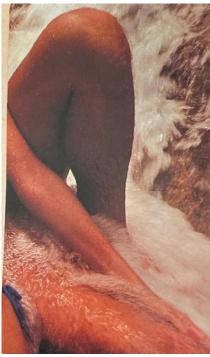


Last stop of the tour was to the Dunn's River Water Falls, empting into the sea. Very pretty with vegetation in abundance keeping the sun out for most of the day. We did not have enough time for the falls. The tour had included several shopping stops that we could have done without.



Dunn's River Water Falls





His and Hers at Dunn's River Falls



Where Dunn's River Falls empties into the sea

Photo from bus ride in Jamaica



Private spread in Jamaica



Sun Viking and Ocho Rios



View from Sun Viking towards Montego Bay



The ship set out to sea at 5pm, so quietly, we didn't even feel it.

Dinner was Caribbean food. We had Caribbean lobster, quite a lot of meat, but not very juicy. The music was calypso, a live band, and for desert the waiters had cakes drenched in rum or brandy (flaming





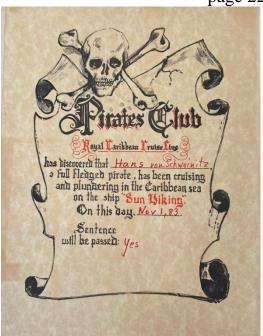
Later there was pirate night. Some people had really dressed up for that, others, like us, used the headgear, scarf and eye patch provided by the ship. We participated in some of the games (only I did). I won a set of coasters in a game of musical partners.

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From Jamaica we are sailing South East towards Curacao, the Captain advised people to take a pill. The bays of Jamaica look pretty.











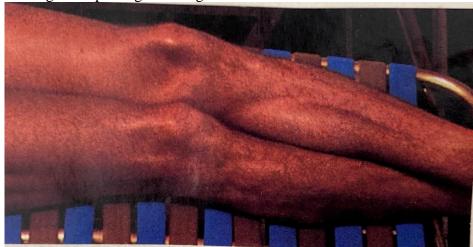
Daily "Compass" that lists the days activities. All pages are included at the end of this album.

Diary

All day on ship, our 25th wedding anniversary. I am not (yet) seasick. Breakfast at 8:30, then reading, writing on deck. The pool is empty. A visit to the Bridge. Everything runs on auto pilot.



Passengers inspecting the bridge



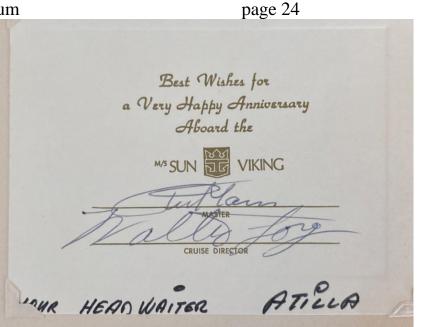
Whose legs?

We get dressed formal for dinner. A band and a group of waiters and the maitre de came to the table and sang "Happy Anniversary". That had decorated a cake with 3 candles and Happy 25th Anniversary on it. We shared the cake with the other people at the table.

Later that evening we watched a floor show in the Merry Widow Lounge, danced, and then we rested on deck chairs on the top deck gazing into the stars.



25th Wedding Anniversary





Our table partner for the cruise





Waiters on "Italian Night" sing "Happy 25th Anniversary" for us

2 Nov Wednesday Willemstad Curacao

Curacao - what a pleasant surprise. Before breakfast the ship entered the island via a natural waterway, one could almost touch the bright colored Brick-and-Stucco houses. A spectacular experience.

The first view (and smell) is of smoking refineries and enormous oil storage tanks. I had expected coconuts, orange groves, a lush tropical island, instead we found an arid, very Dutch, very clean and scrubbed place, elegantly dressed people, mostly black, but also whites and all shades in between.

I can't believe how much the atmosphere resembles a Dutch town, well it actually is. People on Curacao are Dutch citizens. The beautiful facades of the buildings can only be shown, not described.



Port City: Willemstad Population: 157,000

Language: Dutch, Spanish, English and Papiamento (basically a blend of the other languages)

Climate: Daytime temperatures average 81F. A light raincoat may be useful in November and December.

Currency: Netherlands Antilles guilder or florin (about 2.6 equal \$1.00 U.S.)

If you were to arrive in Willemstad via H.G. Wells' time machine, your first timpression would be that the unpredictable device had landed you in 17th-century Amsterdam. As you'll see, Willemstad appears the quintessential Old World Dutch city, complete with gable-roofed buildings neally painted in gay, pastel colors. Street musicians and ice cream vendors strolling along the city's outdoor malls add to its charm, as do its cobblestone roads and friendly, out-going people. (Among the first words you'll probably hear are bon bini, which means welcome in Papiamento.)

Curacaons are extremely proud of Willemstad's "Hans Christian Andersen story
book" appearance. So proud, they're in the
midst of an extensive on-going program designed to maintain and restore the traditional ambience of various places of historical interest and the fresh-scrubbed
peacefulness that's been a trademark of
Curacao's ever since Peter Stuyvesant, the
Dutchman who negotiated the purchase of
Manhattan for about \$24, in trinkets, was
the island!s first rowers.

Manhattan for about \$24, in trinkets, was the island's first governor.

One especially interesting historical attraction that's been well-maintained is the Mikve Israel Synagogue, the oldest Jewish house of worship in the western hemisphere. Built in 1732, the Temple's floor is covered with fine white sand to remind worshippers of the desert where the children of Israel camped—and because it muffles the sound of footsteps on the hollow wooden plank floor. Other places of interest in Willemstad include the city's floating market, where sailboats laden with fresh fruits and vegetables from nearby

Curaçao, the principal island of the Netherlands Antilles, was discovered by Alonso de Ojeda in September 1499. He was on an exploratory voyage under the aegis of Amerigo Matteo Vespucci after whom America is named.

The island was occupied by peaceful Indians, and its name is undoubtedly of Indian origin. In old manuscripts, it appears as "Karasao," "Quiracao," "Corossal" and "Curasao." Yet it bears a strange similarity to the Portuguese word for "heart": coração.

The Spanish didn't attempt to settle the island until 1527, when Juan de Ampúes took over in the name of the King of Spain.

Curaçao's Spanish occupation lasted till the middle of the 17th Century when they were harried by the Dutch into abandoning it in 1634. The Spanish population went scurrying off to the mainland of South America. And the Dutch were left its sole occupants except for 75 Amer-Indians.

Curaçao's first governor came from an island well known in American history. His name? Peter Stuyvesant—the first governor of Manhattan. And according to legend—his leg is buried here in the cemetery at Monte Verde.

The relative peace of the 18th Century was broken by slave uprisings in 1750 and 1795 which were quickly crushed. (Slavery, however, wasn't abolished until 1863, almost at the same time that Lincoln was promulgating the Emancipation Proclamation.)

From 1807 to 1816, at the time of the Napoleonic Wars, Curação was occupied in coexistence with the English. It was restored to Dutch sovereignty, however, in 1816 and remained so till 1954. Since then, by virtue of a new charter. Curação became an integral part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The sovereign of the Kingdom is head of state. Central executive powers are vested in the Crown and legislative powers in the Crown and Parliament in the Hague.

Venezuela pull up to conduct business, and Fort Amsterdam, the center of a complex of 18th-century buildings that now serve as the Curacaon seat of govern-ment and which includes the Governor's Palace. QUEENS EMMA AND JULIANA Although Cura-caons have been successful in their program to maintain and restore Willem-stad's architectural and cultural ties with its past, the city is far from staid. In fact, it's a lively, fairly contemively, fairly contemporary community.

Named after
William II, King of
Holland during the early years of
Dutch settlement, Willemstad is
the capital of both Curacao and of
the entire Netherlands Antilles.

As the ship enters the harbor you
should make a point of being on
deck, for it's from here that you'll
enjoy what many consider to be
the most interesting view of the
city. You sail right through the
narrow channel which separates
the two districts of the city. narrow channel which separates the two districts of the city, Punda and Otrabanda. Punda is on the right, with the massive Curacao Plaza Hotel guarding the harbor entrance. Next you'll see the famous Penha building, built in 1708, which stands at the head of the city temporary entoning. of the city's two main shopping streets, Breedestraat and of the city's two man snopping streets, Breedestraat and Heerenstraat.

Spanning the channel you'll see two very different yet equally remarkable bridges. One, called the Queen Emma, is a floating pontoon bridge built in 1888 and modernized in 1939. Situated at the entrance to the harbor, the Queen Emma will swivel open to the Ortabanda side twenty to thirty times a day to admit about 6.500 ships a year, including yours.

The other bridge, called the Queen Juliana, is one of the highest in the world and was dedicated in 1974. Built so the Oyen Emma could remain open for longer periods, the majestic, 195-foot high Queen Juliana dominates the skyline of Willemstad, the world's fifth busies tharbor and an intersection of international an intersection of international

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Entering Curacao



Queen Juliana Bridge



"oil" has left its mark





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By Ship: From New York and many other U.S. ports on year round and seasonal cruises. Also: a regular ferry boat service between Aruba-Curacao-Venezuela (our South American neighbour). Capacity 1200 passengers, 150 cars.

Entry Requirements: Tranist Lincluding curies visitors need proof of identity for a 24-hour (or less) stay on the island. Temporary stay: U.S. and Canadian citizens don't need a pasport. They do need proof of citizenship—entre a birth alization certificate or an Alien Registration Card. Requirements alization certificate or an Alien stay have been modified to allow a voter's registration card as proof of citizenship. All visitors must have a through or return locket to distination outside the Netherlands. As

Curação Climate & Clothes: An time is a good time to visit Curacad The weather is never cold (th lowest annual temperature bout 75°) and the sun shines eve ay. Trade winds stir the air, brin ag fresh breezes from the se inhts are cool

Nights are cool. For women: casual cottons, light weight synthetics; swim wear and beach coordinates; head scarves for protection of hairstyles; cocktail dresses and hostess gowns; a wool sweater or stole for the evening; sandas or comfortable shoes for walking. Shorts can be worn on the streets; of Willemstad.

For men: casual type sportsclothes; shorts and swim suits for beach and poolside wear. It is customary for men to wear ties at business appointments and after 6 p.m. Although this custom has relaxed in recognitions.

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The Economy: In its early history, the island's prosperity depended largely on its participation in the slave trade. With the abolition of slaver by King William III of the Netherlands in 1863, Curacao lost much of its economic importance. The establishment of an oil refine.

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More views from ship coming into Curacao (Willemstad)









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Striking Accomplishment

A Ship entering the harbor on a natural waterway

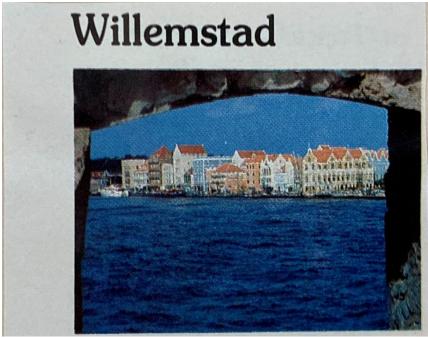
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We took a bus tour to the highest mountain (once a phosphate mine), and to an old mansion, furnished with massive mahogany furniture, verandahs with low roofs, wooden shutters for the windows, not all of them with glass panes. Many of the ordinary homes had no glass at all.

Flowering bushes and trees all over, but only where they are watered. It only rains between Oct and Jan. Goats are running all over and east the island barren. Most of them are owned by somebody. Between 5 and 6 in the evening they go to their home to get watered. They are the reason for fences around the front yards, the goats would feed on all ornamentals.

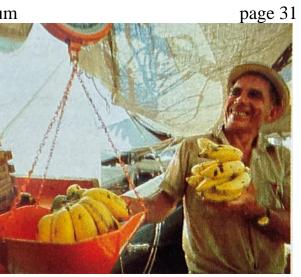
We ate Chinese, more by mistake (we didn't realize it early enough), it was very good, then we sat around, bought some Curacao liqueur, no beggars, no poverty, a nice place to live, I guess.

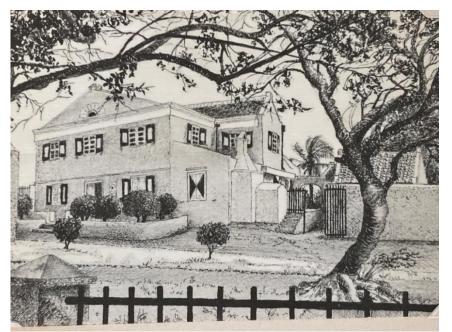
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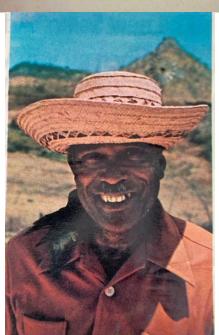
The best known product of the Netherlands Antilles is Curaçao Liqueur, which owes its origins to the mistaken belief by the Spanish back in the early 16th century that Curaçao's climate and soil would provide growing conditions similar to the provence of Valencia. Over the centuries the sweet Valencia orange trees planted in Curaçao by the Spaniards deteriorated until they produced only an inedible bitter fruit.

It was not until the beginning of the 18th century that the discovery was made that the sundried peel of the fruit contained a delicious aromatic oil. The nature of the orange had changed to such an extent that it was given its own botanical name: citrus aurentium curassuviensis— the golden orange of Curação. Locally it's known as the Laraha.

The trees are grown in the sheltered valleys of eastern Curaçao and harvested once or twice a year, depending on the rainfall and other climatic factors. The peel of the unripened orange is cut into four and dried in the sun on specially constructed terraces. Spices and herbs are then added to enhance the flavor.

Senior & Co., a privately owned company, using the same recipe dating back to 1896 of its "genuine Curação Liqueur" in the "Chobolobo" distillery on the outskirts of Willemstad. The company now makes the liqueur in green, orange, white and a new, stylish blue. And, Senior & Co.'s latest product which is now being marketed is aptly named "Koffi Korsow".

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Stadtbummelin Curacao (stroll in the or through town)



Queen Emma Bridge, floating pontoon built in 1888













Curacao Trading Company





"Natives", well dressed Dutch Citizens















Reminders of home

Bus trip









Windows of a plantation house



An artist lives here on a plantation



Hans and Helga mooning Curacao

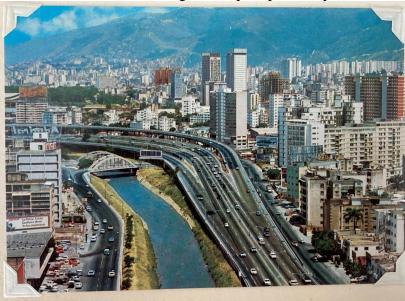


Leaving Curacao

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3 Nov Thursday LaGuaira, (Caracas) Venezuela

Venezuela, another surprise. A country which became rich with oil. But didn't make every citizen live in luxury. The first view of the harbor is of huts and shacks in bright colors crowding the hillsides, high, dense mountains in the background, quite picturesque.



Autopista del Este, Caracas. Postcard



View from ship



Royal Caribbean Sun Viking with 2 other ships at dock



In port and ready to explore.

We took a bus tour to Caracas, the capital. Mountain roads, a few tunnels built under the military dictatorship some years ago. Houses - houses - houses - houses - all the way from tiny shacks to skyscraping condominiums. Most smaller buildings seem to be sliding off the hillside. According to the guide, people move in from the interior, build a "house" anywhere on government land. No rent. They can move into government apartments, but then they have to work 5 days a week. Who needs that !?

Somewhere and for some reason there must be a lot of business going on, international trade. The huge ?? Hotel where we had lunch had conventions from many countries. We drove through some outskirts in the mountains, truly beautiful residential areas, mainly apartments, also, with a spectacular display of flowers and plants on the balconies. There is a large Jewish quarter in town, probably very active in the local gold trade. There we saw the most beautiful villas.

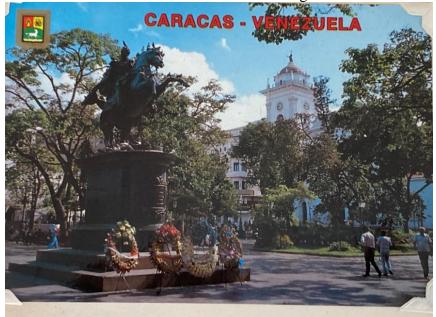
Venezuela did not introduce compulsory school attendance until 7 years ago. That means a lot of illiteracy. For elections people vote by color of party - white, green, and red. Voting is compulsory, which means the poorer class gets a lot of handouts to solicit their vote, since there are so many of them. According to our guide, the oil crises and the present form of democracy is killing off the middle class. It sure looks like it.

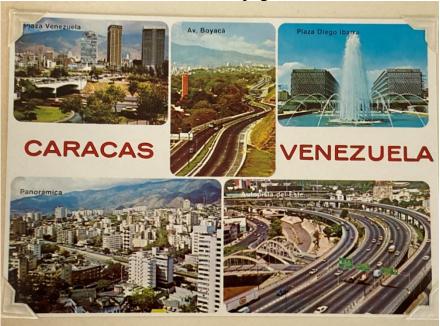


A tiny part of Caracas





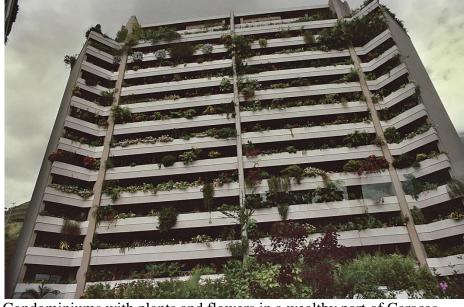






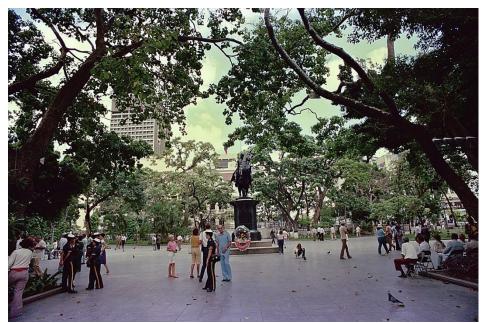
Courtyard of the Capitol Building, Caracas

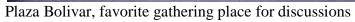




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Condominiums with plants and flowers in a wealthy part of Caracas









View from a bar of the Tamanaco Hotel



Garden of the former home of Simon Bolivar



View from the veranda of Bolivar's home, Caracas



Part of Caracas at night

At night during a variety show the guy (Baron ??) who played the sound track for Dr Zhivago and Red played the cimbalom. World class, the best on this old instrument (made in Budapest).

We never made it to the midnight buffet, nor to the early bird breakfast on deck. Before going to bed we like to lie on deck and watch the stars.



Baron Bela

Baron Bela is surely the "Heifetz" of an instrument called a Cimbalon which is a most impressive and unusual instrument used authentically by Hungarian Gypsy bands. It is believed to have found its way to Europe from the East, and Baron is one of the few musicians who have mastered this most difficult but exciting instrument. Baron can be heard playing the Cimbalon on such great movie soundtracks as "Doctor Zhivago", "Never on Sunday", and most recently "Reds' Tonight you will see the improbable speed at which his hands fly across the strings, you will hear the joyous sounds and join in the hand-clapping excitement which is guaranteed to ignite your soul!!



MIDNIGHT BUFFET:

Royal Caribbean's midnight buffets are cruise-world-famous... and justly so! There's one every night; and a special Gala Midnight Buffet the last Thursday of each cruise...the spread is so spectacular you'll probably want to come a few minutes early just to take pictures.

4 Nov Friday At Sea All day

Full day at sea. Sunshine, wavy enough to close the pool. We are headed towards troubled Grenada which, I hope, we'll pass by on the way to Barbados.

Captain's Gala Dinner at night. Some men in Tux, some Ladies in fancy long dresses. Most at least in cocktail dresses, but not all. The Captain had dinner at one of the guest tables, which made that normally noisy group very quiet. Champagne "compliments of the Captain" was served, but otherwise it was a normal dinner. I had shrimp in sherry and wine, but it tasted like an ordinary TV dinner. Went to bed early.





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5 Nov Saturday Bridgetown, Barbados

Landed in Barbados early in the morning. Again the Captain guided the ship personally. The normal route would have been to pass Grenada 5 miles to the South, but due to circumstances we had to pass it North, 3 miles north of it, so we only saw the island as a shadow.

We walked into Bridgetown, very congested, full of shops waiting for us. It has a British air about it, officers with little swagger stick like those in the British Army, prices for taxis published on bill boards, left hand traffic.



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Sailing around troubled Grenada at a distance of 30 miles (Grenada is a shadow on the horizon)



Helga invading Barbados



Bridgetown, Barbados

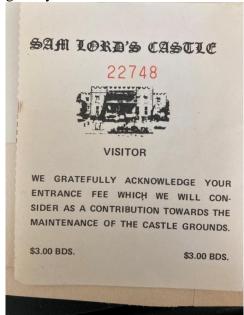


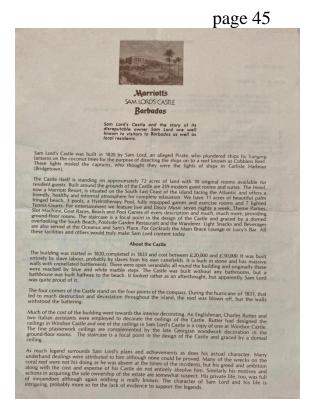
Hiring a taxi driver

We hired a taxi to take us around on the island, first to Sam Lord's Castle, now a Marriott Hotel with the main building like the original Manor. Beautiful grounds, fantastic beach in the bay.

Up and down we went through the island, the sugar cane fields, tiny villages with tiny houses. Some massive churches built with the native coral stone, most with breath taking views. Every place looks so clean because garbage pickup is daily and sanitary inspectors come around. I heard this is the most densely populated country in the world. It doesn't seem like it, but it has big Bridgetown and no vast empty land to influence the average per square foot.

What pleased us very much was the talk of the people and the articles in the newspapers praising the US (Reagan) for the invasion of Grenada, i.e., for helping the Caribbean islands when they couldn't help themselves against the aggressiveness of Cuba. They were very disappointed in England's Mrs Thatcher who failed to help them although they are all members of the Commonwealth.

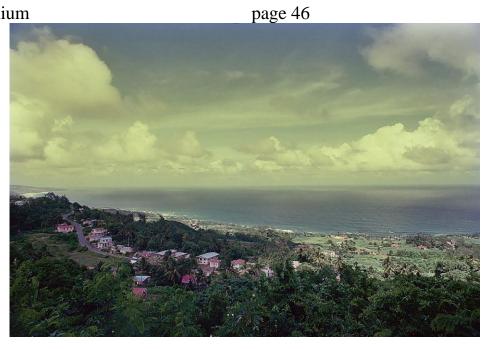


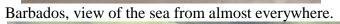




In the grounds of Sam Lord's Castle











Port City: Bridgetown

Population: about 252,000 in Barbados Language: English, with a Barbadian dia-

lect also spoken

Climate: From December to June the island enjoys the northeast trade winds and temperatures are in the mid to upper 70's. During the rest of the year, the trade winds diminish and the temperature is usually in the mid 80's

Currency: the Barbados Dollar (\$BD), often referred to as the Bajan Dollar. \$1.00 BD

roughly equals \$.50 U.S.

'George Washington Slept Here." That's a pretty corny idea for a historical site...but, when it is true and the spot where Washington laid his head is 2,000 miles from the United States, thereby hangs a tale.

Long thought of as simply an idyllic tropical paradise the newly independent nation of Barbados is taking pains to point out that its visitors can not only loll in the sun-soaked beaches, but will find unusual historical interest in the country as well.

A case in point: George Washington. Be-fore he set about his work of being Father of the U.S.A., the then-Major George Washington accompanied his half brother, Lawrence, to Barbados in 1751. Washington staved nearly six weeks in Barbados and wrote what was probably the first tourist folder about the island.

Today, visitors to Barbados can stop at George Washington's House on Bay Street, in the island-nation's capital of

Bridgetown. While you cannot rest your head where Washington laid his (it's a private home), you can stay at one of the most historic and intriguing hostelries in the Caribbean-Sam Lord's Castle.

First built in the late 18th century, plantation-owner builder Sam Lord hit upon and ingenious device for furnishing the 28-room castle.

He hung ship lanterns on trees and also placed some around the necks of cattle. Unwary ship captains would spot the lights and head toward them thinking it was port.



LOCAL **HANDICRAFTS**

This is a speciality of Cave Shepherd. Choose from the wide selection including:- straw bags, straw mats, turtle shell jewellery, black coral jewellery, white coral arrangements, shell work, miniature steel drums, bamboo vases, decorated sisal bags, wooden figurines, hand paintings and water colour sketches.

In reality, they were on their way to decorating another room in Sam's castle. As the ships closed on the shore, submerged rocks would rip into the hull, foundering them. Sam's hired men would rush aboard and pullage the ship and objects of art and other furnishings from those shipwrecking days can still be found in the Castle.

MOUNTED POLICE AND FLYING FISH

As testimony to Great Britain's rule, a visit to Barbados often creates the impression that this is a smaller, warm-weather England.

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THE TOWN OF BRIDGETOWN

One of the nicest ways to see Bridgetown is to stroll through it. Start in Trafalgar Square where you will find the monu-ment to Lord Nelson, built in 1815

and death in the Battle of Trafal-gar in 1805. Also in the square is a fountain, erected in 1865 to com-memorate the introduction of piped water to Bridgetown. Nearby is St. Michael's Cathedral completed in 1831 on the sife of a seventeenth century.

the site of a seventeenth century

building.
Adjacent to the Square are
the Public Buildings, completed
in 1874 after a fire in 1860 had in 1874 after a fire in 1800 had destroyed many houses and stores on the site. The East wing contains the House of Parliament where the House of Assembly meets.

The Careenage, or waterfront is snapned waterfront is snapned

waterfront, is spanned by the Chamberlain and Charles Duncan O'Neal Bridges. The Careenage derived its name from the French word which means to tilt over a ship so

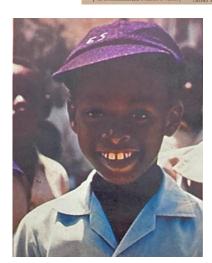
Today it is a favorite spot for photographers who capture motor boats and inter-island

photographers who capture motor boats and inter-island schooners unloading cargo.

Walk the length of length

A COLORFUL PAST

Unlike many of the Carib-bean islands, Barbados was not discovered by Christopher Colum bus. Its recorded history started rather later, 1625, to be precise.



A British expedition led by Captain John Powell laid claim to the island in the name of King James I. In 1627 he returned with the first group of colonists, 80 in number, and settled at Jamestown, now called Holetown.

By 1628 Barbados was a thriving colony with a mixed population of Europeans and slaves from Africa. They traded in tobacco, cotton and sugar cane, which was introduced in 1640.

During the long wars for European supremacy in the

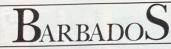
During the long wars for European supremacy in the Caribbean, Barbados was a heavily defended fortress containing as many as 26 forts running along 21 miles of British military power can still be seen today—in Queens Park which until early this century was the headquarters of the General commanding the South Caribbean Forces; in the Savannah Club which was the Guard Room; the Museum, which was a military prison; and the red brick buildings along the which was a military prison, and the red brick buildings along the Savannah and stretching into the Hastings Hotel district, which were messes and officers

were messes and officers quarters.
Politically and constitution-ally, Barbados made sure but slow progress along the road to independence from the beginning of the 20th Century. First came the establishment of an Executive Committee to advise the Governor and a two party system of representation in the legislature; then, in succession, women's suffage universal women's suffrage, universal adult suffrage, the setting up of a acuint surrage, the setting up of a cabinet system of government, full internal self-government and finally in 1966, complete in-dependence within the British Commonwealth.

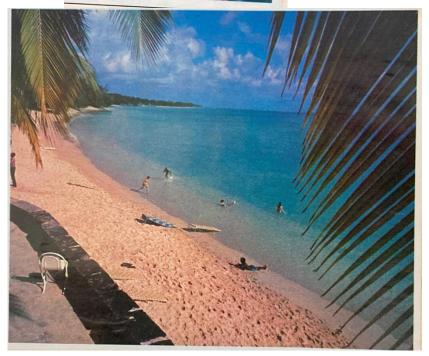
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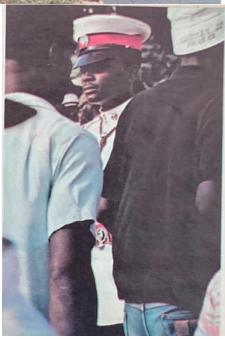
Barbados has as fine a range of quality merchandise at dutyfree prices as any island in the
Caribbean and it is here that
some of the most elegant stores
can be found. Bridgetown's main
shopping centre is the Broad
Street area where shops are open
from 8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.
weekdays and 8:00 a.m. - 12:00
noon Saturdays,
Items available include china









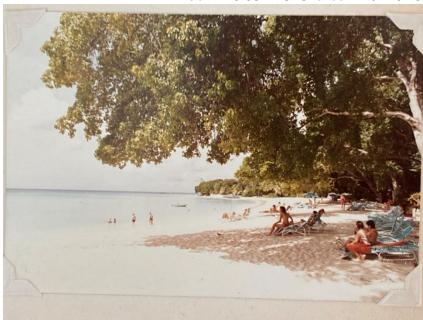




Typical house in Barbados



Ordinary home with fantastic view



"Sandy Beach Hote" beach, ~\$800 per night



End of Cruise



Royal Caribbean Sun Viking sailing away.

Air Force one and whole fleet of US Army cargo planes were on the airport.

Flight to BWIA (Barbados) to Miami at night, then the Marriott Hotel.



Leaving Barbados, Nov5, 1983



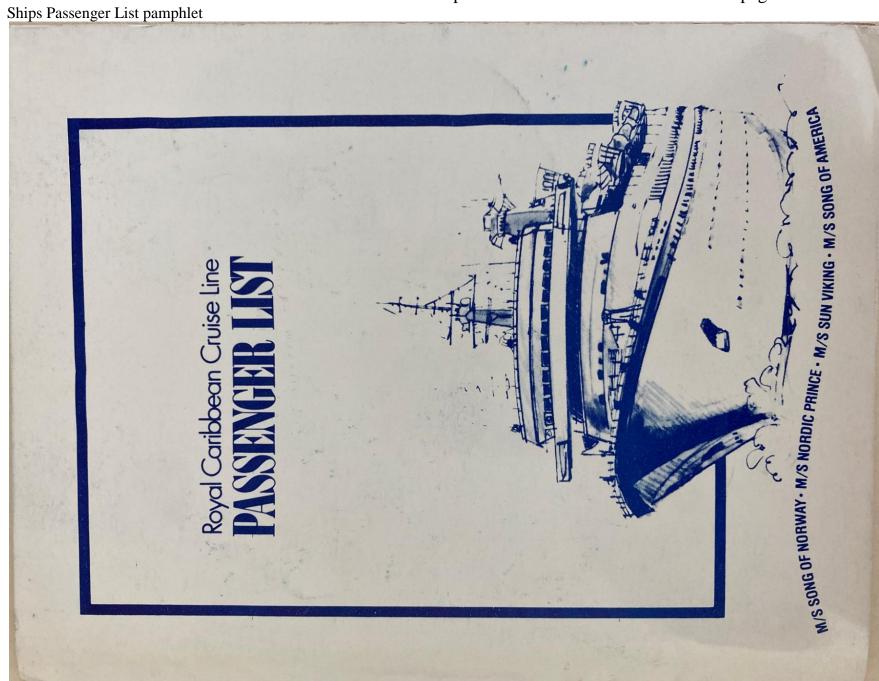
US Navy cargo planes in background, for Granada

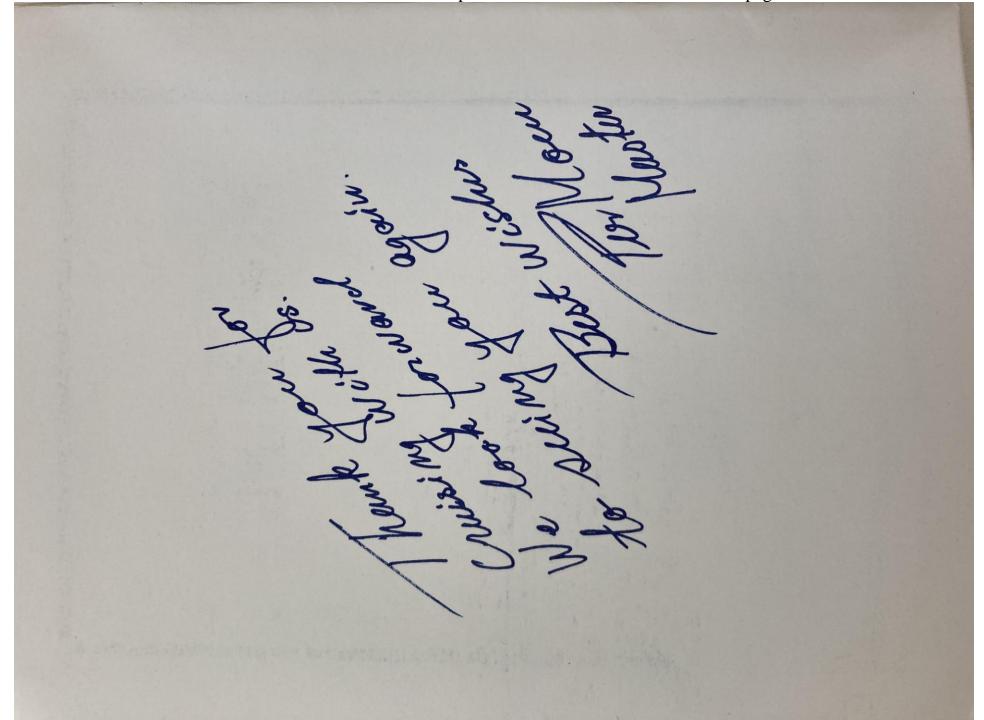


US Navy Planes (small) in background



Air Force One





Royal Caribbean Cruise Line

SUN VIKING

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WILLEMSTAD

Curacao

LA GUAIRA Venezuela

> BRIDGETOWN Barbados

FORT DE FRANCE Martinique ST.THOMAS St.Thomas

PHILIPSBURG St.Maarten

SAN JUAN Puerto Rico CAPTAIN PER MOEN

Master

Chief Officer Senior
OLE-JOHAN GRONHAUG

PETER DAWES

Hotel Manager

HERBERT JOHNSEN

Chief Engineer

Doctor
OLE-GEORGE TORJUSEN

1st Engineer Senior ODD ROSTAD

Food & Beverage Manager EMILIO SARRIA

GARY STEPHAN

Chief Purser

Chief Passenger Steward ROBERTO DIXON

FELIX BAUMAN Chef de Cuisine

TORE OSTEVIK Chief Radio Officer

TORE HANEFERD

Chief Electrician

Assistant Cruise Directors BILL BAILEY GIL MARR Shore Excursion Manager

Sports Director
VALERIE HUME

WALTER LONG Cruise Director

Hostess

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Calypso Band EULYN WATKINS PAUL JENNINGS

GEOFFREY DENTON MARGARET BURNS **WISON BARRERA**

VINCE MESSINA

ROYAL CARIBBEAN VARIETY SHOW ENTERTAINERS

★ First Show★

BOB FRANCIS WARD THOMAS JEREMY KRISPIEN ★Second Show★
THE LOUIS BROTHERS
BARON BELA
JIM TETER

Third Show
EDDIE SICARI

ALAN SCHACKNER ALLEN & SHANE

JODY DONOVAN JERRY HARTNETT IRWIN C. WATSON

SAILING OF OCTOBER 29, 1983

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Barbado



Jamestown (now Holetown, St.

who landed some 80 settlers on the island in 1627. They erected Plantation Fort, built James) and appointed Captain William Dean as governor. The

catalyst for a voyage later taken by his youngest brother Harry

One of the most unusual things about Barbados is the fact that it wasn't discovered by Columbus. It is presumed the island's first visitors were Portuguese who, in 1536, landed and named the island after the fig trees that were then growing there in great abundance.

There seems to be some dispute as to whom landed on Barbados next. Captain Caplin's good ship Olive Blossom was said to have been there in 1625. But another British captain, Smith Gordon, claims he was there a year prior. Still another British captain, John Powell was said to have landed a party in 1624, erected a cross, then carved in a nearby tree "James K of E and of this island."

settlement expanded rapidly and by the end of 1628, had a population of nearly 2000.
Aside from the disastrous hurricanes of 1675 and 1780-and the effects of the intermitby Columbars between the Europear powers for possession of the island's prosper through the 18th and 19th centuries. She became a sovereign state and a member of the British Commonwealth on November 30, 1966. Her present constitution provides for a Parliamentary governation Caplin's ment comprising Her Majesty, assem was a Senate and a House of captain, The island's principal industry.

The island's principal industry is sugar and its by-products, and it provides both the basis for her economy and the main source of employment.

Barbados' attraction as a mecca for tourists is physical. It's scenic. It's enjoyable. It has one of the world's purest, natural water supplies. And since it lies about 100 miles east of any other island in the so called "Caribbean" territory, it's naturally air conditioned by the trade winds. They blow unobstructed tyear-round, giving the country I a climate of perpetual summer.

Barbados Island Tour (Tour No. BB-190)

The tour begins with a drive through the bustling main shopping area of Broad Street and Trafagar Square, where you'll see a statue of Lord Nelson that was, interestingly enough, erected before the more renowned statue of Lord Nelson which stands in Trafalgar Square in London.

The tour next proceeds over the Charles Duncan Onea Bridge and past the Queen Elizabeth Hospital en route to St. John's Church. Along the way, you'll stop briefly at the sugar plantation great house named "Villa Nova."

This glorious stone house was built in 1834 and its ownership—from the time of its original owner, Edmund Haynes, is well documented. It includes the Earl of Avon, Sir Anthony Eden, former Prime Minister of Great Britain. In 1966, the Earl and Countess of Avon had as their guests at Villa Nova, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

and Prince Philip. During their visit, they planted two portlandias which still flourish

in the garden.

The tour continues to St.
John's Church, situated 800 feet above sea level on the edge of a cliff overlooking the ocean.
This, the third church built on this site, was completed in 1836. In the churchyard is the tombstone of Fernando Paleologus, a descendant of the last Emperor of Byzantium.

Emperor of byzantum.

The return to Bridgetown is along the south coast highway, which takes you by the Grantley Adams International Airport, and through the picturesque villages of Oistins, Dover, Worthing and Hastings before returning you to the Bridgetown Harbour.



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Square Miles: 166
Population: 265,000*
Nautical Miles from Miami
to Bridgetown: 1420
*1978 Estimate

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Willemstad



Curaçao, the principal island of the Netherlands Antilles, was discovered by Alonso de Ojeda in September 1499. He was on Vespucci after whom America an exploratory voyage under the aegis of Amerigo Matteo is named.

it bears a strange similarity to the Portuguese word for "heart": peaceful Indians, and its name is undoubtedly of Indian origin. as "Karasao, Quincas," Yet "Corossal" and "Curasao." Yet The island was occupied by In old manuscripts, it appears as "Karasao," "Quiracao,"

The Spanish didn't attempt to settle the island until 1527, when Juan de Ampúes took over in the name of the King of Spain. coração.

And the Dutch were left its sole occupants except for 75 Amertion went scurrying off to the mainland of South America. Indians.

ities are said to be represented among its inhabitants. Industry on the island is dom-inated by oil refining and stor-

age. But tourism is catching up fast—as both a source of revenue and employment. Because

villages across the countryside. No fewer than fifty-two nationalthroughout more than 100 small

The remainder are scattered

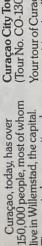
Curaçao's Spanish occupation lasted till the middle of the 17th Century when they were harried by the Dutch into abandoning it in 1634. The Spanish popula-

Curaçao's first governor came from an island well known in governor of Manhattan. And according to legend—his leg is buried here in the cemetery at American history. His name? Peter Stuyvesant—the first Monte Verde.

The relative peace of the 18th Century was broken by slave uprisings in 1750 and 1795 (Slavery, however, wasn't abolished until 1863, almost at the which were quickly crushed.

Curaçao became an integral part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The sovereign of the Kingdom is head of state. Central executive powers are vested in the Crown and legislative. same time that Lincoln was promulgating the Emancipation Proclamation.) From 1807 to 1816, at the time of the Napoleonic Wars, Curação was occupied in coexistence with the English. It was restored to Dutch sovereignty, however, in 1816 and remained so till 1954. Since then, by virtue of a new charter, powers in the Crown and Parlament in the Hague.

Square Miles: 172
Population: 158,882*
Nautical Miles from Miami
to Willemstad: 1130
*1977 Estimate



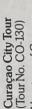
Your tour of Curaçao will cover most of the island's major points of interest. However, the sequence in which they will be seen may vary, because of the location of the ship.

the day. You'll also visit the Autonomy monument, erected to comthe weather is almost always favorable. There is little rainfall. The skies are generally blue. A cool breeze from the trade winds blows almost constantly. And the people are among the friendliest in the Caribbean.

its old mansions in Dutch Colonial style.

ship, your tour will also pass a water distillation plant capable of converting 16,000 tons of salt-sea Other stops of interest are the Cas Cora and botanical garden. Be fore heading back to your

ning, you may want to terminate your tour in Willemstad's shopping district, then return to the ship on your own. It's but a short cab ride away and the taxifares are quite reasonable. water to pure drinking water Or, as we said in the begin-



Every tour includes a visit to Heerenstraat—the Fifth Avenue of Curaçao, and it's a great place to return for shopping later in

memorate the formation of self-government in 1954. From here, you'll pass the F.D. Roosevelt House—the residence and of-fices of the U.S. Consul-General. A drive through the old resi-dential section of Scharloo, with







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great beauty, and its "capital" is the market town of St. Ann's Bay. The resort development of this delightful parish, however, began some years ago to center around the tiny village of Ocho Rios, although the hotels of the area are strung out, like jewels on a necklace, along 40 miles north coast is known as the "Garden Parish" because of its The Parish of St. Ann on the

of coastline.
The name Ocho Rios literally translated from the Spanish means "Eight Rivers." But there were never that many rivers in the area. Its true Spanish name was "Las Chorreras"—the waterfalls-and indeed the

In fact, Ocho Rios owes much of its fame to Dunn's River Falls, a much-photographed and much-climbed attraction. Ocho waterfalls are perhaps the most striking feature of the area. Rios is also famous for Fern

Monte go Bay

Ocho Rios Square Miles: 4,411.21
Population: 2,084,200*
Nautical Miles from Miami to Ocho Rios: 730
*1976 Estimate

a main road-it is a rocky gorge of tremendous depth which zig-zags for about four miles from Gully, an old watercourse now the Ocho Rios coast up to the

island's central mountain area. Island's central mountain area. Seville, on St. Ann's Bay, is the site of the island's first Spanish Settlement. It was started in 1509 and ruins remain still today. Fact is, the site is believed to be the location of Columbus two Caravels which were abandoned on his last journey. And further down the coast is Discovery Bay, the legendary landing place of Columbus in 1494.

Ocho Rios has undergone planned expansion designed to bring modern urban developments to an area already beharbor and its ease of access by existing regional highways. cause of its strategic placement on a beautiful reef-sheltered jewelled by nature. It has been selected for development be-

Although not the parish capital, Ocho Rios has rapidly progressed from a quiet fishing village to become the second most important resort area in

Ocho Rios Highlight Tour, including Dunn's River Falls (Tour No. OR-230)

ping center where you can bargain for native crafts and browse in the fashion shops. You will then go to Shaw Park Gardens, with its breathtaking view of the surrounding country-side and Ocho Rios Bay. Here you can leisurely stroll through the gardens and see its water-falls and gentle pool shaded by Spanish because of the numer Leaving the pier you'll travel along the coast to Ocho Rios (Eight Rivers), so called by the ous rivers in the area. You'll reach Pineapple Place, a shop-

a massive banyan tree.
You will then continue
through Fern Gully, an old
river bed of natural loveliness
and hundreds of species of ferns
to the hills of Moneague.
The tour then heads back to

the way you'll stop at the Columbus Memorial, not far from the site of Seville Nueva, where Diego, son of Columbus built Jamaica's first capital in 1509. From here you pass Roaring River and then enjoy a 15 minute stop at the famous 600 the coast via Claremont. Along foot Dunn's River Falls, before returning to the pier.

the Falls, an alternate tour stays NOTE: If you wish to climb additional 50¢ per person. Be sure to wear your bathing for one hour and costs an suit and bring sneakers.

Prospect Plantation Tour, including Dunn's River Falls (Tour No. OR-231)

From the pier, you'll drive westward to Dunn's River Falls where you have a 10-minute stop for picture-taking After leaving the Falls, you'll

head back through town, past Pineapple Place and Coconut Grove Shopping Centres, and arrive at Prospect Estate. Here

Prospect Estate Cadet Training by one of the cadets from the you'll be given a guided tour

Your tour will afford a chance

crops like pimento, limes, coco-nuts, sugar cane, bananas, pawpaws and cassava.
You'll enjoy a view of the gorge of White River, where the Prospect Estate installed Jamaica's first hydro-electric to see and learn about tropical

And you'll see the Great House itself, an 18th Century structure which, because of the dangers posed by buccaneers, could be quickly converted into an armed fortress. power station.

Brimmer Hall Plantation Tour (Tour No. OR-232)

Leaving the pier, you will drive eastward along the scenic north coast of Jamaica before turning inland to beautiful and exotic Brimmer Hall Plantation.

On arrival, you will be served an ice-cold fruit punch prior to boarding tractor-drawn jitheys for a tour of the 2,000-acre plantation. Your driver will point

out and describe the exotic tropical fruit trees and produce. Following the plantation tour, you will be taken to the pool area for a typical Jamaican buffet luncheon and mini fashion show. Changing rooms are available for those who luncheon, you will tour the Great House, which was built in and an exceptional collection of wish to go swimming. After the the 18th century and is lavishly been turned into shops selling antiques. Former stables have furnished with original pieces the best in Jamaican ceramics

Falls, the most exquisite in the Caribbean, before returning to fou will stop at Dunn's River and art.

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(LaGuaira)

Caracas was said to have been founded in 1561 on the site of a ranch. But the original town soon perished from attacks by hostile Indians.

The conquest and resettlement of "Caracas" began in 1566 and Diego de Losada is credited with actually founding the city in 1567.

provincial governor; and the Caracas Indians, who inhabited the area long before his arrival. In 1578, the city was a quadrilateral formed of 24 squares De Losada named it Santiago de León de Caracas. It was in honor of: the Apostle James, the patron saint of Spain; don Pedro Ponce de León, the centered on a plaza. The streets were straight and cobbled. The

arcades. And separate slave quarters and stables. Square Miles: 353,595 Population: 12,361,100* Nautical Miles from Miami to Venezuela: 1180 *1976 Estimate

The urban development of the confining ravines that lay east and west. But later, bridges were built over the ravines and city was toward the north and south, mainly because of the

ing producers of crude oil and

this, plus the country's vast mineral wealth and natural

growth began spreading east and west, as well.

But the growth of the city wasn't without interruption. In 1595, the city was sacked by in 1812, it was almost totally destroyed once again. And in the War of Independence, it was repeatedly subjected to sharehoost. slaughter and pilferage by both sides.

zuela. Upon achieving independence, Caracas became the capital of the Republic of Venezuela. the provincial capital in 1577 and later became the residence of the captain general of Vene-Caracas acquired its status as

average house was quite large. They had tree filled patios and

site of the Venezuelan govern-ment's executive, legislative and judicial branches. The city itselfis governed through the liberation department of the federal district composed of ten urban parishes plus four outside the urban area. The city is the permanent

It has also been the seat of an archbishopric since 1804,



local custom, we respectfully request that ladies and gentlemen not wear shorts while on tour of Caracas. Thanks for NOTE: In consideration for your cooperation.

In short, Caracas is one of the most developed and cosmopolitan cities in South America. Or indeed, the world. resources, makes for a very healthy national economy.

Caracas (La Guaira) City Tour (Tour No. CR-140)

An air-conditioned motor coach will pick you up at the pier in La Guaira and take you via super highway through the mountains to the capital city of Caracas.

The first part of your tour will be spent visiting such points of interest as the Capitol and the House of Simón Bolivar. Here, too, in this general area, you'll visit Plaza Bolivar with the views of the Cathedral, Municipal Council, Ministry of Foreign Relations and the offices of the

After the downtown stop, the buses will go to the "Pantheon" (mausoleum of Venezuela's most prominent heroes) for a short visit. Followed by a stop at the Quinta Anauco (Colonial Museum), which is a restored and beautifully maintained manor (1500's) on a hill near

the center of the city.
You'll then proceed past the
plush "East Side" residential section of town to the Hotel Tamanaco for a leisurely lunch which will include live, typical Venezuelan music. After lunch short city tour of La Guaira. (Note: Due to the amount of you will visit the Murano Venetian glass factory, then passengers on the tour, the order of points of interest head back to the ship via a

will vary with morning and points of interest

afternoon stops.)



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Know your Starboard from your Port.

A ship has a language all of its own. (Above means "up" and below means "down".) So to help you understand what we're talking about when we say things like "Sundeck Aff" here's a list of nautical terms to help you on

AFT - The rear of the vessel. Also means near or toward as in "going aft.

- Any passageway on the ALLEYWAY

0 ward the middle of the vessel, between the AMIDSHIPS - (or Midships) - In or

Bowand Stern.

BEAM - The width of the vessel at its

widest part. BOW - The Forward or front part of the

BRIDGE – The ship's command center.
Located forward and above the Sun Deck.
BUILKHEAD – Any of the partition walls used to separate various areas of the ship, such as rooms, etc.

DISEMBARK - To land, or to go ashore DEBARK - An abbreviation of the word

disembark

or unloaded. In general usage, however, the pier, wharf and quay are used DOCK - In the strict nautical sense, a dock is the waterspace alongside a pier, wharf or quay in which a ship floats while being loaded synonymously to mean the structure at which words dock, from a ship.

DRAFT - (or Draught) - The depth of a ship ties up when in port.

water a ship draws.

EMBARK - To go aboard a ship to begin a

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FATHOM - A measure of length, containing six feet, used chiefly in measuring cord-

age, cable, and depth of water by soundings.

FREE PORT – A restricted zone at a seaport, where duty-free import goods are sold.

GALLEY-Ship's kitchen.

measure, not of weight, but of cubic content of the enclosed spaces on a ship (excluding the engine room), and is the measurement used GROSS REGISTER TON - This is a ingiving the size of passenger vessels. One-hundred cubic feet is equal to one gross register ton.

ships steering wheel and to the post to which it is attached.

HOLD – Interior of a vessel below decks HELM - A generic term that refers to the

where cargo is stored.

KEEL - The ship's backbone. The keel is a horizontal, thick, steel plate running the full length of the ship's bottom, on the top of which a vertical center frame is fitted and to which the main framing of the ship is attached.

KNOT – A unit of speed, equivalent to one nautical mile is 6080 feet which is 1.15 of a statute mile.

down or horizontally.

LEAGUE - Three (3) nautical miles, up,

LEE, LEEWARD – (Pronounced "Loo-ard") The direction away from the wind. LOG – A daily record of a ship's speed and progress. Also, a device for measuring the speed of a ship.

PORT - To your left, facing Forward. Indi-

cated by a red navigational light. SCUPPERS - The narrow drains below

SOUNDING - Depth of water. Also, to easure such depth, "to take a sounding." Today, depth is measured with sonar devices, measure such depth, the ships rail

tended from either side of the ship for so this term is more appropriate than ever. STABILIZER - A rectractable "fin"

smoother sailing.

STARBOARD – To your right, facing Forward. Indicated by a green navigational light.

STERN – The Aft (rear) end of a vessel.

sarily imply the ship is moving; only that the anchor is up or the lines are let go and she's UNDER WAY - This term does not necesready to move.

WAKE - The frothy water churned up

behind the ship by its propellers.

WEATHER SIDE – That side of the ship toward which the wind is blowing. Also Weatherboard, or Windward Side.

WEIGH ANCHOR – To raise, not to test

weight of, anchor.
WINDWARD – The direction towards the



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Route

Sun Viking's Compass for 1 November 1983



EXERCISE CLASS - Sports Deck Aft. The Bridge may be visited via Bridge Deck Forward. COMPLIMENTARY DANCE CLASS - "Merry Widow" Lounge. DECK GAMES & TOURNAMENTS - Sports Deck. For those wishing to play informally, there will be ample equipment and space available. Shuffleboard Singles Tournament commences. DANCERCISE CLASS - "Merry Widow" Lounge.	COMPLIMENTARY BINGO - for ships prizes - Poolside. SERVICE CLUB MEETING - Members of the various service clubs and organizations, Lions, Kiwanis, Masonic Orders, Rotary, ect. are invited to meet for an informal gathering in the "Compass Lounge". Music by the Steel Band - Poolside. VOICE FROM THE BRIDGE - The Captain reports our noon position, weather forecast and points of interest for the afternoon	MOVIE: LOCAL HERO - Starring Burt Lancaster and Peter Reigert. Rated "PG". Ends 4:07 p.m. "Annie Get Your Gun" Lounge. PING PONG SINGLES TOURNAMENT Sports Deck Aft. The Bridge may be visited via Bridge Deck Forward.	CRUISE CRAFTS - (Nominal Charge) - "Merry Widow" Lounge, Portside, INFCRMAL CARDS in the "Compass Lounge". Your Hostess will be there until 3:15 p.m. to introduce players to each other.	SKEET SHOOTING - Poolside. SKEET SHOOTING - Restaurant Deck, Aft. POOLGAMES for ships prizes. Poolside. BACKGAMMON for beginners and practice for other players. "Merry Widow" Lounge, Starboard Side.	Music by the Steel Band - Poolside. GOLF DRIVING TOURNAMENT - Restaurant Deck Aft. CASH BINGO - "Annie Get Your Gun" Lounge. WINE APPRECIATION HOUR - "Lounge of the Northern Lights" - Wine and Cheeses from around the world will be served. (Nominal Charge).	Easy Listening and Dance Music - "Merry Widow" Lounge. Easy Listening and Dance Music - "Merry Widow" Lounge. CRUISE STAFF SHOW For passengers on Main Sitting "Merry Widow"	LIVE MUSIC - for dancing "Lounge of the Northern Lights" " LIVE MUSIC - for dancing "Lounge of the Northern Lights" " Dancing to your favorite music. "Merry Widow" Lounge. MOVIE: TRAIL OF THE PINK PANTHER - Starring Peter Sellers and David Niver. Rated "PG". Ends 11:52 p.m. "Annie Get Your Gun" Lounge. CRUISE STAFF SHOW - For passengers on Second Sitting. "Merry Widow" Lounge.	Pancing continues in the "Merry Widow" Lounge. FLOORSHOW - "Merry Widow" Lounge TOP DISCS in the "Lounge of the Nothern Lights".	ION FOR THIS EVENING: Jacket & Tie are required
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Sitting Bull" Bar 10:00 p.m. 10:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

Our quiet bar in the Annie Get Your Gun" Lounge "Lounge of the Northern Lights" 3:00 a.m. 9:30 p.m.

We gladly accept American Express, Mastercard and Visa for purchases at all our bars and in the Dining Room.

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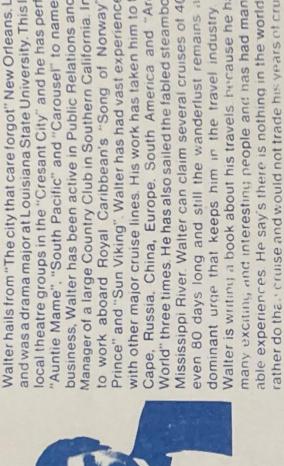
is used to turn the nose of the ship and in combination with the aft engine-driven variable pitch four blades each and are 12 feet in diameter. In addition to these propellers, we have an electrically driven propeller mounted sideways forward near the bow of the ship. This bow-thruster propeller propellers and the ship's rudders, enable the Captain to maneuver our ship in the most narrow MANEUVERING: Our ship is maneuvered from the Bridge by turning twin rudders in combination with the thrust of our two variable pitch propellers. These propellers are of Swedish design, have ports without the use of tug boats. **出来的分子的计算的对于对于对于对于对于对于对于对于对于对于**

TUESDAY

CRUISE DIRECTOR WALTER LONG

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rather do that cruise and would not trade his years of cruising for a with other major cruise lines. His work has taken him to the North Cape, Russia, China, Europe, South America and "Around the World" three times. He has also sailed the fabled steamboats of the Walter is writing a book about his travels, because he has met so able experiences. He say's there is nothing in the world he would Mississippi River. Walter can claim several cruises of 40, 60, and even 80 days long and still the wanderlust remains and is the Presently Manager of a large Country Club in Southern California. In addition Prince" and "Sun Viking". Walter has had vast experience working "South Pacific" and "Carousel" to name a few. In business, Walter has been active in Public Relations and General "Nordic Walter hails from "The city that care forgot" New Orleans, Louisiana and was a drama major at Louisiana State University. This led him to local theatre groups in the "Cresant City" and he has performed in many exciting, and interesting people and has had many remark to work aboard Royal Caribbean's "Song of Norway dominant urge that keeps him in the travel industry "Auntie Mame", million dollars



LISA DANTON - HOSTESS

In 1971 Lisa joined Royal Caribbean Cruise Line and has enjoyed the privilege of being Musical 'Kismet", she became a member of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, and accompanied many During the filming of the Steamship Company to cruise the Caribbean and a new she was approached by Eastern London, where she won the coveted John Stokes Award to the Royal Academy of Music in London, majoring in Planoforte and Oramatic Art From London's West End Lisa Danton studied at the Guildhall School of Music Hostess on three of our tour ships recitals at the Wigmore Hall Oliver career began musical



Barbados

Bridgetown



One of the most unusual things about Barbados is the fact that it wasn't discovered by Columbus. It is presumed the island's first visitors were Portuguese who, in 1536, landed and named the island after the fig trees that were then growing there in great abundance.

There seems to be some dispute as to whom landed on Barbados next. Captain Caplin's good ship Olive Blossom was said to have been there in 1625. But another British captain, Smith Gordon, claims he was there a year prior. Still another British captain, John Powell was said to have landed a party in 1624, erected a cross, then carved in a nearby tree "James K of E and of this island."

catalyst for a voyage later taken by his youngest brother Harry who landed some 80 settlers on the island in 1627. They erected Plantation Fort, built Jamestown (now Holetown, St. James) and appointed Captain William Dean as governor. The settlement expanded rapidly and by the end of 1628, had a population of nearly 2000.

Aside from the disastrous hurricanes of 1675 and 1780—and the effects of the intermittent wars between the European powers for possession of the islands—Barbados continued to prosper through the 18th and 19th centuries. She became a sovereign state and a member of the British Commonwealth on November 30, 1966. Her present constitution provides for a Parliamentary government comprising Her Majesty, a Senaphy.

Assembly.
The island's principal industry is sugar and its by-products, and it provides both the basis for her economy and the main source of employment.



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MAP & GUIDE TO BARBADOS

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lots of sea bathing (Very healthy!)

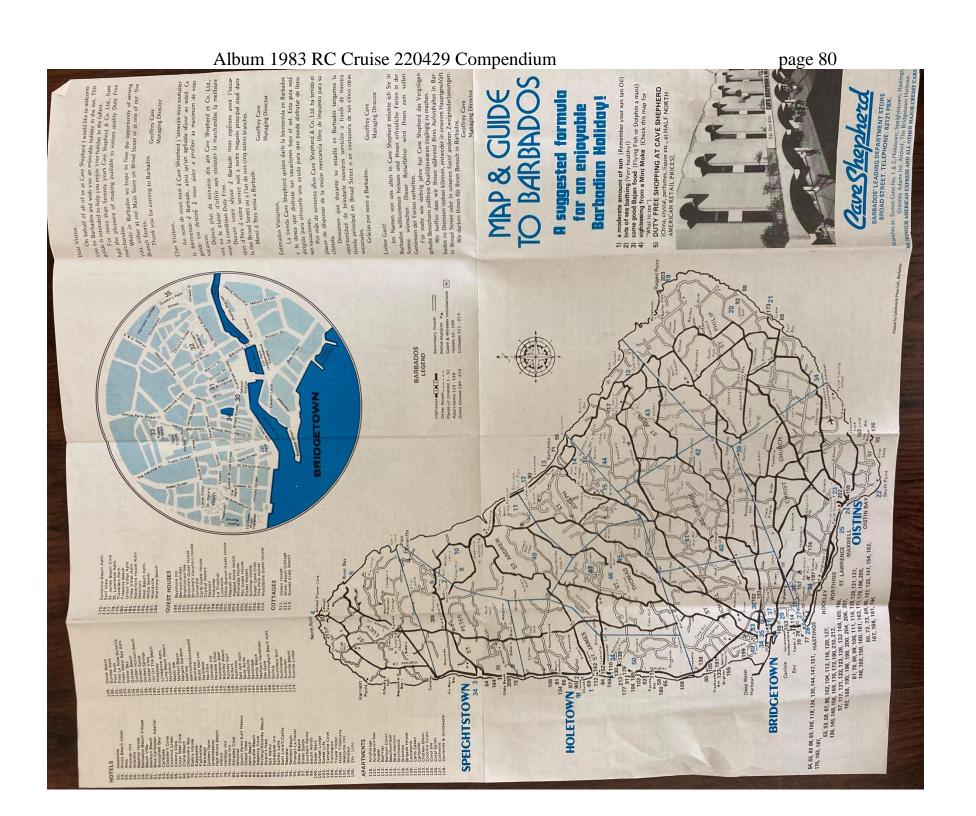
some good Bajan food (Flying Fish or Dolphin a must)

sightseeing from a Mini Moke (Check this map for

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During the Winter Season some of the owners of building grant permission for them to be opened by the Barbados Nation Trust.

Edward Stoute, Barbadian Historian was born in Belleville in 1908 and has written over one thousand articles on Barbados since 1949, in 1977 he was presented with H.M. Queen Elizabeth II Silver Indiae Media.

Album 1983 RC Cruise 220429 Compendium Helga's diary of travel from 28 October to 6 November 1983

Cruise 29October-5November 1983

Oct28, Friday

Left for Houston in the evening, spent the night at Marriott Brookhollow (I610, North of I10 at Jester Exit). \$32.00 military rate, a patriotic touch? Houston is nothing but highways with poor signs.

Oct29, Saturday

Parked car in City Satellite Prkg lot, (slot B-2), \$2.00/day with bus to terminal, good arrangement. Pan Am to Miami, tour bus to the "Sun Viking", our cruise boat. We are glad it's sailing under the Norwegian flag, since the US invaded Grenada less than a week ago, and the Cubans and the Russians are very upset, and the Caribbean is battle ground, at least on Grenada (we are headed for Barbados, the next door island).

Dinner, "Main seating", the first regular meal. Trained stewards of different nationalities. First thing he does is he puts the linen napkin on your lap. One can choose from a menu, an excellent selection. I had marinated herring to start out with, then lamb for entree. I eat items I don't get every day at home. One has the same table partners all through the cruise. There is John and Carolyn from Harford CT, he is with Adler Typewriters; then there is Ed, a black veterinarian from Beverly Hill CA and his wife Wendy, I think a physician who looks much too young for that; and there is Jack from West Palm Beach, and his wife ??. They smoke half a pack of cigarettes during a meal.

In the evening most passengers were rather tired, but some danced in different lounges for hours on end. Hans and I went on deck for a while. The wind was literally breathtaking.

Although the ship has stabilizers, I had to take a Dramamine to settle my stomach which acted up and interfered with love making. What a stable ride compared to the old Italia and the Queen Mary.

Oct30, Sunday

It started well enough, Breakfast at 7:30, and then a few hours on deck enjoying the breeze and the sun. Talked to members of a German group who will go skiing in Ischgl, Hotel Post. A small world. In contrast to the official comments of the German government, they applauded the invasion of Grenada by the US. "Endlich läβt sich Amerika nicht mehr alles gefallen."

Then I became seasick, just made it to the cabin, now called stateroom. Ever since Hans is enjoying himself immensely, dropping in once in a while to show his beaming face. I am glad for him. He even dressed up cheerfully in his new navy blue suit for the Captain's Cocktail Party. And to think about the hard time I had to get him to a store to buy that suit. He looks good in it, no kidding, just like a captain.

I have now recovered enough to sit up and write, it is late evening. Hans got a pill that he stuck behind my ear eight hours ago. Maybe it is finally oozing through the skin and calming my stomach. I ordered a marinated herring. The first two bites stayed in.

All day long we cruised along the northern coast of Cuba. A cold front makes the ship roll and roll and roll.

31 Oct, Monday

Docked at Ocho Rios, Jamaica, Montego Bay. The Captain did the maneuvering personally from an extended platform on the side of the ship.

We had signed up for a bus tour to the Brimmerhall Plantation. Drive through narrow, winding road full of potholes.

The population looks all black, really black. We didn't see a single pale face except for tourists. Most were poorly dressed, just sitting or walking around or peddling little things for sale.

Lush climate, rain, sunshine, another shower for a few seconds, middle 80's. Pleasant. Things grown and bloom wherever you let it. Many people walk around with long machetes, I guess their way back home to the village might be overgrown after they spent a day in town. There were some villas and fancy hotels (Noel

Coward's home on top of a hill overlooking Montego Bay), but generally even along the waterfront there were mostly shacks and run down little houses. The Playboy Club was absolutely deserted and falling to pieces.

The Plantation great house is a beautiful home over 200 years old, now with electricity. A large veranda with a roof pulling down deep so you can see out over the hills and valleys when you sit in the huge easy chairs. Large rooms, polished wooden floors, high ceilings and windows in all directions for a breeze. No fire place, of course. It never get below 60F. Stables, barns and smaller houses nearby for the running of the plantation, now also a swimming pool Brimmer Hall used to be owned by an Englishman but belongs now to a Jamaican.

We were served a buffet style lunch with strange dishes including goat curry and ackee, which is made of the inside of a fruit and looks like scrambled eggs.

One grows mainly Bananas and coconuts, also pineapple, all spice and coffee, but coffee more in the high regions on Blue Mountain.

DuPont did research recently on how to increase the use of the banana plant and discovered that the stems produce material ideal for fiber which can be turned into wigs, clothes and above all for pantyhose.

All workers on the plantation earn 8 Jamaican dollars per day. They provide their own housing and transportation (\$1=2.50 JD). Medical care is socialized. Out guide told us that he could get a better paid job in Kingston, but for that he needed a recommendation from his present employer, and landowners don't give recommendation to workers they want to keep.

I haven't seen anybody perform any work, all the workers were just sitting around in the landscape although you could see where work needed to be done. Maybe you need ten people to do the job that one person does in the US, and it is better to pay 10 persons 8 Dollars than to pay 1 person 80 Dollars. I guess since the British left the management of things has left with them, maybe if there was more incentive for people to see, they might work a little more. It's that vicious circle, an ideal breeding ground for socialist agitators who make big promises. It seems that most of the lush Caribbean Islands are easy prey unless the pro-western people band together like they did about Granada.

Last stop of the tour was to the Water Falls, empting into the sea. Very pretty with vegetation in abundance keeping the sun out for most of the day. We did not have enough time for the falls. The tour had included several shopping stops that we could have done without.

The ship set out to sea at 5pm, so quietly, we didn't even feel it.

Dinner was Caribbean food. We had Caribbean lobster, quite a lot of meat, but not very juicy. The music was calypso, a live band, and for desert the waiters had cakes drenched in rum or brandy (flaming Babula?) on their heads and danced calypso through the dining room. Great for atmosphere. Some guests danced along.

Later there was pirate night. Some people had really dressed up for that, others, like us, used the headgear, scarf and eye patch provided by the ship. We participated in some of the games (only I did). I won a set of coasters in a game of musical partners.

From Jamaica we are sailing South East towards Curacao, the Captain advised people to take a pill. The bays of Jamaica look pretty.

1 Nov Tuesday

All day on ship, our 25th wedding anniversary. I am not (yet) seasick. Breakfast at 8:30, then reading, writing on deck. The pool is empty. A visit to the Bridge. Everything runs on auto pilot.

We get dressed formal for dinner. A band and a group of waiters and the maitre de came to the table and sang "Happy Anniversary". That had decorated a cake with 3 candles and Happy 25th Anniversary on it. We shared the cake with the other people at the table.

Later that evening we watched a floor show in the Merry Widow Lounge, danced, and then we rested on deck chairs on the top deck gazing into the stars.

Wednesday 11-2-83

Curacao - what a pleasant surprise. Before breakfast the ship entered the island via a natural waterway, one could almost touch the bright colored Brick-and-Stucco houses. A spectacular experience.

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The first view (and smell) is of smoking refineries and enormous oil storage tanks. I had expected coconuts, orange groves, a lush tropical island, instead we found an arid, very Dutch, very clean and scrubbed place, elegantly dressed people, mostly black, but also whites and all shades in between.

I can't believe how much the atmosphere resembles a Dutch town, well it actually is. People on Curacao are Dutch citizens. The beautiful facades of the buildings can only be shown, not described.

We took a bus tour to the highest mountain (once a phosphate mine), and to an old mansion, furnished with massive mahogany furniture, verandahs with low roofs, wooden shutters for the windows, not all of them with glass panes. Many of the ordinary homes had no glass at all.

Flowering bushes and trees all over, but only where they are watered. It only rains between Oct and Jan. Goats are running all over and east the island barren. Most of them are owned by somebody. Between 5 and 6 in the evening they go to their home to get watered. They are the reason for fences around the front yards, the goats would feed on all ornamentals.

We ate Chinese, more by mistake (we didn't realize it early enough), it was very good, then we sat around, bought some Curacao liqueur, no beggars, no poverty, a nice place to live, I guess.

Thursday

Venezuela, another surprise. A country which became rich with oil. But didn't make every citizen live in luxury. The first view of the harbor is of huts and shacks in bright colors crowding the hillsides, high, dense mountains in the background, quite picturesque.

We took a bus tour to Caracas, the capital. Mountain roads, a few tunnels built under the military dictatorship some years ago. Houses - houses - houses - all the way from tiny shacks to skyscraping condominiums. Most smaller buildings seem to be sliding off the hillside. According to the guide, people move in from the interior, build a "house" anywhere on government land. No rent. They can move into government apartments, but then they have to work 5 days a week. Who needs that !?

Somewhere and for some reason there must be a lot of business going on, international trade. The huge ?? Hotel where we had lunch had conventions from many countries. We drove through some outskirts in the mountains, truly beautiful residential areas, mainly apartments, also, with a spectacular display of flowers and plants on the balconies. There is a large Jewish quarter in town, probably very active in the local gold trade. There we saw the most beautiful villas.

Venezuela did not introduce compulsory school attendance until 7 years ago. That means a lot of illiteracy. For elections people vote by color of party - white, green, and red. Voting is compulsory, which means the poorer class gets a lot of handouts to solicit their vote, since there are so many of them. According to our guide, the oil crises and the present form of democracy is killing off the middle class. It sure looks like it.

At night during a variety show the guy (Baron ??) who played the sound track for Dr Zhivago and Red played the cimbalom. World class, the best on this old instrument (made in Budapest).

We never made it to the midnight buffet, nor to the early bird breakfast on deck. Before going to bed we like to lie on deck and watch the stars.

Friday

Full day at sea. Sunshine, wavy enough to close the pool. We are headed towards troubled Grenada which, I hope, we'll pass by on the way to Barbados.

Captain's Gala Dinner at night. Some men in Tux, some Ladies in fancy long dresses. Most at least in cocktail dresses, but not all. The Captain had dinner at one of the guest tables, which made that normally noisy group very quiet. Champagne "compliments of the Captain" was served, but otherwise it was a normal dinner. I had shrimp in sherry and wine, but it tasted like an ordinary TV dinner. Went to bed early.

Saturday

Landed in Barbados early in the morning. Again the Captain guided the ship personally. The normal route would have been to pass Grenada 5 miles to the South, but due to circumstances we had to pass it North, 3 miles north of it, so we only saw the island as a shadow.

We walked into Bridgetown, very congested, full of shops waiting for us. It has a British air about it, officers with little swagger stick like those in the British Army, prices for taxis published on bill boards, left hand traffic.

We hired a taxi to take us around on the island, first to Sam Lord's Castle, now a Marriott Hotel with the main building like the original Manor. Beautiful grounds, fantastic beach in the bay.

Up and down we went through the island, the sugar cane fields, tiny villages with tiny houses. Some massive churches built with the native coral stone, most with breath taking views. Every place looks so clean because garbage pickup is daily and sanitary inspectors come around. I heard this is the most densely populated country in the world. It doesn't seem like it, but it has big Bridgetown and no vast empty land to influence the average per square foot.

What pleased us very much was the talk of the people and the articles in the newspapers praising the US (Reagan) for the invasion of Grenada, i.e., for helping the Caribbean islands when they couldn't help themselves against the aggressiveness of Cuba. They were very disappointed in England's Mrs Thatcher who failed to help them although they are all members of the Commonwealth.

Air Force one and whole fleet of US Army cargo planes were on the airport.

Flight to BWIA (Barbados) to Miami at night, then the Marriott Hotel.

Sunday

Pan Am flight to Orlando then with a rented car to Paleskes in Lakeland. They have a beautiful house, very spacious and simply furnished, all plain, modern stuff, but tasteful. Their children are fine too. A nice day with nice people.

Night in the Marriott in Orlando (Convention Center)

Monday

Epcot Center. Today we did the "Future World" part. It isn't quite what we expected, a lot of fascinating subjects just touched on the surface and mixed with singing plastic figures. I guess it is great for 12 year olds. Too many people. It rained all afternoon. I am looking forward to the "World Showcase" tomorrow.

Tuesday, Nov 8, 83

Yesterday we dropped on the hotel beds (Marriott) at 5pm and slept until the next morning.

Today we visited Canada, England, France, etc. Canada and China had magnificent panorama films, really beautiful. Germany had a Rothenberg - like facade for shops with unbelievably expensive merchandise for sale, toys, sweets, wooden x-mas ornaments, Hummel's, china, the usual but very, very much overpriced and snotty sales personnel. The restaurant is an Oktoberfest thing with Blaskapelle, Bier, etc. It is so unreal, it is almost embarrassing, and to think that it's put up by German companies! We ate Japanese Tempura dishes. America had a film touching highlights of American history, quite pleasant if you know it. For children it must have been nonsense. The entrance hall is a big room with red carpet and paintings depicting historical scenes. I would have preferred more pictures of landscapes.

Again we skipped dinner and fell asleep early.

Wednesday Nov 9

Flight to Miami, then to Houston (30 minutes then 2 hours) Drive home.

Misc Entries in Diary

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Start cash \$171 + 460 + 400 = 1031 bar (German for cash)

Album 1983 RC Cruise 220429 Compendium

Start T-Checks \$1100 (Travelers Checks)

Total start of cruise had \$2131 ready money available.

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Cruise Tour Plans

Stay with Ship Board Time, even in ports.

Ocho Rios, Jamaica

us\$1 = 2.5 Jamaican \$

Bring small bills

Use beach on left near the Sheraton

Arrive at 9am, leave 5pm, be back on board by 4pm

Taxi about \$20 per hour

Possibly:

climb the Dunns River Falls, water is waist deep, wear old shoes.

Swimming at Plantation

Load 9:45am for Brimmer Hall Tour

Curacao: Netherland Antilles

Floating Market

US\$1=1.75 Dutch Guilder

One can get off bus in town after tour (12 minutes walk from ship)

From 12 noon to 2pm, shops are closed

Special shop: "New Amsterdam" for Linen, cloths

Plaza Hotel Casino open

Venezuela, McGuire (port)

Caracas, 3000ft above sea

Thousands of squatters in huts live there free, only pay for electricity.

Dress Code: no shorts, no tank tops.

US\$1=12 Bolivars

Come to Merry Wiclow Lounge: Drinks are very expensive

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Jamaica: $146m \times 51 \text{ miles} = 4411m \text{ squared}$

Pop 2.5 million

Kingston population 3/4 million

Coffee "the finest of the world" 87F average temperature, 95-60F

2 rainy seasons: May and October

80 inches of rain per year

80 years = average age

7/1 ratio women to men

55 Jamaican dollars average per week

5.99 per gallon for gas

25% unemployment

Playboy club closed and falling apart.

Ackee = red fruit, national dish

Roads narrow, winding, potholes

Updates by Tina

As of 2022 Royal Caribbean International ships all fly under the flag of the Bahamas where the ships are registered. Other cruise lines in the Royal Caribbean Group are flagged under the Malta flag. The headquarters of Royal Caribbean is in Miami.

The cimbalom; Hungarian: or concert cimbalom is a type of chordophone composed of a large, trapezoidal box on legs with metal strings stretched across its top and a dampening pedal underneath. It was designed and created by V. Josef Schunda in 1874 in Budapest, based on his modifications to the existing Hammered dulcimer instruments

The United States invasion of Grenada

began at dawn on 25 October 1983. The U.S. and a coalition of six Caribbean nations invaded the island nation of Grenada, 100 miles (160 km)north of Venezuela. Codenamed Operation Urgent Fury by the U.S. military, it resulted in military occupation within a few days.

The Reagan administration in the U.S. launched a military intervention following receipt of a formal appeal for help from the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States. In addition, the Governor-General of Grenada Paul Scoon secretly signaled he would also support outside intervention, but he put off signing a letter of invitation until 26 October. President Reagan also acted due to "concerns over the 600 U.S. medical students on the island" and fears of a repeat of the Iran hostage crisis

The date of the invasion is now a national holiday in Grenada called Thanksgiving Day, commemorating the freeing of several political prisoners who were subsequently elected to office.