



Guadeloupe

Explore Guadeloupe's blend of lush natural beauty and rich Creole and French culture with our 7-day small group tour.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Flight Tickets
- All transfers and excursions
- 7-days at the all inclusive Club Med La Caravelle
- Daily Meals
- Expert Local Guide

PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Colonial architecture and vibrant markets of Pointe-à-Pitre
- Historical landmarks on Grande Terre
- Hands-on workshops celebrating Guadeloupe's rich cultural heritage
- Palm-lined beaches and tropical rainforests of Basse Terre
- Underwater wonders in the lagoon between Grande Terre and Basse Terre

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Your detailed itinerary

DAY 1 ● POINTE-A-PITRE

Upon arrival in Pointe-à-Pitre, you will collect your bags, and a shuttle will drive you to the Club Med La Caravelle Resort.

DAY 2 ● POINTE-A-PITRE | GRANDE TERRE

This morning, meet your guide at the resort for a tour of Grande Terre, one of the most populated islands in the Guadeloupe archipelago and home to Pointe-à-Pitre, renowned for its colonial French architecture and vibrant Caribbean markets. Begin with a visit to Mémorial ACTe, a cultural institution dedicated to the history of the slave trade. Next, explore key landmarks, including the picturesque cemetery of Morne-à-l'Eau, where checkered black-and-white graves resemble a giant chessboard. Visit the Slave Steps, a 54-step stone stairway leading to the esplanade where slaves were once sold, and the 19th-century Petit-Canal prison, with its iconic "Cursed Fig" tree growing in the courtyard. The tour concludes at the Guadeloupean Center for Indian Culture, which celebrates the lasting influence of 19th-century Indian immigrants who worked in the sugarcane plantations. Finish with a traditional Indian lunch served on banana leaves.

DAY 3 ● WORKSHOPS

Today, immerse yourself in Guadeloupe's rich culture through various hands-on workshops. Discover the rhythms of *gwoka*, a traditional music and dance performed to the beat of the "KA" drum. Once a symbol of resistance and survival, *gwoka* is now a vital part of daily life in Guadeloupe. Join a drumming lesson with a local percussionist (*tanbouyé*) or learn to play the marine conch shell (*lambi*), a musical tradition rooted in Arawak culture. You can also explore the art of madras head wrapping. This colorful, hand-woven fabric, introduced to the French Caribbean in the 17th century, was once used by enslaved women to conceal their hair. Today, madras head wraps, or "*maré tête*," are a sophisticated form of communication, indicating social and marital status through their intricate styles.

DAY 4 ● FREE TIME

Enjoy the day at your leisure.

DAY 5 ● MARIE GALANTE

This morning, your guide will pick you up early at the resort for a 1-hour ferry ride to the island of Marie Galante, known as the "Island of a Hundred Windmills." This elevated atoll boasts secluded beaches at the foot of lush emerald mountains and is home to sugar plantations, distilleries, and indigo production, preserving a traditional way of life. The day's highlights include a tour of a sugar plantation, a visit to a renowned distillery—famous for its sugar cane rum—and an indigo workshop, offering a glimpse into the island's 17th- and 18th-century production of blue dye from the indigo plant.

DAY 6 ● BASSE TERRE

Today, you'll explore Basse Terre, a volcanic island renowned for its lush tropical valleys, waterfalls, and pristine rainforest. As home to a UNESCO-protected National Park, it's a haven for hikers. Begin with a visit to the easily accessible Cascade aux Ecrevisses (Crawfish Waterfall), just a short ten-minute walk through the tropical forest along the Corossol River. Next, head to the Maison de la Forêt (Forest House) for a true immersion in the rainforest, where you might hear the songs of the endemic Black Woodpecker, Quail Doves, and other native birds. You can also enjoy a refreshing swim in the area's many natural pools.

DAY 7 ● GRAND CUL-DE-SAC MARIN

Spend a tranquil day in the lagoon nestled between the northern regions of Guadeloupe's main islands, Grande Terre and Basse Terre. Situated within a National Park preserve, this serene area is accessible only by boat through the Salt River, a narrow strait where Basse Terre's freshwater mingles with Grande Terre's seawater. Explore vibrant marine life at two stunning snorkeling spots, offering a unique underwater experience.

DAY 8 ● RETURN HOME

Today, a shuttle will transport you to Pointe-à-Pitre Airport for your departure flight home.

