

BOOK #016

Choosing the Right Itinerary

Chapter 2 – Caribbean Cruises

For many travelers, the Caribbean is the perfect introduction to cruising. With warm weather, turquoise waters, beautiful beaches, and a variety of islands to explore, Caribbean cruises offer something for every type of traveler.

Eastern Caribbean

Known for stunning beaches, crystal-clear water, and popular ports such as St. Thomas, St. Maarten, and Puerto Rico. Great for shopping, snorkeling, and relaxing.

Western Caribbean

Features destinations like Cozumel, Costa Maya, Roatán, and Grand Cayman. Ideal for Mayan ruins, scuba diving, wildlife encounters, and family-friendly shore excursions.

Southern Caribbean

Often includes Aruba, Curaçao, Bonaire, and Barbados. These itineraries offer beautiful beaches, colorful cultures, and generally calmer weather outside the main hurricane belt.

Private Island Experiences

Many cruise lines feature exclusive destinations such as Perfect Day at CocoCay, Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve, Castaway Cay, or Celebration Key. These stops combine beach relaxation with activities designed specifically for cruise guests.

■ Aimee's Travel Tip

Not all Caribbean cruises are the same. Before booking, think about what you want most—beaches, adventure, history, snorkeling, or simply relaxing in the sunshine. Choosing the right itinerary can make all the difference.