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Days One and Two

Arrive on St Lucia and enjoy a late gourmet lunch on board as your yacht cruises to the foot of the magnificent Pitons. Grab a snorkel or paddleboard from the yacht's toy garage and head out to view the volcanic peaks from the water. The next day, wake by Bequia, and take your pick of the perfect beaches, from sleepy Friendship Bay to the livelier Lower Bay. Admire the handiwork of the craftspeople at the Sargeant Brothers Model Boat Shop in Port Elizabeth and call in at the turtle sanctuary, where Orton King nurtures hawksbill hatchlings.



Day Five

Visit Salt Whistle Bay on the Grenadine isle of Mayreau for the quintessential Caribbean island experience. Venture over the sandy ridge to the windward side for kitesurfing and beachcombing, then drift dive on Mayreau Gardens reef or hike up the hill to visit the church.



Itinerary

The Windward Islands

Captains Ewan Paterson and David Burgess of ISA Yachts' 61.7-metre *Mary-Jean II* recommend a whistle-stop tour of this enchanting group of islands

Days Three and Four

For more than 50 years, celebrities and royalty alike have been captivated by the eclectic bohemian vibe on Mustique. After cocktails on the aft deck, tender in for a spin on the dance floor at Basil's Bar or wander up the hill to Firefly for a fine dinner and wonderful views. Burn off the night's excesses on the Jim Fazio-designed 18-hole course at the Grenadines Estate Golf Club on Canouan. Refresh either in the yacht's sundeck spa pool or at the Canouan Resort's spa before sampling the catch of the day at Bellini's Bar.

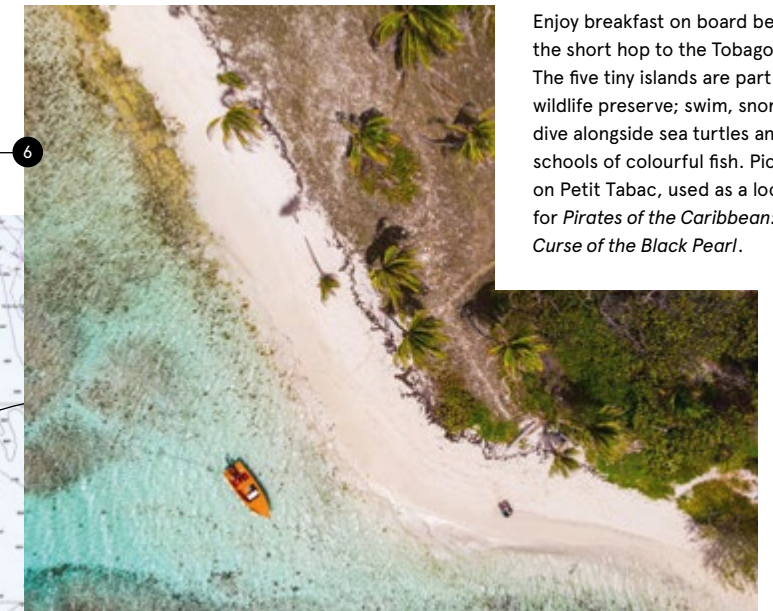
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Day Seven

Carriacou is surrounded by reefs and offers great snorkelling and scuba diving in waters teeming with nurse sharks, barracuda, spotted eagle rays and hawksbill and green turtles. Make the most of the protected anchorages by raiding *Mary-Jean II*'s toy box for waterskis and SUPs. Enjoy a beach barbecue prepared by the yacht's chef and then visit the Carriacou Museum.

Day Six

Enjoy breakfast on board before the short hop to the Tobago Cays. The five tiny islands are part of a wildlife preserve; swim, snorkel or dive alongside sea turtles and schools of colourful fish. Picnic on Petit Tabac, used as a location for *Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl*.



Mary-Jean II is available for charter with Yachting Partners International, ypiyachts.com

Day Eight

At Grenada's Spice Isle, relax on secluded beaches, hike trails to the Seven Sisters waterfall and snorkel the world's first underwater sculpture park. Then enjoy a final dinner on board before departing for Grenada Airport or cruising back to St Lucia the next day.

