

ISLANDS OF CAPE VERDE CRUISE

Explore the archipelago of Cape Verde with its intoxicating mixture of African and Portuguese heritage and its welcoming locals. Once a former colony and slave trade outpost, the Cape Verde Islands of today offer a spellbinding blend of African and Portuguese influences in their architecture, food, customs and traditions. Being blessed with a pleasant year-round climate, the archipelago offers a diverse range of landscapes from verdant mountain ranges, lush hills and jungles to explore, to volcanic landscapes or wide deserted beaches. This cruise holiday will open up for you a vibrant and colorful world, all set to the gentle rhythms of West African music.



ITINERARY

DAY 1 Palmeira, Sal

Embarkation at 4 pm at the port of Palmeira, Sal. Dinner on board and departure at midnight towards Boavista. Overnight at sea.

DAY 2 Sal Rei, Boa Vista

Early morning arrival at Sal Rei, Boa Vista. Boavista offers the most beautiful beaches of the archipelago, and amazing landscapes, both on its coasts and in the heart of the island.





Relax on the beach or enjoy an all-day optional excursion to discover the most authentic aspects of the island: its villages with colorful facades, its artisans of ceramics, and its agriculture. Lunch at a local restaurant, before we return on board to sail towards Santiago island. Overnight at sea.

DAY 3 Praia, Santiago

Early morning arrival at Praia, Santiago, the largest of the islands of the archipelago. After a morning at leisure and lunch on board, the optional afternoon excursion will bring us to Cidade Velha, the first colonial city built in the tropics and classified by Unesco. The fort and the nearby settlements were once a thriving slave trade centre. Late in the evening we will sail north towards Fogo, the island of fire. Overnight at sea.

DAY 4 Sao Felipe, Fogo

Early morning arrival Fogo, with its dominating sight of the Fogo Volcano which rises 3,000 meters over the sea level. Our optional full day excursion will bring us at the top of the volcano, right at the crater edge. You will walk through a landscape of lava. Lunch will be at the crater's village. We will also visit the city San Felipe with a characteristic colonial charm. Late in the evening we will sail to Sao Vicente. Overnight at sea.

DAY 5 Mindelo, Sao Vicente

Once a vibrant commercial island, it has evolved into a cultural center and Mindelo is one of the most well preserved colonial

cities in Cape Verde. Our optional walking excursion will allow you to visit galleries and discover busy restaurants, musical events that give Mindelo its label of the Cultural Center of the Cape Verde. It is no surprise that the National Museum of Handicrafts is located in Mindelo. Overnight in port.

DAY 6 Mindelo, Sao Vicente - Porto NovoSanto Antao

Early in the morning depart for a short sail towards the island of Santo Antao, the greenest of all Cape Verde Islands with landscapes of verdant plantations of sugarcane alternate old craters. Our optional full day excursion will include the luxuriant Valley Paul where sugarcane is still exploited and where you will taste the "grogue" the national drink of the Archipelago. You will also reach the Valley of Ribeira das Patas and discover rock formations coming from lava formations. Dinner on board and overnight in port.

DAY 7 Porto NovoSanto Antao

This morning, enjoy an optional half day excursion to discover the south-western part of the island a safari through volcanic landscapes, porcelain field, and isolated villages with dropwise agriculture and different kind of plantations. This is a beautiful experience through villages like Lagedos with an ecological tourism to explore the dry volcanic face of this extraordinary island. Return on board to depart towards Sal. Overnight at sea.

DAY 8 Palmeira, Sal





Early morning arrival at Palmeira port, Sal. Disembarkation at 9:00 am after breakfast.

Please Note:

Itineraries can be changed at the discretion of Variety Cruises and of the Vessel's Captain in case of adverse weather conditions - winds of 6/7 Beaufort or more depending on the vessel- on port authorities not allowing a vessel to leave port or in case of other extraordinary conditions. Such itinerary changes do not automatically entitle passengers to any refunds, but Variety Cruises guarantees that passengers are disembarked at the advertised port of disembarkation on time for their flights.



YOUR SHIP: HARMONY G

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

The Harmony "G" is a modern vessel with a sleek high-tech look very similar to the private yachts to be found in the famous ports of the world. The 53 meter long / 7.2 meter wide Mega Yacht Harmony G was launched in January 2001 and renovated in 2013. It complies with the most stringent SOLAS safety regulations, while its powerful engines and state of the art stabilizers allow for safe and comfortable cruising. Harmony G has just 22 cabins with a maximum capacity of 46 passengers who will be looked after by 16 crew. Life on board centers around the Indoor / Outdoor lounge and its American bar, on Upper Deck. The classy dining room located on Main Deck is surrounded by large windows. The spacious Sun deck is the ideal place to bask under the sun, read a good book or just gaze at the scenery. The swimming platform on Harmony G stern enables you to swim when weather and anchorage conditions permit.



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