



Mt. Pelée

A French Caribbean Cultural Experience in Martinique!

8 Days / 7 Nights

\$2,975 - \$3,475 PP

Varies with Group Size and Travel Dates



Fort-de-France

Day 1 Flight & Fort-de-France

Transfer by **private motorcoach** to your departure airport for your **flight to Martinique**. Arrive in the capital city of Fort-de-France early this afternoon, meet your **local guide and motorcoach**, and then enjoy **guided sightseeing in Fort-de-France** featuring the city's highlights, including **Fort St. Louis, St. Louis Cathedral**, various parks and gardens, and the **Schoelcher Library**, which was first built in France in 1889 and later shipped and reconstructed piece by piece on the island! Later this afternoon, transfer to your hotel and check in. Have some time to rest and get settled before a **special welcome dinner** of traditional French-Caribbean cuisine. **Overnight in Martinique.**

Day 2 Workshop & Les Trois-Ilets

After **breakfast**, return to Fort-de-France and participate in a **French and Creole Cultural & Language Workshop** with your group at *France Langue Martinique*, a French language school. Although French is the island's primary language, most native 'Martinicans' also speak Creole, which was traditionally used as a language to teach history and to transfer tales and fables central to Martinique's heritage. After some time to get lunch, enjoy a **shuttle boat ride across the Bay of Fort-de-France to Les Trois-Ilets**, the touristic heart of the island, featuring beautiful beaches, numerous ethnic restaurants, and an array of local and European shops. Here you will have some time to browse and enjoy the beach before **dinner with your group**. **Overnight in Martinique.**

Day 3 Mt. Pelée & St. Pierre

This morning, depart on an excursion to the northern part of the island. Here you will enjoy a **guided hike** through the tropical rainforest to a beautiful waterfall with an amazing view of **Mt. Pelée**, an active volcano! You will also **visit St. Pierre** - once known as the "Paris of the Caribbean." This cultural center was completely destroyed during the 1902 eruption of Mt. Pelée. **Dinner and overnight in Martinique.**

Sample Tour Itinerary

Customize for your group, your preferences,
your budget, your timeline!

Day 4 Chateau DuBuc & Sugar Factory

Today is reserved for an excursion to the northeastern part of the island, where you will learn about its colonial past and **visit the ruins of Chateau DuBuc**, once owned by the rich and powerful French DuBuc family, who fled France in 1657 following a duel. This afternoon, enjoy a **tour of Le Galion**, the last active sugar factory in Martinique. **Dinner and overnight in Martinique.**

Day 5 Kayaking & Beach Time

Today, enjoy a **half-day kayaking excursion** through calm and soothing mangroves, including a stop at the Islet Chancel to see the lesser Antillean iguana as well as plenty of starfish! This afternoon, have free time at one of the island's beautiful beaches where you can enjoy swimming and other beach activities. **Dinner and overnight in Martinique.**

Day 6 Coast Sightseeing & Aquabelle

Today you will visit the southern portion of the island, including the picturesque coastline, en route to view **Diamond Rock** and the **Memorial Aux Esclaves**, a site commemorating the abolition of slavery. This afternoon, enjoy a **ride on the Aquabelle** - a boat/submarine that will take you on a journey above and under the water to see the beautiful coral reefs and marine life! You will also have the opportunity to **swim and snorkel** off the boat in the beautiful blue Caribbean waters. **Dinner and overnight in Martinique.**

Day 7 School Visit & Service Project

Today is reserved for two special experiences - a **visit to a local school**, where you will tour the facilities and also have the opportunity to interact with Martinique students - practicing your language skills and sharing cultural experiences as you compare and contrast your school days and study programs. You will also participate in a **service project** this afternoon (details to be advised). Tonight, enjoy a **special farewell dinner** with your group. **Final overnight in Martinique.**

Day 8 Return Flight

Transfer to the airport and depart on your **return flight**. On arrival, transfer home by **private motorcoach**.