

M/Y SOLACE · DOMINICA TO ST BARTHS

SWIMMING WITH GIANTS

A ten-night expedition aboard Solace. Swim with the resident sperm whales of Dominica, explore its rivers, rainforest, and volcanic coast, then sail north for four nights at anchor in St Barths.



10

NIGHTS

2

ISLANDS

Sperm Whales

RESIDENT · DOMINICA



THE VOYAGE

TWO ISLANDS, TEN NIGHTS

The expedition begins in Antigua and turns south to Dominica, a volcanic island with a resident population of sperm whales year round, and the rare chance to swim with the ocean's largest toothed whale.

Five days are spent in Dominica: sperm whale safaris, the Chaudière River Canyon, Trafalgar Falls, the Indian River, and a cultural visit ashore. Whale days and shore days are interchangeable, set by the conditions.

From Dominica, Solace sails north to St Barths for four nights at anchor: protected coves, clear water, and evenings ashore in Gustavia.

ABOARD & ASHORE

EXPERIENCES ACROSS THE VOYAGE



SWIMMING WITH SPERM WHALES

Carefully managed in-water encounters with the resident sperm whales of Dominica, time alongside the ocean's largest toothed whale, with experienced local guides.



RIVERS & RAINFOREST

The Chaudière River Canyon, the Indian River mangroves, and the Syndicate Nature Trail, home to the rare Imperial Amazon parrot, found only in Dominica.



A CULTURAL VISIT

A guided cultural visit ashore, to the island's Kalinago heritage.



ST BARTHS AT ANCHOR

Four nights in the French West Indies: the protected cove at Colombier, the beaches at Saline and Gouverneur, and evenings ashore in Gustavia.

Across the Dominica days, conditions and access permitting: Titou Gorge, the twin Trafalgar Falls, Champagne Reef, the Hampstead "Pirates of the Caribbean" black-sand beach, and hot springs and volcanic landscapes across the island.

TWO ISLANDS

THE WILD SOUTH, THEN NORTH TO ST BARTHS



RESIDENT SPERM WHALES

DOMINICA · THE NATURE ISLAND

DOMINICA · RESIDENT SPERM WHALES

PRINCE RUPERT'S BAY · YEAR-ROUND WHALES

Dominica is one of the best places in the world to encounter sperm whales. Several resident family groups live in the surrounding waters year round, for both surface observation and managed in-water encounters.

Solace anchors off the sheltered northwest coast, with tenders departing daily to find the whales. Guests spend time in the water alongside them, with experienced local guides.

Five days are spent in Dominica, whale days and shore days interchangeable through the week. On non-whale days: rainforest, rivers, black-sand beaches, and volcanic landscapes.

DOMINICA · ASHORE

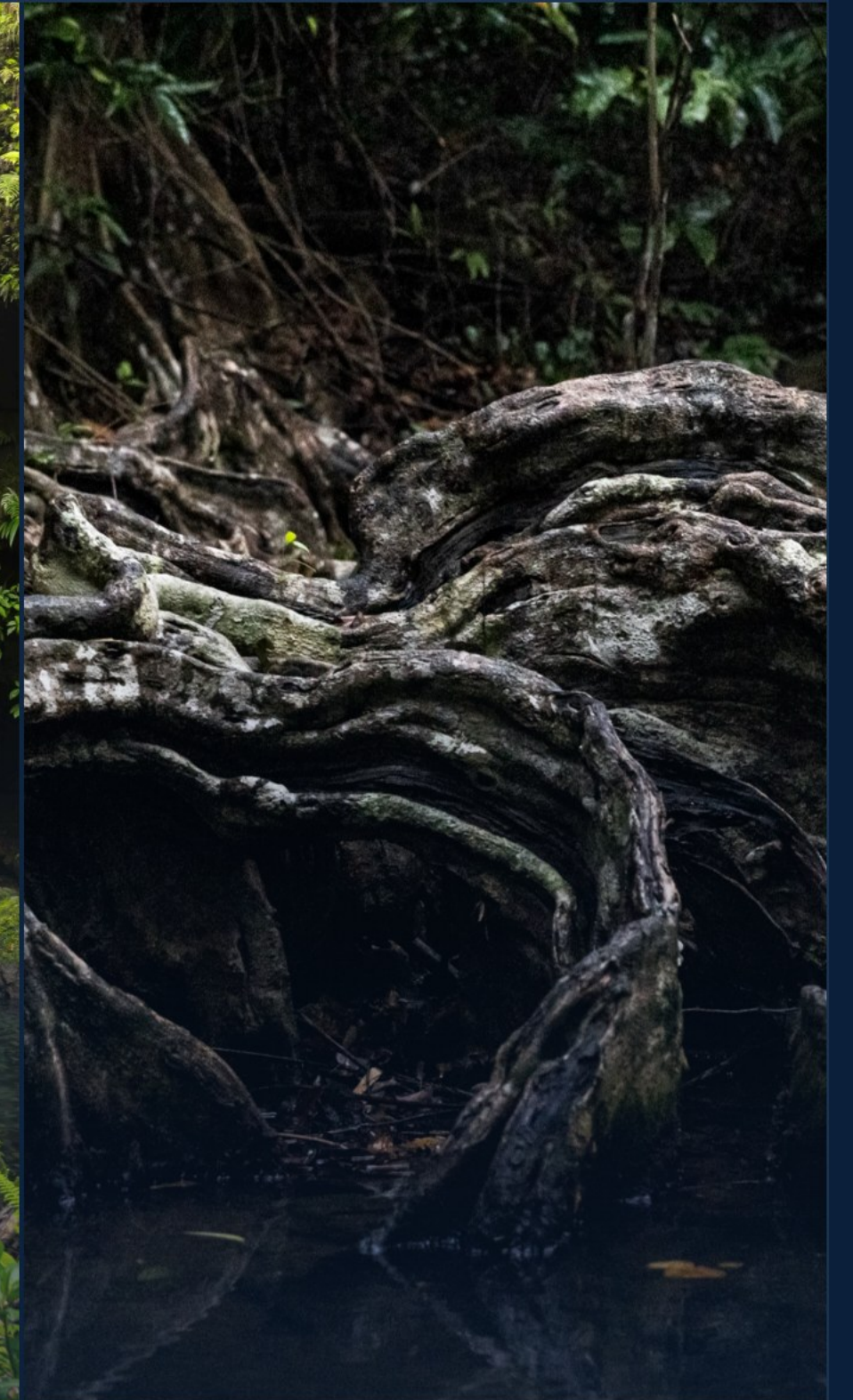
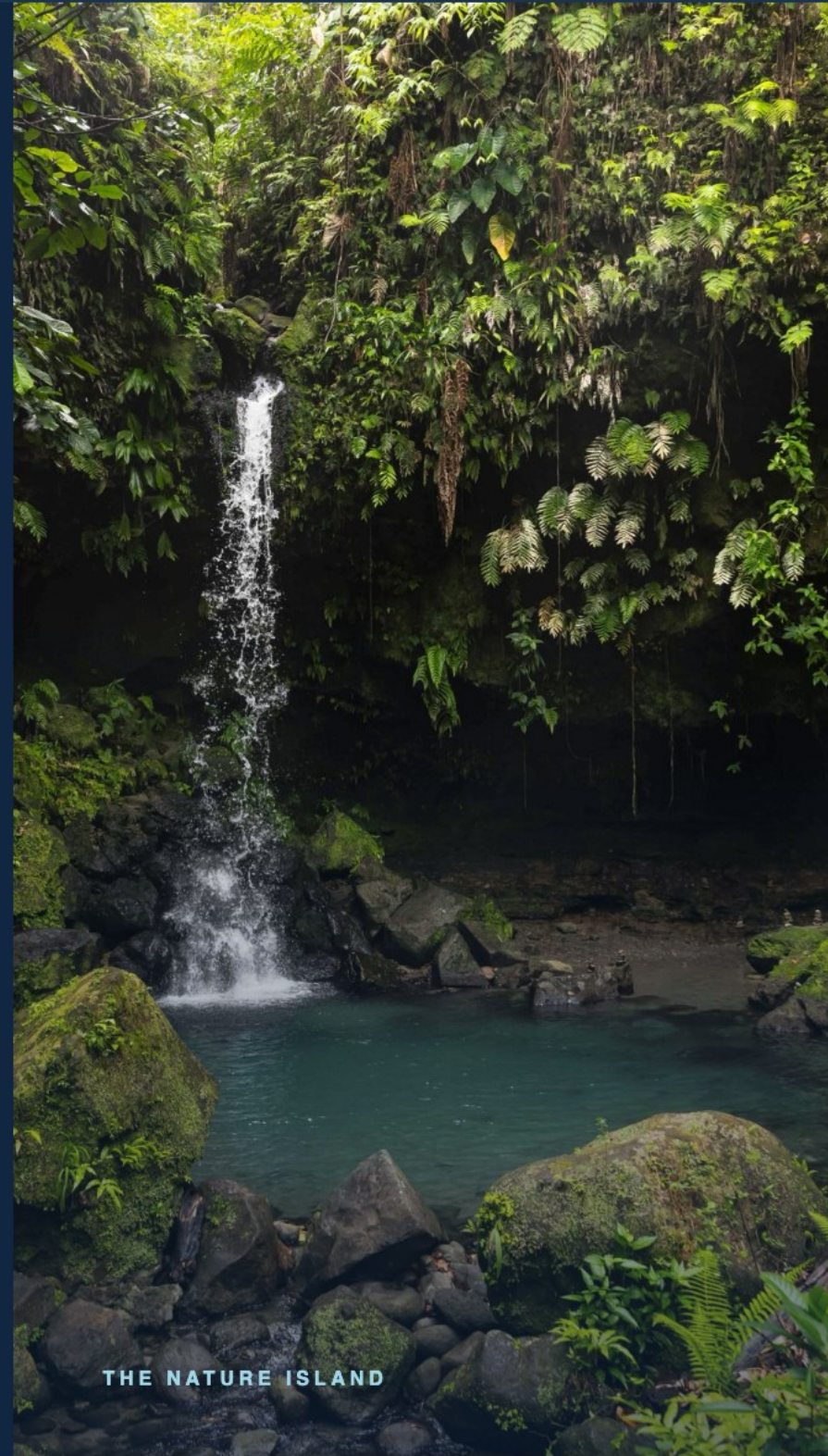
RIVERS, RAINFOREST & VOLCANIC COAST

CHAUDIÈRE · INDIAN RIVER · TITOU · TRAFALGAR

The Chaudière River Canyon is one of the island's best freshwater swims: a short rainforest walk to deep pools beneath cascading waterfalls. Nearby, the Indian River runs through an important Caribbean mangrove ecosystem, by traditional hand-rowed boat.

In the south, swim through a volcanic canyon into the waterfall at Titou Gorge, then visit the twin Trafalgar Falls, known as Mother and Father. The Syndicate Nature Trail runs through primary rainforest, home to the rare Imperial Amazon parrot, found only in Dominica.

Lunch is often served ashore on the black sand of Hampstead Beach, a filming location for Pirates of the Caribbean. Conditions permitting: Champagne Reef, hot springs, and a guided visit to the island's Kalinago heritage.





FOUR NIGHTS AT ANCHOR



ST BARTHS · THE FRENCH WEST INDIES

ST BARTHS · FOUR NIGHTS AT ANCHOR

GUSTAVIA · COLOMBIER · SALINE · GOUVERNEUR

From Dominica, Solace sails north to St Barths, a small French island: green hills, white-sand coves, and Gustavia, a harbour town built around a working port.

Anchor off Anse de Colombier, a protected cove reachable only by boat or on foot, with some of the island's best snorkeling. Tender to Gouverneur or Saline, two of the least-developed beaches in the West Indies.

Water toys and lunches aboard, coastal walks above Gustavia to the old forts, and evenings ashore or dinner at anchor. A final day can make the short run to Île Fourchue, an uninhabited islet on the way to St Maarten.

CAMP DOMINICA

YOUR GUIDES IN DOMINICA

Every Dominica expedition is led by the team behind Camp Dominica, the island's sperm whale operator, under government permit.



EXPEDITION LEADER · CAMP DOMINICA

ADAM SLAMA

Adam is an avid free diver, photographer, and director with many years of experience leading expeditions worldwide. His work captures the essence of travel, adventure and conservation, collaborating with some of the world's leading explorers and pioneers.

Deeply passionate about conservation, Adam collaborates with organisations such as Saving The Blue and The Watermen Project. He has been involved in ground breaking shark tagging expeditions, using his storytelling skills to support scientists in conserving various ocean species.



DOMINICAN HOST · CAMP DOMINICA

JACKSON MAWHINNEY

Jackson grew up splitting his time between London and Dominica and has watched it grow and change across his lifetime, carrying a deep love for his country and a keen interest in shaping its future.

Jackson's fascination with the oceans was kindled through the impactful work his family has undertaken over the years, most recently his family's role in the set-up of Common Earth, the facilitation of CETI in Dominica, and the formation of the Commonwealth Blue Charter, an unprecedented step in ocean conservation.

ANTIGUA TO ST MAARTEN

THE ROUTE · DOMINICA & THE LEEWARD ISLANDS

Embark in Antigua, five days with the sperm whales and rainforest of Dominica, then north for four nights at anchor in St Barths, disembarking at St Maarten. Click any stop to explore.



ANTIGUA, AND SOUTH OVERNIGHT

DAY 1 · ANTIGUA · EMBARK



ANTIGUA · EMBARK

Arrive into Antigua and board Solace. After a welcome and a short briefing, the yacht departs on an overnight passage south toward Dominica.

SPERM WHALES & THE NATURE ISLAND



DAY 2 · DOMINICA

The first full day on the water. Solace's tenders venture along Dominica's coastline in search of its resident sperm whales, with lunch aboard or at a secluded coastal setting, and a second exploration in the afternoon.



DAY 3 · DOMINICA

A day ashore in the north: the Chaudière River Canyon and a swim beneath cascading waters, lunch on the black sand of Hampstead beach famed for Pirates of the Caribbean, the Syndicate Nature Trail, and a boat tour up the Indian River through the mangroves.



DAY 4 · DOMINICA

A full day on the sea, searching for sperm whales. Breakfast and lunch can be onboard Solace, or on the support tender, to maximize the encounters with the whales.



DAY 5 · DOMINICA

Southern Dominica: swim through a volcanic canyon into the waterfall at Titou Gorge and visit the twin Trafalgar Falls, known as Mother and Father, followed by a guided visit to the island's Kalinago heritage. This shore day can also be a sperm whale safari, if preferred.



DAY 6 · DOMINICA TO ST BARTHS

A final morning in Dominica's waters, a last sperm whale safari or, for those who prefer, a private freedive off Soufrière among volcanic reef structures. After lunch, Solace gets underway, turning north for St Barths.

FOUR NIGHTS AT ANCHOR



DAY 7 · ARRIVAL

DAY 7 · ST BARTHS

Arrive into St Barths and settle at anchor. An afternoon ashore in Gustavia, the harbour town built around a working port, or aboard to swim after the days in Dominica.



DAY 8 · BEACHES & THE RESERVE

DAY 8 · ST BARTHS

A day on the water at Anse de Colombier, a protected cove reachable only by boat or on foot, with some of the island's best snorkeling. Water toys, swimming from the beach, and lunch aboard.



DAY 9 · THE ISLAND, AT LEISURE

DAY 9 · ST BARTHS

Explore the island: a tender to Gouverneur or Saline, two of the least-developed beaches in the West Indies, coastal walks above Gustavia to the old forts, and an evening ashore or dinner at anchor.



DAY 10 · A LAST DAY AT ANCHOR

DAY 10 · ST BARTHS

A last day in the islands, at a favourite anchorage or a short run to Île Fourchue, an uninhabited islet on the way to St Maarten. A farewell dinner aboard Solace.

ST MAARTEN



DAY 11 · ST MAARTEN

A short morning passage brings Solace to St Maarten. After breakfast aboard, disembark and transfer to the airport for onward flights.

A NOTE

Through the five Dominica days, whale safaris and shore excursions are interchangeable. In Dominica we can be flexible on shore days versus whale days, and the St Barths program is fully customizable.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

M/Y SOLACE DOMINICA TO ST BARTHS

Ten nights. Antigua to St Maarten, via Dominica and St Barths.

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