

## **GRENADINES Cruise 2026**

January begins with a party spirit that can fade with short cold days and reduced opportunities to explore Mother Nature. Cruising with family and friends in the clear turquoise waters of the Caribbean is a sure cure for mid-winter blues.

Our adventure in 2026 is set to begin January 24 and run for 2 weeks to February 6; a glorious point to point leisurely junket from Saint Vincent to Grenada. On arrival in Kingstown, SVG, it is a 5 mile ride from the airport to the Blue Lagoon Hotel and Marina where several charter companies are located. After hotel check-in, Cruise Registration, and charter boat check-in, many may meet up for informal dinner in the hotel. There will be some time for some exploration of Saint Vincent's waterfalls, rum distilleries, volcanos and beaches. All events with dinner or a rum keg will be in harbors with room for 30 or more boats. There is presently a CCA soft limit of 25-30 boats set on participation as we work with venues to increase capacity. Saint Vincent may not have sufficient boats for all interested members. Additional boats are available in Rodney Bay Saint Lucia, a long day-sail South to Saint Vincent. The charter companies in Saint Vincent and Saint Lucia have confirmed the availability of one-way charters with drop off in Grenada for a fee.

Our opening dinner is therefore set for January 25 in Bequia, and those with Saint Lucia boats who missed the Cruise Registration at Blue Lagoon may check in on Bequia. There are four great markets for provisions one of which can deliver to the boats on request. Tours can include a whaling museum, many restaurants and beach bars, fabulous beaches, diving etc. The Saint Vincent portion of the Grenadines has 32 islands to explore. Cruisers will have ample opportunity to see and stop in some of these idyllic spots before we meet up in Tobago Cays on January 29. The four uninhabited islands in Tobago Cays Marine Park are protected from the trade winds by Horseshoe Reef. Here we will tap the rum keg and have a lobster bake on the beach.

We can clear out of SVG customs in Clifton, Union Island on January 30, and either anchor for the night in Chatham Bay or press on to Carriacou. Carriacou, the largest of the Grenadines, and one of 3 inhabited islands in Grenada was the worst hit by category 4 hurricane Beryl on July 1. In Tyrell Bay we can clear customs into Grenada and see some of the continuing reconstruction activities. If some people intend to limit this cruise to one week, we will likely arrange a mid-cruise dinner in Union Island or Carriacou depending on restaurant reopening there.

All over the Caribbean, there is some risk of vandalism or theft. The Cruise Committee is monitoring this and in touch with local authorities. In general, one should maintain a sensible and friendly attitude towards the local people, especially the boat boys who provide many services to the visiting yachts. We will also be more secure while cruising in company.

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From Carriacou, we then carry on to the South shore of Grenada where there are a number of large and small harbors and coves with 30-40 different anchorages just ripe for several days of glorious lazy exploration. On the south Shore at 12 N. latitude, the Southern Cross is often visible. In many small harbors there are restaurants, provisions, fuel and ice. There is also easy access to taxis for sight-seeing, distilleries, a chocolate factory, and spice farms. We may have a rum keg one of these days, and our closing dinner will be in Prickly Bay on Feb 6. The next day, boats can be returned to charter companies and cruisers can make their way home with a good tan and many happy memories.

The Proposed Itinerary is posted on the 2026 Grenadines Cruise page on the CCA website with additional information and a link to register preliminary interest and join the email list for cruise updates. ( hot link).



Admiralty Bay, Bequia

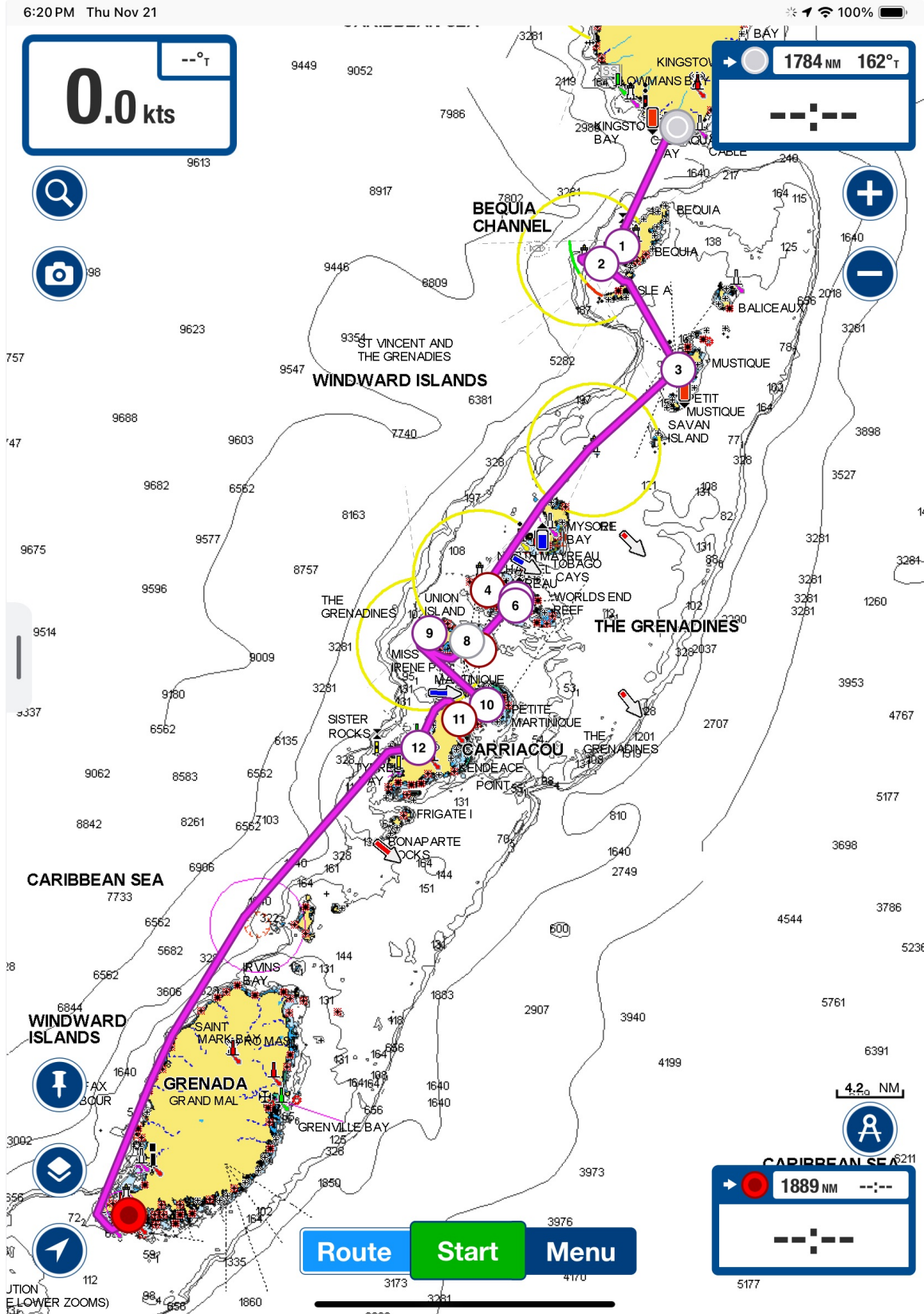
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