

CARIBBEAN CRUISES COMPARED

Eastern vs Western vs Southern Routes



EASTERN CARIBBEAN



Best for:
beaches, island towns, first-time cruisers.



Common calls:
St. Thomas, St. Maarten, San Juan, Tortola.



Typical length:
7–8 days.

WESTERN CARIBBEAN



Best for:
reefs, ruins, active excursions.



Common calls:
Cozumel, Costa Maya, Roatán, Grand Cayman.



Typical length:
7–8 days.

SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN



Best for:
ABC islands, deeper itineraries, varied island mix.



Common calls:
Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Barbados, St. Lucia.



Typical length:
7–10 days.



3
main route families



7–10 day
typical duration



Port logistics matter more than route label



Bonaire marine-park rules may apply



Hurricane season: Jun – Nov



Best fit by travel style:

Eastern = easy beach days
Western = snorkelling & ruins
Southern = island variety

ROUTE COMPARISON

Factor	Eastern	Western	Southern
Shore focus	Beaches	Excursions	Variety
Planning complexity	Moderate	Moderate–High	High
Sea-day patterns	Moderate	Moderate	Variable

