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# Tropical Caribbean Pickleball Cruise

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Sandra & Scott  
Barrett

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Enjoy 7 days of bliss on a Tropical Caribbean Cruise, winding through the idyllic isles of Half Moon Cay, Turks & Caicos, Dominican Republic, and Key West aboard Holland America's Nieuw Statendam - the Official Cruiseline of the Professional Pickleball Association

Aboard the cruise ship you will enjoy 2 - 3 hours of private pickleball each day. This will include lessons, stroke of the day, casual and competitive round robins, and more. We have customized our private pickleball time to ensure you get as much play as you like while still being able to enjoy the beautiful ports and all the wonderful amenities and activities on our ship

### Day 1 Flight from Toronto to Fort Lauderdale

Meet Sandra & Scott, your tour hosts and pickleball coaches, in Toronto, for our Air Canada direct flight to Fort Lauderdale early in the morning. Upon arrival, we will travel to the Embassy Suites Hotel and store our luggage until check-in. Enjoy some free time to relax or explore in the afternoon. Meet back at the hotel for the evening reception to review our exciting cruise ahead and get your custom vacation welcome package.

### Day 2 Board the MS Nieuw Statendam

A leisurely morning with full breakfast included before we transfer to the cruise port for our 3:00 p.m. departure onboard the MS Nieuw Statendam. Fluid lines and dramatic spaces make the Holland America Nieuw Statendam a modern beauty. The second in the line of our Pinnacle Class ships, her design draws inspiration from the elegant curves of musical instruments. When not relaxing in well-appointed suites or staterooms, guests will have many innovative dining and entertainment options—from Rudi's Sel de Mer to Nami Sushi to the Rolling Stone Lounge, B.B. King's Blues Club, and the visually stunning two-level World Stage. **(B,D)**

Our Pickleball Adventure begins with evening play in a casual round robin.

### Day 3 Half Moon Cay, Bahamas

In a region renowned for tropical wonders, Half Moon Cay is the highest-rated Bahamas private island. It has won Porthole Cruise Magazine's Best Private Island award consecutively for 20 years.

When you feel the sugar-white sand on your toes or kayak its crystal lagoon, you'll understand why cruise travelers love Half Moon Cay, a highlight of Bahamas cruises. Choose to snorkel, rent ebikes, enjoy nature walks, kayak, and more! Tender required. At port 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **(B,L,D)**

Up bright and early for pickleball group lessons and competitive (but social!) round robin

### Day 4 Day at Sea

Today we continue to cruise towards Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos. Be sure to take advantage of all onboard included activities, or maybe book a treatment at the spa. **(B,L,D)**

We will play pickleball twice today. Early morning stroke of the day clinic and afternoon group play.



### Day 5 Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos

Cruise to Turks and Caicos and experience the sugar-white sand, brilliant blue waters, and the kaleidoscopic sea life that is plentiful in the Caribbean paradise. Without hyperbole, this is one of the world's most photogenic spots. T&C, as it is sometimes called, is the ultimate fantasy-island destination—the screen saver in all its glorious reality. Grand Turk, a jewel of an isle that measures just 18 square kilometers (seven square miles), is awesomely rich in natural wonders. Ringed by translucent warm waters teeming with coral and fish, this Turks and Caicos cruise is a bonanza for divers, snorkelers and anglers. Of course you can always simply kick back and just enjoy the view from under a palm tree. Or explore the fascinating history of Turks & Caicos in its capital, Cockburn Town, lined with Bermudan-style buildings from the 18th and 19th centuries. Regardless, your cruise to Turks and Caicos will be relaxing, enjoyable and truly memorable. In port 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **(B,L,D)**

Get ready for an active day of pickleball featuring live ball and competitive (but social!) round robin

### Day 6 Amber Cove, Dominican Republic

Located on the Dominican Republic's north coast, the port of Amber Cove, near Puerto Plata, is a new phenomenon. Built in 2015, the area was fashioned as an homage to the country's colonial architecture and features restaurants, bars and shops, as well as an activity center, a pool and cabanas. But it's the neighboring region, known as the Amber Coast for its plethora of the semiprecious stone, that's this port's true draw. Along with golden-sand beaches and dramatic cliffs, there's the city of Puerto Plata, one of the Caribbean's oldest, founded in the early 1500s. Another nearby option is Santiago de los Caballeros, known locally as simply Santiago, about an hour's drive from the port. The second-largest city in the Dominican Republic, it is home to excellent museums, historic buildings and cigar and rum makers. In port 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **(B,L,D)**

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### Day 7 Day at Sea

Our second day at sea to relax and enjoy the MS Nieuw Statendam! **(B,L,D)**

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### Day 8 Key West, Florida

One of the first things you'll notice on your Key West cruise is the colorful gingerbread wooden houses and the amazing sunsets, and the constant crowing of roosters. Hundreds of the noisy birds—along with their quieter-clucking mates—roam the streets at all hours, and are nearly as synonymous with Key West cruises as its six-toed cats, the famous furry residents of Ernest Hemingway's mansion in the Old Town district. They're all part of the quirky charm of the United States' southernmost point, whose compact 11 square kilometers (4.2 square miles) pack in everything from gorgeous historic architecture and spectacular fishing and sailing to a raucous party scene along famed Duval Street. Be sure to take in the amazing entertainment on board for our final evening of our getaway! In port from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **(B,L,D)**

Bright & Early Pickleball Day which will feature liveball to get us warmed up and then the Round Robin Finals with Prizes! We will finish with drinks in Key West to celebrate!

### Day 9 Fort Lauderdale and flight home to Toronto

All too soon our Tropical adventure has come to end as we arrive back to Fort Lauderdale at 7:00 a.m.. Disembark and transfer to the airport for our return flight back to Toronto. **(B)**





**Cost Includes:**

- Roundtrip airline flights from Toronto to Fort Lauderdale and return
- Transfer from Fort Lauderdale airport to hotel
- One night accommodation, including hotel taxes and fees
- Evening manager reception
- Buffet breakfast at hotel
- Transfer from hotel to cruise port
- Inside J Twin/King Room aboard Holland America MS Nieuw Statendam Tropical Caribbean 7 night cruise
- Custom vacation welcome package
- Pickleball activities as noted
- Transfer from cruise port to Fort Lauderdale airport
- Cruise gratuity
- GST and Airtax
- Port fees
- BST Professional Fee
- Hosted by Sandra & Scott Barrett Toronto to Toronto

**Not included in cost**

Items of a personal nature, including drinks  
 Trip cancellation, Trip Interruption and/or out of Province Medical Insurance  
 Fees for passport or visa that is required



**Price (Cdn) per person**

Inside J	Twin	\$3,779.00 (includes taxes/fees \$885.35 and \$75.35 HST)
Inside I	Twin	\$3,799.00 (includes taxes/fees \$886.00 and \$75.35 HST)
Ocean View D	Twin	\$4,099.00 (includes taxes/fees \$893.00 and \$75.35 HST)
Ocean View C	Twin	\$4,129.00 (includes taxes/fees \$893.37 and \$75.35 HST)
Veranda VA	Twin	\$4,649.00 (includes taxes/fees \$906.80 and \$75.35 HST)
Veranda V	Twin	\$4,699.00 (includes taxes/fees \$907.80 and \$75.35 HST)

Single rates available upon request

To reserve your spot a \$1000.00 non-refundable deposit is due with booking and final payment is due Nov. 4, 2024

**Contact Sandra Barrett to book: sbarrett@bstvacations.ca / 647-852-3236.**

## **BST Escorted Group Terms & Conditions**

*(These Terms & Conditions do not apply to Charters. Separate T & C apply.)*

Please carefully review the Terms & Conditions outlined below. Any reservation made with BST constitutes a binding agreement signifying your acceptance of, and your agreement to follow, these Terms & Conditions, and to be bound by them.

To process your reservation, we will need your personal information including your name, address, telephone number, email address, passport number, date of birth, citizenship, and information you have disclosed regarding health, medical, dietary, mobility and other special requirements. BST will require a copy of your valid passport at time of deposit.

### **Deposit and Final Payment**

A non refundable deposit of \$1000.00 per person CAD is due at time of booking to secure your reservation.

The deadline for final payment is due in our office on or before the date included on your invoice.

All payments once received are non-refundable. Please refer to insurance sections below.

Please make cheques payable to Blowes and Stewart Travel. We also accept in-office cash / debit payments, or Visa, Mastercard and American Express credit cards. E-transfers are accepted, please send to [pgraham@bstvacations.ca](mailto:pgraham@bstvacations.ca)

Completion of the electronic credit card authorization form or the PDF credit card authorization form commits you to your reservation and the charges on your credit card.

The Company reserves the right to cancel a reservation if payment has not been received by the specified due date.

Final Travel details will be issued 2 weeks prior to departure.

### **Not Included in the Trip Cost**

All quoted trip costs do not include items of a personal nature such as but not limited to; medical insurance, cancellation/interruption insurance, alcoholic beverages, gratuities, phone calls, airline baggage fees where applicable and meals that are not included or listed in the itinerary.

### **Escorted Group Cancellation Policy**

All escorted groups require a minimum number of passengers to travel. Should minimum numbers not been reached, the Company has the right to cancel the tour with a full refund to the passengers booked. Refund will be processed in manner received. Tours unable to operate due to Travel Advisory, acts of God, Terrorism or any other event and no fault of BST, will be subject to cancellation charges as listed above.

BST highly recommends the purchase of cancellation/interruption insurance for all trips. BST will not be held responsible for loss of monies due to cancellation/changes. Your travel advisor will review your travel insurance options at booking.

Medical insurance is mandatory for all trips outside of the Province of Ontario. If client has out of province medical insurance with a separate insurance provider, BST must be advised of insurance company name, policy number & company contact information prior to trip commencement.

Persons leaving the tour during operation will not receive a refund of unused services and all costs of returning to the point of embarkation will be borne by the client. For additional information on packages/plans offered, please visit

<https://www.igoinured.com/Direct/ManulifeGlobal.aspx?ag=STEWPET&lang=E>

### **Global Pandemic**

Customer acknowledges the risks related to the spread of infectious or contagious diseases. It remains the customer's responsibility to take the necessary precautions applicable to any health hazards, including but not limited to a Global Pandemic. To ensure the safety of all guests and employees, suppliers may have mandatory safety protocols in place, and the availability of their services and facilities may be impacted.

Customer agrees to follow all current and future regulations/protocols set forth for safety in compliance with government policies at your own expense.

BST is not responsible for any fees for, or associated with, mandatory government testing in destination or for returning to Canada, quarantine or expenses relating to any Global Pandemic or similar. If additional insurance protection is declined, it remains the customer's responsibility to verify if their travel insurance policy covers a Global Pandemic.

BST will not be held liable should customers be denied boarding due to insufficient proof of a negative Global Pandemic test prior to departure, or displaying symptoms of a Global Pandemic upon check in. No monies will be refunded to customers who have been denied boarding or refunded at port of entry.

### **Additional Notes**

All prices listed are per person in Canadian Dollars unless otherwise noted. Pricing is based on supplier cost, currency exchange rates and conditions in effect at the time of brochure printing. Final payment may fluctuate based on changes to the currency exchange at that time. Should there be a pricing increase, a maximum of 7% of base cost, may be applied, or to the taxes and/or government-imposed fees, fuel surcharges or additional airline fees before final payment, these increased charges will be levied to the customer and applied to the final invoice. No additional surcharges may be applied after the trip is paid in full. All trips may be subject to change in situations beyond our control.

When travelling outside of Canada all Canadian passengers require a valid passport. If travelling with a foreign passport (not Canadian) BST must be advised at time of booking so we can advise accordingly. Most countries require passports to be valid for 6 months beyond the expected return date.

Some countries may also have visa requirements for entry. Any fees to obtain visas or additional travel documentation that may be required are the responsibility of the traveler. Entry into another country cannot be guaranteed and is at the sole discretion of the local authorities. BST takes no responsibility for a customer being denied entry into another country. Cancellation charges and any additional fees will be at the customer's expense.

It is the passenger's responsibility to obtain information, and to have in their possession, all the required documentation to travel (such as passports, visa where applicable, etc.) required by the relevant governmental authorities, for themselves and passengers in their care. Note that the documents required for the outbound portion of your travel may differ from those required for the return. BST is not responsible for any missing or inappropriate documents. Failure to have proper travel documents will result in denied boarding and automatic cancellation of your reservation without refund.

BST accepts any passengers that have a disability, intellectual or physical condition providing they are able to care for themselves during the trip which includes boarding the plane/bus on their own; participating in any included tours/sightseeing without assistance; the ability to understand meeting points/times and the ability to care for their own documents. BST will accept any passenger who's intellectual or physical condition is such as to render him/her incapable of caring for him/herself without assistance, provided that he/she is accompanied by an attendant (at an additional cost) who is responsible for the passenger enroute and with the care of such attendant, he/she will not require attention or assistance beyond that which is usually provided by BST tour escort. Some destinations may not be suitable for physical mobility issues.

Baggage restrictions vary by airline and destination. Specific details will be provided with your final travel documents. Please ensure that you have secured baggage tags to your luggage prior to arriving at the airport, train station or boarding the coach.

Please note that you are responsible for carrying your own luggage and are responsible for the safety and security of your luggage at all times. BST will not assume liability for loss, theft, or damage due to breakage, fire, water, or theft, during transport on the plane, coach, train or at hotel. Ask your agent for details of Baggage and Personal Effects Insurance coverage.

Airline seating requests are taken into consideration and sent to each airline if applicable. Additional charges apply for premium seating on aircraft. Specific seating on coaches or trains cannot be guaranteed. BST will try to accommodate all requests.

BST reserves the right to decline any person as a member of the trip at any time before or during the trip should such person's presence be considered detrimental to the interest, comfort, and enjoyment of the other members. Persons leaving the trip after commencement will not receive a refund of unused services and all costs of returning to the point of embarkation will be borne by the client.

When travelling outside of Ontario, please note local customs may differ and conditions of travel may not be the same as home. Clients not travelling on full itinerary as outlined assume full responsibility for any cancellation penalties or fees incurred due to cancellation or alteration to itinerary in any way.

### **Our Role**

In offering travel arrangements for sale, BST acts solely as the organizer of the tours and responsible for making all reservations as outlined. BST cannot be held responsible for supplier errors or omissions. We do not maintain any control over the personnel, equipment or operations of any supplier and we assume no responsibility for, and shall not be expected or required to pay for any financial loss, personal injury, other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity which you may experience either by reason of (1) non-performance by any supplier for whatever reason (2) wrongful causes, negligent or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any supplier or its employees or on the part of any other party not under the control of BST (3) any defect, breakdown or other failure of any aircraft, train, bus, automobile, accommodation, ship or other equipment or instrumentality operated and owned or otherwise used by a supplier or (4) BST is not liable for any loss, damage, injury or death resulting from circumstances beyond its direct control such as unexpected weather conditions, civil unrest, acts of God, force Majeure or any other unforeseen circumstances.

### **Photos Posted to our website and Social Media**

On occasion, your BST Representative will be taking photos of group members participating in various activities. These photos may be posted on our social media outlets. If for any reason you do not wish to have your photo taken and published, please advise your tour manager on Day 1 of your journey. This clause indicates your permission to use photos and eliminates all photo waivers used in the past.

BST prohibits participants from publishing to social media any proprietary documents pertaining to our trips.