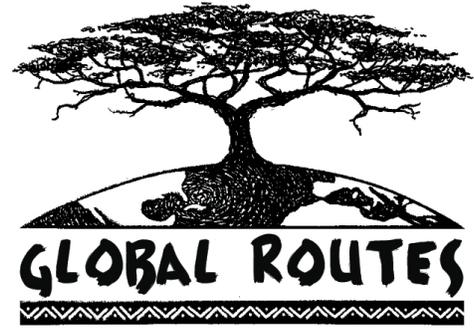


# THE GRENADINES

## Building Bridges in the Caribbean



### Leaders in Action (LIA)

The Caribbean islands are breathtaking: white sand beaches, crystal clear blue water, coral reefs teeming with aquatic life, spectacular natural blowholes, mountaintop views (for those adventurous enough to make the hike!), all framed by idyllic sunrises and sunsets. In this fabulous island setting, surrounded by surf, sun and fun, Caribbean Leaders-in-Action students will learn to make a difference. The group will engage in hands-on service learning projects that grow organically from activities that promote genuine cross-cultural communication and exchange. Guided by experienced trip leaders, our students will take the time to get to know the people of the islands—the children, the teenagers, the adults, and the elders—and then, after learning a bit about island culture, they will design and create a free education and leadership camp for local children from our host Caribbean villages. This friendship camp is the core of the LIA program, and a unique and ideal way to approach the fundamental goals of Global Routes. Teenagers interested in teaching and leadership will have the chance to realize their skills in a real live teaching situation, with children from a completely different cultural background.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Discover, explore, and enhance leadership and teaching skills by **creating and leading a two-week Friendship Camp** for the island children.

Work with Peace Corps volunteers on **community service projects**.

Swim, snorkel, hike, and **explore the natural beauty of the islands**.

Get a taste of 'real Caribbean life' by **immersing in the culture** of the small inland town of Lauders.



# THE GRENADINES DETAILED ITINERARY

**ORIENTATION IN ST. VINCENT** Reunite with old friends and new in Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Once there, you will begin orientation, with team building and initiative games and then meet with local contacts and Peace Corp Volunteers for an introduction to the Caribbean- Island Culture 101.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE & CULTURAL EXCHANGE, ST. VINCENT**

After a few days in Kingstown, your group will travel to the small inland town of Lauders and settle in to life on 'island time'. While there, you will explore the hidden culture of the island by meeting new people, trying new foods, mastering Caribbean cooking with local families, and learning to work efficiently as a group. Activities include swimming, bodysurfing, hiking La Soufriere Volcano, visiting the Majestic Owia Salt Ponds, and relaxing at the beach. Based on what you have learned about the island, you will work together as a team to design and lead a Friendship Camp for children in our group's longtime host community. The activities will range from field games, theater, sports and arts and crafts. Your group will build on this rich Friendship Camp tradition by making this camp your own!

## **FINAL TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE IN BEQUIA**

After completing your service project, the group will take the ferry to Bequia, a small island just south of St. Vincent to celebrate all that you've accomplished, the group will embark on a cruise on the classic Caribbean Schooner, the Friendship Rose, volunteer at the Old Hegg Sea Turtle Sanctuary, snorkel in colorful coral reefs and unwind at the breathtaking beaches of this idyllic island.

## **THE BASICS**

**Dates:** TBD

**Tuition:** TBD

**Approximate Group Size:** 9-18 students and 2-3 professional leaders

**Starting/Ending Point:** Kingstown, St. Vincent

**Estimated Flight Costs:** USA-Kingstown, St. Vincent: \$900-\$1,500

**Accommodations:** Group Living, Hotel, Homestay