

## **Ensemble Experience**

### **BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS**

Ship/Sailing:	Seabourn Pride	March 2, 2009
Tour Date:	March 12, 2009	
Ship Time in Port:	5:00 pm (3/11) -	3:00 pm (3/12)
Tour Name:	<b><i>Tyrol Cot and Andromeda Gardens, with Lunch</i></b>	
Full Day Tour:	Depart: 9:00 am	Return: 2:30 pm

Discover Barbados' fascinating heritage today as you drive through the scenic countryside, visit a historic Great House, tour a living museum, beautiful gardens and the rugged Atlantic coast. It's certain to be a fabulous day in this beautiful island.

Your tour begins at Tyrol Cot, considered to be the birthplace of Barbadian democracy. Set in three acres of landscaped gardens, this ultimate Barbadian heritage experience combines a living museum and elegant great house. The house, constructed in 1854, was the residence of Barbados' first and second Premiers, Sir Grantley Adams and his son, Tom Adams. It is filled with antique furniture and Adams family memorabilia. Stroll through the Heritage Village and visit a working blacksmith shop, a replica of an 1820's slave hut and a Bajan Rum shop. Visit the unique Chattel House Museum to see what home life was like in the 1920s. Shop for woodcraft, leather goods, art, ceramics and clothing at the chattel houses.

Continue on through the countryside to beautiful Andromeda Gardens, nestled on a cliff overlooking the picturesque east coast. Set in six carefully landscaped acres you will find one of the best collections of indigenous and tropical flowers and plants in the Caribbean. Huge limestone boulders create a natural rock garden planted with bougainvillea, orchids, palms and ferns. A small stream cascades between the exotic plants. There are some very old trees here as well, including the bearded fig tree from which the island derives its name. When the Portuguese discovered the island and saw its long roots hanging into the sea, they called the island "Los Barbados" meaning "the bearded one."

Finally, drive down into Bathsheba and on to the Edgewater Inn, a romantic hotel perched on a cliff off the beaten path. Enjoy a cool, refreshing drink and a delicious Barbadian lunch while taking in the dramatic views of the pounding Atlantic Ocean and Bathsheba before returning to the ship later today.