Antigua to the British Virgin Islands: Hidden Cays and Azure Seas Aboard Sea Cloud II

Explore charming Caribbean islands aboard *Sea Cloud II*, a spectacular sailing vessel that blends modern-day comforts with old-world elegance. You'll sail with a true sense of adventure, as your captain and expedition team decide where to anchor to experience the best of this beautiful region. Discover the hidden natural and historical treasures of the region—from snorkeling in the British Virgin Islands and Anguilla to exploring St. Kitts' Brimstone Hill Fortress and Nelson's Dockyard, both UNESCO World Heritage sites. As we let the trade winds carry us across cool azure waters, lounge on the ship's Lido Deck and savor the almost-lost art of being under sail.

From

$ 12,000 / per person

Does not include flights

DATES Feb	**DURATION** 8 Days
SHIPS *Sea Cloud II*	
STARTS AT Philipsburg, Sint Maarten →	**ENDS AT** Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

Minimum Age Requirement: Any children booked on *Sea Cloud II* voyages must be at least 1 year old at time of embarkation.

Highlights

- Experience the thrill of voyaging under sail on *Sea Cloud II*, watching an orchestrated frenzy of crew members going aloft in the web of riggings to hand-set 23 sails
- Explore the natural wonders of the Caribbean, from remote cays and volcanic peaks to a variety of birds, reptiles, and sea turtles on tropical shores
- Learn about the colonial history of tucked-away islands as you stroll through historic town squares and tour eighteenth-century forts
- Snorkel among coral reefs and exotic underwater life

British Virgin Islands
Anguilla
Sint Maarten
VIRGIN ISLANDS
Saint Kitts
Antigua
MONTSERRAT
GUADELOUPE
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Day by day

■ DAY 1

Philipsburg, Sint Maarten / Embark Ship

Embark *Sea Cloud II* late this afternoon. Make yourself at home, grab a glass of champagne and relax on deck, casting lines and toasting to your sail into the warm Caribbean evening.

Arrival Time: Arrive before 4:00 p.m. local time.
Arrival City: Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

Meals included: dinner

◇ DAYS 2-3

Exploring the British Virgin Islands

Your journey through the Caribbean begins as the crew of *Sea Cloud II* prepare the ship for the voyage ahead. As you finish breakfast, the crew will climb the towering rigging, setting a seemingly endless amount of sail—up to 29,600 square feet—by hand. Enjoy the play-by-play commentary from the captain, describing the crew's maneuvers, defining square-rigger terminology and sharing some lore of the sea. Sail the stunning Sir Francis Drake Channel en route to your first stop.

Go ashore in the British Virgin Islands, a group of over 60 islands that once harbored buccaneers and brigands. These lush, hilly islands, with their variety of coves, beaches and blue waters, provide us with options ranging from swimming and snorkeling, to hiking to beach combing. A beach BBQ is also on the agenda. In true Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic style, you'll let the spirit of exploration guide us. You might stop at Jost Van Dyke to visit the island's lively White Bay, a wonderful place for a first snorkel or to imbibe at an iconic beach bar; or you may call on Norman Island, the inspiration for Robert Louis Stevenson's famed novel, *Treasure Island*.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 4

Anguilla / Under Sail

Known for its white-coral sand beaches and clear waters, Anguilla is the ideal island to experience the postcard-perfect essence of a Caribbean getaway. Take a dip in crystalline waters, snorkel vibrant reefs or venture out on a hike. Those preferring a more tranquil start to the day can relax on the island's pristine shores, settling into the laid-back, Caribbean pace of life.

Like yesterday, the captain and expedition leader will determine the best route for the day's activities. That might include Prickly Pear Cays, identified as an Important Bird Area by BirdLife International, where you'll search for a panoply of wildlife, including red-billed tropicbirds, brown boobies, laughing gulls and Caribbean elaenias, reptiles like Anguilla Bank or anole and sea turtles which frequent the shores of the cays. You'll have a chance to spot schools of goatfish, barracuda, angelfish, mangrove snapper and possibly even nurse sharks. Or you might sail to Cove Bay, where rain-filled salt ponds hold tiny wonders after a tropical shower. Here, look out for an array of birdlife, from great American egrets to gray plover, tropical king birds and pearly eyed thrashers plus snorkel and have a beverage at Smokey's Bar.

Under sail this afternoon, enjoy impeccable service and cuisine and learn more about the region with lectures from your expert staff. Up on the Lido Deck, settle into comfortable steamer chairs to lounge with a drink in hand and watch the crew adeptly navigate clear waters as you enjoy the warm, balmy breeze.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 5

Saint Kitts, Saint Kitts and Nevis / Under Sail

With a mountainous interior and rugged coastline of indented bays, St. Kitts is a striking island. A bit off the beaten path, the island has a very relaxed, local feel and is extremely accommodating to travelers. Spend the morning ashore exploring Brimstone Hill Fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage site, as well as Romney Manor Gardens and a Caribbean batik workshop. Back on board, enjoy a beautiful sunset and dinner.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 6

Antigua, Antigua and Barbuda

Spend the morning exploring the restored eighteenth- and nineteenth-century buildings of Nelson's Dockyard. With help from the onboard Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photography instructor, capture incredible images of the sea of grand ships in the beautiful harbor, the historic sites and the unforgettable views at Shirley Heights. Or, soak up one last opportunity to snorkel in Caribbean waters at Deep Bay Beach where the wreck of *Andes* is found.

You'll also have the opportunity to hike to Fort Barrington, built in 1779 as a safeguard for St. John's Harbor. The fort played a significant role in the eighteenth century, serving as a signal station to alert forces throughout the island of impending attacks. It is also the only fort that saw military action in Antigua.

This afternoon gives us a final opportunity to see the crew work the sails and to luxuriate in the grandeur of *Sea Cloud II*. Enjoy the Captain's Farewell Dinner this evening, a festive way to end the voyage.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 7

At Sea

A full day at sea gives us a final opportunity to spend time on deck, where sailors climb aloft to raise *Sea Cloud II*'s sails by hand. Relax with a book, photograph the ship's exquisite details, attend talks by experts and reflect on the cultures and beauty of the islands you visited. Enjoy a festive farewell reception and dinner on board this evening.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

■ DAY 8

Philipsburg, Sint Maarten / Disembark Ship

Disembark *Sea Cloud II* this morning after breakfast for flights home.

Departure Time: Depart anytime after 12:00 p.m.
Departure City: Philipsburg, St. Maarten

Meals included: breakfast

2027 Expedition

Philipsburg, Sint Maarten → Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

2027 DEPARTURE DATES

Aboard *Sea Cloud II*

26 Feb				

Sea Cloud II

GUESTS	CABINS
88	44

Sail in style aboard a unique vessel that's a perfect combination of nostalgic elegance and modern comfort

Sea Cloud II is an alluring sailing vessel perfectly suited to travel the scenic shores of Italy and Croatia, exploring little-seen archipelagos and anchoring in small coves. A romantic tall ship with every modern comfort, *Sea Cloud II* combines the spaciousness and welcome amenities of a contemporary vessel with the grace and elegance of a square rigger. Inspired by the legendary 1930s yacht *Sea Cloud, Sea Cloud II* embodies the Golden Age of Sail; yet, it is modernly built, reflecting today's standards of luxury. From marble bathrooms and elegant furnishings to televisions and climate controls, comfortable cabins have expected amenities.

Expansive outdoor decks and viewing areas provide ideal vantage points for appreciating the scenery of the Mediterranean and the Adriatic, and for savoring the romance of being under sail. Al fresco dining—accompanied by a pianist—is offered on the Lido Deck where shorts and deck shoes are the norm. While the ship's indoor spaces, like a sizeable dining room and lounge, are suitable for formality, there's a lighthearted delight in enjoying them in casual dress. Guests can also take advantage of the spa that offers a sauna, fitness area and massage therapy.

Expect the hallmarks of a National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions voyage, including expert field staff like historians and certified photo instructors (CPIs); top-quality dining that includes locally sourced ingredients and regional specialties; evening Recaps that review the day and set the stage for the next; experienced service; and an open Bridge policy that invites guests to observe the workings of a ship under sail.

Cabin Categories

Category 1S

CABIN DECK **#207-210**

These 204 sq. ft. outside-facing cabins, located on the Cabin Deck, have a split queen (which can be separated into two single beds) and two portholes. Cabin features include a couch, television, small table, dressing table with mirror, a closet, two nightstands, minibar, safe, temperature controls, and telephone. The beautiful marble bathroom is equipped with a shower.

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Category 2

CABIN DECK **#211-212, 214-217, 224-231**

These 215 sq. ft. outside-facing cabins, located on the Cabin Deck, have two single beds pushed together to convert into a split queen (beds can be separated) and two portholes. Cabin features include a couch, television, small table, dressing table with mirror, a closet, two nightstands, minibar, safe, temperature controls, and telephone. The beautiful marble bathroom is equipped with a shower. Note: Some Category 2 cabins have connecting doors.

Category 3

CABIN DECK **#218-223**

These 226 sq. ft. outside-facing cabins, located on the Cabin Deck, have a split queen bed (bed cannot be separated) and three portholes. Cabin features include two chairs, a small table, television, dressing table with mirror, writing desk, two closets, two nightstands, minibar, safe, temperature controls, and telephone. The beautiful marble bathroom is equipped with a shower.

Category 4

PROMENADE DECK **#301, 302**

These 215 sq. ft. outside-facing cabins, located on the Promenade Deck, have a split queen bed (bed cannot be separated) and three large panorama windows. Cabin features include two chairs, a small table, television, writing desk/dressing table with mirror, closets, two nightstands, minibar, safe, temperature controls, and telephone. The beautiful marble bathroom is equipped with a shower.

Category 5

PROMENADE DECK **#303, 304**

These outside-facing suites, located on the Promenade Deck, have two single beds pushed together to convert into a split queen (beds can be separated) and three large panorama windows. #303 is 237 sq. ft. and #304 is 231 sq. ft. Suite features include an electric fireplace, separate sitting area with two large chairs and large table, walk-in closet, television, dressing table with mirror, two nightstands, minibar, safe, temperature controls, and telephone. The beautiful marble and gold-fitted bathroom is equipped with shower bathtub and marble washbasin.

Category 6

PROMENADE DECK **#305-312, 314-319**

These 231 sq. ft. outside-facing suites, located on the Promenade Deck, have two single beds pushed together to convert into a split queen (beds can be separated) and three large panorama windows. Suite features include an electric fireplace, separate sitting area with two large chairs and large table, walk-in closet, television, dressing table with mirror, two nightstands, minibar, safe, temperature controls, and telephone. The beautiful marble and gold-fitted bathroom is equipped with shower bathtub and marble washbasin.

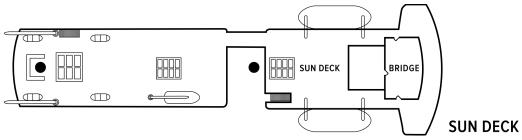
Category 7

LIDO DECK **#401, 402**

These 290 sq. ft. outside-facing suites, located on the Lido Deck, have one four-poster split king bed (beds cannot be separated) and four large panorama windows. Cabin features include an electric fireplace, separate sitting area with a couch, two large chairs and large table, walk-in closet with four large wardrobes, television, dressing table with mirror, two nightstands, minibar, safe, temperature controls, and telephone. The large, beautiful marble and gold-fitted bathroom is equipped with separate shower and bathtub, and marble washbasin.

Deck Plans

Sun Deck



Cabin Deck

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Promenade Deck

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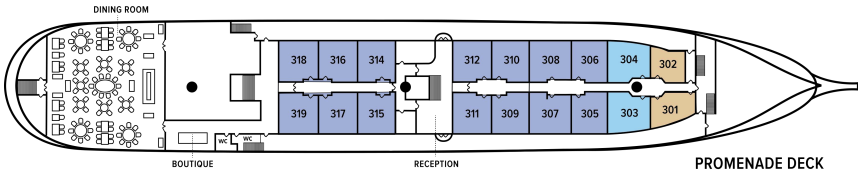
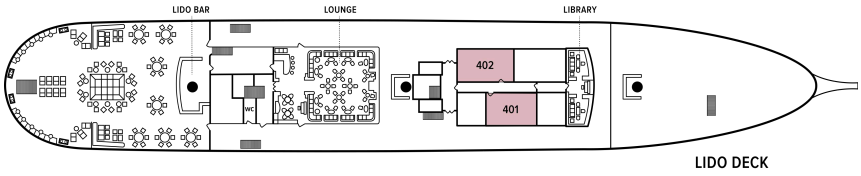
- Category 6



Lido Deck

- Category 7



Ship Amenities

Well-Appointed Cabins

All cabins are outside-facing and have portholes or windows, a marble bathroom, minibar, ample storage space, and period furnishings. Some include special features like a separate sitting area, walk-in dressing area, canopy bed, or electric fireplace.

The Thrill of Being Under Sail

A three-masted barque with 23 sails, *Sea Cloud II* is sailed by hand as often as conditions permit, starting with a full description of the sailing process the first morning on board and then as much as possible during the voyage. This tradition carried out by a skilled crew is an art form that contributes to the romance of being at sea.

Welcome Wellness Amenities

Unwind in the spa with a sauna or massage. A fitness room includes a treadmill, stationary bicycle, rowing machine, elliptical trainer, and weights.

A Choice of Indoor Public Spaces

An elegant lounge is a perfect venue for a nightly cocktail while the light-filled library is a lovely spot to sit down with a book about the region. Guests are welcome on the Bridge (conditions permitting) to learn how *Sea Cloud II* is navigated and sailed.

Inviting Outdoor Spaces

Outdoor spaces like the Lido and Promenade Decks invite relaxation in the open air. Feel the balmy breezes as idyllic scenery passes. Stretch out in a recliner and enjoy the ease of travel under sail; or enjoy a refreshment under the shade of a canopy.

Quality Dining

Dinners are served in single seating in the spacious restaurant, where breakfasts are also served buffet style, with eggs to order. Lunches, afternoon tea, and some special meals are more “at leisure” on the Lido Deck. All food and drink on board focus on Continental cuisine and local specialties.

Noteworthy Features

The ship’s interiors have the nostalgic feel of a luxurious 1930s yacht but boast contemporary features such as a helpful reception desk, wide passageways, and a central staircase. During your voyage, we will cover your bar tab aboard the ship (excluding certain super-premium brands).

Special Offers

CELEBRATE LIFE'S MILESTONES

Celebrate a milestone with a group of eight or more and enjoy a special amenity package including: 5% savings on voyage fares, custom group photo, US$150 shipboard credit for the group, and other special gifts. Milestone celebration to be communicated at time of booking.

10% OFF BACK-TO-BACK VOYAGES

Save 10% on consecutive departures, applicable on voyage fares only and not valid on extensions or airfare. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

COMBINING OFFERS

Certain offers may be combinable, up to two savings opportunities, except where noted otherwise. For example, travel with a group of 8 or more on back-to-back expeditions, and take advantage of both savings.

SAVE 5% TRAVELING AS A GROUP

Save 5% when traveling as a group of 8 or more people. Valid for new bookings only on select departures, subject to availability, not applicable on extensions, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

INCLUDED IN PRICE

All accommodations aboard ship per itinerary; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore; beer, wine, cocktails, liquors and spirits aboard the ship (except certain premium brands which are available for purchase); basic Wi-Fi (5GB per person); hors d'oeuvres, 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages, and filtered water; excursions and airport transfers to and from recommended flights, as indicated in the itinerary; crew gratuities; exploration tools curated to destination, such as snorkeling equipment (including wetsuits, masks, and fins); guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; assistance by the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor; presentations by expedition staff and expert guest speakers; complimentary reusable water bottle; onboard physician consultations; 24-hour access to shared spaces; park and site entrance fees, special access permits, and port taxes. Unused services or items included in our programs are non-refundable.

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE

Airfare (except flights when indicated as included); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights (except when indicated as included); private transfers; laundry, and phone services (except when indicated as included); travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

Additional costs associated with medical services outside onboard physician consultation.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

We strongly recommend our guests to take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, damage or loss of baggage, medical assistance, and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date, Travel Protection premiums are non- refundable once plan is purchased. Learn more about our Travel Protection "Plus" Plan: https://www.expeditions.com/terms-conditions/travel-protection-plan/

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