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LUXURY UNDER SAIL IN THE WEST INDIES

A VOYAGE BETWEEN BARBADOS & ST LUCIA
ABOARD THE MAGNIFICENT SEA CLOUD II

25TH JANUARY TO 9TH FEBRUARY
& 8TH TO 23RD FEBRUARY* 2021

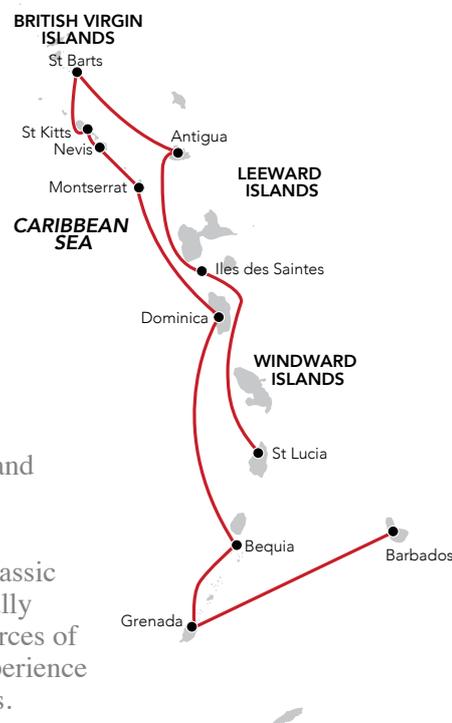
NOBLE CALEDONIA



Just when winter seems to be endless, it is the perfect time to escape to the warmth and beauty of the West Indies. Having operated voyages in the region for many years aboard Sea Cloud II we know the waters between Barbados and St Lucia provide the perfect sailing conditions for her and we have therefore planned the itinerary to ensure ample sailing time allowing you to relax on deck in the warmth and enjoy the majesty of the vessel.

During our island hopping adventure through the Caribbean Sea we will explore some of the most beautiful tropical isles, many still untouched by the hands of mass tourism. There is no doubt that the less commercialised of the islands have enormous charm and great natural beauty. But, beyond the fabulous beaches and pastel painted towns there is more. During the 17th and 18th centuries the West Indies attracted all manner of adventurers, buccaneers, pirates and the navies of the major European seafaring nations and this colourful history makes for an intriguing background to our voyage as we are able to hop from island to island and experience the heritage left by the Spanish, French, Dutch and British.

Occasionally our paths will cross with the mega-factory like cruise ships and it is at such times we will appreciate even more how fortunate we are to be enjoying our classic ship that embodies all the best sailing traditions. To be on deck when the sails are fully extended as we navigate through the West Indies is a marvellous experience. The forces of nature and ingenuity of man combining in the most natural of ways allows us to experience the thrill of sailing and a form of transport that has existed since the earliest of times.



GUEST SPEAKERS

You will be joined on board by a Guest Speaker who will contribute greatly to your enjoyment and understanding of the region. We are delighted that Captain Peter Hore will be accompanying the 25th January departure and Dr Kevin Fewster will be accompanying the 8th February departure.



Captain Peter Hore: 25th January Departure

Captain Peter Hore served worldwide as a logistician in the Royal Navy before spending ten years in the film and television industry, and then becoming a fulltime author. Peter's interests include naval history, strategy and biography, and he has written over 1,200 obituaries for the Daily Telegraph. He has also skippered the Wyvern to a gold medal in the Tall Ships Race, and walked the

Camino de Santiago. As guest speaker he has appeared at Hay Festival and Chalke Valley History Festival, and his books include the award-winning *Habit of Victory* and *HMAS Sydney, Cipher and Search*. He is a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, Chartered Member of the Institute of Linguists, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and of the Society for Nautical Research, and an elected member of the Swedish Royal Society of Naval Sciences.



Dr Kevin Fewster: 8th February Departure

Dr Kevin Fewster is a leading international figure in the fields of maritime museums and maritime heritage. He was Director of Royal Museums Greenwich, the world's largest and most visited maritime museum precinct from 2007-19. Comprising the National Maritime Museum, the Royal Observatory, the historic clipper ship *Cutty Sark*, the beautiful early 17th century *Queen's House*,

the world renowned *Caird Library* and the recently completed *Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre*, RMG attracts 2.7 million visitors each year. Before moving to Britain Kevin had been the founding Director of the *South Australian Maritime Museum* and the *Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney*. In his 35-year museum career Kevin was also Director of *Sydney's Powerhouse Museum* (then Australia's largest museum). Perhaps uniquely, Kevin has been awarded both a British CBE and made a Member of the Order of Australia in recognition of his services to museums and maritime history. He is a Life Fellow of the International Congress of Maritime Museums, a Younger Brother of Trinity House (the world's oldest lighthouse organisation), a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights and a Freeman of the City of London.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Barbados. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to Sea Cloud II for embarkation. Moor overnight.

Day 2 Barbados. Barbados is the most easterly of the Caribbean Islands, with Atlantic surf on the east coast and sparkling Caribbean waters on the west coast. Captain Powell landed here in 1625 and claimed the island for England. Now independent it continues to embrace its British Empire roots; afternoon tea remains a tradition and cricket is the national sport. This morning an island drive will include visits to the historic 17th century Sunbury Plantation House and the impressive St John's Church. Over lunch we will depart and spend the afternoon at sea.

Day 3 St George's, Grenada. Explore this wonderful Windward Island which many regard as the most beautiful in the Caribbean. It is a lush and verdant island with spice plantations, rum distilleries, tropical forests, secluded coves, nature trails and select hotels which cling to the hillsides overlooking the ocean. We will moor in the picturesque capital of St George's at lunchtime and will drive through the rainforest to beautiful Grand

Etang Lake, 1700 feet above sea level.

Day 4 Bequia, Grenadines. We have the morning on this delightful Grenadine island which is totally unspoilt and a place of pure escapism with a charming old-world atmosphere. Only seven miles by two it is a long way from the well beaten tourist track, a serene and peaceful island with some of the best beaches in the Caribbean. Choose to spend time in the main town of Port Elizabeth or find a spot on the local beach.

Day 5 Dominica. Stepping back in time, the island of Dominica is still the primitive garden that Columbus first sighted in 1493. An area of tropical rainforests, it has flowers of incredible beauty and animals that exist nowhere else in the world. We arrive this afternoon in the small port of Cabrits, just below the national park and the former British garrison of Fort Shirley, which successfully repelled a French attack during the Trafalgar campaign in 1805. Those feeling active can climb to the fort to explore the ruins, visit the small museum and maybe wander the surrounding trails on the lookout for birds, hermit crabs and lizards.

Day 6 Montserrat. Ask any Caribbean connoisseur about their favourite places and Montserrat will always be high on the list. Following the damaging volcanic eruptions of 1995 and 2010, much of the island has now returned to normal. We will visit the volcano observatory and learn how the islanders coped with the devastation it caused. We will see some of the untouched areas of the island which are as beautiful as ever.

Day 7 Nevis. This morning we will land by tender on one of the loveliest and least developed islands on the Leewards. British naval history is linked with most of the Leeward Islands and on Nevis the connection is particularly interesting. It was here that Nelson met Fanny Nesbit and later married her in the old Montpelier House, on the site where a hotel now stands. Prince William, later to become William IV, who was under Nelson's command, attended the wedding and gave the bride away. Our tour of the island will include Nelson's Museum and the church.

Day 8 St Kitts. We will make a landing this morning on the delightful island of St Kitts. This lovely island has it all, restful green fields of sugar cane plantations, rainforests and long stretches of uncrowded beaches. The atmosphere here is wonderfully relaxed and full of old-world charm. Choose to either wander the streets of Basseterre with its colonial buildings or see the impressive UNESCO fortress at Brimstone Hill. This 18th century British garrison played a key role in the battles with the French and is situated on a hill offering fine views

over to Nevis. This afternoon we continue our sailing north.

Days 9 & 10 British Virgin Islands. These islands are recognised throughout the seafaring world as one of the finest sailing areas. The 36 islands and cays sit in a dazzling turquoise sea surrounded by beautiful coral reefs. We have a day and a half here and will drop anchor and use our Zodiacs or local tenders to explore. We may make calls at the islands of Virgin Gorda, Jost Van Dyke and Tortola. We will enjoy island drives and allow for time to relax on the beautiful beaches and swim in the clear waters.

Day 11 St Barts. We arrive over lunch at this tiny French West Indian island which is proud of its reputation as a stylish and exclusive tropical resort. It is a very top-drawer place and the island's capital of Gustavia, where the tenders will take us ashore this afternoon, offers gourmet restaurants, street cafés and smart shops which would not be out of place on the French Riviera.

Days 12 Antigua. Antigua was one of the main British Naval bases in the Windward Islands and so our voyage under sail would not be complete without a visit to this island with so much important history. During a morning island drive we will have the opportunity to visit the beautifully restored 18th century dockyard in English Harbour and see the impressive collection of restored historic buildings which were occupied by the British Navy from 1707 till 1899. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon sailing.



Fort Shirley, Dominica



Iles des Saintes



Collared sunbird



St Barts



Waterfall, Dominica

Day 13 Ile des Saintes, Guadeloupe.

The eight island Iles des Saintes archipelago dots the waters off the southwest coast of Guadeloupe. In 1782, this was the site of one of the greatest naval battles of the sailing era, in which the tactics used by the British admiral Sir George Rodney foreshadowed those used 20 years later by Nelson at Trafalgar. This morning tender ashore and explore at leisure or take a walk up to Fort Napoleon and visit the museum which focuses on the Battle of the Saintes.

Day 14 Soufriere, St Lucia. St Lucia is a splendidly rugged island of towering mountains, lush green valleys and acres of banana plantations. Because of its strategic position, it was fought over repeatedly by the French and British and changed hands fourteen times. We will anchor off the island in sight of its best-known

feature, the twin peaks of the Pitons, which rise dramatically from the sea to more than 2400 feet. In the nearby town of Soufriere we can visit the bubbling Sulphur springs, part of a low lying volcano which erupted thousands of years ago. Our tour will also include the splendid botanical gardens.

Day 15 St Lucia to London.

Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

Day 16 London. Arrive this morning.

**The 8th February 2021 departure operates from St Lucia to Barbados and the full itinerary can be viewed online at www.noble-caledonia.co.uk*

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Cat	Cabin Description	Deck	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
E	Deluxe double	Cabin	£9195	£8795
D	Deluxe double	Cabin	£9595	£9195
C	Deluxe double	Promenade	£9795	£9395
B	Junior Suite	Promenade	£10295	£9895
A	Luxury Owner's Suite	Lido	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
F	Stateroom for sole use	Cabin	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
E	Deluxe double for sole use	Cabin	£11795	£11395

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 14 nights aboard Sea Cloud II on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia Tour Manager • Guest Speaker • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

NB: Ports and itinerary subject to change and weather conditions. Tenders or Zodiacs will be used frequently during this voyage.

St Lucia Extension

5th to 8th* & 8th to 12th February 2021



St Lucia

If you would like to spend some time in St Lucia we are offering a three night extension staying at Cap Maison, an elegant boutique hotel set in a stunning location with its own secluded sandy beach.

The Itinerary

Day 1 St Lucia. Disembark Sea Cloud II after breakfast and take a leisurely orientation tour of the north of St Lucia. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before transferring to Cap Maison. Check in for our three night stay and enjoy an evening at leisure.

Days 2 & 3 St Lucia. Spend two days at leisure to enjoy the hotel facilities, relax on the beach or explore independently.

Day 4 St Lucia to London. After breakfast, check out of the hotel and transfer to the airport for the scheduled flight to London.

Day 5 London. Arrive today.

*Please note that the 5th February extension is pre-cruise in conjunction with the 8th February cruise. The itinerary and further details can be viewed at www.noble-caledonia.co.uk

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Garden View: **£995** Garden View for Sole Occupancy: **£1495**
 Junior Suite: **£1195** Junior Suite for Sole Occupancy: **£1845**

Price Includes: Three nights hotel accommodation at Cap Maison St Lucia with breakfast, Tour Manager, lunch on day 1, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

NB. Extension is subject to minimum numbers and rooms are on a request basis.



SEA CLOUD II

For our voyages through the West Indies, we are delighted to have chartered the magnificent Sea Cloud II. Launched in 2001, she is a stunning vessel, built along traditional lines, but offering deluxe accommodation. She combines the timeless elegance of sailing ships of the past with the highest safety standards and the luxurious comfort of modern cruise ships. The 32,000 square feet of sails are set by hand which is a truly magical sight; she really is the most exquisite of vessels.

Your Cabin/Suite

Built to accommodate 94 passengers in five star luxury, Sea Cloud II offers a range of beautifully appointed suites and cabins which are furnished with great style. Spread over three decks are 29 deluxe outside cabins with showers, 16 junior suites with bathtubs, and two owner suites with bathtubs and showers. All accommodations have outside views and the bathrooms, in light marble, are unusually spacious and aesthetically pleasing. The two owner suites feature a king size canopy bed and all other cabins feature queen size beds (with separate mattresses, excluding category F staterooms which feature upper and lower single beds). Cabin sizes range from 16m² to 27m² (category F measure 14m²). The finest, carefully chosen fabrics, combined with leather, rattan and other materials, brass and gold, precious woods and marble together create an impressive ensemble. All cabins have a television with DVD player, minibar, dressing table, wardrobe and a safe. A welcome bottle of champagne and a fruit basket which is replenished daily are provided to enjoy whilst in your cabin.

Your Space

No expense has been spared to create a sympathetic ambience in both the accommodations and public areas and this is reflected throughout the vessel. Public areas include an elegant lounge, library, fitness centre, boutique, lido bar and hospital. The single sitting dining room is airy and modern and the quality of the cuisine and service will be to the highest of standards, as one would expect on a Sea Cloud II cruise. The Lounge is located mid-ship on the Lido Deck offering comfortable seating areas. The vessel's magnificent Steinway can be found here and will be played for your enjoyment by an accomplished pianist. In addition enjoy interesting lectures and presentations, or perhaps a drink from the bar. There is also a library on board where you can relax, write postcards, play a board game, find a film to watch in your cabin, send emails from the laptop or just enjoy the peaceful atmosphere. Relax on the Lido deck and experience the natural grandeur of travelling under sail whilst watching the sailors manoeuvre the sails high above, rekindling memories of a bygone age.

Your Dining

The cuisine aboard the Sea Cloud II is of an exceptionally high standard, and has been accepted by the international Chaîne des Rôtisseurs. Enjoy international dishes complemented by local specialities selected fresh from the market by the onboard chef. Dinner is served à la carte and is a four course affair with a vegetarian option always available. All cruises aboard the Sea Cloud II are full board with carefully selected wines and beers served to complement your lunch and dinner. All soft drinks, coffee and tea whilst on board are also included.

Life On Board

Whilst there are many large sailing ships offering passages around the world there are few if any that can compare in terms of luxury to Sea Cloud II. Despite the luxurious setting, casual clothing is appropriate and the atmosphere onboard is friendly and generally informal. Service is personal, and the crew of 65 quickly acquaint themselves with passengers and



Category C cabin



Lounge



Category A cabin



Lido deck



Category B cabin



On Deck



Restaurant

the officers on the bridge are also available to answer questions; manoeuvres permitting. After all, Sea Cloud II is not only a cruise ship, but a private yacht as well.

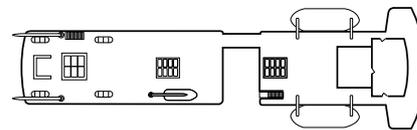
For your Comfort, Safety & Security
Sea Cloud II combines the timeless elegance of sailing ships of the past with the highest safety standards and the luxurious comfort of modern cruise ships. The hospital is located on the Cabin Deck and is staffed by a ship's doctor. In consideration of all passengers, smoking is not permitted on board with the exception of designated areas on open decks.



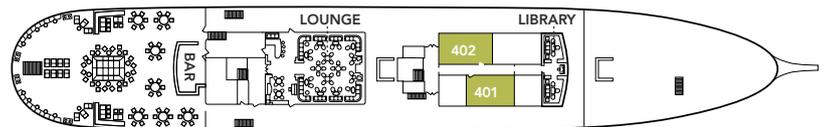
Dining on Deck

DECK PLAN

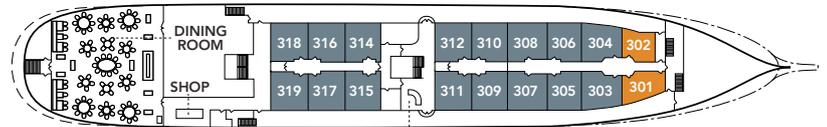
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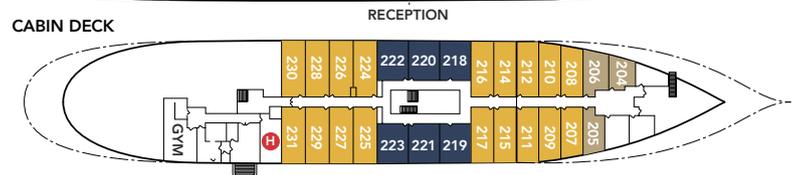
LIDO DECK



PROMENADE DECK



CABIN DECK



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