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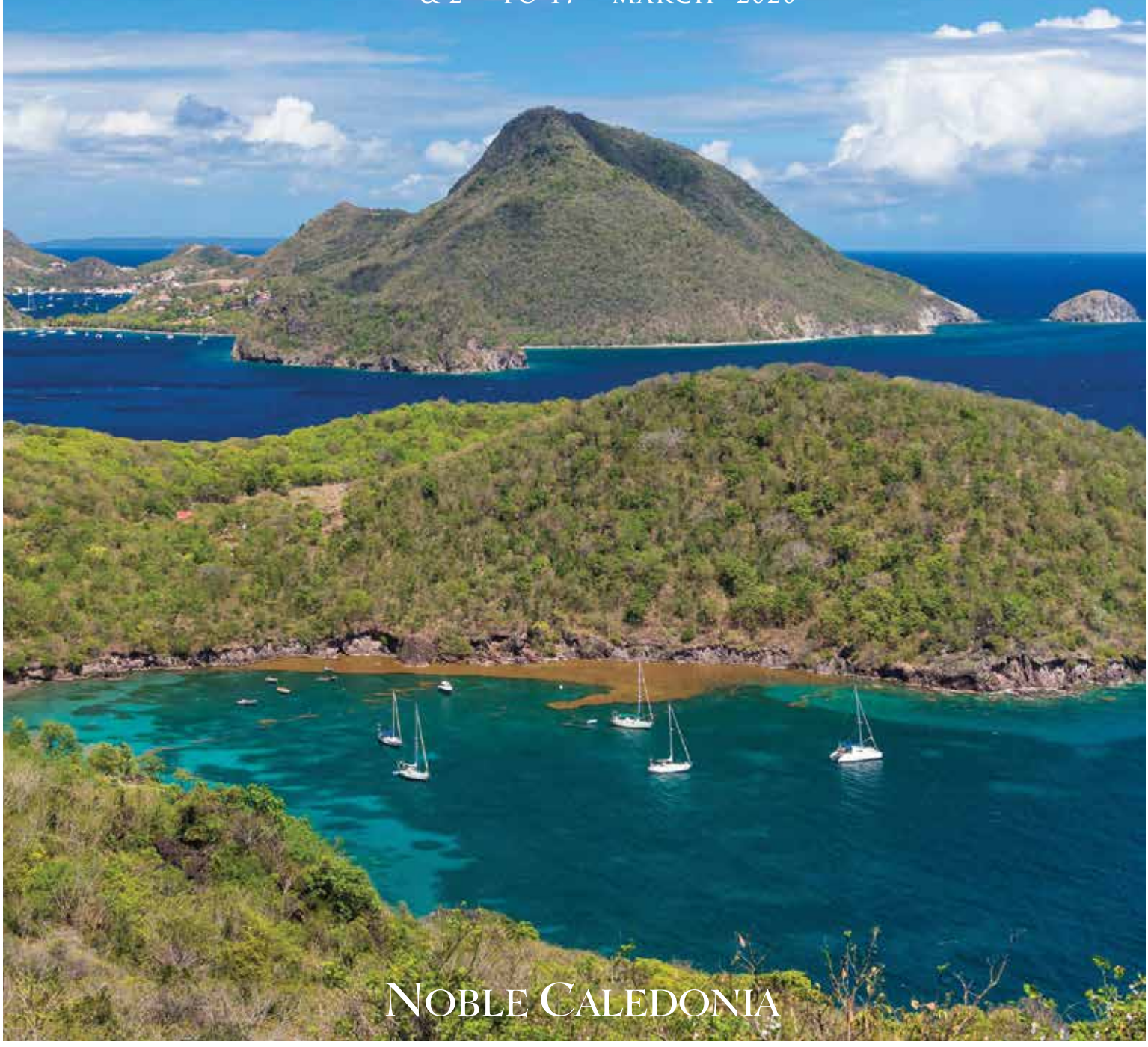
SAILING IN THE WEST INDIES

A VOYAGE BETWEEN ANTIGUA & BARBADOS
ABOARD THE MAGNIFICENT **SEA CLOUD II**

17TH FEBRUARY TO 3RD MARCH
& 2ND TO 17TH MARCH* 2020



NOBLE CALEDONIA

Bequia

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 Antigua and Barbados 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 SPEAKER – PETER WARWICK

Joining us on board as Guest Speaker will be naval expert, Peter Warwick. He was vice-chairman of the Official Nelson Commemorations Committee and in 2005, organised the reconstruction of Lord Nelson's river-borne funeral procession. Peter is a published author and lectures widely on naval history.

THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE ROYAL NAVY

The story of the Royal Navy is a vital part of the story of Britain. Our greatest heroes are sailors; our most memorable victories were won at sea. It is a long and distinguished story, going back to the Tudors and continuing right up to the present day. But one period stands out as a true 'golden age' - the years between 1750 and 1815. During those years, the great sailing battleships reached their peak of perfection in famous vessels such as HMS Victory. A uniquely gifted generation of seamen - of whom Horatio Nelson was but one shining example – sailed those great ships to an almost unbroken series of decisive victories. It is a record of success unparalleled in any other period, which no other navy in the world can match. One of the great theatres of war in this period was the West Indies. Some of the most important battles were fought there. Some of the key personalities served there and learned their trade sailing among the beautiful islands. This voyage offers a unique opportunity to learn about this pivotal period in British history, while exploring the places where that history was actually made – and under sail aboard the superb Sea Cloud II.

Sugar Mill, Nevis

Fort Napoleon, Iles des Saintes

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Antigua. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to Sea Cloud II and embark. Moor overnight.

Day 2 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 an 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.

Day 3 St Barts. This tiny French West Indian island 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 morning, offers gourmet restaurants, street café's and smart shops which would not be out of place on the French Riviera.

Day 4 Jost Van Dyke. Today we sail through the beautiful island dotted waters of the British Virgin Islands. We will drop anchor at the little visited island of Jost Van Dyke and after a short Zodiac ride ashore enjoy relaxing on the beach or snorkelling.

Day 5 St Kitts. We will make a landing this afternoon 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. We will remain moored here this evening.

Day 6 Nevis. This morning we will land by tender on one of the loveliest and untouched 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 displaying Nelson's wedding certificate.

Day 7 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 8 Guadeloupe. Known as the "Papillon" due to the butterfly shape of the two main islands, Guadeloupe offers a taste of France within the Caribbean. This morning we anchor off the northwest coast at the town of Deshaies which is the fictional setting of Honoré from the television series "Death in Paradise". After breakfast we will drive to the nearby Botanical Gardens, an exceptional 12 acre park featuring tropical flora, palm trees, waterscapes and a parrot aviary. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a relaxing afternoon on board sailing to our next port of call.

Day 9 Iles des Saintes. 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 join Peter Warwick for a walk up to Fort Napoleon and visit the museum which focuses on the Battle of the Saintes.

Day 10 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, flowers of incredible beauty and animals that exist nowhere else in the world. We arrive this morning 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. The 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. Following our excursion, we will enjoy a further afternoon at sail.

Day 11 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. Tender ashore and explore the island independently or on a guided tour including the volcano.

Day 12 Bequia. This delightful Grenadine island is totally unspoilt, a place of pure escapism with a charming old-world atmosphere. Today we will tender ashore and visit the Hegg Turtle Sanctuary followed by time to relax on one of the stunning beaches or for some swimming or snorkelling.

Day 13 Carriacou. This morning we will moor off the largest of the Grenadine Islands, Carriacou. Home to no more than a few thousand people, yet almost 100 shops selling rum, this will be a perfect spot for us to spend time relaxing, whether it be walking along the stunning beaches or enjoying a swim in the clear blue

Jost Van Dyke

Waterfall, Dominica

French Angelfish

St Barts

St Kitts

waters. Re-join the vessel this afternoon and sail to Tobago.

Day 14 Tobago. Today we will commence our excursion by boarding a glass bottom boat to sail to Little Tobago. From here we will walk a short way to view the abundant bird life where we will be able to observe red-billed tropicbirds in their natural habitat. We will then depart for Angel Reef where we can either continue to view the marine life from our boat or snorkel a short while.

Day 15 Barbados to London. 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 before making our way to the airport for our return scheduled flight to London.

Day 16 London. Arrive this morning.

**The 2nd March itinerary operates in the reverse direction from Barbados to Antigua. Full itinerary can be viewed online at www.noble-caledonia.co.uk*

Fort Shirley, Dominica

Green Heron

PRICES PER PERSON
Based on double occupancy

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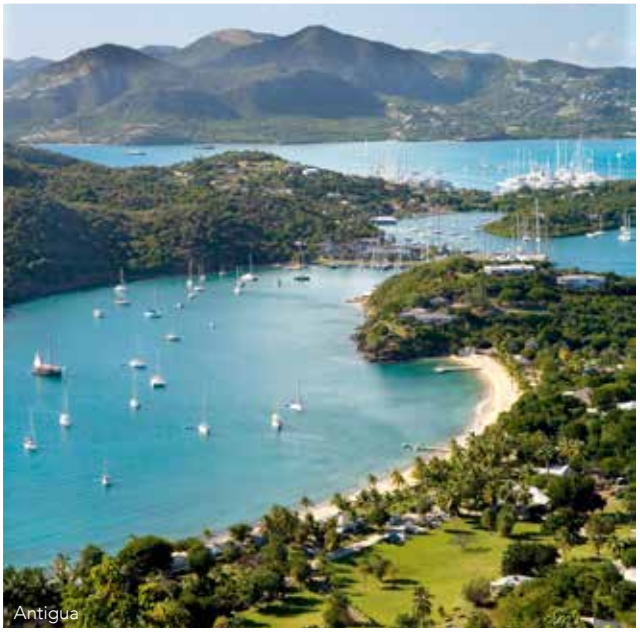
Cat	Cabin Description	Deck	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
E	Deluxe double	Cabin	£8995	£8595
D	Deluxe double	Cabin	£9295	£8895
C	Deluxe double	Promenade	£9495	£9095
B	Junior Suite	Promenade	£9995	£9595
A	Luxury Owner's Suite	Lido	£11295	£10895
F	Stateroom for sole use	Cabin	£9995	£9595
E	Deluxe double for sole use	Cabin	£11495	£11095

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 subject to change. Completion of advertised itinerary subject to fair weather. Tenders or Zodiacs will be used frequently during this voyage.*


Antigua

SEA CLOUD II

For this voyage under sail we 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 16m^2 to 27m^2 (category F measure 14m^2). 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.

Category C 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

Lounge

Category A cabin

Lido deck

Category B cabin

On Deck

Restaurant

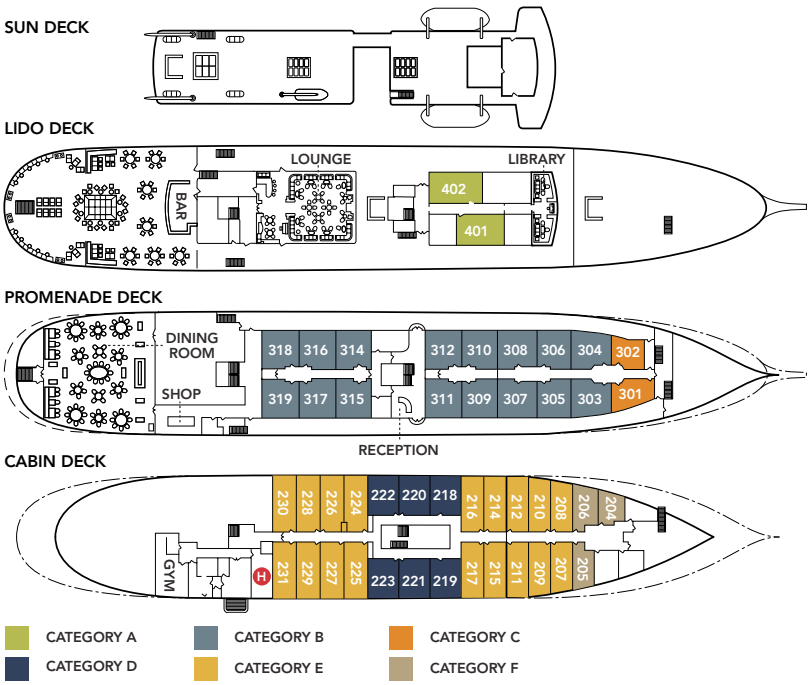
the officers on the bridge are also available to answer questions; manoeuvres permitting. After all, Sea Cloud II is not only a cruise ship, but a private yacht as well.

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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