

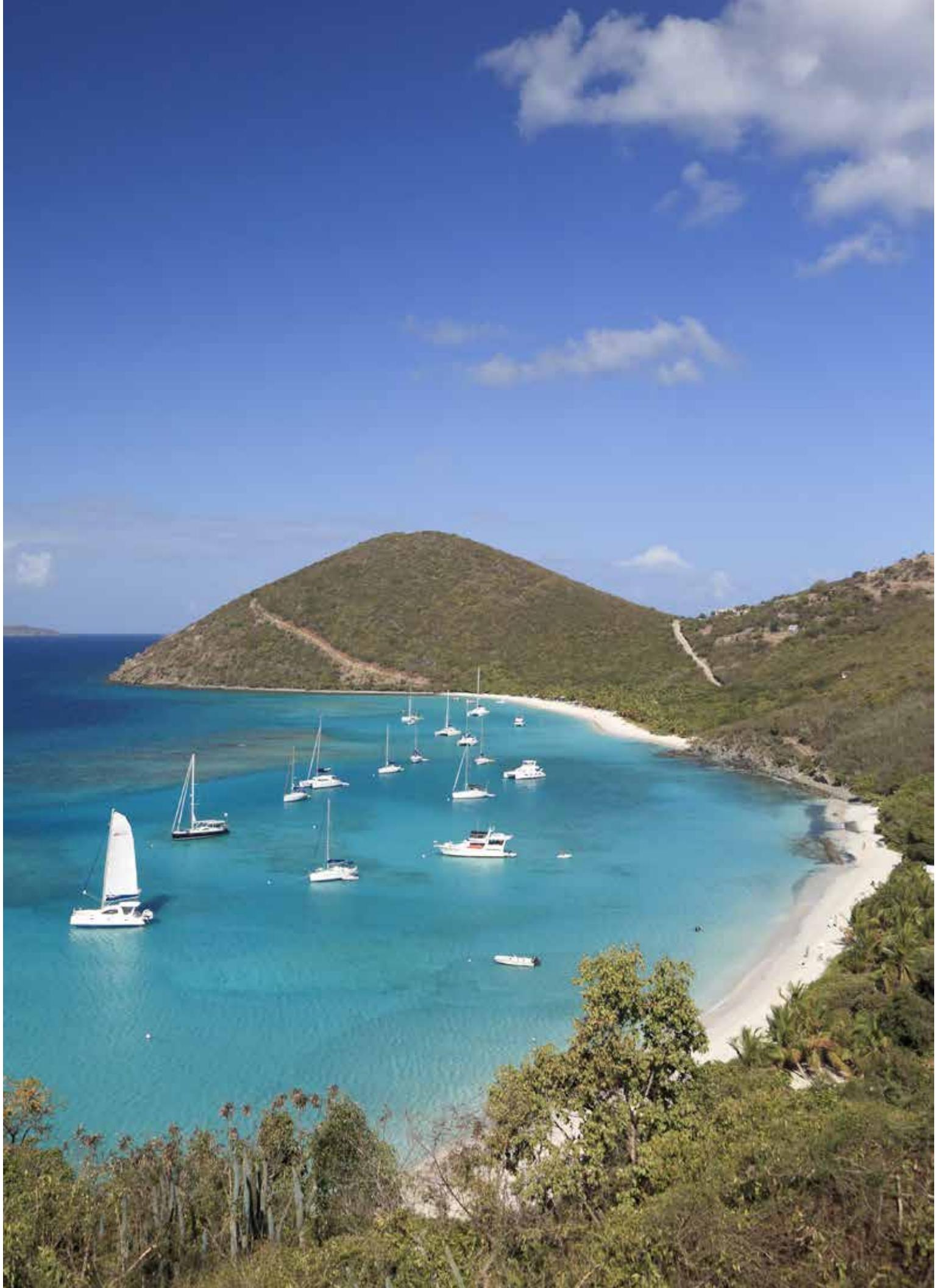
# LUXURY UNDER SAIL

ABOARD THE MAGNIFICENT SEA CLOUD II  
COSTA RICA - PANAMA - THE WEST INDIES  
JANUARY TO MARCH 2019



NOBLE CALEDONIA

Jost Van Dyke





# UNDER SAIL IN MAGNIFICENT STYLE

We are delighted to have once again chartered the majestic Sea Cloud II for a series of wonderful voyages in Central America and the West Indies. 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. Standing on the dock and looking up at the vessel you cannot help but be impressed by her sheer majesty. Walk up the gangway and on to the deck and it is even more impressive. Below deck is a sumptuous world of traditional maritime influences with 21st century luxuries and well-appointed cabins and public areas create a restful atmosphere totally in keeping with the overall grandeur of the vessel.

Planning an itinerary for a sailing ship is somewhat different to conventional cruising as an important aspect is the time given over to sail. Unpredictable winds mean allowances have been made, after all the whole point of joining a vessel such as Sea Cloud II is to have sufficient time on board and at sea to experience the joy of travelling under sail. So, with this in mind the itineraries we have planned for Sea Cloud II include more time than usual at sea.

Once under way Sea Cloud II provides an experience no conventional cruise ship can possibly emulate. The vessel will heel lightly as the wind fills her sails and overhead, nimble crew members climb hundreds of feet among the rigging, setting and adjusting. To be on deck when the sails are fully extended is a marvellous and unrivalled experience as Sea Cloud II glides through the water powered by the wind catching in her 32,000 square feet of sails. 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. Even the most jaded of travellers cannot help but be enthralled by the experience and indeed many past travellers return time and time again.





## SEA CLOUD II

Launched in 2001, Sea Cloud II 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<sup>2</sup> to 27m<sup>2</sup> (category F measure 12m<sup>2</sup>). 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 accommodation 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 onboard 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.



Category C cabin

### Your Dining

The cuisine aboard 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. Breakfast is buffet style and will



Lounge



Category D cabin



Category B cabin



Category A cabin



On deck



Restaurant

include a sumptuous array of hot and cold items with the option to order freshly cooked eggs at the egg station. Lunches are both buffet style and 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.

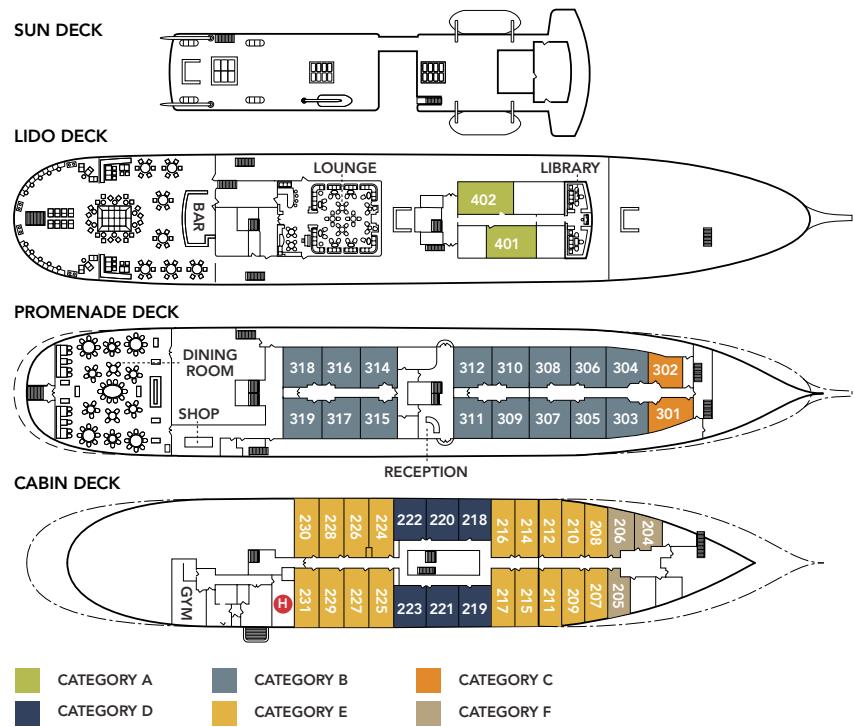
#### Life On Board

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 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.

## DECK PLAN



# PANAMA CANAL, CORAL & CULTURES

Discover the wonders of Costa Rica & Panama from aboard Sea Cloud II

2<sup>nd</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Let us take you to some of the loveliest and untouched places in Costa Rica and Panama whilst also including one of the greatest man made wonders of the world – the Panama Canal. An engineering marvel when it opened, the 50 mile passage still continues to astonish the most veteran traveller.

When most people think of Panama and Costa Rica, they think of overland travel but not the hours which are usually spent traversing rugged roads in order to get around. There is an easier and more comfortable way to explore the region and that is under sail. Skip the arduous, lengthy land travel and relax instead aboard the magnificent Sea Cloud II.

Sailing from the Pacific Ocean through the Panama Canal to the Caribbean Sea, our cruise will take us along the coasts and to the islands of Costa Rica and Panama, areas of outstanding natural beauty and home to countless species of endangered birds from tiny hummingbirds to flashy macaws and parrots, toucans and woodpeckers. Add an amazingly rich biodiversity of flora and fauna seen against some of the lushest of landscapes to be found anywhere in the world and you have the recipe for a perfect winter escape. However, what makes this trip stand out from any other is the opportunity to sail the shores of Costa Rica and Panama under sail. To be in this beautiful part of the world is a reward in itself, but to be aboard such a marvellous vessel makes it perfect. To witness the New World as seen by the first explorers and later colonisers is a privilege and the sights, sounds and sheer energy of the crew as they man the sails will make for long lasting memories.

During this voyage, there will be ample time at sea to experience the majesty of being under sail aboard Sea Cloud II. In addition there will be opportunities to enjoy swimming, snorkelling and nature walks. We will venture into national parks and conservation areas teeming with wildlife and visit remote communities where locals live following ancient ways of life. Of course, one of the highlights for many will be our day time transit of the Panama Canal. If you have been contemplating a visit to Central America, then this unique journey aboard Sea Cloud II is the perfect opportunity.



Manuel Antonio National Park



## THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 London to San Jose, Costa Rica.** Fly by scheduled indirect flight. Upon arrival, transfer to the Real Intercontinental hotel or similar for an overnight stay. Tonight is yours to relax and explore independently.

**Day 2 Puntarenas.** After breakfast depart on a morning tour of San Jose before transferring to Puntarenas to embark Sea Cloud II in the late afternoon. Welcome Drinks and Dinner on board this evening.

**Day 3 Curu National Park & Tortuga Island.** Spend the morning exploring the Curu National Wildlife refuge. This small reserve boasts a rich and diverse wildlife in five different habitats ranging from marine zones, including a 200 metre wide beach area, mangrove swamps and tropical forests. Here on a range of walks we will find over 200 species of birds, howler and capuchin monkeys, mammals such as otters, ocelots, pumas and turtles. Over lunch we sail the short distance to Tortuga Island where we have the chance to snorkel over the volcanic reef which is home to angelfish, morays and needlefish.

**Day 4 Manuel Antonio National Park.** From our berth in Quepos we travel to the Manuel Antonio National Park which is one of the most stunning and bio-diverse areas of the world. Spread out over 683 hectares it is filled with diverse wildlife, has both primary and secondary forests, boasts a stunning shoreline ideal for bird watching or swimming and is home to a number of endemic species of plants and animals. We will make an early start this morning to get the best viewing of monkeys, vividly coloured birds and the lethargic three-toed sloth.

**Day 5 Corcovado National Park.**

Resting on the northern side of the Osa Peninsula, Drake Bay (Bahía Drake) is our gateway to the Corcovado National Park. We will land on one of the beaches before enjoying a walk through the primary and secondary forest with our naturalist guides locating and explaining the extensive rainforest wildlife and flora. The rich biological diversity of the biological corridor of Corcovado National Park is astounding, and sightings may include as many as four types of monkeys, as well as coatis, sloths, anteaters and much more. Bird lovers will be enchanted by a wide variety of birds including tanagers, flycatchers, kingfishers, manikins, trogons, crested guans, and spectacular scarlet macaws and toucans. We return to the Sea Cloud II for lunch and this afternoon hope to find a local beach for snorkelling and beachcombing activities.

**Day 6 Golfo Dulce.** This morning we visit the Casa Orquídeas (Orchid House) a five hectare private botanical garden cut out of the rainforest by Ron and Trudy MacAllister who now cultivate over 100 species of orchids which attracts many different bird species. Plants of the tropics burst with colour and the air here is heady with the fragrance of flowers and humid soil.

**Day 7 Isla Coiba, Panama.** This once infamous prison island, now a National Park, has reverted to an island paradise. Join the local naturalists as we explore the main island, which boasts some 147 species of birds, and walk up to the observation tower.

**Day 8 At Sea.**



**Day 9 Punta Alegre.** This morning arrive at the wild, rugged and remote Darien Province. The Darien Jungle is recognised as one of the world's top ten birding sites and we hope to see many bird species such as the colourful crimson-collared tanager, green and chestnut-fronted macaws, rufous-tailed and snow-bellied hummingbirds. We will explore this pristine, seldom visited area by local canoe, navigating up the tidal Mogue River to an Embera Indian settlement. Untouched by the modern world these little known tribes offer a fascinating glimpse of an ancient world.

**Day 10 Panama City.** Panama City is a combination of the historic old town, declared a UNESCO Historical monument, and the ultra-modern new town. We will stroll along the cobblestone streets of the Casco Viejo visiting the colonial mansions and 17th century churches and convents

before continuing to Panama Viejo and the original ruins of the city founded in 1517 which was burnt to the ground by British pirate Henry Morgan. This afternoon is free to explore further and maybe look for the famous Panama hats. Alternatively join an optional excursion to the Panama Canal Observation Centre.

**Day 11 Panama Canal Transit.** An undisputed destination on the travel bucket list has to be the Panama Canal. The Canal is around 50 miles long and takes between eight to ten hours to cross. Unlike many cruise ships we are planning a daytime transit allowing us the best conditions to experience this engineering marvel.

**Day 12 San Blas Islands.** Visit the stunning San Blas Archipelago made up of over 400 islands which line the north coast of Panama with dazzling white sandy beaches set in a turquoise sea and with

superb snorkelling. The islands are home to the indigenous Kuna Indians who gained self-rule from the government of Panama in the 1920s and maintain their traditional way of life including the production of colourful fabric art known as 'molas'.

**Day 13 Colon to London.** Following breakfast aboard our vessel, disembark the Sea Cloud II and transfer to Panama City for our indirect flight to London.

**Day 14 London.** Arrive this morning.

## PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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E	Deluxe double	Cabin	£7495	£7295
D	Deluxe double	Cabin	£7995	£7795
C	Deluxe double	Promenade	£8495	£8295
B	Junior Suite	Promenade	£8995	£8795
A	Luxury Owner's Suite	Lido	£9995	£9795
F	Stateroom for sole use	Cabin	£9495	£9295
E	Deluxe double for sole use	Cabin	£10495	£10295

**Price Includes:** Economy class scheduled air travel, overnight hotel accommodation in San Jose on bed and breakfast basis, 11 nights aboard Sea Cloud II on a full board basis with house wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager & Guest Speaker, shore excursions, gratuities, transfers, port taxes.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance, dinner on day 1.

## PRE-CRUISE EXTENSION



# COSTA RICA

29<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019

We are offering the opportunity to extend your holiday with our pre-cruise visit over New Year to Costa Rica with time spent exploring the Arenal Park and Monteverde Cloud Forest.

### THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 London to San Jose, Costa Rica.** Fly by scheduled indirect flight from London to San Jose. On arrival, transfer to the Real Intercontinental Hotel or similar. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

**Day 2 San Jose to Arenal.** Following breakfast at our hotel, we will first head to the Doka Estate for an insight into one of Costa Rica's prime exports, coffee. We will learn the processes involved in the harvesting and manufacturing of this ubiquitous beverage. We will continue to Poas Volcano National Park, where after a short walk, we will be treated to spectacular 180 degree views of the volcano's crater and the picturesque surrounding areas. Following lunch in a local restaurant, we will transfer to the Tabacon Hot Springs which are heated by the nearby volcano and set in a tropical paradise. We will have some time here to relax before transferring to Arenal and checking in to the Kioro Hotel or similar for a two night stay. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant.

**Day 3 Arenal.** After breakfast, we depart for a guided visit to Arenal Park. Here, we will take a walk through the area where the Arenal volcanic eruption took place in 1968, learning about the destruction this caused and the subsequent rebirth of life via the rich mineral deposits the eruption provided to the region. There will also be the opportunity to enjoy a treetop cable car ride and for the more adventurous, to participate in a zip-line adventure, providing an exhilarating bird's eye view of the park. Following lunch, there will be time to relax and explore Arenal at leisure. This evening we will enjoy a celebratory New Year's Dinner at our hotel.

**Day 4 Arenal to Monteverde.** After breakfast we will start our stunning journey to Monteverde including a stop for lunch at the Bon Appetit Restaurant. Afterwards enjoy some time at leisure absorbing the region's lush and verdant flora and fauna whilst taking in its rare and diverse biosphere. Continue on to Monteverde and check-in to the

El Establo Hotel or similar for our two night stay. Tonight we will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day 5 Monteverde.** Today we will experience one of the five hanging bridges of Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve which cross the canyons below, and bring us face to face with the upper level of the forest canopy. The trails extend for slightly over a mile and a half and we will be accompanied by local guides. Biologists now know that about 90 percent of all organisms in a rainforest are found in the canopy. Among the 400 species of birds, some of the best known species are: the Quetzal, the Bird Bell, the Black Turkey Bird, the Mot-Mot, the Orange-bellied Tropicbird, and the Bare-neck Umbrella Bird. After lunch we will enjoy a further exploration of the Forest and make our way up to one of the highest mountains in the area by Sky tram, whilst also having the opportunity to participate in a sky walk, a more sedate and tranquil way to take in the natural beauty of the forest. Dinner tonight will be served at a local restaurant.

**Day 6 Monteverde to Puntarenas.** After breakfast and a morning at leisure in the hotel we transfer to Sea Cloud II in Puntarenas with lunch on route and continue with the main itinerary from day 2.

### PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £2295 Single: £2795

**Price Includes:** Overnight hotel accommodation in San Jose, two nights hotel accommodation in Arenal and Monteverde, all meals (except dinner on day 1), transfers and excursions as described, gratuities, English speaking guides.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance, dinner day 1.

**NB.** Itinerary subject to change. Minimum numbers apply.

## POST-CRUISE EXTENSION



# EL SALVADOR & HONDURAS

14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

After disembarking Sea Cloud II we are offering a six night tour of the remarkable ancient and natural wonders of El Salvador and Honduras.

## THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 Colon to Panama City to San Salvador City, El Salvador.** Disembark from Sea Cloud II and transfer to Panama City for your scheduled, indirect flight to San Salvador. Upon arrival transfer to the Hotel Sheraton Presidente or similar for a two night stay.

**Day 2 San Salvador City.** This morning will be at leisure, with time for you to relax and enjoy the facilities of the hotel. After lunch in a local restaurant, enjoy an afternoon city tour. Return to the hotel this evening for dinner and an overnight stay.

**Day 3 San Salvador to Copan, Honduras.** After breakfast at the hotel we will drive to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Joya de Cerén, often referred to as the Pompeii of the Americas. This small Maya settlement was buried under volcanic ash when the Laguna Caldera Volcano erupted in AD 595. From here we continue on to San Andrés where in 1977 a step pyramid and a large courtyard with a subterranean section were unearthed. Experts believe that it was inhabited by up to 12,000 Maya between AD 600 and AD 900. After lunch in a local restaurant we will spend some time in the city of Santa Ana, including a visit of the theatre, before making our way to Copan for our two night stay at the Hotel Marina (or similar). Dinner tonight will be served in the hotel restaurant.

**Day 4 Copan.** After breakfast we shall make the short journey to the archaeological site of Copan. Copan is unique among Mayan ruins because its structures are built with volcanic stone rather than limestone. Since the former is more weather resistant over time, Copan still has many of its original artistic carvings while other Mayan cities do not. Spend a morning in this fascinating park before returning to the hotel for lunch. This afternoon is at leisure to relax in the hotel or explore Copan. It is a beautiful place paved with cobblestones and lined with white adobe buildings with red-tiled roofs. Perhaps visit the picturesque local market, watch the world go by with a coffee in one of the many coffee shops or enjoy a beer at the town's artisan brewery. Dinner tonight will be served in the hotel restaurant.

**Day 5 Route of the Flowers, El Salvador.** Depart from the hotel after breakfast and visit the Mayan ruins of Tazumal, considered the most important and well preserved in El Salvador. We will then make our way slowly along the Ruta de las Flores (Route of the Flowers) a beautiful, colourful and cultural journey that will take us through small colonial towns

in the most mountainous region of El Salvador and aptly named for the abundance of flowers to be seen along the way. Before lunch, we will have time to visit Concepcion de Ataco a bright and historically significant city of the region, following which we will transfer to the Hotel Mision de Angeles for our overnight stay. Dinner tonight will be served in the hotel restaurant.

**Day 6 Cerro Verde National Park.** Cerro Verde National Park is a must see on a visit to El Salvador. Nestled between three volcanoes (Izalco, Santa Ana and Cerro Verde), this park features a lush forest teeming with flowers, flora and fauna as well as some of the most stunning views in the country. Cerro Verde is an inactive volcano located at an altitude of 2035 metres and boasts 500 hectares of nature, it has a cloud forest in and around the crater with a temperature of between 12 and 18 degrees centigrade. Enjoy a tour of the area and from here you will enjoy panoramic views of Izalco Volcano better known as the "Lighthouse of the Pacific" because the boats were oriented with the red glow of the lava to reach the Acajutla port and the Santa Ana Volcano the largest of the three volcanoes. Transfer to San Salvador for lunch in a local restaurant and then check-in to the Hotel Sheraton Presidente or similar for an overnight stay. Remainder of the day at leisure for independent exploration. Dinner tonight will be in the hotel restaurant.

**Day 7 San Salvador to London.** After breakfast transfer to San Salvador airport for your scheduled indirect flight back to London.

**Day 8 London.** Arrive today.

## PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £2295 Single: £2795

**Price Includes:** Economy class scheduled flight between Panama City and San Salvador City, three nights hotel accommodation in San Salvador, two nights hotel accommodation in Copan and overnight in Concepcion de Ataco, all meals (except for dinner on day 1 & lunch on day 7), transfers and excursions as described, gratuities, English speaking guides.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance, dinner on day 1 and lunch on day 7, visas.

**NB.** Itinerary subject to change. Minimum numbers apply.

# LUXURY UNDER SAIL IN THE WEST INDIES

A voyage between Antigua to Barbados aboard the magnificent Sea Cloud II

8<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 21<sup>st</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> March\* & 6<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Just when winter seems to be endless, it is the perfect time to escape to the warmth and beauty of the West Indies. Every island is different, each with its unique character, and by and large we will head for the smaller less visited places during our voyage aboard the magnificent Sea Cloud II. 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. This is a journey that will appeal to those who enjoy being at sea, particularly under sail with many days split between the port of call and time at sea.

## OUR VIEW

*"Following on from the success of previous years we return to the glorious West Indies with a thirteen night charter on the magnificent Sea Cloud II. Our comprehensive and diverse island hopping itinerary includes some of the better known islands as well as some more off the beaten track. There will be the opportunity to learn more about the Golden Age of the Royal Navy with our superb Guest Speaker Peter Warwick, experience the West Indies with Sea Cloud II's sails fully extended, explore the beautiful islands or simply relax on one of the stunning beaches."*

## THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 London to Antigua.** Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the Sea Cloud II for embarkation where we moor overnight.

**Day 2 Antigua.** Antigua was one of the main British Naval bases in the Windward Islands and so no cruise such as this would be complete without a visit to this island with so much important history. On an island drive we will have the opportunity to visit the beautifully restored 18th century dockyard in English Harbour. 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 afternoon, offers gourmet restaurants, street cafés and smart shops which would not be out of place on the French Riviera.

**Day 4 Jost Van Dyke.** Sail through the beautiful island dotted waters of the British Virgin Islands. Drop anchor at the little visited islands 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 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. Either wander the streets of Basseterre including the 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. Enjoy lunch on board as we have an afternoon at sea.

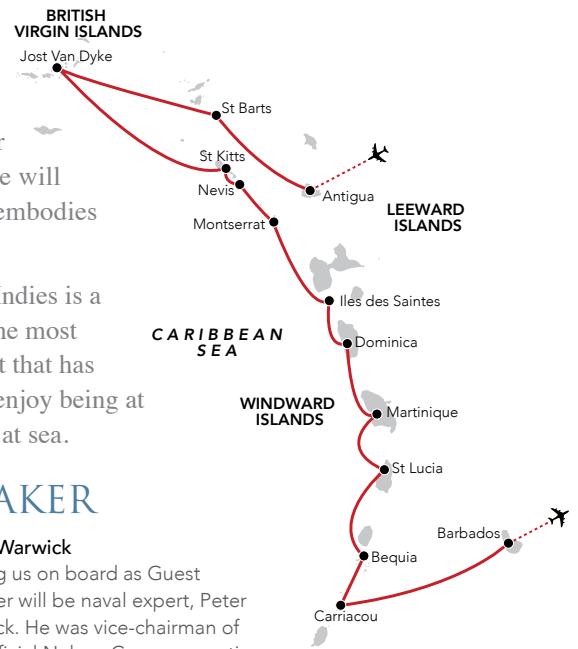


**Day 6 Nevis.** Land this morning by tender, on one of the loveliest and untouched islands on the Leewards. British naval history is linked with most of the Leeward Islands and on Nevis the connection is particularly interesting. It was here that Nelson met Fanny Nesbit and later married her in the 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 7Montserrat.** 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 is now returning to normal. We will visit the volcano observatory and learn how the islanders coped with the devastation it caused. Even now we will drive through areas where volcanic material lies in the roads. We also see some of the untouched areas which are as beautiful as ever.

**Day 8 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,



## 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.

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 on a walk up to Fort Napoleon and visit the museum focusing on the Battle of the Saintes.

**Day 9 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.

**Day 10 Martinique.** Enjoy a morning at sea cruising past Diamond Rock, captured by the British in 1804 and held against repeated French attacks. We will base ourselves this afternoon at the small port of Le Marin and enjoy a scenic drive which will include the Musee de la Pagerie, the birthplace and childhood home of Empress Josephine, the impressive plantations and offer a chance to sample some of the local rum.

**Day 11 St Lucia.** After a morning at sea, this afternoon we make a visit to St Lucia, 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 shall 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 in a charming old world atmosphere. This afternoon 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.** Today 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 going for a swim in its clear blue waters. Re-join the vessel and sail to our next port of call, Barbados.

**Day 14 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 scheduled flight to London.

**Day 15 London.** Arrive this morning.

*\*Please note that the 21 February 2019 departure operates in the reverse order to that shown, from Barbados to Antigua. Full itinerary can be viewed online at [www.noble-caleodnia.co.uk](http://www.noble-caleodnia.co.uk)*

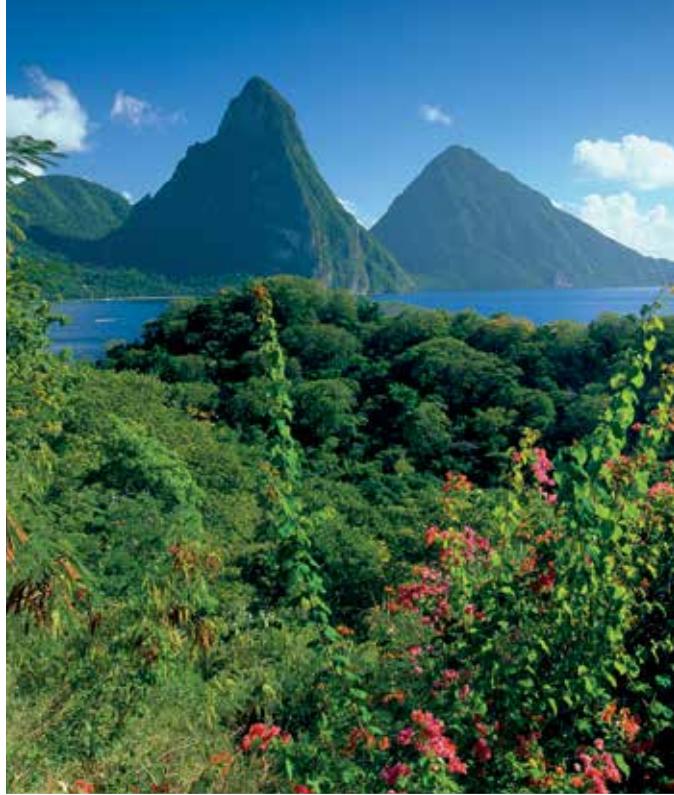
St Louis Cathedral, Martinique



Admiralty Bay, Bequia



The Pitons, St.Lucia



Beach on St Kitts



## PRICES PER PERSON

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C	Deluxe double	Promenade	<b>£8395</b>	<b>£8095</b>
B	Junior Suite	Promenade	<b>£8995</b>	<b>£8695</b>
A	Luxury Owner's Suite	Lido	<b>£10195</b>	<b>£9895</b>
F	Stateroom for sole use	Cabin	<b>£8495</b>	<b>£8195</b>
E	Deluxe double for sole use	Cabin	<b>£9895</b>	<b>£9595</b>

**Price Includes:** Economy class scheduled air travel, 13 nights aboard Sea Cloud II on a full board basis, house wine, beer and 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 and weather conditions. Tenders will be used regularly during this itinerary.



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