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WEST INDIES UNDER SAIL

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

26TH JANUARY TO 7TH FEBRUARY
& 6TH TO 19TH FEBRUARY 2025*

NOBLE CALEDONIA

Admiralty Bay, Bequia



Let us take you to some of the loveliest and untouched islands in the glorious West Indies. With so many ships sailing in the Caribbean Sea you might well ask what is so different about our trips. Well, for a start we have chartered the magnificent sailing ship, Sea Cloud II which is in a class of her own and with a maximum of just 94 passengers we are able to visit many islands where today's cruising juggernauts are unable to enter. There is something quite magical about exploring the islands of the Caribbean Sea aboard a tall ship and experiencing the elation of travelling under sail as we island hop through the West Indies.

Having operated voyages in the region for many years aboard Sea Cloud II we know the waters between Barbados and Antigua 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 combined with plenty of time to discover the idyllic islands, swim in the Caribbean Sea, beachcomb, birdwatch and enjoy the colourful flora which makes this area an ideal location for Sea Cloud II.

During our island hopping adventure we will explore some of the most beautiful tropical isles, many still untouched by the hands of mass tourism. Every island is different, each with its own character, some mountainous and lush, some low lying and arid, but all with their own distinct charm. Each island we visit will offer the opportunity to experience something new and unique, and by and large we will head for the smaller and less visited places. After all, the major delight of a trip aboard Sea Cloud II is to drop anchor off an idyllic island and enjoy the beauty and peace of the surroundings as far away from the crowds as possible. From time to time we will cross in the wake of some of the vast, 3000 plus passenger cruise ships which ply the waters between the more developed islands. At such times we will appreciate even more how fortunate we are to be enjoying this idyllic corner of the world aboard a ship that embodies the spirit and best traditions of the sea. 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.



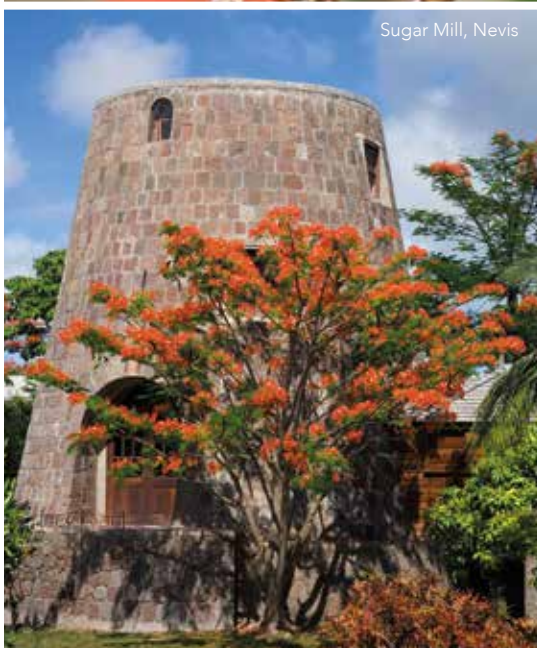
The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Barbados. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to Sea Cloud II for embarkation before we set sail this evening.

Day 2 Bequia, Grenadines. Enjoy a leisurely morning at sea before arriving in Bequia over lunch. We have the afternoon 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. We will use the Zodiacs to land at Port Elizabeth where we have time

to explore at our own pace or wander to a nearby beach. Those feeling active may wish to make their way to Fort Hamilton offering views over the bay.

Day 3 Soufriere, St Lucia. St Lucia is a splendidly rugged island of towering mountains, lush green valleys and acres of banana plantations. Due to 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. Back on board, enjoy a relaxing afternoon at sea.

Day 4 Cabrits, 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. The afternoon is free to explore the nearby area and maybe take a swim from one of the beaches.

Day 5 Deshaies, Guadeloupe. This morning we anchor off the north-west coast at the town of Deshaies which is also the fictional setting of Honore 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 parrot aviary. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure to relax on board, explore the town or maybe enjoy some time on one of the nearby beaches.

Day 6 Little Bay, 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. Learn about the indigenous flora and fauna at the Botanical Gardens before we visit the volcano observatory and learn how the islanders coped with the devastation it caused. From Richmond hill we can see the impact of the eruption before walking through the buried city of Plymouth itself. We also see some of the untouched areas which are as beautiful as ever. Return to the ship and spend the afternoon sailing.

Day 7 Charlestown, 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. The island is also the birthplace of Alexander Hamilton, one of the founding fathers of the United States of America. Our tour of the island will include Hamilton's Museum, the Botanical Gardens and the Fig Tree Church. This afternoon we hope to find a bay in order to enjoy a swim from the ship.

Day 8 Basseterre, 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 journey sailing to the British Virgin Islands.

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 and Jost Van Dyke, enjoy island drives and allow ample time to relax on the beautiful beaches and swim in the clear waters.

Day 11 Gustavia, St Barthelemy. 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.



British Virgin Islands



English Harbour, Antigua



Guadeloupe



St Lucia

Day 12 St John's, Antigua to London. Disembark after breakfast for an island drive which will include 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. After lunch in a local restaurant we will transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

Day 13 London. Arrive this morning.

*Please note that the 6 February 2025 departure operates in the reverse direction to that shown from Antigua to Barbados and is one night longer with the additional night spent moored overnight in Antigua. The full itinerary can be viewed online.

PRICES PER PERSON

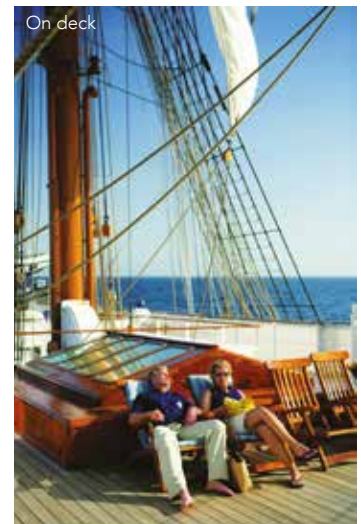
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Cat	Cabin Description	Deck	26th January 2025		6th February 2025	
			Brochure Price	Special Offer Price	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
E	Deluxe double	Cabin	£8795	£8295	£9295	£8795
D	Deluxe double	Cabin	£8995	£8495	£9495	£8995
C	Deluxe double	Promenade	£9395	£8895	£9995	£9495
B	Junior Suite	Promenade	£9795	£9295	£10295	£9795
A	Luxury Owner's Suite	Lido	£11295	£10795	£11795	£11295
F	Stateroom for sole use	Cabin	£8795	£8295	£9295	£8795
E	Deluxe double for sole use	Cabin	£10795	£10295	£11295	£10795

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 11 or 12 nights aboard Sea Cloud II on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board • Noble Caledonia Tour Manager • Guest Speaker • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



On deck



SEA CLOUD II

We are delighted to have once again chartered the magnificent Sea Cloud II for voyages in the West Indies. 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 B cabin



Lido deck



Category A 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

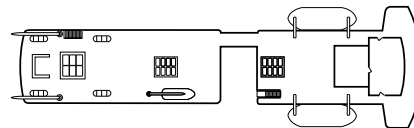
Sea Cloud II combines the timeless elegance of sailing ships of the past with the highest safety standards and the luxurious comfort of modern cruise ships. The hospital is located on the Cabin Deck and is staffed by a ship's doctor. In consideration of all passengers, smoking is not permitted on board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



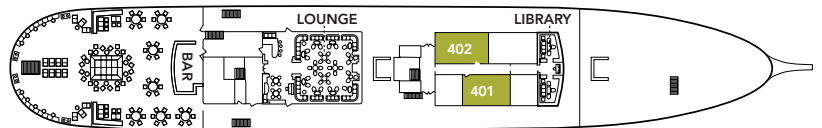
Lido Deck

DECK PLAN

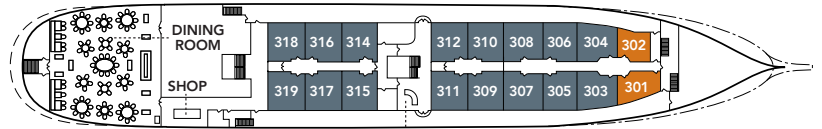
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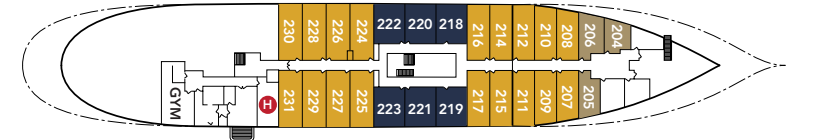
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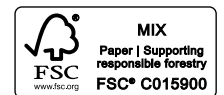


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