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**MAGNIFICENT SEA CLOUD II TO SAIL EXOTIC LEEWARD  
AND WINDWARD ISLANDS THIS WINTER**

*Hand-sailed vessel offers experience of a lifetime*

**New York, NY (November 29, 2006)** – This winter, the exclusive sailing yacht *Sea Cloud II* will host eight winter voyages to the sparkling jewels of the Lesser Antilles. Departing from Antigua between December 3, 2006 and February 10, 2007, *Sea Cloud II* will explore the resplendent Leeward and Windward islands, home to pristine ports of call untouched by giant cruise liners.

Operating under charter by Lindblad Expeditions, *Sea Cloud II* combines casual elegance with an authentic modern sailing experience. Guests aboard the custom-finished three-masted barque enjoy spacious natural wood decks, billowing white sails, enriching instruction in navigation and sailing principles, and the positive impact of Lindblad's Wellness program, all as they sail across warm Caribbean waters on any of eight sun-splashed sojourns.

*Sea Cloud II*'s 2006-2007 Leeward/Windward season features the following itineraries:

- **Leeward Isles of the Caribbean** - departing Dec. 3, 17 and 31, 2006 and Jan. 14, 2007, *Sea Cloud II* travels from St. John's, Antigua to St. Kitts, Virgin Gorda and Anguilla. The voyage also features two full days at sea under sail. Per-person, double occupancy rates range from \$5,210 to \$9,460, depending on stateroom category.
- **Windward Isles of the Caribbean** – with departures on Dec. 10 and 24, 2006 and Jan. 7 and 21, 2007 from St. John's, *Sea Cloud II* sails to Bequia, Tobago, St. Lucia and Dominica, with two days under sail. Per-person, double occupancy rates range from \$5,210 to \$9,460, depending on stateroom category.

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The square-rigged, hand-sailed *Sea Cloud II* is a modern masterpiece. Larger than a football field, the three-masted *Sea Cloud II* features 30,000 square feet of billowing canvas sails rigged atop 20-story high masts. A remarkably steady ship, she accommodates a mere 86 guests in sybaritic splendor, with accommodations featuring lavishly furnished suites with marble baths and gold fittings. Public areas include a sauna/fitness room, library and a sun-filled lounge overlooking the ship's forepeak.

Simply sailing aboard *Sea Cloud II* is an experience unto itself. Unlike contemporary "push-button" tall ships, *Sea Cloud II* crewmembers are constantly engaged, clambering aloft to unfurl sails and adjust trim. Throughout the voyage, *Sea Cloud II* guests learn navigational skills and secrets - from knot-tying to the use of a sextant - through friendly interaction with officers and crew.

Guests also enjoy Lindblad's holistic Wellness program, featuring massage therapy, body treatments and fitness activities, plus integrated swimming, snorkeling and exploring activities, all while gliding aboard a square-rigged ship to the loveliest islands of the Caribbean.

For more information on *Sea Cloud II*'s 2006 and 2007 Caribbean voyages, please visit Lindblad Expeditions' Web site at [www.expeditions.com](http://www.expeditions.com).

### **About Lindblad Expeditions**

Lindblad Expeditions was founded in 1979 and operates a fleet of six ships in regions such as Galapagos, Antarctica, Alaska and Baja California with a focus on responsible tourism. Sven Lindblad has been the recipient of many environmental awards including the U.N. Programme Global 500 Award and most recently, recognition by HRH, Grand Duke Henri of Luxembourg, for his dedication to the conservation and environmental stewardship of the Galapagos archipelago. The company has also received numerous awards including being named the #1 Small-Ship Cruise Line (*Travel + Leisure's* World's Best Value Awards 2006); #2 Tour Operator (*Travel + Leisure's* World's Best Value Awards 2006); "The Best Ships in the World" and "The Best Itineraries" (*Conde Nast Traveler: Truth in Travel Awards* 2006). For more information, visit [www.expeditions.com](http://www.expeditions.com).

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