SEA CLOUD

THE ROMANCE OF TALL SHIP SAILING EXPEDITION STYLE

THE CARIBBEAN ABOARD THE FOUR-MASTED BARQUE SEA CLOUD | 2013
As astonishing as the photos in National Geographic
And an exhilarating life adventure:
A Lindblad-National Geographic Caribbean Expedition

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A Note From Sven Lindblad

There's not a ship afloat that can match Sea Cloud's illustrious history, ambience, or the experience she offers. Tom O'Brien, with whom I've had the pleasure of working for over 30 years, will be the expedition leader on every voyage. I've asked him to reintroduce you to this legendary ship and share a bit about why it is perfect for the Caribbean.

Sven

Dear Traveler,

There's a general perception that the Caribbean is overrun, but it's a different story when you're aboard a sailing yacht. There are great places that cruise ships can't reach, and it's there that you'll find the old Caribbean: places where tall ships are integral to the history of the region, especially the Lesser Antilles. The islands are filled with old forts, cannons, and stories of pirates and rum. For the historic square-rigger Sea Cloud, the Caribbean is a natural destination.

It is one of my favorite expeditions. There's great snorkeling and nature in Dominica, where we hike into the highlands to search for endemic parrots. In St. Lucia we sail past the famous Pitons and right into port, a welcome sight to the friendly locals who come to greet us. People don't think of the Caribbean being as culturally rich and interesting as it really is, but these islands were all pawns in the fight of the great super powers. An integral part of what makes them so interesting is how each has settled in—each with French or Spanish and a Creole mix of its own. And some still belong to France—so you walk into port and find everyone speaks French and shops take only the Euro. In the Tobago Cays and the Grenadines, the snorkeling is excellent, and with the water at 80° F we swim most every day.

But the best part of the Caribbean for Sea Cloud are the trade winds, steady 10-20 knot winds from the northeast. We plan this into our itinerary, so we're sailing on the wind a great deal of the time. It's something people don't think exists in the 21st century: the romance of tall ship sailing. Every ship has a personality—this ship has a soul. It has a soul you can feel, and when I come aboard, I can tell I'm involved in something really special. Everyone aboard feels it. I hope you will, too.

Best regards,

Tom O'Brien
Expedition Leader
“The Lesser Antilles are absolutely made for square-riggers. The skipper, the crew, and the staff are going to make the best of your time because they’ve been doing this for years—they know the best places to go, the best anchorages to be part of the local landscape. Sea Cloud under sail is a unique feeling you can’t get anywhere else. I guarantee the voyage will be one of the high points in your life’s memory bank.”

– Gil Grosvenor, Chairman Emeritus of the National Geographic Society
Sea Cloud & the Caribbean: Perfect Symmetry

Sea Cloud is a ship with a soul, imbued by the original owners, Marjorie Merriweather Post and her husband E.F. Hutton in the 1930s. And once you’ve been on Sea Cloud under full sail, you’ve started your own love affair.

Board Sea Cloud in Barbados, where she awaits dockside—and every eye in the vicinity will be on her graceful lines and extraordinary riggings, as they are in every port she visits. One cannot help but be mesmerized by the height of her masts, stretch of her yardarms, and magnitude of her rigging.

But her true power is felt when the square sails are set to catch the trade winds. There is nothing like the feeling of cutting the engines and heading toward the Windward Islands under the power of sail. Which is why she is perfect for the Caribbean—with its consistent winds and ideally spaced islands.

While we’re underway, it’s a joy to pass time on deck “liming,” as the Caribbeans say—relaxing with friends, measuring the passage of time by a distant island’s growth on the horizon.
The thrill of tall ship sailing:

“Brace to starboard!” comes the Captain’s call—and the decks are alive with scrambling sailors, coiling lines, and mast riggers shouting orders as yardarms swing. “Hit the rig!” and the deck crew scurries aloft into the rigging and out onto the yardarms to unfurl the sails. The vicarious thrill of watching sailors climb as high as 180 feet over the deck is topped only by knowing you found the ideal angle and lighting to capture the perfect shot of the crew aloft. “Set squares in order!” and each of Sea Cloud’s three mast teams begins hauling sheets, slacking lines, and hauling halyards in a harmonic flurry of activity.

That’s when you feel the tremendous power of the trade winds filling square sails as we’re propelled towards the Windward Islands. And you experience something not many do in the 21st century—the mighty allure of tall ship sailing.

“Inner, outer, and topmast staysails” comes the Captain’s finishing command. Amid unending camera shutters clicking, we begin to settle into our favorite deck areas and bask in the incomparable thrill of a tall ship under sail, lost in an experience that in this day and age is almost unimaginable.
An incomparable mix of elegance & informality

Polished brass capstans and portholes gleam alongside vast teak decks and benches. Interiors are paneled in carved oak, fitted with Italian marble, and elegantly furnished with period antiques and maritime oil paintings. Parquet floors shine and burnished brass glows.

The magnificent original cabins feature fireplaces and marble baths, and the newer staterooms are handsome and spacious with wood paneling and a nautical motif—and all cabins have a private view of the sea.

There’s a great delight in savoring the grace and class of an extraordinarily elegant ship with a casual attitude. Or enjoying breakfast and dinner in a dining room suitable for black-tie formality dressed in casual clothes. And that’s the experience our informal expedition style added to Sea Cloud gives you.
Opposite page top: The original owners’ suites include marble baths, fireplaces, and are the soul of elegance. Bottom left: Wine is included at lunch and dinner. Above left: Food is fresh, local, and delicious. Above: The dining room would be suitable for black-tie events, but we enjoy it in casual attire. Left: The elegant interiors are reminiscent of Old World grandeur.
Relive the golden age—in shorts & deck shoes

The open and inviting deck areas are natural gathering places, perfect for lolling about in shorts, t-shirts, or bathing suits, relaxing to the feel of Sea Cloud heeling under full sail. Marjorie Merriweather Post nicknamed the cushioned semicircle on the stern of the ship where you can gaze up at the masts and sails, hearing the splash of the wake behind you, “the Blue Lagoon.” The Monkey Deck above the bridge gives you the sensation of going aloft and working the riggings, surrounded by sails. And an expansive foredeck set in front of the Bridge provides a space to watch the foremost and bowsprit activity while under sail.

The Lido Deck, an informal, come-as-you-are setting, serves as the social hub of the ship, overseen by the attentive barkeepers. Lunches and occasional dinners are served al fresco. It’s where the expedition community gathers for lectures and presentations.
Left: The cushioned keel of the ship, nicknamed “The Blue Lagoon” by Marjorie Merriweather Post. Below: The Lido deck’s lounge is at the heart of our expedition community. Bottom: Open deck spaces abound for watching the choreography of the ship under sail.
An environmental anthropologist, Kenny Broad dives in some of the world’s most dangerous underwater caves for the sake of science. He has explored some of the world’s deepest caves—one featured in the August 2010 issue of National Geographic magazine. Join Kenny on the March 14, 2013 departure.
From left: Tom O’Brien, Thomas Heffernan, and Alberto Montaudon. Top: Sea Cloud crewmember. Below: Get shooting tips from your Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor.

EXPEDITION LEADER TOM O’BRIEN
Thirty-three year Lindblad veteran, Tom will lead every Sea Cloud expedition, ensuring extraordinary experiences no matter when you choose to sail.

NATURALIST ALBERTO MONTAUDON
A biologist by training and conservationist by passion, Alberto’s knowledge of the natural world is endless. He is also a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor—trained to help you better capture the moments at the heart of your expedition.

HISTORIAN THOMAS HEFFERNAN
An expert on Caribbean history and language from Aboriginal, Indo-European and African roots, Tom will share the secret histories of the forts, battles, and Old Caribbean haunts we’ll explore.
SAILING THE CARIBBEAN

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD SEA CLOUD
PRICES FROM: $6,990 to $16,540 (See page 14 for complete prices.)

Relax and relish your passage through the Lesser Antilles aboard Sea Cloud. Hike to an old fort on the verdant island of Dominica, where jungle vines wrap around old cannons and wind through dungeons. Snorkel the marine reserve of the Tobago Cays, an idyllic undersea garden. Sail into port below St. Lucia’s famed Pitons, and discover the laid-back rhythm of the old Caribbean in Bequia. While there are many ways to experience the Caribbean, none compare to seeing it from aboard this legendary four-masted barque. These island capitals developed during the golden age of sail, and entering them aboard this stately ship lets you experience them as they were meant to be seen.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS
▶ Discover a cultural mosaic of Caribbean personalities and a diversity of historic culture and architecture in these islands that have seen influence from the French, Dutch, English and Spanish.
▶ Explore 18th-century forts established as outposts and trade hubs in the new world by European sailing powers.
▶ Swim and snorkel in the undersea paradise of the idyllic Grenadines.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE
Lindblad Expeditions first sailed aboard Sea Cloud in the 1980s, and over the years has developed unparalleled expertise in operating expedition-style journeys aboard this superlative vessel. In addition to an expedition leader, you’ll be joined by a naturalist, a historian who will tell you about the Caribbean’s cultures, and local guides on each island.

Visit our website for staff and guest speaker bios.
DAY 1: U.S./BARBADOS/EMBARK
Embark Sea Cloud in the late afternoon and begin our voyage in the Caribbean. (D)

DAY 2: UNDER SAIL
Discover one of the great pleasures of travel anywhere: sailing aboard our barque, seeing the crew go aloft unfurling the sails the traditional way—by hand—as we sail the trade winds. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the many amenities of our unique sailing vessel. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: DOMINICA
Dominica is called the “Nature Island” because of its beauty and many reserves. Hike through enchanting rain forest, walk up to the ruins of 18th-century Fort Shirley with our historian, or go for a swim and snorkel. We spend the evening docked in the forested tranquility of Cabrits National Park. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: ILES DES SAINTES/UNDER SAIL
Iles des Saintes are decidedly French in character. Visit the town’s shops, galleries and cafés, don some snorkeling gear, or walk with our Historian up to Fort Napoleon for panoramic vistas. This afternoon we set sail in the Guadeloupe Channel, where the winds fill the square sails in a glorious spectacle. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: UNDER SAIL/SOUFRIÈRE & LES PITONS, ST. LUCIA
We spend the morning sailing. Conditions permitting, we’ll lower Zodiacs so you can go alongside and get great photographs of Sea Cloud. We anchor under the iconic twin peaks of St. Lucia, called “Les Pitons.” Drive through the active crater, plunge under a tropical waterfall, explore the beautiful botanical gardens, and finish with an incredible view from the hills above. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: UNDER SAIL/BEQUIA, THE GRENADINES
After a morning’s sailing, we arrive at tiny Bequia. Stroll the quaint waterfront, swim and snorkel, or visit the sea turtle sanctuary. Dinner is served on board, or if you wish, take in the laid-back evening scene ashore. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: UNDER SAIL/EXPLORING THE GRENADINES
Spend the morning aboard the Sea Cloud under sail, as we continue exploring the idyllic Grenadines, with their quintessential tropical cays. Sail on a local catamaran through the Tobago Cays for a chance to snorkel among the reefs and green turtle sanctuary, or just relax and enjoy the unforgettable scenery and swim at your leisure. In the evening, we head back to Barbados. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: BARBADOS/DISEMBARK/U.S.
Transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

Note: Our expedition itinerary is flexible, to take advantage of opportunities that present themselves along the way. This is an indication of what we plan to do, but we may have choices.

EXPEDITION DETAILS
DATE: 2013 Feb. 28; Mar. 7, 14

GUEST SPEAKER:
Read about diver Kenny Broad’s Caribbean project in the August 2010 issue of National Geographic magazine and join him on the March 14 departure.

EXPERIENCE LEADER:
Tom O’Brien has years of experience with square-rig sailing in the Windward Islands of the Caribbean, which will bring the hidden gems of these waters alive.
Built in 1931 by Wall Street businessman E. F. Hutton for his wife, Marjorie Merriweather Post, Sea Cloud carries 30 sails measuring a total of 32,000 sq. ft.

PUBLIC AREAS: The covered Lido Bar is a superb place to congregate and enjoy the outdoors. The open-air “Blue Lagoon” is a wonderful place to relax. There is a sumptuous lounge and guests are welcome on the “open bridge” to learn how Sea Cloud is navigated and sailed.

MEALS: Served in single seatings, meals focus on local and Continental cuisine. Wines are included at lunch and dinner. Refreshments are always available.

CABINS: The Main Deck cabins have antique and period-style furniture. These cabins are the ship’s original cabins, including the Owner’s Suites originally occupied by E.F. Hutton and Marjorie Merriweather Post. Cabins on the Promenade and Captain’s Decks have modern, stylish, comfortable furniture.

Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.

**CATEGORY 1 SOLO:** #16-17: Upper and lower single beds and a porthole. These cabins once housed the ship’s officers. $10,480

**CATEGORY 1:** #28-29: Cabins have two single beds, a window and showers. $6,990

**CATEGORY 2:** #18-25: Cabins have two single beds, a window and showers. $7,990

**CATEGORY 2 SOLO:** $11,990

**CATEGORY 3:** #32-37: Cabins have two single beds, a window and showers. $9,780

**CATEGORY 4:** #30-31: Cabins have a queen-size bed, a forward-facing window and showers. $10,290

**CATEGORY B:** Original and deluxe cabins, #3-10: Located on the Main Deck, these very large cabins, originally occupied by guests (and the nannies, #9-10) of the owners, have a mix of bed types and decorative motifs. All have portholes. $12,860

**CATEGORY A:** Original owner’s suites #1-2: These incomparable suites were occupied by Marjorie Merriweather Post (#1 see page 6) and E.F. Hutton (#2). They have king-size beds and grand marble bathrooms with bathtubs. $16,540

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Insets clockwise from left: Sea Cloud under full sail; Category B cabin; five-star dining; Category 3 cabin; dining room.
What’s Included

We include just about everything you have the opportunity to do as a part of your expedition aboard Sea Cloud and ashore. The only things not included are those of a personal nature—alcohol, internet usage, tips to the crew and other special arrangements.

ABOARD SHIP

✓ All meals and non-alcoholic beverages
✓ Cappuccinos and lattes
✓ Hors d’oeuvres & snacks during Lounge Recap
✓ Afternoon tea
✓ Library
✓ The guidance and company of our expedition staff

ASHORE

✓ Meals on land, as indicated in itinerary
✓ Sightseeing & entrance fees
✓ Special access permits, port taxes
✓ Transfers to and from group flights
✓ The expertise of our expedition staff

ACTIVITIES

✓ All excursions
✓ Lectures & presentations

Be part of our expedition community

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✓ Check our daily blog for interesting posts, updates, plus video clips and Photos of the Week: expeditions.com/blog
✓ Like us on Facebook: stay close to the wild world, see amazing animal photos & videos; hear what our travelers have to say, get inspired and chime in: facebook.com/LindbladExpeditions
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RESERVATION INFORMATION

Costs Include: All accommodations aboard ship per itinerary or similar, all meals and nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship, meals on land as indicated, shore excursions, sightseeing and entrance fees, special access permits, transfers to and from group flights, use of snorkeling equipment, tips (except to ship’s crew), taxes and service charges, services of a ship physician, and services of our expedition staff.

Not Included: Air transportation, passport, visa, immigration fees, meals not indicated, travel protection plan, items of a personal nature such as alcoholic beverages, e-mail, laundry. Gratuities to ship’s crew are at your discretion.

Airfare: For all programs, airfare is an additional cost unless otherwise indicated. Sample airfares are subject to change. We will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a $50 per person service fee.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservations: To reserve your place, an advance payment is required at the time of reservation. The per person advance payment amount varies by program, and is outlined in our brochures, as well as on our website. Payment is accepted by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or by check.

Receipt of your initial payment indicates your acceptance of our complete Terms and Conditions. We require written notice at the time of reservation for any physical condition, diet, or treatment requiring special attention. Once your reservation is confirmed, we urge you to use your personalized online account for important information to help you prepare for your voyage. Managing your documents online will facilitate fast and accurate communication, and allow you to provide us with pertinent details we require, in order to complete your reservation. Your online account gives you access to your Expedition Guide, which includes valuable information specific to your voyage. You can also use your online account to make easy payments, view recommended flights and reading material, packing list, and so much more.

Final Payment: Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Travel Protection Plan: We strongly recommend that you take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, and damaged or lost luggage, and provides medical assistance and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. and Canadian residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date. Travel Protection premiums are non-refundable once plan is purchased.

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» “Best Adventure Cruise” by Forbes.com, 2009
» Climate Champion Award to Sven Lindblad by Clean Air-Cool Planet, 2009
» Conservation Achievement Award for Corporate Achievement from National Wildlife Federation, 2008
» Tourism for Tomorrow “Global Tourism Business Award,” 2007
» Seafood Champion Award, 2007
» Condé Nast Traveler “Ecotourism Award,” 2002

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