



DEAR TRAVELER,

Sea Cloud is the most authentic, historic, and elegant hand-sailed tall ship in the world. People have been in love with her since she was commissioned by E.F. Hutton and his wife, Marjorie Merriweather Post, in 1931. And travelers' love affairs with the Caribbean and the Mediterranean have lasted far longer.

While Sea Cloud is the draw for many, our selective Caribbean itinerary and carefully crafted Sicily-Malta, Greek Isles, and Greece and Dalmatian Coast itineraries offer memorable and meaningful travel experiences. And there's the matter of our unique expedition style. Our expedition approach balances Sea Cloud's native elegance with casual comfort. It replaces ports of call with flexibility and spontaneity. And it mixes the surprise and delight of "off the beaten path" islands and authentic local experiences with visits to must-see sites.



Consider too that when we're in the Mediterranean, we make it a priority to schedule our visits for times when we have legendary sites virtually to ourselves. And when the blue and azure waters of the Caribbean and Mediterranean beckon, we'll look for opportunities for you to swim and snorkel.

Sea Cloud provides a beautiful, easeful ride in all manner of seas. During World War II service, she was commissioned and stationed by the Navy in the North Atlantic on meteorological patrol because of her stability.

Every ship has a personality; Sea Cloud has a soul—as do the islands and beautiful regions of the Caribbean and the Mediterranean we explore, both the products of sailing cultures, and therefore best appreciated under sail. Voyaging to either of these places aboard Sea Cloud creates an unforgettable experience—one that few people realize exists in the 21st century. We look forward to sharing the adventure with you.

Best regards,

REASONS TO BOOK NOW:

Sail on any 2018 date at a 2017 price—if you book by June 1, 2017. Details on page 28.

FREE AIRFARE: Sail the Greek Isles on select dates this summer and fly free! See page 20.

Tom O'Brien, Expedition Leader

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"LEGEND HAS IT THAT THE [SEA CLOUD] WAS SO BEAUTIFUL THAT WHEN SAILORS FIRST SAW IT, THEY BEGAN TO WEEP."

— FROM AMERICAN EMPRESS: THE LIFE AND TIMES
OF MAR JORIF MERRIWEATHER POST

E.F. Hutton, the dashing husband of the young heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post, was an expert yachtsman who craved a new yacht, larger and even more spectacular than the largest of the day owned by J.P. Morgan and Cornelius Vanderbilt. He commissioned the *Hussar V*, later re-christened *Sea Cloud* by Post, designed by the famous American naval architects Cox & Stevens, and hailed as the largest private sailing yacht in the world. It reputedly cost 1.2 to 1.5 million dollars in 1931—some tens of millions in today's dollars. A masterpiece of shipbuilding, *Sea Cloud* is also the last private four-masted ship ever built.

Today Sea Cloud is unique among ships, even in the windjammer category, and among travel experiences. It offers individuals who value excellence in design, craftsmanship, yachtsmanship, decor, and life experiences the incomparable thrill of living aboard a tall ship, savoring the richness of heritage, while having a marvelous time exploring two of the best yacht-adapted regions of the world. Our guests enjoy the same kind of good time statesmen, kings, and the sociable of another, glamorous era enjoyed in exactly the same way—intimately, informally and with exceptional hospitality.



HOSPITALITY NOTE:

The crew and our expedition team invite Sea Cloud guests to visit the Bridge at any time during daylight hours to watch the calm, steady business of navigating a tall ship unfold.

A SHIP THAT RIVALS HER MOST

Sea Cloud is a destination and a reason to travel all in one, but add our unique Caribbean itinerary, our carefully crafted Sicily-Malta, Greek Isles, and Greece and Dalmatian coast itineraries, plus our unique Lindblad-National Geographic expedition style to her allures, and you have an incomparable travel inspiration. You will also have one of the most exciting sailing experiences of your life as you watch her strong, agile team scale the rigging to manage her billowing sails, or admire the masterful seamanship of her Captain. For the non-sailors, it will rank among the greatest pieces of pure 'theater' you'll ever have seen.

HOSPITALITY NOTE:

Sea Cloud's 60-person crew is unusually large for 58 guests, and as is the case on any ship, tips are a large part of the crew's income. However, aboard Sea Cloud, we handle the tips; you simply enjoy the show!



THRILLING DESTINATIONS

WITH INSPIRING NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ARCHAEOLOGISTS, HISTORIANS, PHOTOGRAPHERS & OUR RENOWNED EXPEDITION STAFF

TOM O'BRIEN, Expedition Leader

Thirty-two-year Lindblad veteran Tom O'Brien (right) designed these itineraries to ensure extraordinary experiences no matter when you choose to sail. Tom will be on board many *Sea Cloud* departures. Please check our website for details.

TOM HEFFERNAN, Historian

A professor at the University of Tennessee, Tom specializes in the anthropology of religions and historical philology. He lectures on the history of the ancient Mediterranean in the Greco-Roman era, as well as Caribbean history and languages.

ROBYN WOODWARD, Nautical Archaeologist

An expert on Mediterranean history and nautical archaeology, Robyn has directed several excavations and lectured extensively on the region's history and sites.









NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC



SUSAN SEUBERT, National Geographic Photographer

Susan is an award-winning photographer who specializes in capturing a sense of place through her wide ranging imagery. She has photographed more than 20 feature stories for *National Geographic Traveler*.

SAILING THE CARIBBEAN: MARCH 22, 2018



MICHAEL COSMOPOULOS, National Geographic Expert

A historian and archaeologist, Michael's research focuses on the social, political, and cultural history of Ancient Greece. He was featured prominently in National Geographic's landmark documentary series *The Greeks*.

SAILING THE GREEK ISLES: JULY 7, 2017

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"EUROPEAN MONARCHS, PRINCES, PRESIDENTS, CABINET MEMBERS AND CELEBRITIES LIKE THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF WINDSOR FREQUENTLY VISITED..."

— FROM AMERICAN EMPRESS: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF MARJORIE MERRIWEATHER POST







Sea Cloud was originally fitted with two lavishly appointed owner's suites and seven guest staterooms, decorated in a range of styles. In 1979, twenty-six years after Marjorie Merriweather Post sold her, the ship, having weathered years of illustrious service and eventual neglect, was gallantly rescued and refurbished.

Now *Sea Cloud* has 28 cabins and two owner's suites, on three decks, in seven categories.

The owner's suites were left virtually intact. Post's cabin, the larger and more opulent, features the all-white, Louis XVI décor that was a personal signature, used in nearly all her houses. Hutton's cabin, while slightly smaller, is richly elegant, boasting a walk-in closet and a pink Carrera marble tub. Beyond the beauty and cosseting they promise, these rooms provide an incomparable and rare opportunity. If indeed, "The past is a foreign country," as this famous quote attests, then *Sea Cloud* invites you to visit and discover it

Clockwise: One of the original owner's suites, Marjorie Merriweather Post's cabin when she was on board; well-polished hardwoods are seen throughout the ship; marble sink with gold-plated fixtures in Post's cabin; a Category 4 cabin on the Captain's and Lido Deck; original owner's suite occupied by E.F. Hutton.

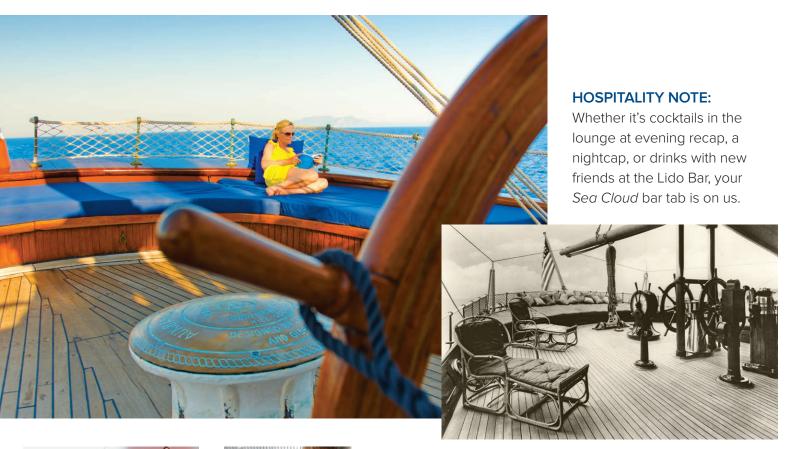
A PERFECT MIX OF ELEGANT HOSPITALITY & RELAXED INFORMALITY

In the Hutton era, trunks and valises were packed with clothes ranging from Riviera-inspired striped tees and pareos for daywear, to tuxedos and formal gowns for evening.

Today, a single carry-on suffices: our Sea Cloud expeditions are thoroughly relaxed and informal. There's a great delight in savoring the grace of an extraordinarily elegant ship with a casual attitude. Or enjoying breakfast and dinner in a black tie-worthy dining room dressed in casual clothes. Open seating is the rule at all meals, helping to foster the genial, inclusive expedition community that inevitably forms aboard.











This page clockwise: Today, the Promenade Deck's restful "Blue Lagoon" is a place to read, sit in the sun or meet with friends...just as it was in the 1930s (inset); guest looks out to sea; guests enjoy the bar; a Sea Cloud staff member pays meticulous attention to detail before guests arrive for dinner; chefs prepare beautifully presented meals.











THE PERFECT SHIP FOR A CARIBBEAN COLONIZED IN THE AGE OF SAIL

Our March sailings aboard *Sea Cloud* focus on the Caribbean of yesteryear, where rich history, sensory pleasure, and discovery banish any notion of déjà vu. To disembark *Sea Cloud*, under the admiring eyes of the yachts at anchor, at tiny Bequia for example, is to enter a seldomseen Caribbean, with its vintage waterfront and somnolent tropical charm. The experience of being on *Sea Cloud*, under sail, at one with the sun and the idyllic trade winds, transforms the notion of a Caribbean winter holiday, delivering experiences utterly new.



Deenie Hutton and her mother, Marjorie Merriweather Post, aboard Sea Cloud on a typical long family voyage.



Left: A golden sunset with Sea Cloud at anchor; Above: View of Admiralty Bay on Bequia Island.

SAILING THE CARIBBEAN

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS-ABOARD SEA CLOUD

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et sail aboard the magnificent four-masted barque *Sea Cloud*, and explore the lush islands and vibrant cultures of the Lesser Antilles. Hike in the mountainous rain forests of Dominica, see an active volcanic crater in St. Lucia, and explore the idyllic Grenadines. Amid a spectacular tropical backdrop, enjoy opportunities to swim and snorkel at coral reefs and sandy beaches, and discover the hidden corners of the Caribbean Sea.

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/Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a historian who will tell you about the Caribbean's cultures, and local guides on each island.

Visit our website to read staff and guest speaker bios for this expedition.

Sea Cloud *under full sail*.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

Sail the sparkling Caribbean Sea aboard the historic square-rigger Sea Cloud.

Snorkel at lively coral reefs, swim in pristine tropical waters, and explore remote cays and beaches.

Explore 18th-century forts, colonial outposts, and an intriguing mix of cultures with our expedition staff.

Experience an array of natural wonders, including volcanoes and rain forests showcasing island birds and wildlife.

DAY 1: U.S./BARBADOS/EMBARK

Arrive in Barbados and settle into your cabin aboard the elegant *Sea Cloud*. Cast off this afternoon, and enjoy dinner and our first Caribbean sunset. (D)

DAY 2: AT SEA

Begin the morning on deck, where sailors climb the lines to raise the *Sea Cloud*'s sails by hand. Enjoy a full day skimming across the Caribbean. Relax with a book, photograph the ship's exquisite details, and attend talks by our experts on the natural history and culture of the islands we will soon explore. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: DOMINICA

Spend the day exploring Dominica, known as "the nature island" for its spectacular beauty and many protected reserves. Hike through enchanting rain forest. Join our historian in exploring the ruins of Fort Shirley, an 18th-century British garrison, and learn about Dominica's turbulent colonial history. Go swimming or snorkeling before casting off for a sunset seen from the sea. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: ÎLES DES SAINTES

Off the southern coast of Guadeloupe lie the French-speaking Îles des Saintes, a group of eight small islands. Anchor at Terre-de-Haut, the largest island in the archipelago. Explore Fort Napoléon, a 19th-century French barracks that now houses a museum and cactus garden. Stroll through the photogenic French Caribbean village of Bourg, which is decidedly French in character. Return to *Sea Cloud* for a great afternoon sail, as the wind fills the sails in a glorious spectacle. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ST. LUCIA

Rise early to watch as the crew climbs the rigging and trims the Sea Cloud's 32,000 square feet of sails. Follow the action with the sail plan in hand. This afternoon, arrive at St. Lucia and anchor under the island's iconic twin peaks, Les Pitons, which rise dramatically above the sea. After exploring the fishing port of Soufrière, drive into St. Lucia's active volcanic crater and discover the otherworldly landscape of mud pools and sulfur springs, and take a tropical walk through botanical gardens. We return to Sea Cloud and enjoy sunset cocktails on the spanker deck beneath the Pitons. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: UNDER SAIL/EXPLORING THE GRENADINES

Spend the morning aboard *Sea Cloud* under sail, exploring the idyllic Grenadine Islands, with their quintessential tropical cays. We'll have options to snorkel among myriad colorful fish, or enjoy the sheltered white-sand beaches of the area. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: BEQUIA/UNDER SAIL

Anchor at tiny Bequia, and explore the charming waterfront. Go snorkeling at a nearby reef, swim along palm-backed beaches, or visit a sea turtle sanctuary to learn about local conservation. In the afternoon, set sails in the St. Vincent Channel before heading back to Barbados overnight. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: DISEMBARK/BARBADOS/U.S. Disembark, tour the island, and transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)





EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2018 Mar. 8, 15, 22

SPECIAL OFFER:

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER:

Award-winning photographer **Susan Seubert** has photographed more than 20 feature stories for *National Geographic Traveler*. Join her on the Mar. 22, 2018 departure.



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SICILY & MALTA: FROM SPECTACULAR ANTIQUITY TO MODERN CULTURE



There's a treasure trove of some of the world's greatest ancient places and impressive ruins to explore on this itinerary—grand enough to equal the thrill of discovering them aboard Sea Cloud. You'll see no fewer than five UNESCO World Heritage sites: the city of Valletta, with Malta's megalithic temples built by a thriving civilization

5,000 years ago; Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, one of the most impressive sites of antiquity; Siracusa, with a Duomo built from the ruins of the Temple of Athena; the Aeolian Islands with glowing volcanoes; and we'll have stunning views of a sixth UNESCO site, Mt. Etna.

However rich their history is and as spectacular as their ancient ruins are, Sicily and Malta aren't simply monuments to the past—they are vibrant cultures, with music and a cuisine that have been exported all over the world, and their people have settled widely in other places. And our circumnavigation of Sicily and exploration of Malta—an extraordinarily multifaceted journey—will reveal both past and present.

As we sail the Mediterranean, Tyrrhenian, Ionian, and Aegean Seas, you'll fall under the spell of life at the whims of the Greek god of wind Aeolus—and even venture through the narrow and dynamic Strait of Messina—the purported location of Homer's monsters Scylla and Charybdis, the rock and the hard place through which legendary Odysseus had to sail. The romance of history lives aboard *Sea Cloud*.



Left to right: Temple of Castor and Pollux (Dioscuri temple), Valley of Temples, Agrigento, Sicily; fine dining on a terrace in Sicily; gazing at the sea, Siracusa, Sicily.

"A highlight is a very special dinner at the 18th-century Castello degli Schiavi, the setting for many scenes of the Godfather films. Our host shows us the gardens, gives us a tour of the house, and presents an unforgettable Sicilian dinner. It's a remarkable night, and you're guaranteed to want to watch the Godfather films again."

— Tom O'Brien, Expedition Leader

VOYAGE TO ANTIQUITY: EXPLORING SICILY & MALTA

16 DAYS/14 NIGHTS-ABOARD SEA CLOUD

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ail into the ancient history, culture, and cuisine of Malta and Sicily. You'll find their cultures, including their music and foods, have been exported everywhere, and their people have settled widely throughout the world. So in addition to an exploration, this voyage is in a sense a homecoming to the birthplace of modern civilization. You'll discover charming towns where modern-day life thrives amid glorious vestiges of Greco-Roman civilization, and broaden your knowledge of Italian cuisine as you taste traditional favorites.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

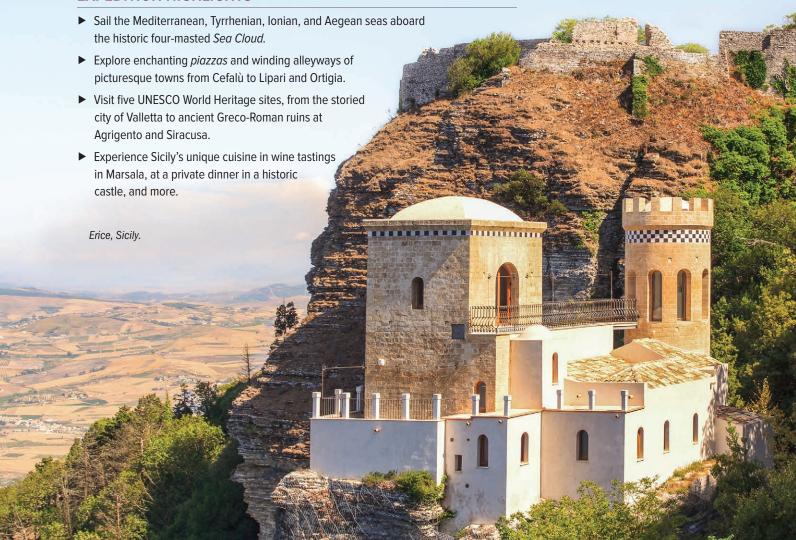


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EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS



DAY 1 & DAY 2: U.S./VALLETTA, MALTA Fly overnight to Malta. Embark Sea Cloud. (D)

DAY 3: SAILING/GOZO

Sail under the bastions of Fort St. Elmo to Gozo and the ancient megalithic temples of Ġgantija, a World Heritage site built over 5,000 years ago. This evening is the Captain's welcome dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: SAILING

Spend a full day under *Sea Cloud*'s four masts and 30 sails as we learn about the art or square-rigger sailing. Savor a Sicilian wine tasting. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: AGRIGENTO/SAILING

Explore Agrigento's magnificent Valley of the Temples—one of the greatest sites of antiquity. Founded in the 6th century B.C. by the Greeks, it was also ruled by Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, and Normans. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: SELINUNTE AND MARSALA

Discover Selinunte's giant columns, temples, stairways, and city walls in a spectacular natural setting. See Marsala's excellent Punic (Carthaginian) museum and sample the local and legendary fortified wine. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: ERICE/SAILING

Perched high above Trapani and Sicily's coast, medieval Erice offers unforgettable views. Explore with local guides and visit to the renowned pasticceria of Maria Grammatico. Rejoin *Sea Cloud* to sail the Tyrrhenian Sea. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: SAILING/CEFALÙ

Anchor off the stunning coastline of Cefalù, dominated by the 12th-century Norman cathedral. Explore the town on foot or hike to the top of 278-meter-high La Rocca for astonishing views. Enjoy an evening in town. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: SAILING/LIPARI/STROMBOLL

Sail past Vulcano and Stromboli to anchor at Lipari and drive the island's perimeter for spectacular volcano views. See the archaeological museum's Neolithic artifacts made from the local obsidian. In the evening,



with a little luck, we'll see the glow of an active volcano. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: STRAIT OF MESSINA/ TAORMINA

Sail the narrow Strait of Messina. Stroll Taormina's fashionable Corso Umberto to a 3rd-century B.C. Greco-Roman theater built into the cliffside overlooking the sea. Dine at the 18th-century castle Castello degli Schiavi, featured in the *Godfather* films. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: SIRACUSA

Visit Siracusa's theater, with 15,000 seats hewn out of bedrock and still in use. See the cave of "Dionysus' Ear" and stroll medieval Ortigia's *piazzas* and alleys. Visit its Duomo, built from the ruins of the ancient Temple of Athena. Enjoy an evening in town. (B,L,D)

DAY 12-13: SAILING THE IONIAN SEA Sail Homer's "wine dark" seas over two days with ample time to learn the thrilling task of hand-sailing an authentic square-rigger. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: PYLOS/METHONI CASTLE Sail into Pylos to explore the spectacularly located Methoni Castle, built on a cape jutting into the lonian. The Venetians

jutting into the Ionian. The Venetians realized Methoni's strategic value, since they established themselves on the Ionian coast in the 12th century. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: SAILING AND EXPLORING We will leave this day open to adapt to the conditions to sail or explore. (B,L,D)

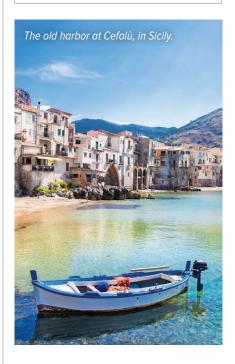
DAY 16: PIRAEUS/DISEMBARK/U.S. Arrive in Piraeus and disembark for the airport or Athens extension. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2017 May 10; 2018 May 14

SPECIAL OFFER:

Travel aboard *Sea Cloud* on any 2017 or 2018 departure and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew.



OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a two-day pre-voyage extension to Malta, and/or a two-day post-voyage extension to Athens. Visit our website or call for details.

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THE GREEK ISLES IN DEPTH—MUST-SEE SITES AND HIDDEN GEMS



The Cyclades are the essence of the Greek Isles. The islands the gods call home, and the Greek Isles of your imagination: colorful fishing boats bobbing in an azure sea; white-stucco villages built over a caldera filled by the sea; where grapes and olives have been continuously cultivated for a millennium.

We'll explore the important sites: Sail into the famed caldera of Santoríni and let our guides reveal the picturesque, lesser-walked side streets and hidden cafes. See the sacred sanctuary of Delos, one of the most important archaeological sites in the western

world. And we'll also discover the distinctive pottery of Sífnos, the green marble quarries and Venetian-era dovecotes of Tinos, and mountainous Amorgós where residents still rely on donkeys for transportation.

Far from the philosophical and political intrigues of Athens, the expressive faces of the islands' welcoming people are weathered by wind, sun, sea, and salt spray. They sit together in the villages discussing the health of the olive and grape crops, how the fickle winds might affect the ferry call, the water level in the cisterns or the upkeep of the island churches—as they have for millennia.

"The Greek Isles continue to fascinate and delight the photographer side of me. Walking through the small choras, it feels like I'm walking through a kaleidoscope of colors and textures. These authentic villages are such an amazing mix of architectural details framed by flower pots, hanging vines, store windows, and even the numerous cats that seem to be napping everywhere. Narrow, curved walkways entice me to explore what is just around the corners, or follow an alley to see where it leads. It's all both inviting and mysterious at the same time."

Doug Gould,Expedition Leader

Left: Sunrise at the Seven Martyrs church on the island of Sífnos; Above: A short hike and a quiet moment along an island trail.

SAILING THE GREEK ISLES

9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS-ABOARD SEA CLOUD

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prinkled across the Aegean Sea and steeped in ancient mythology, the Cyclades are some of the most spectacular of Greece's many isles. Here, fishing boats cast colorful reflections in azure waters, whitewashed villages cascade down lavender-dusted slopes, and craggy headlands are punctuated by ancient ruins. Under the billowing sails of the exquisite four-masted tall ship *Sea Cloud*, voyage to sun-drenched Santoríni, the mystical isle of Delos, wild Amorgós, some of the small, less-explored islands, and more.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ► Discover the magnificent ruins in the ancient sanctuary of Delos, birthplace of Apollo and Artemis.
- ► Visit the gorgeous village of Oía and the astonishing archaeological site of Akrotiri on beautiful Santoríni.
- ► Soak up the lively culture, mythology, and Venetian legacy of age-old villages.
- Explore the Cyclades under full sail aboard the historic squarerigger Sea Cloud.

A cobalt dome sets off the bright whitewash of a hilltop church in Santoríni.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./ATHENS, GREECE/ PIRAEUS/EMBARK

Depart on an overnight flight to Athens. Explore the new Acropolis Museum, transfer to Piraeus and settle into your cabin on the majestic *Sea Cloud*. Cast off this afternoon, and take in our first Greek sunset at sea. (L,D)

DAY 3: AT SEA

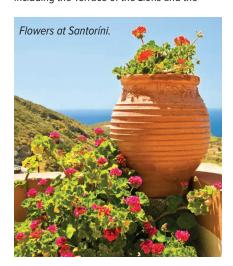
Enjoy a glorious day of sailing among the evocative isles of the Cyclades. Follow along with the sail plan as the crew climb the rigging and trim the sails, and attend presentations by our team of experts on the area's history and mythology. In the late afternoon, we may have a chance for an impromptu stop and a swim. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: TINOS

Drop anchor at beautiful Tinos, dotted with villages steeped in Venetian history. The island's Venetian-era dovecotes, terraced hillsides, and green marble quarries have long made this a haven for artists. Explore the picturesque village of Pyrgos, adorned with carved marble facades, and visit the church of Panagia Evangelistria, where thousands of pilgrims come every year to pray at Greece's holiest shrine. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: DELOS/EXPLORING

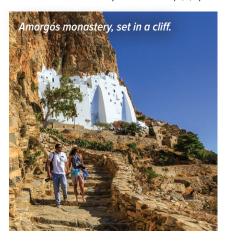
The tiny archaeological gem of Delos is the birthplace of the twin gods Artemis, goddess of animals and the hunt, and Apollo, god of healing, music, and light. Spend the morning discovering the island's incredible ruins, including the Terrace of the Lions and the



exquisite Temple of Apollo. This afternoon, we'll look to make an impromptu stop at one of the many interesting islands in the area. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: AMORGÓS

Drop anchor at Amorgós, the easternmost isle of the Cyclades. Visit the main city, perched in the mountains, and see its beautiful domed churches and windmills. Explore the dazzling white monastery of Panagia Hozoviótissa, clinging to a cliff face above the sea. Later, return to the *Sea Cloud* and enjoy a relaxing afternoon beneath its splendid sails. (B,L,D)



DAY 7: SANTORÍNI

Incomparable Santoríni is an island archipelago formed from a single volcanic cone that erupted in the second millennium B.C., burying the island's Minoan culture in ash. Sail into the caldera, and drive through windswept vineyards to the beautiful town of Oía which affords unrivaled views of the caldera below. After lunch, see the Archaeology Museum and the excavations at Akrotiri. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: SÍFNOS/AT SEA

Distinguished for its ceramic chimneys and its Venetian dovecotes, Sífnos is a rugged island with a harbor village and a beautiful upper *chora* (village), waterfront tavernas and convenient beaches. It's a great island for walkers or loungers alike. This afternoon, find a spot on deck to watch as the *Sea Cloud*'s sails are hoisted up their impressive masts by hand as we set sail for Piraeus. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: PIRAEUS/DISEMBARK/U.S. Disembark this morning and transfer to the Athens airport for your return flight. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2017 Jun. 30; Jul. 7, 14; Aug. 23; Sep. 19 **2018** Jun. 17; Aug. 31; Sep. 7

Note: To take advantage of optimum sailing opportunities, the order and choice of some smaller islands may change during the course of this expedition.

SPECIAL OFFERS:

Book now on the Jun. 30 or Jul. 14, 2017 departures and receive FREE AIRFARE (Round-trip NY/Athens). Plus we will cover your bar tab and crew tips for all *Sea Cloud* voyages.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a two-day pre-trip extension to **Athens** or a three-day post-trip extension to **Crete**. Visit our website or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Join historian and archaeologist **Michael Cosmopoulos** on the Jul. 7, 2017 departure. Michael was featured prominently in National Geographic's landmark documentary series *The Greeks*, which debuted on PBS in 2016. His research focuses on the social, political, and cultural history of ancient Greece.

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Left to right: Church of Our Lady of the Rocks in Kotor Fjord, Montenegro; Historic Old Town, Dubrovnik; the main square at Hvar, Croatia is perfect for strollina.

THE PERFECT MIX OF FOOD, WINE, CULTURE & PHYSICAL BEAUTY



Sailors have plied the waters along the coasts of Greece, Albania, Montenegro, and Croatia for millennia, and our expedition will follow in their paths as we explore regions with long, rich histories while enjoying special access and insights. Sail to Olympia, Greece, and along the extraordinary Dalmatian Coast, a region of incredible beauty with sparkling cities and tiny medieval sites.

Our guides will share Butrint, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with us, along with the dramatic transitions of Albania

in the last 20 years, from a closed communist country, through a shocking period of capitalist naïveté and Ponzi-scheme collapse, to the steady rebuilding occurring today. In Montenegro you'll sail into the dramatic Kotor Fjord and explore the picturesque walled old town nestled at its head, with winding cobbled lanes, ancient churches, and small town squares. And lovely Dubrovnik, aglow at night or by day, is a city reborn, its ancient walls containing the past and protecting a lively present.

"One of the highlights of our Dalmatian coast voyage is the chance to hear the Klapa Ostro singers in Dubrovnik. Lindblad Expeditions has a special relationship with this group, and we have a private show before dinner. The group performs inside the walled garden of the local monastery, and their "a cappella" singing is only enhanced by the magical acoustics of the garden, while the upper walls are bathed in the glow of sunset outside. Exclusive and meaningful."

Doug Gould,Expedition Leader

UNDER SAIL: GREECE TO THE DALMATIAN COAST

12 DAYS/10 NIGHTS-ABOARD SEA CLOUD

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rom the ancient temples of Olympia to the medieval walled city of Hvar, immerse yourself in the history and culture of some of Europe's most spectacular places on board the legendary four-masted *Sea Cloud*. Discover the remarkable sites of Albania, cut off from the modern world for decades, and explore Montenegro, legendary Ithaca (Itháki), and incomparable Dubrovnik.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Ply the waters of the Aegean, Ionian, and Adriatic Seas aboard the magnificent Sea Cloud.
- Step back in history at five UNESCO World Heritage sites including the ancient ruins of Olympia, Greece, and Albania's historic city of Butrint.
- ► Explore Montenegro's Gulf of Kotor to Our Lady of the Rocks, a tiny islet created over centuries by local fishermen.

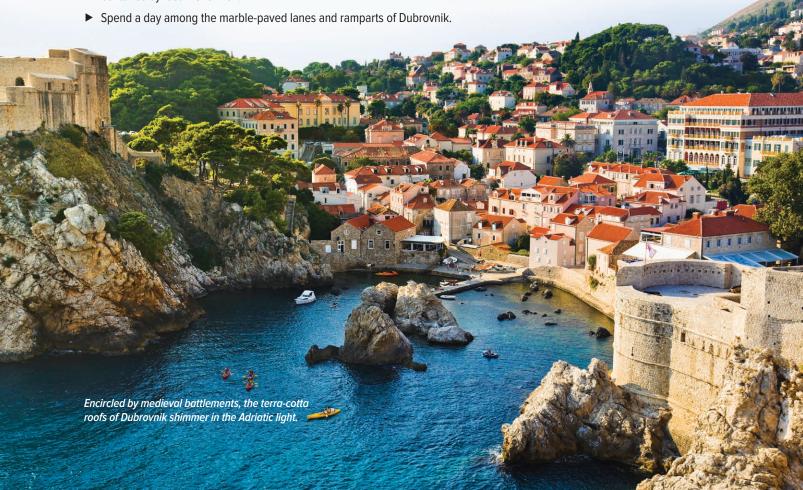
EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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/Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a ranking expert on the cultures of the region and a team of local guides.

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.



DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./ATHENS, GREECE/ PIRAEUS/EMBARK

Depart on an overnight flight to Athens, arriving the next morning. Explore the new Acropolis Museum, transfer to Piraeus and settle into your cabin aboard the elegant *Sea Cloud*. (L,D)

DAY 3: AT SEA UNDER SAIL

Round the southern coast of the Peloponnesus peninsula, enjoying a full day of sailing. Watch the crew hoist *Sea Cloud*'s many sails by hand. Relax with a book on deck, photograph our yacht, and attend talks by our expedition team. (B,L,D)



DAY 4: OLYMPIA

Dock in Katákolon and travel to the ancient site of Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games. Visit the legendary ruins of this UNESCO World Heritage site, the Olympic Stadium, and the superb Archaeological Museum. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ITHACA/SAILING

Sail this morning to Ithaca (Itháki), home to Odysseus. The island remains somewhat isolated and retains the sense of adventure associated with Homer's hero. Visit gems of lonian villages and explore sites that link to the era described in the epic poems. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: SARANDË AND BUTRINT, ALBANIA

Cut off from the world for 50 years by its

Stalinist dictator, Albania is now feeling its way into the 21st century. Explore the ancient city of Butrint, a UNESCO site, and return to Sarandë along the Ksamil peninsula, overlooking the Strait of Corfu. Set sail in the afternoon. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: KRUJË

Drive to the ancient capital of Krujë, and visit the medieval market and Ethnographic Museum. Also visit the Skanderbeg Museum, dedicated to Albania's national hero. Take in a stirring folkloric performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: PERAST AND KOTOR, MONTENEGRO

Sail into Montenegro via the magnificent Gulf of Kotor. Stop at the historic town of Perast before taking a local boat to the islet of Gospa od Škrpjela, or Our Lady of the Rocks. Steeped in lore, the tiny islet was created by fishermen dropping rocks from their rowboats. Explore medieval Kotor this afternoon, or drive up 25 serpentine switchbacks to the top of the fjord. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Known as the "pearl of the Adriatic,"
Dubrovnik is regarded as one of the bestpreserved medieval towns in the world. Spend
the day exploring the marvelous old town,
a UNESCO World Heritage site, and enjoy a
private performance of traditional Croatian
klapa music. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: SAILING/KORČULA

Anchor at the island port of Korčula, one of the most beautiful medieval towns in the Balkans. Visit the town's sites, and see the house believed by some to be Marco Polo's birthplace. Later, take some time to enjoy the waterfront. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: HVAR/SAILING

At the height of Venetian rule, Hvar was the region's most prosperous center. Take a walk along the marbled waterfront and the grand central square. Visit the arsenal and Croatia's oldest active theater, and if you choose, hike up to the dramatically located citadel. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: DUBROVNIK/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2017 May 24; Jun. 3*; Aug. 30; Sep. 9* **2018** May 28; Jun. 7*; Aug. 21*; Sep. 14 *These departures travel from Dubrovnik to Athens.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Travel aboard *Sea Cloud* on any 2017 or 2018 departure and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a two-day pre- or post-voyage extension to **Athens** or a three-day pre- or post-voyage extension to **Mostar**, **Trogir & Split**. Visit our website or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Grace Fielder is an expert on the history and cultures along the Dalmatian coast. She has studied the local lore, music, and cuisine of this region, and has



even moonlighted as a lavender harvester on the island of Hvar. Grace will join the May 24, 2017 departure.



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Take a virtual tour of *Sea Cloud*, with 360-degree images, at **expeditions.com/ seacloudtour**

Watch exciting aerial footage of *Sea Cloud* under sail at **expeditions.com/seacloudsail**

SEA CLOUD

CAPACITY: 58 guests in 30 cabins including two Owner's Suites.

REGISTRY: Malta. OVERALL LENGTH 360 feet.

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 modern, stylish, comfortable furniture.

CATEGORY 1 SOLO: #16-17: Upper and lower single beds and a porthole. These cabins once housed the ship's officers.

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

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

CATEGORY 3: #32-37: Cabins have two single beds (which can be pushed together to make a queen-size bed, with one side against the wall), a window and showers.

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

ORIGINAL/DELUXE CATEGORY B: Original and deluxe cabins, #5, 6, 9, 10: Located on the Main Deck, these large cabins, originally occupied by guests (and the nannies, #9-10) of the owner, have a mix of bed types, decorative motifs, bathrooms with tub or shower. All have portholes.

ORIGINAL/DELUXE CATEGORY A: Original/deluxe cabins, #3, 4, 7, 8: Located on the Main Deck, these very large cabins, originally occupied by guests of the owner, have a mix of bed types, decorative motifs, bathrooms with bathtubs. All have portholes.

OWNER'S SUITES: Original owner's suites #1-2: These incomparable suites were occupied by Marjorie Merriweather Post (#1) and E.F. Hutton (#2). They have king-size beds and grand marble bathrooms with bathtubs.



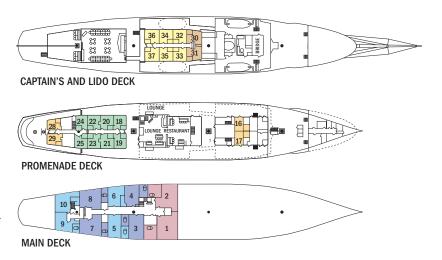


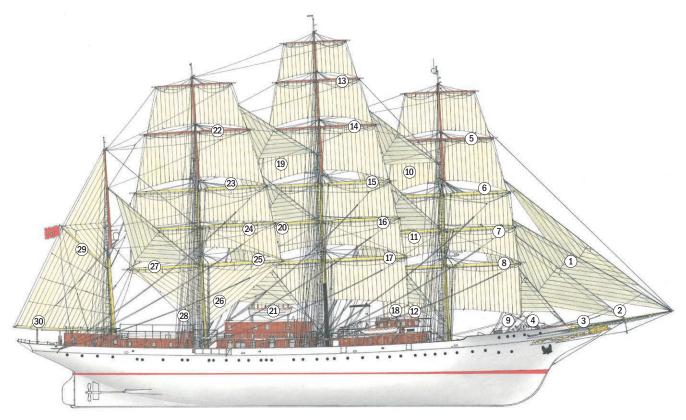






Insets clockwise from top: Sea Cloud under full sail; staircase to the Captain's and Lido deck; Original/Deluxe Category A cabin; Owner's Suite which is one of the original cabins; crew climbs aloft to unfurl the sails.





1. Flying jib	6. Fore topgallant	11. Main topgallant staysail	16. Main upper topsail	21. Mizzen upper topsail staysail	26. Mizzen sail	
2. Standing jib	7. Fore upper topsail	12. Main upper staysail	17. Main lower topsail	22. Mizzen royal	27. Jigger upper staysail	
3. Inner jib	8. Fore lower topsail	13. Main skysail	18. Main sail	23. Mizzen topgallant	28. Spanker staysail	
4. Fore top mast staysail	9. Fore sail	14. Main royal	19. Mizzen royal staysail	24. Mizzen upper topsail	29. Jigger topsail	
5. Fore royal	10. Main royal staysail	15. Main topgallant	20. Mizzen topgallant staysail	25. Mizzen lower topsail	30. Spanker	

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ITINERA	RY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	ORIGINAL/ DELUXE CAT. B	ORIGINAL/ DELUXE CAT. A	OWNER'S SUITES	CAT. 1 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Sailing t Page 12	he Caribbean –	2018*	\$8,640	\$9,880	\$11,970	\$12,490	\$13,990	\$14,750	\$17,000	\$12,960	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: Round-trip Miami/Barbados: Economy from \$240; Business from \$1,000.
Voyage Page 16	to Antiquity –	2017 2018 ⁺	\$19,400	\$21,780	\$26,200	\$27,690	\$31,350	\$33,510	\$38,320	\$29,100	\$1,500	Sample Airfares: Round-trip New York/Valletta, Athens/New York: Economy from \$1,700; Business from \$4,400.
Sailing t Page 20	he Greek Isles –	2017 2018 ⁺	\$9,490	\$10,680	\$12,750	\$13,500	\$14,990	\$15,950	\$18,250	\$14,240	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: Round-trip New York/Athens: Economy from \$980; Business from \$2,900.
	ail: Greece almatian Coast –	2017 2018 ⁺	\$12,690	\$14,350	\$17,350	\$18,260	\$19,870	\$21,500	\$24,230	\$18,990	\$1,500	Sample Airfares: New York/Athens, Dubrovnik/New York or vice versa: Economy from \$980; Business from \$4,000.

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ENJOY SEA CLOUD WITH **OUR COMPLIMENTS**

Everything you will do as part of the expedition—visits to sites, including museum and other entrance fees, plus the services of our expedition team—is included in the price. There will be no bar bill. And crew tips, a large part of the income for the 60-person crew—is on us, with compliments. Theoretically, you could leave your wallet at home.

EARLY BOOKING OFFER

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FREE AIRFARE

Travel on the Jun. 30 or Jul. 14, 2017 Sailing the Greek Isles departures and receive complimentary airfare. Airfare is based on economy group flights (round-trip New York/Athens) that must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions. Offer is valid for new bookings only, subject to availability at the time of booking, and may not be combined with other offers and pre- and post-extensions. In the case that Lindblad's group flights are no longer available at time of booking, we reserve the right to issue a credit. Call for details.



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