

# SEA CLOUD

FOR PURE BLISS:  
THE CARIBBEAN

FOR ADVENTURE:  
ROUND THE BOOT  
TO NAPLES

OR EXPLORE THE  
GREEK ISLES IN  
AGELESS STYLE

PLUS  
HOSPITALITY  
OFFER  
INSIDE





Tom O'Brien has been a Lindblad expedition leader for 33 years, and he has always been one of our very best. But it's in his capacity as host aboard *Sea Cloud*, together with

his wife Patrycja, that he has had the most transformative impact on so many of our guests' lives. He and Patrycja have created a quality of experience aboard this tall ship that is truly extraordinary. Recently Tom shared with us some of his thoughts about traveling on *Sea Cloud*. Knowing that we offer some exceptional itineraries, I'd asked him to tell me what we might not and should know about them. I was particularly struck by this: "If you want the *Sea Cloud* experience and to explore the parts of the world where a sailing ship truly belongs, then any one of our Mediterranean itineraries offers an incomparable experience. But if you want THE quintessential *Sea Cloud* experience, then you must choose the Caribbean."

I have asked him to explain why, and he does so here. I hope you find his reasons as compelling as I do and that you'll join us for this unforgettable experience next winter.

All the best,

Sven Lindblad





*“Sailing aboard Sea Cloud is always extraordinary, but experiencing her in the Caribbean, the most beautiful yacht in the harbor, is quintessential...”*

*Our program in the Windward Isles is focused almost exclusively on the joy of being aboard Sea Cloud. The spectacle of her 60-person crew engaged in the art of sailing her is entertaining and awe-inspiring, regardless of whether they're going aloft in a light breeze or following the captain's orders to set the skysails in a thrilling wind as we're scudding along at 6.5 knots.*

*And for anyone with an appetite for history, romance, or just the momentum of a great story, the drama of a tall ship sailing where good winds are most reliably found, through islands that were shaped, traded, won, and lost by such ships, is just plain exhilarating.*



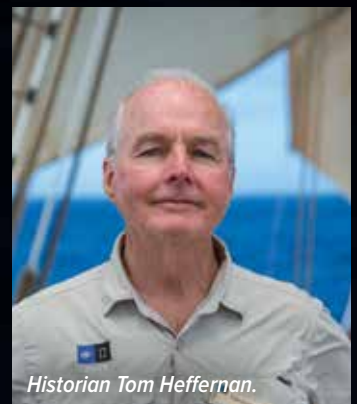
*I mentioned beauty, but it's a simple fact that returning to Sea Cloud at anchor after a day's excursion is a constant source of pride for everyone who travels on her. To be able to say “I live here” as you re-board the most beautiful yacht in the harbor is a rare privilege. As is the opportunity to experience it, and to say you've sailed with Captain Evgeny Nemerzhitskiy, one of the greatest square-rig captains of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

*Imagine a ship over 360' long and displacing 2,600 tons moving effortlessly under wind power alone at 10 knots. Our sails are made of a very durable synthetic material in Poland and have an average life of about five years. The Sea Cloud carries almost 32,000 square feet of sail (3,000 meters).*



*“The lecture and interpretive component our historian provides is integral...”*

*Caribbean history, language, and religion are extremely interesting, and Tom Heffernan, our voyage historian, is particularly gifted at bringing them to life. His program of talks is perfectly coordinated to our Caribbean itinerary, creating genuine awareness and cultural connection. I have had many guests tell me that they've vacationed in the Caribbean before, but never found it particularly interesting until now. And others remark on how eager and confident they feel to interact with locals in the authentic pockets of the Caribbean we visit, that are untainted by big cruise ships. Some guests have commended us for not canceling visits, as many cruise lines did, to this area following the news of the 2017 hurricane. The islanders we met were highly appreciative of our interest.*



Historian Tom Heffernan.



*“And the seamanship is superb...”*

*I'm thrilled that Captain Evgeny Nemerzhitskiy returns to Sea Cloud this season. One of the greatest square-rig captains of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, he was master of the famed Russian training ship Kruzenshtern, formerly the Padua, and the only Flying P line ship still sailing. He brings expertise, leadership, and boyish enthusiasm for square-rig sailing that adds immeasurably to the fun and excitement for all—especially the sailors among us!*



*Captain Evgeny Nemerzhitskiy.*

*Shot of guests returning to Sea Cloud in the evening from Bequia, the island to which young Alexander Hamilton's father moved, effectively abandoning him. Ron Chernow's masterful Hamilton biography is a book many guests have had aboard these past couple of years.*





## *“Where else can you enjoy a shorts-and-deck-shoes vacation with black tie amenities?”*

*Guests who google “Sea Cloud” see a lot of jacket-and-tie imagery and might conclude, incorrectly, that Sea Cloud is too formal and stuffy for a Caribbean vacation. Not true with Lindblad Expeditions. Any guests who’ve been aboard National Geographic Explorer, National Geographic Orion, or others will find it as relaxed and informal as any ship in our fleet. Guests who have never traveled with us before will find it as easygoing as they want for a winter vacation. And the contrast between the casual ease Lindblad-National Geographic fosters, and the ship’s old-world elegance and five-star luxury is a real treat. And, there’s another Lindblad-National Geographic difference aboard Sea Cloud—outstanding food.*


*Under the Lindblad-National Geographic team’s guidance, the menus are thoughtful and relevant, reflecting local cuisines, and using plenty of local ingredients and fresh fish—in large part due to encouraging the creative authority of our chefs and hotel managers. I can tell you based on innumerable guest reactions that the dining—indoor, outdoor, from snacks to meals—is a highlight.*

*Sea Cloud also carries a very sophisticated selection of liquors of all types, and many guests enjoy the opportunity to sample so many different whiskies, rums, cognacs, or liqueurs at no cost,*

***given our offer of complimentary bar tab and crew tips.***



*There is a large crew of 60 who delight you with their skill and daring in rigging Sea Cloud’s massive array of sails. And another large contingent of staff devoted to your comfort and pleasure during your stay aboard. Enjoy their services with our compliments—gratuities are included in the voyage price.*



*“Go back home and tell your friends and family that this exists, because most people don’t know that you can even have this kind of experience in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.”*

*Some have described it as time travel. Others have compared it to being in a National Geographic television special. To me, traveling aboard Sea Cloud is an overall multisensory experience of the rarest kind. And this is particularly true of Sea Cloud in the Caribbean where little competes with the sensual pleasure of the balmy air and the constant trade winds that invite everyone out on deck to enjoy the passive pleasure of watching the athletic young crew scrambling high in the rigging, lolling in what Marjorie Merriweather Post called the “blue lagoon,” reading a terrific book in a comfortable deck chair, or learning to capture the sun on sails with your Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor.*

*I’ve heard that this past winter was a slog for a lot of North Americans. Who knows what next winter will bring, but I invite you to hedge your bets by booking a Sea Cloud Caribbean vacation now! **Join us for one of the most extraordinary experiences contemporary life still offers.** We look forward to welcoming you. And please, pack casually.*



**Tom O'Brien**





# SAILING THE CARIBBEAN

## 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD *SEA CLOUD*

PRICES FROM: \$8,990 to \$17,690 (See page 23 for complete pricing.)

Set sail aboard the magnificent four-masted barque *Sea Cloud*, and explore the lush islands and vibrant cultures of the Lesser Antilles. Hike through the jungle trails of historic Fort Shirley in Cabrits National Park on 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 reefs and sandy beaches, and discover the hidden corners of the Caribbean Sea.

### EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Sail the sparkling Caribbean Sea aboard the historic square-rigger *Sea Cloud*.
- ▶ Swim and snorkel in pristine tropical waters, and explore remote cays and beaches.
- ▶ Explore an 18th-century fort, 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 flora and fauna.

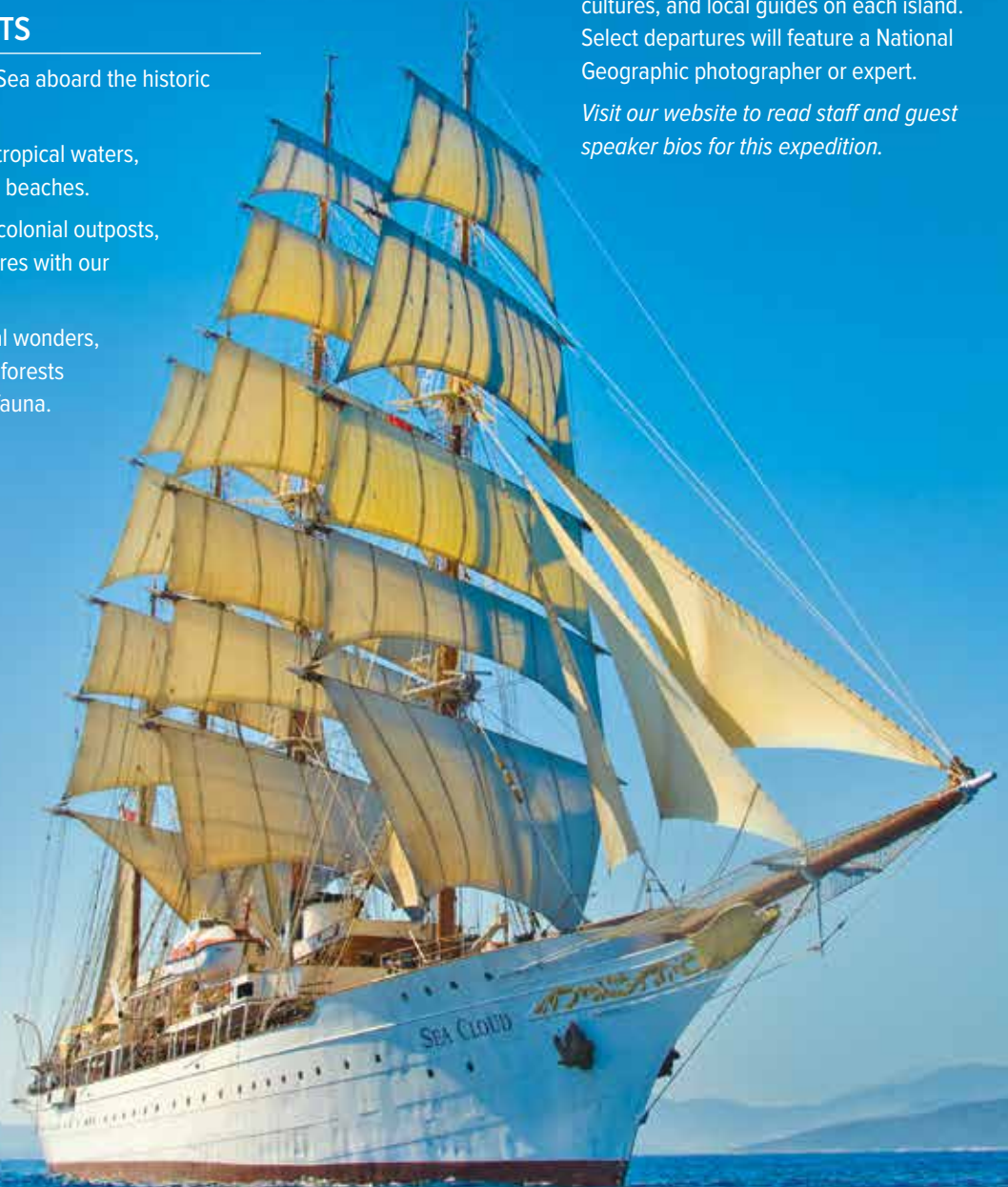
### EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

**30+**  
YEARS  
EXPERIENCE

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. Select departures will feature a National Geographic photographer or expert.

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

*Sea Cloud under full sail.*



**DAY 1: U.S./BARBADOS/EMBARK**

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

**DAY 2: UNDER SAIL**

Begin the morning on deck, where sailors climb aloft to raise the *Sea Cloud's* sails by hand. Enjoy a full day under sail 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 an 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 for a refreshing swim before casting off for a sunset seen from the sea. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: ÎLES DES SAINTES/UNDER SAIL**

Distinctly French in character and culture, the shops, homes, and people of Les Saintes are colorful, tasteful, and delightful. Enjoy picture-postcard views from Fort Napoléon, with its cactus garden, iguanas, and maritime museum. Then stroll through French colonial Terre-de-Haut and swim and snorkel from a nearby sandy beach. In the afternoon, we set sail south on a beam reach, as the winds fill the square sails in a glorious spectacle. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: UNDER SAIL/BEQUIA**

Sail aboard our magnificent ship in the morning and anchor at tiny Bequia by afternoon. Explore the charming waterfront and immerse yourself in this unique maritime culture. Go snorkeling at a nearby reef, swim along palm-backed beaches, or join our staff to visit the traditional model boat museum. In Port Elizabeth, we'll find local crafts, markets, and one of the best bookstores in the West Indies. (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: LES PITONS, ST. LUCIA**

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. Take a tropical walk through botanical gardens alive with birds and the backdrop rush of Diamond Falls. Spend the afternoon sailing as we return to Barbados. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: DISEMBARK/BARBADOS/U.S.**

Disembark, tour the island, and transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B,L)



**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Feb. 14, 21, 28

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

We will cover your bar tab and tips for the crew on all *Sea Cloud* departures.



*Crew climbs Sea Cloud's rigging.*

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER**

Join award-winning travel and editorial photographer **Susan Seubert** on the Feb. 14 departure. Susan has photographed more than 20 feature stories for

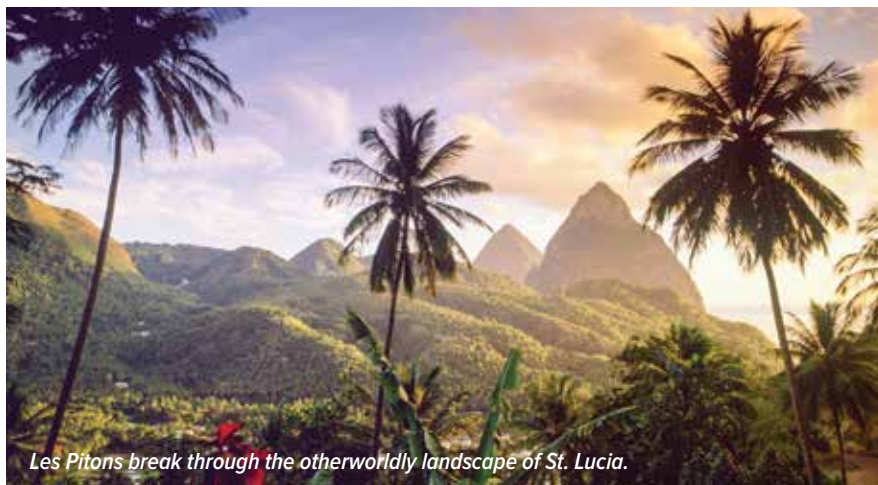


*National Geographic Traveler* since joining the magazine as a contributor in 2004. In addition to being widely published and exhibited, she also lectures regularly about her work at such institutions as Harvard University and the Portland Art Museum.

**SEE MORE ONLINE**

Take a virtual tour of *Sea Cloud*, with 360-degree images, at [expeditions.com/seacloudtour](http://expeditions.com/seacloudtour)

Watch exciting aerial footage of *Sea Cloud* under sail at [expeditions.com/seacloudsail](http://expeditions.com/seacloudsail)



*Les Pitons break through the otherworldly landscape of St. Lucia.*



“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*



Built in 1931 by businessman E.F. Hutton for his wife 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 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, used in nearly all her houses, that was a personal signature. Her husband E.F. Hutton's cabin is richly elegant, boasting a walk-in closet and a pink Carrera marble tub. Beyond the beauty and cossetting 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.



Category 4 cabin.

**VOYAGE HIGHLIGHT:** There is a tradition on each voyage to take the original owner's cabin 'tour,' always thanks to the cooperation of the guests who might be staying in them! Hard to think of them as cabins, with their fireplaces and massive marble bathtubs and gold fixtures. *Top left: Marjorie Merriweather Post's cabin. Bottom left: E.F. Hutton's cabin.*

# A SHIP THAT RIVALS HER MOST THRILLING DESTINATIONS

*Sea Cloud* is a destination and a reason to travel all in one, but add our unique Caribbean voyages, our carefully crafted Greek Isles and Dubrovnik to Naples 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 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!

*The towering masts and some of the sails of this historic vessel.*



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



### **TOM O'BRIEN, Expedition Leader**

Thirty-three-year Lindblad veteran Tom O'Brien (top) 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 & Patrycja O'Brien, the staff and crew made this journey a most magical experience. We cannot say enough about how consistent everyone was in their kindness, delightful attitude and the efforts they exhibited—truly a professional, remarkable, impressive team. We were happy and surprised with the unexpected extra island stop and the photo opportunities given to us.”*

— SEA CLOUD GUESTS

▶ PLEASE VISIT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/EXPERTBIOS](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/expeditions/expertbios) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR STAFF



### **PATRYCJA O'BRIEN, Asst. Expedition Leader**

Celebrating her tenth season aboard *Sea Cloud*, Pati is a seasoned traveler and a knowledgeable guide. Her love for life and the care she gives our guests have made her a vital part of our Caribbean journeys.



### **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.



### **SUSAN SEUBERT, National Geographic Photographer**

Susan Seubert is an award-winning photographer, having photographed more than 20 feature stories for *National Geographic Traveler* since joining the magazine as a contributor in 2004. **On board “Sailing the Caribbean,” Feb. 14, 2020.**







# ICONIC ANTIQUITY— SAIL FROM DUBROVNIK TO NAPLES AND UNCOVER AN ANCIENT STORIED PAST



Take in the romance of the Mediterranean on this grand itinerary that sails along iconic coastlines and calls at colorful, cliffside towns and enchanting walled cities steeped in ancient history. This 12-day voyage, encompassing Dubrovnik, Croatia, to Naples, Italy, brings you deep into the past, leaving the fast-paced, modern world far behind.

Embark the ship in Dubrovnik, a walled city dating from the 7th century that was once a nexus of 15th and 16th-century trade, and is, since 1979, a much-visited UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, round the bottom of Italy's boot, plying the waters of the Adriatic and exploring the vibrant maritime cities that once controlled the fate of the region. In Sicily, visit Siracusa, once the rival of the great city of Athens, and see layers of Sicilian history in the ruins of Ortygia. Marvel at ornate cathedrals and remarkable baroque buildings brought to life by the architectural masters of the time who created an extravagant and greatly influential style. Explore great sites of antiquity—from iconic Pompeii to the lesser-known Greek temples of Paestum—and meander through unspoiled clifftop towns, soaking up breathtaking views. See the stirring Amalfi Coast—also a World Heritage Site—with its stunning vistas and pastel-colored buildings perched atop steep, ruggedly beautiful cliffs.

Discover this itinerary's spectacular coastal locales, packed with maritime history, aboard a ship equally as grand. The legendary *Sea Cloud*, a historic, four-masted vessel of incomparable elegance, outshines the most beautiful ships in even yacht-studded harbors. Travel back in time as you learn of her own unique past and discover the extraordinary joy of tall ship sailing. The romance of history lives aboard *Sea Cloud*.



*Left to right: Early evening light along the Amalfi Coast; fine dining on a terrace in Sicily; figures in the Fountain of Artemis in the Piazza Archimede in Ortygia, Siracusa.*

# MEDITERRANEAN GEMS: FROM DUBROVNIK TO NAPLES

## 12 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD *SEA CLOUD*

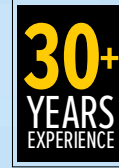
PRICES FROM: \$13,330 to \$25,460 (See page 23 for complete pricing.)

Beginning in the enchanting Croatian city of Dubrovnik, take one of our Dubrovnik to Naples cruises on the alluring *Sea Cloud* and wind your way down the southern part of Italy’s “boot,” calling on vibrant and welcoming places steeped in ancient history. Marvel at ornate cathedrals and remarkable baroque buildings, explore great sites of antiquity—from renowned Pompeii to the less-visited Greek temples of Paestum—and meander through unspoiled cliff-top towns, soaking up breathtaking views. Plus, with a little luck, witness the orange glow of eruptions from the Stromboli volcano.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore Greco-Roman sites, the baroque city of Lecce, and the mountain village of Gerace, and take in their vibrant life and culture.
- ▶ See the Amalfi Coast, with its pastel-colored buildings and stunning vistas.
- ▶ Visit Pompeii, abruptly destroyed by Vesuvius in the year 79, and witness its extraordinarily well-preserved homes.
- ▶ Enjoy a private dinner at Castello degli Schiavi, an 18th-century castle used as a locale for *The Godfather* films.
- ▶ Savor ample time sailing on the world’s most beautiful tall ship.

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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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.*

*Ruins of the Ancient Greek Theater in Taormina, Sicily, Italy, with the double smoke tail of Mt. Etna extending over the Giardini-Naxos bay of the Ionian Sea in the morning sunshine.*



**DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./DUBROVNIK, CROATIA/EMBARK**

Arrive in Dubrovnik after an overnight flight and transfer to the *Sea Cloud*. Time permitting, briefly explore Dubrovnik before setting sail. (D)

**DAY 3: AT SEA**

Marvel as the ship's billowing sails are raised by hand as we head across the Adriatic. Hear presentations from our experts and experience *Sea Cloud's* legendary five-star service. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: OTRANTO & LECCE, ITALY**

We stop at the picturesque town of Otranto and explore the cathedral, with its large, intricate, 12th-century mosaic floor. We'll also walk along the medieval walls for great views of the Aragonese Castle. We continue to Lecce, "Florence of the South," to explore the extraordinary Basilica di Santa Croce, Piazza del Duomo, and 2nd-century Roman amphitheater. We then return to our ship and sail into the Ionian Sea. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: AT SEA/GERACE**

We spend the morning with sails unfurled in the Ionian. After anchoring, we drive to the hilltop village of Gerace, a spectacular setting facing the mountains and valleys of Calabria on one side and the sea on the other. Gerace offers a glimpse of small-town life in southern Italy, with its relaxed atmosphere, stone buildings, and winding streets. We'll explore the *borgo antico* (old town) and visit the Romanesque-Norman cathedral. We then return to *Sea Cloud* and sail toward Sicily. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: SIRACUSA**

Siracusa was the great rival to Athens. Its theater—one of the largest in antiquity—has 15,000 seats hewn from bedrock and is still used today. Visit the nearby limestone quarry, the cave of "Dionysius' Ear," and the Roman amphitheater before returning to *Sea Cloud* for lunch. This afternoon we walk through the medieval island town of Ortygia. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: TAORMINA**

With Mount Etna dominating to the south, the stunning medieval town of Taormina boasts the now-fashionable Corso Umberto and ends at the Greco-Roman theater, built right into the cliffside in the 3rd century B.C. This evening we enjoy a

special dinner at the privately-owned Castello degli Schiavi, a phenomenal 18th-century home, where we'll meet its homeowners and explore the grounds. We return to *Sea Cloud* after dinner. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: AT SEA/LIPARI/STROMBOLI**

We'll set sails in the morning with the islands of Vulcano and Stromboli in view, anchoring for the afternoon at Lipari. We'll drive around the island's perimeter, with spectacular volcano views, and visit an archeological museum with an extensive collection of Neolithic artifacts made from local obsidian. This evening, we'll cruise 25 miles to Stromboli, and with a little luck, we'll see some of the pyrotechnics of this active volcano. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: AT SEA/AMALFI & RAVELLO**

We spend the morning with *Sea Cloud's* sails aloft. In the afternoon, we visit Amalfi. This storied town of pastel-hued houses clinging to the mountains is part of the Amalfi Coast World Heritage Site. Stroll the waterfront, visit the ornate cathedral, wander the winding streets to make your own discoveries. We'll then drive up hairpin curves to Ravello, a longtime haunt of artists and intellectuals including Greta Garbo and D.H. Lawrence (who wrote *Lady Chatterley's Lover* there). We'll explore the gardens and buildings of the Villa Rufolo, originally built in the 13th century, before returning to Amalfi. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: PAESTUM/AT SEA**

We drive to Paestum, a World Heritage site with some of the best-preserved Greek temples anywhere. Founded about 600 B.C., the three magnificent Doric temples—the Temple of Neptune, the "Basilica" of Hera, and the Temple of Ceres—can be explored up close. Large and graceful, the Temple of Neptune is especially intact and allows you to imagine it 2,500 years ago. The nearby museum has a superb collection of statues, paintings, and reliefs from the site. After exploring Paestum, we return to *Sea Cloud* and spend the afternoon sailing the Tyrrhenian Sea. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11: POMPEII/AT SEA**

When Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79, the thriving city of Pompeii was buried in pumice and ash, and some 2,000 citizens perished. Pompeii would not be rediscovered for 1,500 years. Its



buildings and other structures are remarkably preserved, allowing us to visualize its storied past. We'll explore villas, the forum, the splendid amphitheater and temples. Returning to *Sea Cloud*, we raise the sails a final time this afternoon as we sail the Bay of Naples. We'll have a farewell dinner to toast our voyage. (B,L,D)

**DAY 12: NAPLES/DISEMBARK/U.S.**

We arrive in Naples this morning and disembark. Transfer to the airport for flights home, or join our two-day optional extension exploring historic Naples. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

2020 May 22\*; Sep. 17

\*This departure travels in reverse.

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

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

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Explore [Dubrovnik, Mostar, Trogir, and Split](#) on a 4-day pre- or post-trip extension, and/or historic [Naples](#) on a 2-day pre- or post-trip extension. See page 24 or visit our website for details.

**HISTORIAN**

Join Mediterranean history experts [Robyn Woodward](#) on the May 22, 2020 departure and [Thomas Heffernan](#) on the Sep. 17, 2020 departure.

**SEE MORE ONLINE**

Watch exciting aerial footage of *Sea Cloud* under sail at [expeditions.com/seacloudsail](https://expeditions.com/seacloudsail)



# THE GREEK ISLES IN DEPTH— MUST-SEE SITES & 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 azure waters; 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, less-walked side streets and hidden cafés. 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: The Temple of Isis on Delos.*

# SAILING THE GREEK ISLES

## 9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD *SEA CLOUD*

PRICES FROM: \$9,970 to \$19,180 (See page 23 for complete pricing.)

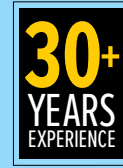
Scattered across the Aegean Sea and steeped in ancient mythology, the Cyclades are some of the most spectacular of Greece's many isles. Here, fishing boats cast colorful reflections in azure waters, whitewashed villages cascade down lavender-dusted slopes, and craggy headlands are punctuated by ancient 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 of 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 wonders of Athens on a two-day extension, and/or Crete on a three-day extension. See page 24 or visit [expeditions.com/greekisles\\_ext](http://expeditions.com/greekisles_ext) for details.

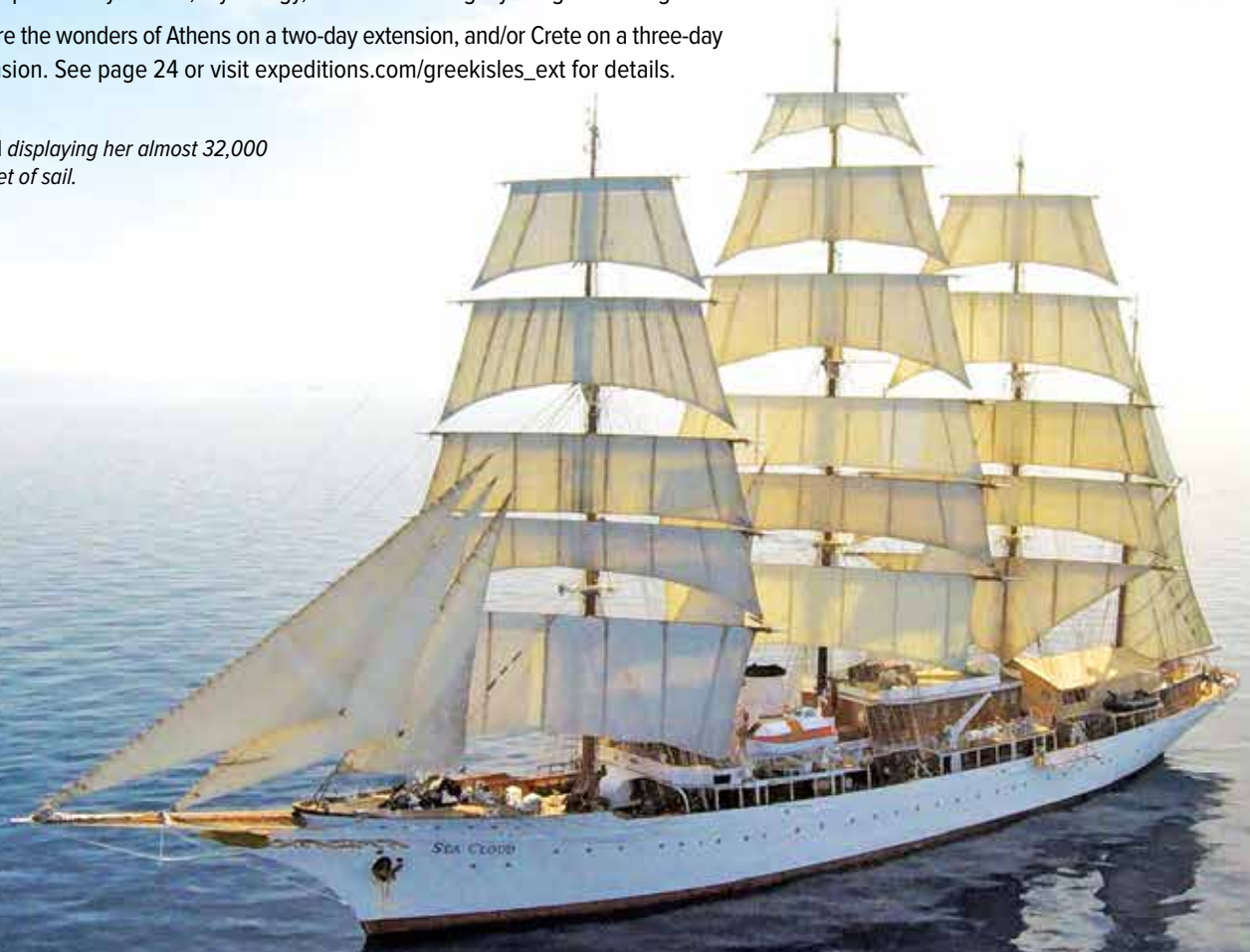
*Sea Cloud* displaying her almost 32,000 square feet of sail.

### 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 and guest speaker bios for this expedition.



**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**

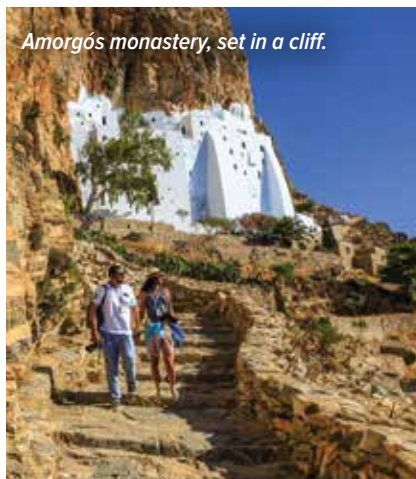
Enjoy a glorious day of sailing among the evocative isles of the Cyclades. Follow along with the sail plan as the crew climb the rigging and trim the sails, and attend presentations by our team of experts on the area's history and mythology. In the late afternoon, we may have a chance for an impromptu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



*Amorgós monastery, set in a cliff.*

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)



*Historic white church, Amorgós.*

**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:** 2020 Jun. 11, 18; Aug. 24, 31

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 OFFER:**

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

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Add a two-day pre-trip extension to [Athens](#) or a three-day post-trip extension to [Crete](#). See page 24 or visit our website for details.

**HISTORIAN**

Join historian **Rebecca Ingram** on the Aug. 24 & 31, 2020 departures. Rebecca is a research associate with the Institute of Nautical Archaeology (INA), and has spent years researching the Theodosian Harbor excavations at Yenikapı in Istanbul.

**SEE MORE ONLINE**

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*Santoríni Island, Greece.*

# 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 square feet.

**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 and in a casual setting, 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.

**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.

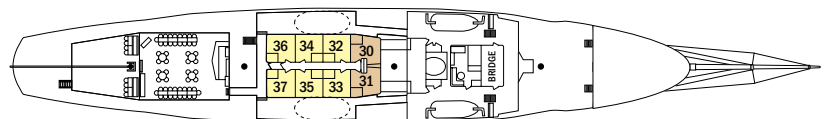
**ORIGINAL/DELUXE CATEGORY B:** Original and deluxe cabins, #5, 6, 9, 10: Located on the Main Deck, these large cabins, originally occupied by guests (and the nannies, #9-10) of the owner, have a mix of bed types, decorative motifs, bathrooms with tub or shower. All have portholes.

**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.

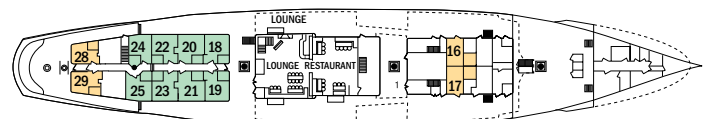
**OWNER'S SUITES:** Original owner's suites #1-2: These incomparable suites were occupied by Marjorie Merriweather Post (#1) and E.F. Hutton (#2). They have king-size beds and grand marble bathrooms with bathtubs. Both suites have portholes.



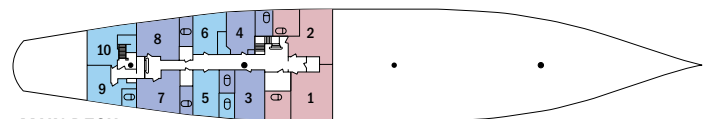
*Insets clockwise from top: Sea Cloud under full sail; staircase to the Captain's and Lido deck; Original/Deluxe Category A cabin; Owner's Suite which is one of the original cabins; crew climbs aloft to unfurl the sails.*



**CAPTAIN'S AND LIDO DECK**

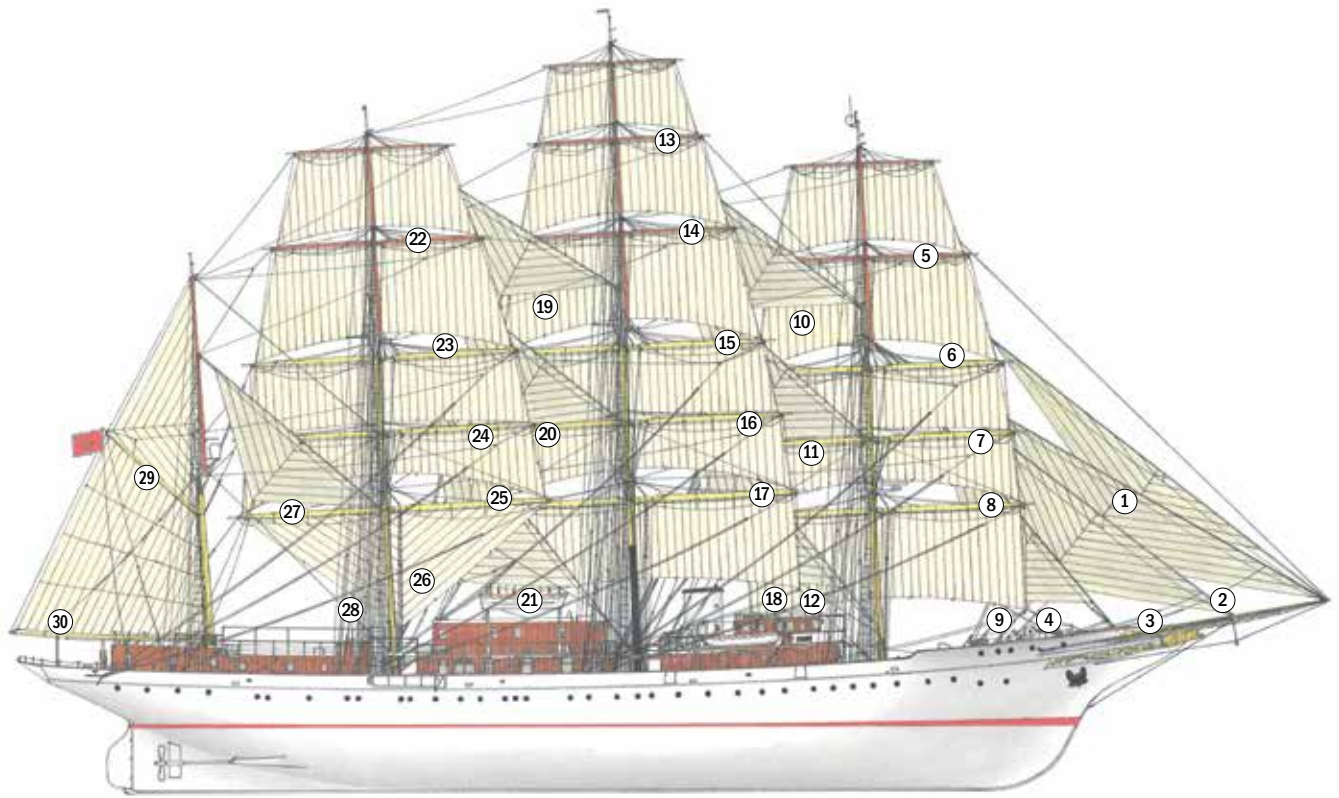


**PROMENADE DECK**



**MAIN DECK**





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

ITINERARY	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
<b>Sailing the Caribbean – Page 8</b>	2020	\$8,990	\$10,280	\$12,450	\$12,990	\$14,550	\$15,340	\$17,690	\$13,490	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: Round-trip Miami/ Barbados: Economy from \$240; Business from \$1,000.
<b>Mediterranean Gems: From Dubrovnik to Naples – Page 16</b>	2020	\$13,330	\$15,080	\$18,230	\$19,190	\$20,880	\$22,590	\$25,460	\$19,990	\$1,500	Sample Airfares: Round-trip New York/Valletta, Athens/New York: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$3,400.
<b>Sailing the Greek Isles – Page 20</b>	2020	\$9,970	\$11,220	\$13,390	\$14,180	\$15,750	\$16,760	\$19,180	\$14,960	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: Round-trip New York/Athens: Economy from \$800; Business from \$2,400.

# OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS



## ADD ATHENS

### PRE- OR POST-VOYAGE: 2 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2020\*: \$1,500 per person, double; \$1,750 single

Spend two full days exploring the heart of ancient Athens including the Acropolis, Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Agora, plus visit many of the neoclassical buildings, antique shops, and fine restaurants. Benefit from knowledgeable, friendly guides, and special access at museums. Add it before **Sailing the Greek Isles**.



## ADD CRETE

### POST-VOYAGE: 3 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

2020\*: \$2,470 per person, double; \$2,620 single

Venture to the island of Crete to visit the palace of King Minos, stroll through picturesque villages, and taste the wonderful wines of the island. Learn the early mythology of King Minos and the Minoans, and feel the ruins of ancient cities come to life in the company of our guides—all expert storytellers. Explore the ancient, mythological, and architectural aspects of this renowned island, such as the birthplace of Zeus. Add it after **Sailing the Greek Isles**.



## ADD DUBROVNIK, MOSTAR, TROGIR, AND SPLIT

### PRE- OR POST-VOYAGE: 4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

2020\*: \$3,180 per person, double; \$3,850 single

Begin in Split and Trogir, whose cobblestones, ancient buildings and narrow lanes combine the richness of the past with the vibrancy of the present. Then see historic Mostar in Bosnia and Herzegovina, where you'll visit the renowned Old Bridge, whose rebuilding has come to symbolize the rebirth of the Balkan States. Continue to Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage site, regarded as the best-preserved medieval town in the world. Add it before or after **Mediterranean Gems: Dubrovnik to Naples** (depending on voyage direction).

*\*Airfare is not included on all extensions.*



## ADD NAPLES

### PRE-VOYAGE: 2 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2020\*: \$1,560 per person, double; \$2,080 single

Naples is a vital and lively city, graced by a wealth of historic treasures but very much living in the here and now. On our two-day extension, you'll see the historic center, a World Heritage site, with one astonishing work of art and architecture after another. Enjoy a panoramic view from atop a hill overlooking the city and the Bay of Naples. Stay at the Grand Hotel Vesuvio, itself a piece of history. Add it before or after **Mediterranean Gems: Dubrovnik to Naples** (depending on voyage direction).

# TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SPECIAL OFFERS

## ENJOY SEA CLOUD WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS:

Your entire bar bill (excepting certain super-premium brands of alcohol) is on the house on all *Sea Cloud* departures. And crew tips, a large part of the income for the 60-person crew—is also complimentary. Theoretically, you could leave your wallet at home.

**BRINGING A GROUP:** For your party of eight people or more, each guest receives 5% off the expedition cost.



**BACK-TO-BACK SAVINGS:** Save 10% on consecutive journeys aboard one expedition ship. (Excludes extensions and airfare.)

**BRINGING THE KIDS:** Take \$500 off the double occupancy rate for each person under 18.

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