

Sea Cloud

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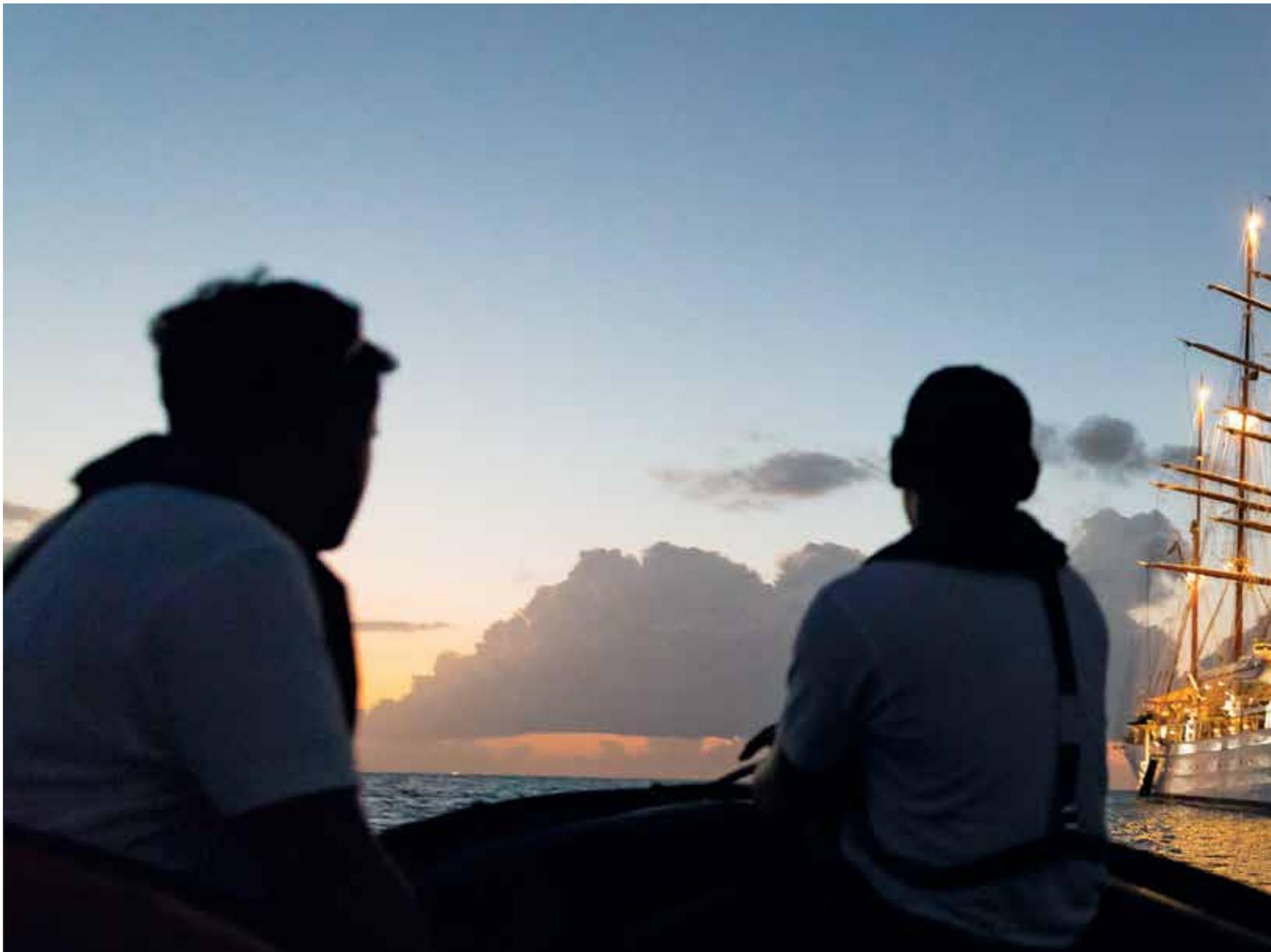


Go back home and tell your friends and family that this kind of experience exists, because most people don't know you can even do this kind of thing in the 21st century.

Traveling aboard *Sea Cloud*, a historic four-masted barque, is an overall multisensory experience of the rarest kind—and this is true wherever you choose to explore.

Sea Cloud in the Caribbean is idyllic because little competes with the sensual pleasure of the balmy air and the constant trade winds that invite everyone out on deck. And *Sea Cloud* in the Mediterranean is quintessential because it provides non-stop opportunities to set off from our anchorages or ports—where *Sea Cloud* is invariably the most beautiful ship—to explore the extraordinary beauty and charm of coastal towns, and linger among antiquities and sites 'sacred' to Western civilization. Whether you're passively watching the athletic young crew scrambling high in the rigging, lolling in what Marjorie Merriweather Post called the "blue lagoon," or learning to capture the sun on sails with your Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, the life aboard *Sea Cloud* is either the point, or the perfect interlude between explorations. Hedge your bets against winter by booking a *Sea Cloud* Caribbean vacation! Or join any other itinerary for one of the most extraordinary experiences contemporary life still offers.

We look forward to welcoming you. And please, pack casually.



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. Many guests tell us that they've vacationed in the Caribbean before, but never found it particularly interesting until now. 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. In the Mediterranean, where in-depth knowledge is vital to the quality of your experience, Tom's expertise in Greco-Roman history, and fellow lecturer Robin Woodward's knowledge of Mediterranean history and nautical archaeology, will prove transformative.



Historian Tom Heffernan.



And the seamanship is superb...

Captain Evgeny Nemerzhitskiy, one *Sea Cloud's* captains, is among the greatest square-rig captains of the 21st 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.



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-National Geographic. 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. 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 our 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. We 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 who are devoted to your comfort and pleasure during your stay aboard. Enjoy their services with our compliments—gratuities are included in the voyage price.*



Marjorie Merriweather Post's cabin.



E.F. Hutton's cabin.

“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*

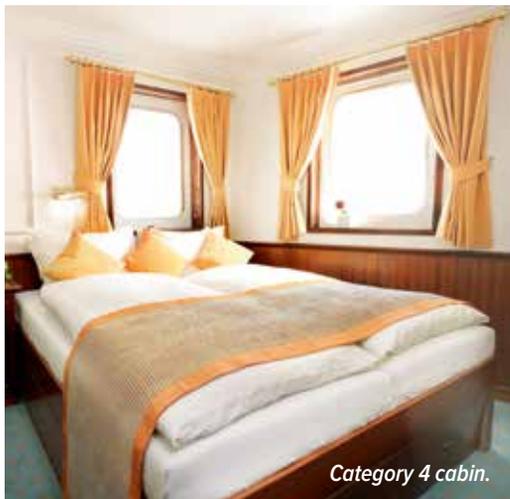


Built in 1931 by businessman E.F. Hutton for his wife Marjorie Merriweather Post, *Sea Cloud* was originally fitted with two lavishly appointed owner's suites and seven guest staterooms, decorated in a range of styles. In 1979, twenty-six years after Post sold her, the ship, having weathered years of

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 eight 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, which 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.

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.



Category 4 cabin.

SEE MORE ONLINE

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

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 Mediterranean itineraries, plus our Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic expedition style to her allure, 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.



Inspiring archaeologists, historians, National Geographic experts & our renowned expedition staff



JOHN FRICK
Expedition Leader

John is as comfortable exploring archaeological and cultural destinations as he is leading expeditions to the world's most remote areas. And when possible, he especially enjoys sharing his knowledge of astronomy and expertise in stargazing from the deck of a ship.



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. She is currently a Director of the Vancouver Maritime Museum and a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographic Society.



REBECCA INGRAM,
Historian

A research associate with the Institute of Nautical Archaeology (INA), Rebecca has studied ancient Mediterranean seafaring and trade since 2000, and has spent years researching the Theodosian Harbor excavations at Yenikapı in Istanbul.



KRISTA ROSSOW,
National Geographic Photography Expert



Krista Rossow has worked as a photographer, photo editor, and educator for National Geographic for over a decade. As she travels the world, she uses her camera as a tool for understanding new cultures, meeting the locals, and exploring the natural world. On board *Sailing the Caribbean*, Jan. 20, 2023.

BILL SATURNO,
National Geographic Cultural Expert



Bill Saturno is an archaeologist and storyteller specializing in the myths and histories of early civilizations and the politics of empire. On board *Mediterranean Gems: From Dubrovnik to Naples* on May 23, 2023.

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Sea Cloud in the Caribbean: the most beautiful yacht in the harbor

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. 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. 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 say you've sailed with one of the greatest square-rig captains of the 21st century.

Inset: 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. Sea Cloud carries almost 32,000 square feet of sail (3,000 square meters). Main image: Overlooking Marigot Bay from Fort Napoléon in the Îles des Saintes, Guadeloupe.





SAILING THE CARIBBEAN



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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 rainforests showcasing island flora and fauna.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

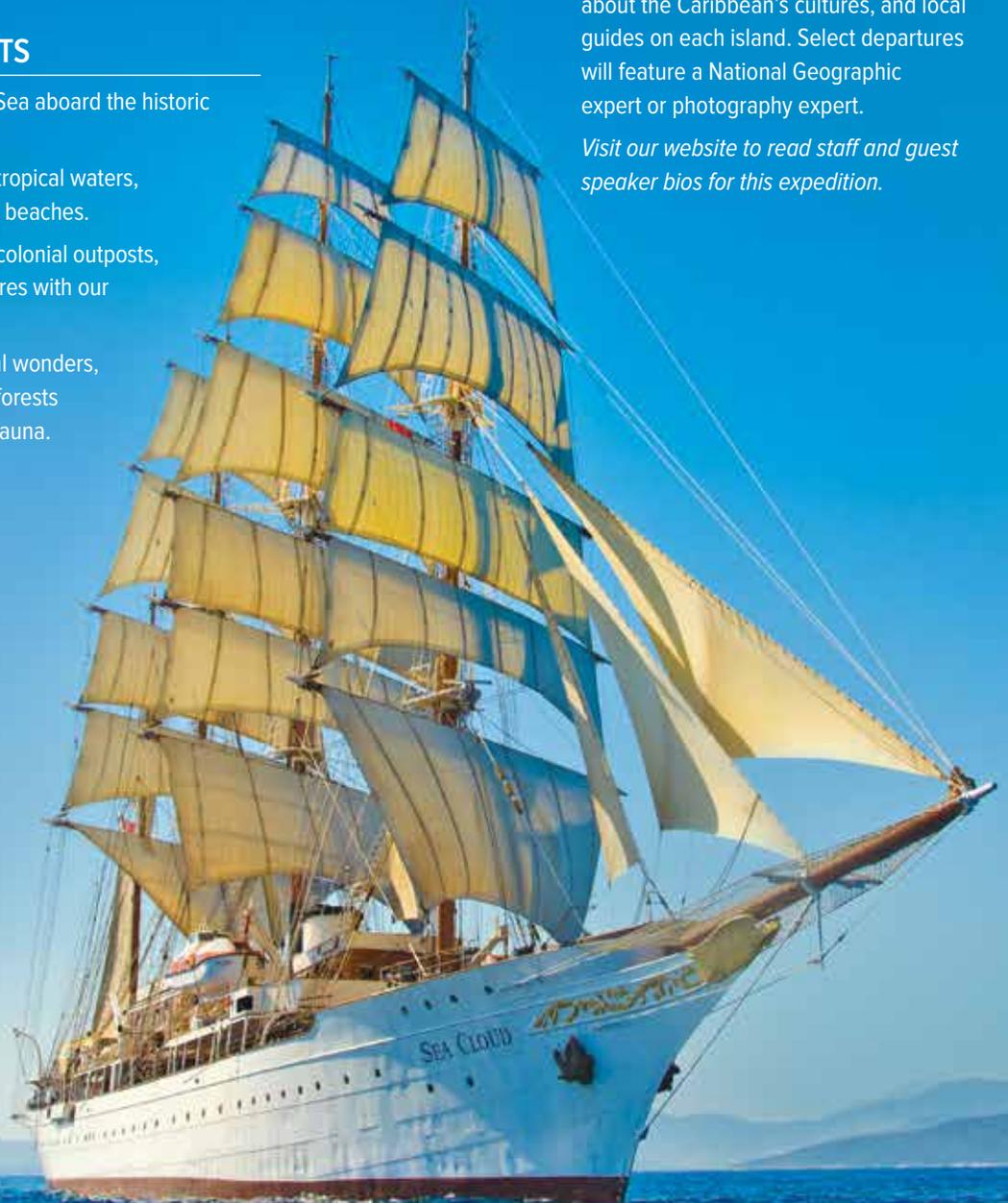


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operating expedition-style journeys aboard this superlative vessel. In addition to an expedition leader, you'll be joined by a naturalist/Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a historian who will tell you about the Caribbean's cultures, and local guides on each island. Select departures will feature a National Geographic expert or photography 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 *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 rainforest. 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, GUADELOUPE/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, THE GRENADINES

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/CARRIACOU, GRENADA

Spend the morning aboard *Sea Cloud* under sail, exploring the idyllic Grenadine Islands, with their quintessential tropical cays. This afternoon, enjoy snorkeling and swimming in Tyrell Bay or enjoy the town of Hillsborough on a guided stroll. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: SOUFRIÈRE, 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 and transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)



EXPEDITION DATES

2023 Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERT

Join National Geographic photographer, photo editor, and educator **Krista Rossow** on the Jan. 20, 2023 departure. As she travels the world, Krista uses her camera as a tool for understanding new cultures, meeting the locals, and exploring the natural world.



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





Uncover the storied Mediterranean on a unique sailing vessel



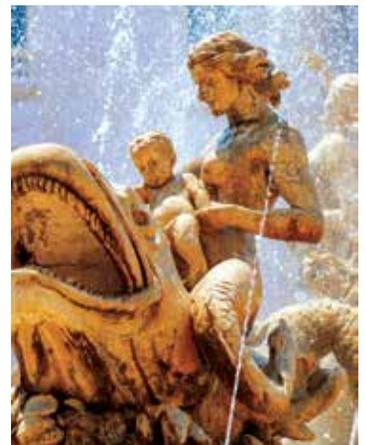
There's no better way to enjoy a grand itinerary through the Mediterranean than on a grand ship—the incomparable *Sea Cloud*, with her grace, fine service, and the thrilling tall ship sailing experience she provides. Our itineraries are designed to capitalize on the Mediterranean's dynamic winds and *Sea Cloud's* ability to take advantage of them, to conduct us on our way to each day's points of interest while sailing through legendary locales.

On a voyage between Dubrovnik and Naples, round Italy's "boot" as *Sea Cloud* takes you away from the fast-paced modern world to ports where antiquity comes to life. Set out on a journey along the ancient shores of Sicily and Malta to discover their unique cultures, history, and cuisine. Or perhaps follow a different path: one sailors have plied for millennia, along Greece and the Dalmatian Coast.

Venture further north into the Adriatic Sea for a deeper dive into Croatia and Slovenia's local cultures, ancient ruins, and stunning coastlines. Or, visit the Cyclades, the essence of the Greek Isles: let our guides reveal the picturesque, less-walked side streets and hidden cafés.

Board the historic sailing yacht for a unique exploration of two fiercely independent islands: Sardinia and Corsica. Or—on our newest voyage—sail along the Iberian Peninsula to Italy's western coast by way of the Balearic Islands, Sardinia, and Corsica, venturing inland to explore traces of great empires, prehistoric monuments, and charming village life.

While *Sea Cloud* is for many the destination, each day's activities will lure even the most resolute chair-lounger out to view the breathtaking architecture and patinaed wonders of this storied region. The knowledge and passion of our Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic team will enhance your understanding and appreciation of all you'll see, and cruising along at up to 10 knots on wind power alone will prove key to a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



Main image: The picturesque town of Amalfi, Italy; Insets: Fine dining on a terrace in Sicily; figures in the Fountain of Artemis in the Piazza Archimede in Ortigia, Siracusa.

SAILING THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN: SPAIN TO CORSICA

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Historic cities and rugged, beautiful islands dot Europe's southern coast, harboring evidence of ancient civilizations and the traces of great empires from the Romans to the Moors. Set sail from Lisbon aboard the historic square-rigger, navigate through the Strait of Gibraltar, and trace the coast of Iberia, venturing inland to explore the captivating cities of Seville and Granada. Then island-hop across the western Mediterranean from the Balearic Islands to the shores of Italy. Discover prehistoric monuments on Menorca and Corsica, and charming harbor towns in Mallorca and Sardinia.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Delve into UNESCO World Heritage sites in Seville and Granada, including Giralda Tower, the Alcazár, and the splendid Alhambra.
- ▶ Admire the work of Gaudí in Palma de Mallorca, and the paintings of Velázquez on a private tour of Seville's stunning Hospital de Los Venerables.
- ▶ Explore Roman ruins in Cartagena, see mysterious megaliths on Menorca, and wander among standing stones in the Corsican countryside.
- ▶ Experience *Sea Cloud* at her finest as you enjoy ample sailing time across the Mediterranean.
- ▶ Explore Lisbon on a three-day pre-extension and/or Naples & Pompeii on a three-day post-extension.

Alcazár Castle.



DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./LISBON, PORTUGAL/ EMBARK

Arrive in Lisbon on an overnight flight and embark in the late afternoon. (D)

DAYS 3 & 4: AT SEA

Begin your expedition with what *Sea Cloud* does best—sailing! Join the expedition team for a description of the crew in the rigging and the action of the setting of square sails, staysails, and jibs. Bask in the comfort and intrigue of this legendary ship—enjoy delicious meals, complimentary drinks, and talks by the expedition staff. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: CÁDIZ, SPAIN/SEVILLE

From Cádiz, set off on an excursion to Seville. Take a guided walk through the cobbled lanes of Barrio de Santa Cruz and the old Jewish quarter, and visit three UNESCO sites: Europe's largest Gothic cathedral, the Giralda Tower, and the Alcazár. Enjoy a tapas lunch before a private visit of the Hospital de Los Venerables, a 17th-century home for the elderly and infirm priests. Discover its courtyards, cloisters, chapel, and impressive art collection—which includes works by Velázquez. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: AT SEA

As we transit the Strait of Gibraltar, join our expedition staff for engaging talks about the region, and sample fine wines and local delicacies. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: ALMERIA/GRANADA

The legacy of the Spanish Moors lives on in Granada's architecture, cuisine, and culture. Spend the day exploring the Alhambra and gardens of Generalife, a spectacular palace complex boasting unparalleled Islamic décor and meticulously landscaped gardens. Originally constructed as a small fortress in 899 on the remains of Roman fortifications, it was completely renovated in the 13th century by the Nasrid dynasty. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: AT SEA/CARTAGENA

Due to its strategic coastal position, many civilizations have ruled and left their mark on Cartagena. Journey across the centuries through its historic vestiges and its most emblematic sites: remains of the Roman amphitheater, the Palacio Consistorial, the Port walk, and the modernist buildings of Calle Mayor. (B,L,D)



DAY 9: AT SEA

Relax, record your thoughts, sort your photos, and enjoy the open sea as *Sea Cloud* plies her way to the Balearic Islands. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: PALMA, MALLORCA

Pull into the picturesque port of Palma, where yachts are anchored against a backdrop of palm trees and the timeless silhouette of the city's sandstone cathedral. Visit this 13th century church and see the work of Gaudí, who restored its interior in the early 1900s. Explore the hilltop Bellver Castle, an unusual castle lined with elegant interior arcades. If you wish, head to the Santa Catalina Market—the oldest market in Palma—with a local chef to pick up fresh ingredients in preparation for a fun, hands-on cooking lesson. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: AT SEA/MAHON, MENORCA

Learn about the Vandals, Moors, and British who ruled over this stunning island, as well as the prehistoric civilizations who left intriguing monuments dating back some 4,000 years. Discover the Bronze Age village of Torralba d'en Salord and see the Talayotic peoples' enigmatic taulas, t-shaped stone monuments. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: AT SEA

Sail towards Sardinia and Corsica, two independent islands that have maintained their own character, language, and cuisine that distinguish them from their mother countries. Weather permitting, watch the crew climb into *Sea Cloud's* web of riggings to handset 30 sails. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: ALGHERO, SARDINIA, ITALY

Set off on foot with local guides to discover the medieval city of Alghero before heading to Ledà d'Ittiri for a wine tasting and tour. This afternoon, embark a local boat to visit the dramatic Capo Caccia peninsula and the



cathedral-like caves of Neptune's Grotto. As we depart Sardinia, catch the setting sun's golden light on the cliffs. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: BONIFACIO, CORSICA, FRANCE

Explore Bonifacio's Old Town and its ninth-century citadel, perched on limestone cliffs high above the sea. Enjoy free time to walk the medieval streets lined with art galleries, boutiques, and cafes. In the afternoon, drive inland to the Sartène region to discover intriguing menhirs, or prehistoric standing stones. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: AT SEA

Enjoy our last day at sea: grab your favorite deck chair, indulge in a good book, and listen to *Sea Cloud* part the surf as you cross the Tyrrhenian Sea to Naples. (B,L,D)

DAY 16: NAPLES, ITALY/ DISEMBARK/U.S.

Disembark and transfer to the airport for your flights home. (B)

EXPEDITION DATE

2023 Apr. 19

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Explore [Lisbon](#) on a three-day pre-extension and/or [Naples & Pompeii](#) on a three-day post-extension. See page 30 or visit [expeditions.com/westernmed-ext](https://www.expeditions.com/westernmed-ext) for details.

CORSICA & SARDINIA: SAILING THE MEDITERRANEAN



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Embark on a voyage dedicated to the exploration of two fiercely independent islands—Sardinia and Corsica, Italian and French respectively. Immerse yourself in their unique histories, cultures, and stunning landscapes. Visit UNESCO World Heritage sites, including Sardinia’s Su Nuraxi and Corsica’s Calanques de Piana. Stroll through medieval walled cities and old coastal villages. Sip wine and savor local seafood dishes. Enjoy the thrill of *Sea Cloud* under sail—from the sight of the crew scrambling high in the riggings to the incomparable hospitality aboard this legendary vessel.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site of Su Nuraxi di Barumini, one of the largest and most well-preserved Bronze Age stone fortresses known as *nuraghi*.
- ▶ Get a taste of Alghero and its surroundings: discover the medieval city, Neptune’s Grotto nestled in Capo Caccia’s peninsula, and Leda’ d’Ittiri wine-tasting estate.
- ▶ Take in one of the most stunning natural landscapes in the Mediterranean: Les Calanques de Piana, karst limestone rock ravines shaped by wind and water erosion.
- ▶ Bask in the comfort and intrigue of the legendary and historic *Sea Cloud* as you sail from Calvi to Bastia around wild Cap Corse.
- ▶ Explore Naples & Pompeii on a three-day extension.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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Stunning panoramic view of Les Calanques de Piana and Piana village in Corsica, France

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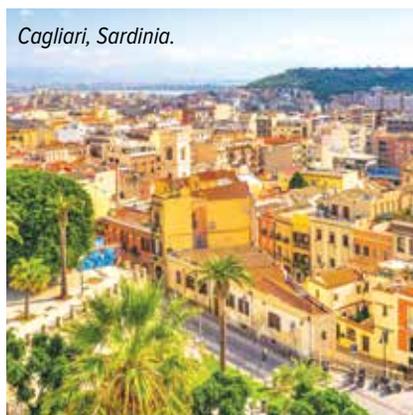
Arrive in Naples after an overnight flight and board the legendary *Sea Cloud*. Sail by the rugged coast of the island of Capri at sunset as we enter the Tyrrhenian Sea. (D)

DAY 3: AT SEA

Join the expedition team for a play-by-play description of the crew in the rigging and the action of the setting of square sails, staysails, and jibs as *Sea Cloud* shows her full glory. Enjoy delicious meals, complimentary drinks, and talks by the expedition staff as we sail toward Sardinia. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: CAGLIARI, SARDINIA

Dock in Sardinia's capital of Cagliari and drive inland to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Su Nuraxi di Barumini, the most well-preserved of the Bronze Age *nuraghi*, or stone fortresses, that characterize Sardinia and Corsica from the enigmatic civilizations that inhabited the islands over 3,000 years ago. Return to *Sea Cloud* for lunch, visit Cagliari's impressive National Archaeological Museum in the medieval Castello, and take a walking tour of the old town. (B,L,D)



Cagliari, Sardinia.

DAY 5: AT SEA/ORISTANO

We set sail again for the full morning and enter the large western bay of Oristano. Visit the Archaeological Park of Santa Cristina and Nuraghe Losa before enjoying some local food and entertainment. *Sea Cloud* sets sail for Alghero this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: ALGHERO

Anchor this morning off the medieval city of Alghero, which reveals its historic Catalan influence. Explore the old town on foot and

learn why the city is sometimes referred to as "Barceloneta." Then, travel to nearby Leda' d'Ittiri estate for a wine tasting and tour. In the afternoon, embark on a local ship excursion to the colorful and expansive cave of Neptune's Grotto on the Capo Caccia peninsula. Return to *Sea Cloud* and sail by dramatic cliffs in the golden sunset light on our way toward Corsica. (B,L,D)



Alghero.

DAY 7: BONIFACIO, CORSICA

Wake up to the sunrise over the layered cliffs of Bonifacio. Enter the small and spectacular narrow harbor to dock and enjoy the day in one of the Mediterranean's most beautiful towns. Begin with a walking tour of the Citadel, established by the powerful margraves of Tuscany in the 9th century. In the afternoon choose to drive inland to some of the *menhir* standing stone alignments of the Sartène region. Experience the characteristic Corsican *maquis*, the herbal scrubland with stunning fragrances. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: AJACCIO/LES CALANQUES DE PIANA

The rock formations of Les Calanques de Piana are some of the most stunning natural landscapes in the Mediterranean. These karst limestone rock ravines, shaped by wind and water erosion, are deservedly designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Our morning is devoted to this landscape and the delightful hillside town of Cargèse. The scenery and the accompanying fragrance of the *maquis* and the pure, clean air are unforgettable highlights. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: CALVI/AT SEA

The gorgeous crescent bay, with its narrow white sand beach and the prominent Genoese citadel have made the town of Calvi a



renowned destination. Explore the pleasant town on foot, starting at the hilltop citadel with its ethnographic museum, medieval shops, and alleys. Enjoy stunning views as you work your way back down to the Port de Plaisance waterfront, where you'll have free time to stroll the lanes of shops and cafes. Board *Sea Cloud* late this afternoon and sail around Cap Corse to Bastia. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: AT SEA/BASTIA

With hopes for an overnight sail, we keep the morning free to continue sailing on the north-east coast of Corsica toward Bastia, where we dock for the afternoon. Explore Bastia, made up of the upper Terra Nova citadel and the lower working district of Terra Vecchia with its lively food and fish markets. Or opt to drive north to explore the wild nature of the mountainous Cap Corse peninsula before returning for an evening in Bastia. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: AT SEA

We spend the final full day on *Sea Cloud*, hopefully enjoying the ship under full sail, reflecting on our visits to the unique and extraordinary islands of Sardinia and Corsica, and sorting our photos for the evening's "guest slide show" of favorite photos contributed by all of our shipmates. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: NAPLES, ITALY/DISEMBARK/U.S.

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

EXPEDITION DATE

2023 May 3

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Explore [Naples & Pompeii](#) on a three-day pre-trip extension. See page 30 or visit [expeditions.com/cors-ext](https://www.expeditions.com/cors-ext) for details.

MEDITERRANEAN GEMS: DUBROVNIK TO NAPLES



12 DAYS | FROM \$16,950

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Beginning in the enchanting Croatian city of Dubrovnik, embark on our Dubrovnik to Naples voyage on the alluring *Sea Cloud* and wind your way down 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 clifftop 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 medieval island town of Ortigia, 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 lunch at Castello degli Schiavi, an 18th-century castle used as a locale for *The Godfather* films.
- ▶ Explore the wonders of Naples on a two-day extension and/or Split, Trogir, Mostar & Dubrovnik on a four-day extension.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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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.

DAY 1 & 2: U.S./DUBROVNIK, CROATIA/EMBARK

Arrive in Dubrovnik after an overnight flight and transfer to *Sea Cloud*. Embark this afternoon and settle in as we set sail. (D)

DAY 3: AT SEA

Marvel as the ship's billowing sails are raised by hand as we head across the Adriatic. Listen to a play-by-play description of the crew's various roles, or relax with a book on deck. (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)



Lipari.

DAY 5: AT SEA

Weather permitting, we spend the day with sails unfurled in the Ionian, sailing across the southern part of Italy's "boot" toward Sicily. Hear presentations from our experts and experience *Sea Cloud's* legendary five-star service. (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 Ortigia. (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. Enjoy a special lunch at the privately-owned Castello degli Schiavi, a phenomenal 18th-century estate, where we'll meet its homeowners and explore the grounds. Then, return to *Sea Cloud*. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: AT SEA/LIPARI/STROMBOLI

We'll set sail 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, and visit an archaeological 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

A morning at sea presents another opportunity to witness *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. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: SALERNO/POMPEII/RAVELLO

Spend the morning exploring the historic city center of Salerno. Marvel at the 11th century Duomo di Salerno—a magnificent cathedral dedicated to Saint Matthew—and the gorgeous landscaped garden of Villa Comunale di Salerno. Or, you can opt to visit the UNESCO site of Pompeii, a once thriving city buried in pumice and ash when Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79, that wouldn't be rediscovered for 1,500 years. We'll explore remarkably preserved villas, the forum, temples, and more. After lunch onboard *Sea Cloud* we'll drive to Ravello, a longtime haunt of artists and intellectuals, including Greta Garbo and D.H. Lawrence (who wrote *Lady Chatterley's Lover* there). Explore the gardens and buildings of the Villa Rufolo, originally built in the 13th century. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: PAESTUM/AT SEA

Drive to Paestum, a UNESCO World Heritage site with some of the best-preserved Greek temples anywhere. The three magnificent



Doric temples—the Temple of Neptune, the "Basilica" of Hera, and the Temple of Ceres—were founded in about 600 B.C. 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. Return to *Sea Cloud* this afternoon where we raise the sails a final time as we sail for 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. (B)

EXPEDITION DATES

2023 May 23*; Sep. 21

*This departure travels in reverse.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Explore [Split, Trogir, Mostar & Dubrovnik](#) on a four-day pre- or post-trip extension, and/or historic [Naples](#) on a two-day pre- or post-trip extension. See page 30 or visit [expeditions.com/medgems-ext](https://www.expeditions.com/medgems-ext) for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

National Geographic Cultural Expert **Bill Saturno** is an archaeologist and storyteller specializing in the myths and histories of early civilizations and the politics of empire. On board *Mediterranean Gems: From Dubrovnik to Naples* on May 23, 2023.



SAILING THE ANCIENT SHORES OF SICILY & MALTA



12 DAYS | FROM \$16,950

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Journey into the culture, history, and cuisine of Sicily and Malta. Step into the past among cities and temples left behind by the Romans, Greeks, Carthaginians, and prehistoric peoples—to name just a few. From Taormina to Gozo, wander through charming towns where modern-day life thrives amid glorious vestiges of ancient civilizations, and challenge your conceptions of Italian cuisine as you taste Sicily's take on pizza, pastries, and wine. We'll visit no fewer than five UNESCO World Heritage sites, and we'll have views of a sixth, Mount Etna.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Sail the shimmering waters of the Mediterranean, Tyrrhenian, and Ionian seas aboard the historic square-rigger *Sea Cloud*.
- ▶ Explore enchanting piazzas and winding alleyways of picturesque towns from Lipari to Taormina and Ortigia in the company of local guides.
- ▶ Visit an array of UNESCO World Heritage sites, from Greco-Roman ruins in Siracusa and Agrigento to the ancient temples of Ġgantija.
- ▶ Experience Sicily's unique cuisine at a wine tasting in Marsala, in Erice's renowned Pasticceria Maria Grammatico, and at a private lunch in a historic castle near Taormina.
- ▶ Explore Naples & Pompeii on a three-day extension.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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View of the city of Taormina at sunset, Italy.

DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./NAPLES, ITALY/ EMBARK

Depart on an overnight flight to Naples and board *Sea Cloud*. Gather for a welcome cocktail as we pass the island of Capri's rugged coast and enter the Tyrrhenian Sea. (Day 2: D)

DAY 3: AT SEA

Join the expedition team for a play-by-play description of the crew in the rigging and the action of the setting of square sails, stay sails, and jibs as *Sea Cloud* shows her full glory. Bask in the comfort and intrigue of this legendary and historic square-rigger—enjoy delicious meals, complimentary drinks, and talks by the expedition staff. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: ERICE & MARSALA/AT SEA

After docking in Trapani this morning, depart on an excursion up Mount Erice to the intriguing medieval town of Erice, perched 750 meters above Sicily's coast. Explore with local guides and wander on your own. Perhaps stop in at the renowned Pasticceria Maria Grammatico before we head to Marsala. Famous for its fortified wines, Marsala also houses an excellent museum devoted to its Punic history, an excavated Punic warship, and an excavated Roman merchant vessel. Finish with a visit and tasting at Marsala's most historic winery, Casa Florio, before returning to *Sea Cloud* in Trapani. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: AT SEA/AGRIGENTO

Rise and watch the crew set sail as we cruise along Sicily's southern shore. In Agrigento, visit the Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO site and home to some of antiquity's most magnificent Greco-Roman temples. Founded by the Greeks in the 6th century B.C., it served as a prominent city in Magna Graecia before changing hands between the Carthaginians, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, and Normans. Return aboard and cast off for Malta. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: VALLETTA, MALTA

At sunrise, enter one of the finest harbors of the Mediterranean: Valletta, surrounded by daunting limestone fortifications that date back to the 16th century. You'll want to be on deck with your camera as we make our final approach beneath the city's bastions, walls, and towers. Malta's glorious waterfront settings, its views, and historic cities and towns combine to make a visit here a wonderful experience. Spend the morning

touring the city, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and drive to the Upper Barracca Gardens. Take in the remarkable views of the Grand Harbor, Fort Ricasoli, and the Three Cities—Birgu, Senglea, and Bormla. Tour St. John's Co-Cathedral, with its elaborate inlaid marble tombstones and monumental artwork. Visit Mdina, a walled medieval city dating from the Norman and Baroque periods. Marvel at the impressive Mdina Cathedral then drive to the Rotunda of Mosta, the fourth-largest unsupported dome in the world. Return to *Sea Cloud* docked in Valletta, where you can wander on your own after dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: GOZO, MALTA/AT SEA

This morning, visit Malta's "second island," Gozo, with our focus on the ancient megalithic temples of Ġgantija, a UNESCO site. Older than the Pyramids of Giza and Stonehenge, the giant structures of Ġgantija were built by civilizations that thrived here more than 5,000 years ago. We'll also visit the medieval windmill of Ta Kola—one of the many structures built by the Order of the Knights of Malta, who ruled the Maltese islands for centuries. Spend the afternoon sailing. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: SIRACUSA, ITALY

Siracusa is a city that once rivaled Athens in cultural and economic wealth. Explore the archaeological park, which showcases a 15,000-seat arena hewn from bedrock still in use today. Visit the nearby limestone quarry, the cave of "Dionysus' Ear," and the Roman amphitheater before returning aboard for lunch. This afternoon, venture to the enchanting island town of Ortygia to discover its numerous little piazzas, twisting alleys, and the Duomo that was built from the ruins of Sicily's ancient Temple of Athena. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: STRAIT OF MESSINA/ TAORMINA

We anchor off the port of Giardini Naxos and drive up to the intoxicatingly beautiful medieval town of Taormina at the foot of Mount Etna. Walk the now-fashionable pedestrian Corso Umberto, lined with exquisite buildings, that ends at the Greco-Roman Theater, built into the cliffside in the 3rd century B.C. From Taormina, continue to the Castello degli Schiavi, a phenomenal 18th-century privately-owned villa, for a special private lunch, and meet the family that still owns it. Return aboard and enjoy dinner on deck as *Sea Cloud*



follows the wake of Odysseus through the narrow Strait of Messina. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: LIPARI/STROMBOLI

The Aeolian Islands are famous for the winds of the god Aeolus and for some of the most well-known volcanoes. Sail in the morning with the islands of Vulcano and Stromboli in view, anchoring for the afternoon at Lipari. Go ashore for a scenic drive around the island before returning to the main town. Visit the small archaeological museum that has an extensive collection of Neolithic artifacts made from the local obsidian that provided the foundation of the island's prosperity during the Greco-Roman era. Have dinner on deck as we cruise to Stromboli—and with a little luck, we'll see some of the pyrotechnics of this active volcano. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: AT SEA

Take a full day for sailing, reflection, and relaxation. Join our expedition staff for talks on the Lido Deck, catch up on journals, questions, and sample a collection of Sicilian wines. At sunset, celebrate our voyage with the Captain's farewell cocktail party and dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: NAPLES/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

EXPEDITION DATE

2023 May 13

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Explore [Naples & Pompeii](#) on a three-day pre-trip extension. See page 30 or visit [expeditions.com/ancientshores-ext](https://www.expeditions.com/ancientshores-ext) for details.

UNDER SAIL: GREECE TO THE DALMATIAN COAST



12 DAYS | FROM \$16,620

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From 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 the incomparable walled city of Dubrovnik.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Ply the waters of the Aegean, Ionian, and Adriatic Seas aboard the magnificent *Sea Cloud* with an expert staff.
- ▶ Step back in history at five UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the ancient ruins of Olympia, Greece—site of the first Olympic Games—and Albania's historic city of Butrint.
- ▶ Explore Montenegro's Bay of Kotor to Our Lady of the Rocks, a tiny islet created over centuries by local fishermen.
- ▶ Explore Split, Trogir & Mostar on a three-day extension and/or see historic Athens on a two-day extension.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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Encircled by medieval battlements, the terra-cotta roofs of Dubrovnik shimmer in the Adriatic light.



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

Depart on an overnight flight to Athens, arriving the next morning. Embark the elegant *Sea Cloud* in Piraeus late in the afternoon and settle into your cabin as we set sail. (D)

DAY 3: AT SEA

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 Katákoló 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/AT SEA

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 Ionian villages and explore sites that link to the era described in the epic poems. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: SARANDË & 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 Straits of Corfu. Set sail in the afternoon. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: DURRËS/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 & KOTOR,
MONTENEGRO**

Sail into Montenegro via the magnificent Bay 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 where you'll taste some local delicacies. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Known as the "pearl of the Adriatic," Dubrovnik is regarded as one of the best-preserved 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: AT SEA/KORČULA

Anchor at the island port of Korčula, one of the most beautiful medieval-walled 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/AT SEA

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. Wander the alleyways, visit



historic convents and monasteries, 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 DATES

2023 Jun. 2*; Aug. 25*; Sep. 11

*These departures travel in reverse.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a two-day pre- or post-trip extension to [Athens](#) or a three-day pre- or post-trip extension to [Mostar, Trogir & Split](#). See page 30 or visit [expeditions.com/dalcoast-ext](https://www.expeditions.com/dalcoast-ext) for details.



EXTRAORDINARY ADRIATIC: CROATIA & SLOVENIA UNDER SAIL

NEW



10 DAYS | FROM \$14,670

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Sail the sapphire Adriatic aboard the historic tall ship *Sea Cloud*, soaking up history and local culture along the stunning coasts of Croatia and Slovenia. Delve into the legacies of great empires from the Romans to the Venetians as you encounter ancient ruins and striking architecture that span the centuries. Get acquainted with picturesque old towns from Rovinj to Hvar, sample local wines and specialties, and explore important castles and palaces as we sail from Venice to Dubrovnik. Along the way, we'll keep our schedule flexible so that we can take advantage of opportunities to raise the sails or discover a spectacular part of the coast.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Venture to Croatian sites that tell the region's rich history, from Neolithic Vis to the Roman ruins of Pula and the Venetian gems of Rovinj and Hvar.
- ▶ Step into history at Slovenia's cliff-side Predjama Castle, and see hidden World War II bunkers and tunnels in Vis.
- ▶ Visit UNESCO World Heritage sites including Diocletian's Palace complex in Split and the lovely city center of Ljubljana.
- ▶ Relax under the billowing sails of a legendary square-rigger, enjoying the elegance and exceptional service of *Sea Cloud*, once the private ship of Marjorie Merriweather Post.

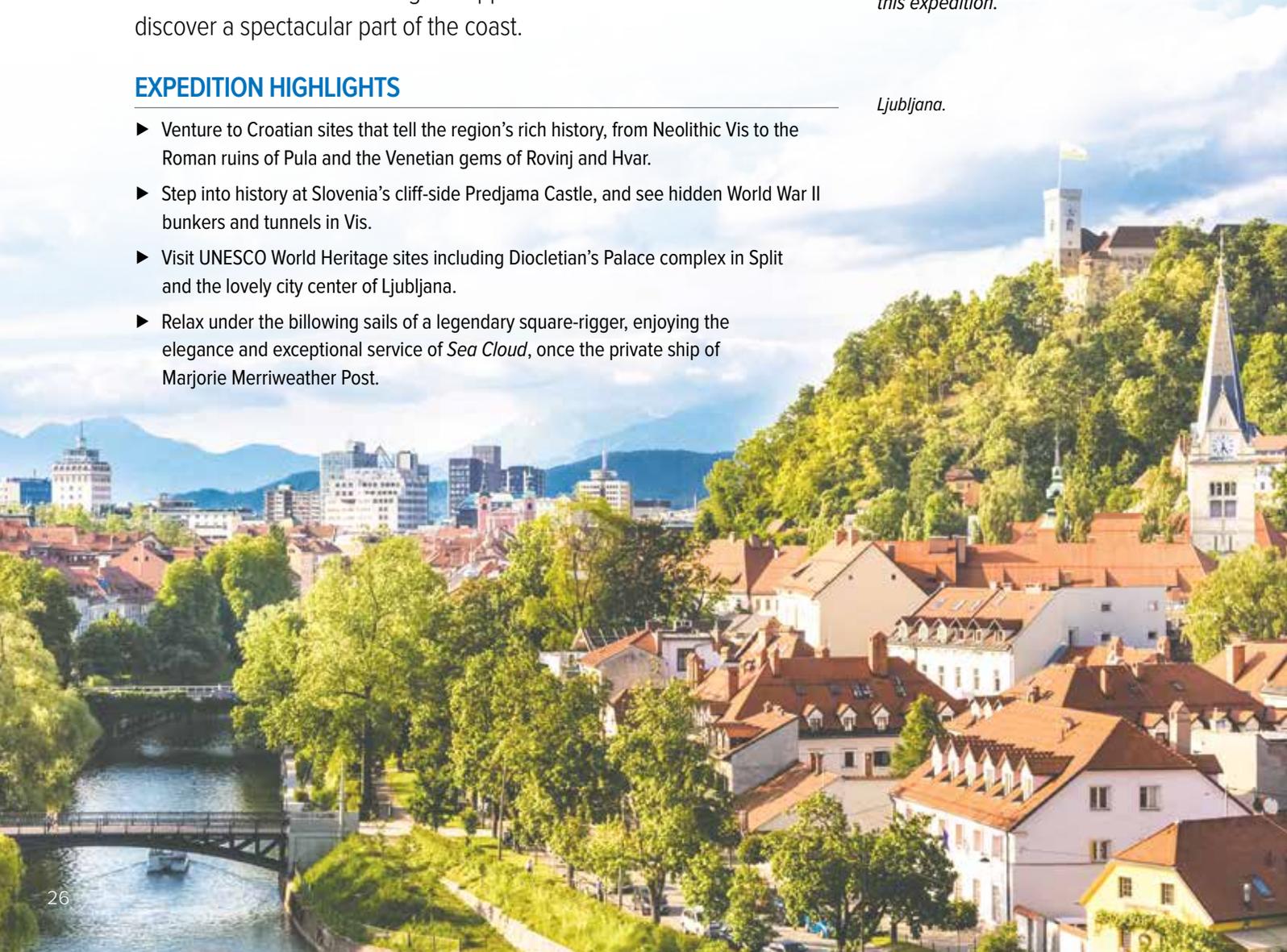
EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

30+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

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Ljubljana.



DAY 1 & 2: U.S./VENICE, ITALY/ EMBARK

Fly overnight and arrive in Venice. Embark *Sea Cloud* in the late afternoon and settle into your cabin. (D)

DAY 3: AT SEA

Join the expedition team for a play-by-play description of the crew in the rigging and the action of the setting of square sails, staysails, and jibs as *Sea Cloud* shows her full glory. Bask in the comfort and intrigue of this legendary and historic square-rigger as we sail toward Slovenia. (B,L,D)



DAY 4: PIRAN, SLOVENIA/LJUBLJANA

Anchor off the gem-like harbor town of Piran, and drive through the tranquil countryside to charming Ljubljana. Architect Jože Plečnik designed the city center when Ljubljana suddenly became a capital city after World War I, and his harmonious blending of old and new, linked by waterways and green spaces, recently earned the city designation as a UNESCO World Heritage site. On a walking tour, see the 15th-century town hall, and the castle perched above the city, and admire the diverse architectural styles of Prešernov Trg square. Cross Triple Bridge and stroll along the café-lined Ljubljanica River before a lunch of Slovenian specialties. En route back to the ship, stop for a visit to the 800-year-old Predjama Castle, nestled high on a cliff side. Tonight, sail along the coast of the Istrian Peninsula. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ROVINJ, CROATIA/PULA

Go ashore in Rovinj, once one of the most important cities in the Venetian Empire. Venture into the cobbled streets of its charming old town set on a tiny peninsula

that was an island until 1763, peruse the local open-air market, and see sites that illustrate the city's close ties with Venice. Travel through olive groves and vineyards to the Meneghetti Wine Hotel and Winery, sample award-winning vintages, and hear tales of when the region was ruled by the Austro-Hungarian empire. After lunch on the ship, drive to Pula. Settled by an ancient Illyrian tribe, it reached the height of its power under Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus. Venture to its remarkably well-preserved amphitheater, built by Emperor Vespasian in the first century AD and believed to have held around 20,000 spectators. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: AT SEA

Spend a relaxing day sailing the Adriatic. Join our expedition staff on the Lido deck for talks about the region's history, culture, and geography. Take in stunning views of the craggy cliffs and white stone isles that line Croatia's coast, and sit down to regionally inspired meals accompanied by fine wines. This afternoon, cruise past Kornati National Park, an archipelago of more than 80 rugged islands. Arrive in Split this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: SPLIT/AT SEA

Delve into the bustling port city of Split this morning, and discover the World Heritage-listed Diocletian's Palace. Built by Emperor Diocletian as a sumptuous place to retire, this site is now a beguiling maze of marble streets, churches, and fortifications that tell the history of the city from the Romans and Byzantines to the modern day. Enjoy an afternoon of sailing en route to the far-flung island of Vis. (B,L,D)



DAY 8: KOMIŽA, VIS

One of the outermost of Croatia's many islands, Vis was ruled successively by the ancient Greeks, Romans, Venetians, Austrians, and Italians. It became a central Yugoslav military base during World War II, and only opened to tourists in 1990s, making it less developed and less populated than many of its neighbors. Set out on a walking tour of the fishing town of Komiža, and see the traditional sailing vessels called falkušas, which have been used here since the 16th century. Hear about age-old regattas originally designed to keep pirates at bay. Take in expansive views from the rugged interior and visit a family-owned winery for a tasting and traditional peka lunch. See the tunnels where Yugoslav resistance leader Josip Broz Tito hid from the Nazis during World War II, and venture to hillside barracks and hidden bunkers. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: HVAR/AT SEA

At the height of Venetian rule, Hvar was the region's most prosperous center. Set off on a walking tour along the waterfront and inside the delightful walled city. Visit the 15th-century Franciscan monastery, the arsenal, and Croatia's oldest active theater. If you choose, hike up to the citadel for spectacular views of the island and the azure Adriatic beyond. This afternoon, take to the seas on our final sail. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: DUBROVNIK

Disembark in Dubrovnik this morning and transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

EXPEDITION DATE

2023 Aug. 17

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a four-day post-trip extension to **Kotor, Trebinje & Dubrovnik**. See page 30 or visit [expeditions.com/adriatic-ext](https://www.expeditions.com/adriatic-ext) for details.

SAILING THE GREEK ISLES



9 DAYS | FROM \$13,080

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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, with its Terrace of the Lions and exquisite Temple of Apollo.
- ▶ Visit the gorgeous village of Oía and the astonishing archaeological site of Akrotiri on beautiful Santoríni.
- ▶ On Amorgós, explore the monastery of Panagia Hozoviótissa, clinging to a cliff face and boasting magnificent views of the Aegean Sea.
- ▶ 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.

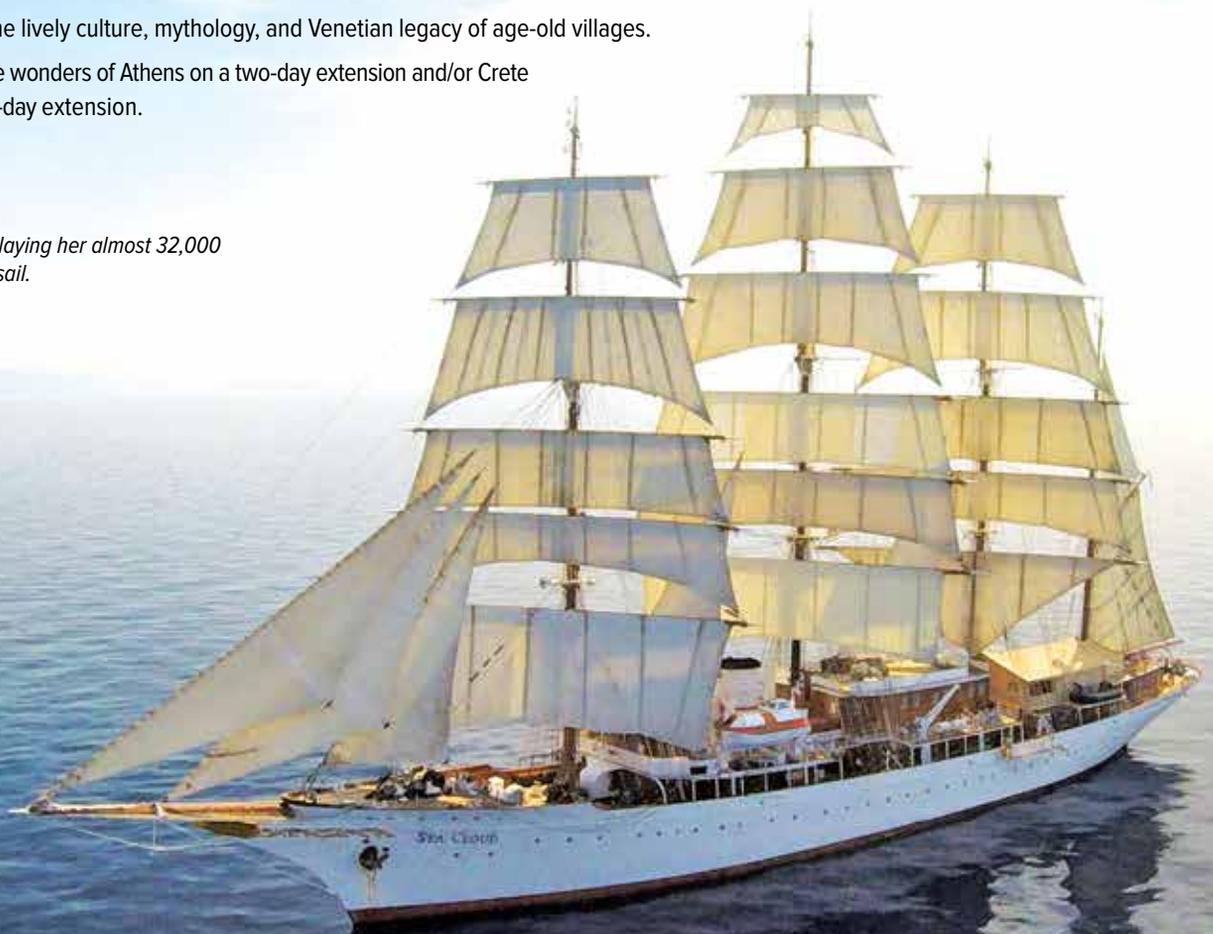
Sea Cloud displaying her almost 32,000 square feet of sail.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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

Depart on an overnight flight to Athens, arriving the next morning, and embark the majestic *Sea Cloud* in Piraeus late in the afternoon. Cast off, and take in our first Greek sunset at sea. (D)

DAY 3: AT SEA

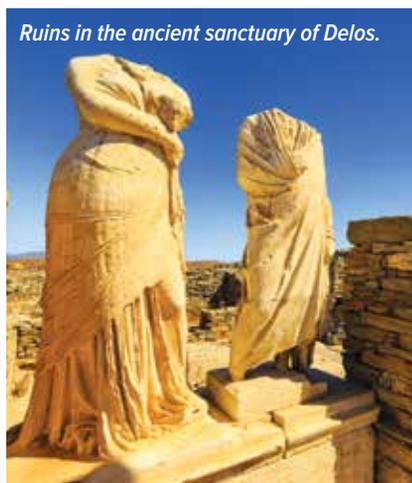
Enjoy a glorious day of sailing among the evocative isles of the Cyclades. Follow along with the sail plan as the crew climb the rigging and trim the sails, and attend presentations by our team of experts on the area's history and mythology. In the late afternoon, we may have a chance for an impromptu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



weather-permitting, enjoy a swim from the ship. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: AMORGÓS

Drop anchor at Amorgós, the easternmost isle of the Cyclades. Visit the main town, 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, explore the port town of Amorgós or enjoy the beach and a swim before returning to *Sea Cloud*. (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, Sifnos 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, we hope to hoist *Sea Cloud's* sails once more as we return to 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 DATES

2023 Jun. 12; Sep. 4

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

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a two-day pre-trip extension to [Athens](#) or a three-day post-trip extension to [Crete](#). See page 30 or visit expeditions.com/greekisles-ext for details.



EXPLORE MORE: OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS



ATHENS

PRE- OR POST-VOYAGE | 2 DAYS | FROM \$1,780*

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.

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Explore Split and Trogir, whose cobblestones, ancient buildings, and narrow lanes combine the richness of the past with the vibrancy of the present. 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. Visit Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage site, regarded as the best-preserved medieval town in the world.

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Stroll through picturesque villages, visit the palace of King Minos, 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. Explore the ancient, mythological, and architectural aspects of this renowned island, such as the birthplace of Zeus.

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NAPLES

PRE- OR POST-VOYAGE | 2 DAYS | FROM \$1,990*

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.

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NAPLES & POMPEII

PRE- OR POST-VOYAGE | 3 DAYS | FROM \$2,840*

Explore the historic center of Naples, a UNESCO site with astonishing works of art and architecture, and enjoy a panoramic view of the city and the Bay of Naples. Visit Pompeii, abruptly destroyed in A.D. 79, and its extraordinarily well-preserved homes. Go on a guided visit to the National Archaeological Museum, where many of Pompeii's artifacts are on display.

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LISBON

PRE-VOYAGE | 3 DAYS | FROM \$3,980*

Lisbon's sweeping river views, lavishly ornamented churches and monuments, and hilltop castles never fail to enchant. Walk winding medieval streets photographing colorful azulejos, stand where great explorers like Magellan and de Gama set off to change our understanding of the world, and see Sintra's stunning palaces and gardens. Plus—no visit to Portugal is complete without experiencing the country's distinctive cuisine, wine, and fado music.

Add it before [Sailing the Western Mediterranean: Spain to Corsica](#)



KOTOR, TREBINJE & DUBROVNIK

POST-VOYAGE | 4 DAYS | FROM \$4,180*

Join our expert local guides for a taste of Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Croatia with visits to historic sites, charming villages, and local cuisines. Discover the UNESCO site of Our Lady of the Rocks, the old royal capital Cetinje, magnificent centuries-old Serbian Orthodox monasteries, and more. Stroll ancient cobblestones, visit a traditional silk production atelier, and enjoy culinary specialties, including Njegusi Prsut—Montenegro's national smoked ham.

Add it after [Extraordinary Adriatic: Croatia & Slovenia Under Sail](#)

*All pricing is per person, double occupancy.

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: #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.

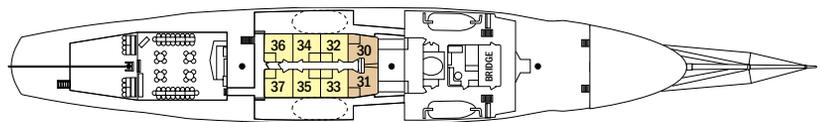
ORIGINAL/DELUXE CATEGORY A: Original/deluxe cabins, #3, 4, 7, 8: Located on the Main Deck, these very large cabins, originally occupied by guests of the owner, have a mix of bed types, decorative motifs, bathrooms with bathtubs. All have portholes.

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.

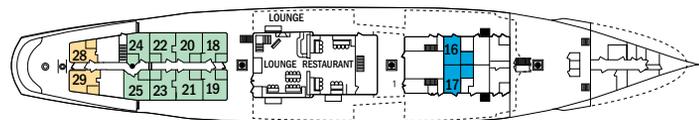
CATEGORY 1 SOLO: #16-17: Upper and lower single beds and a porthole. These cabins once housed the ship's officers.



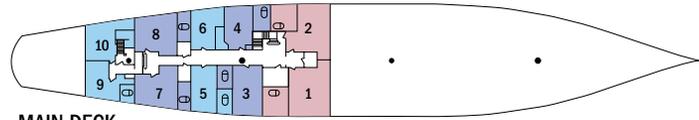
Insets clockwise from top: Dining room; staircase to the Captain's and Lido Deck; Original/Deluxe Category A cabin; Owner's suite which is one of the original cabins; Enjoy local cuisine and regional wines aboard Sea Cloud.



CAPTAIN'S AND LIDO DECK



PROMENADE DECK



MAIN DECK

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. Crew tips, a large part of the income for the 60-person crew, are also complimentary. Theoretically, you could leave your wallet at home.

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