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Sailing from Barbados aboard the romantic *Sea Cloud II*, this Caribbean voyage connects six distinctive islands across the Lesser Antilles. From active volcanic landscapes and 18th-century fortifications to skilled artisans preserving maritime traditions, contemporary art studios, Indigenous communities maintaining ancestral practices, and botanical gardens guided by expert naturalists—this journey presents the Caribbean through multiple lenses of natural wonder, historical resilience, and living culture.

In Carriacou's village of Windward, master craftsmen continue the centuries-old tradition of hand-building wooden schooners using techniques inherited from their ancestors. St. Lucia presents the world's only drive-in volcano at Sulphur Springs, where you'll walk among active geothermal vents and bubbling mud pools. Martinique reveals its complex history through the ruins of Saint-Pierre, obliterated by Mount Pelée in 1902, while contemporary artists transform the island's dramatic past into thought-provoking street art.

Dominica's Fort Shirley, a restored 18th-century British garrison, commands sweeping views over Prince Rupert Bay, while the island's Kalinago Territory preserves the traditions of the Caribbean's Indigenous navigators. Enjoy further exploration on Nevis, birthplace of Alexander Hamilton, and glamorous St. Barths, where local galleries display contemporary art alongside designer boutiques overlooking pristine harbors.



Map of the region

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Sail the Caribbean beneath 23 hand-trimmed sails aboard *Sea Cloud II*, a three-masted yacht built in the tradition of its legendary sister ship, combining old-world craft with modern comfort, from its mahogany-paneled library to its watersports platform.
- Meet master craftsmen in Carriacou's village of Windward, where families have hand-built wooden schooners for centuries using techniques passed down through generations.
- Walk inside the world's only drive-in volcano at St. Lucia's Sulphur Springs, where active geothermal vents and bubbling mud pools demonstrate the island's volcanic power.
- Explore Martinique's dramatic history in Saint-Pierre, the former cultural capital destroyed by Mount Pelée's 1902 eruption, then stroll through Balata Botanical Garden with a botanist.
- Choose your adventure in Dominica: Tour the restored 18th-century Fort Shirley with its commanding views over Prince Rupert Bay and the rainforest canopy, or visit the Kalinago Territory where Indigenous artisans demonstrate traditional crafts.
- Discover Nevis through private, expert-guided visits to the island's botanical garden and Alexander Hamilton's birthplace.
- Experience St. Barths's sophisticated blend of Caribbean beauty and French elegance, featuring a curator-led tour of Space Gallery's contemporary art collection.



Diamond Waterfall, St. Lucia

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5: DEPARTURE / BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS / EMBARK SEA CLOUD II

Depart on a same-day flight from the U.S. to **Barbados**, and join an airport transfer to the port of **Bridgetown** to board the awaiting **Sea Cloud II**. Gather for dinner on board this evening. D

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6: TYRELL BAY, CARRIACOU, GRENADA

After a morning at sea, we arrive at **Carriacou**, where you may choose between two excursions:

Option 1: Enjoy a visit to the historic village of **Windward**, where skilled artisans preserve the centuries-old tradition of hand-building wooden schooners. You will meet with one of these craftsmen to discover the time-honored techniques behind this maritime craft.

Option 2: Relax this afternoon on one of the island's secluded beaches.

This evening, gather aboard *Sea Cloud II* for the captain's welcome reception and dinner. B,L,R,D

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7: SOUFRIÈRE, ST. LUCIA

Upon arriving ashore in **Soufrière** to the sounds of a welcoming steel pan band, our scenic island tour begins. An expert botanist will lead a visit through a lush botanical garden, explaining the cultural and medicinal uses of the local tropical plants.

The tour continues to **Sulphur Springs**, the world's only drive-in volcano, for a close-up view of its steaming vents and bubbling mud pools. The day concludes with views of the **Diamond Waterfall**. The water's mineral content—sulphur, copper sulphate, and iron—paints the rock face in a shifting palette of yellow, green, and grey. This entire system is watched over by two mountain-like **Pitons**, which are the hardened lava cores of volcanoes that formed 200,000 years ago. B,L,D

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8: FORT-DE-FRANCE, MARTINIQUE

Today, you may choose a full-day or half-day excursion:

Option 1: Begin with a private visit to the **studio of a contemporary street artist** in the village of **Trois-Îlets**. Next is an exploration of the historic village of **Saint-Pierre**, the island's former cultural capital, which was destroyed by the 1902 eruption of Mount Pelée.

After a Creole lunch, join a botanist at the **Balata Botanical Garden**, the personal creation of landscape artist Jean-Philippe Thoze, who spent four years transforming his grandparents' former farmland into a collection of 3,000 plant varieties from around the globe.

Option 2: Embark on a relaxed half-day tour of **Fort-de-France**, including the cathedral, a local market, and the Balata Botanical Garden.

Later, all guests gather on board for a tasting of fine Martinican rum. B,L,D

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9: CABRITS, DOMINICA

On **Dominica**, known as the "Nature Island" of the Caribbean, you may choose a historical or a cultural tour:

Option 1: Join a guided exploration of the restored 18th-century British garrison, **Fort Shirley**. Learn the story of the 8th West India Regiment, composed of African slave soldiers who took control of the garrison. Their protest led directly to the British Mutiny Act of 1807 and the emancipation of all enslaved soldiers in the British Army. Then meet an expert for a walk through the island's botanical garden.



Saint-Louis Cathedral, Fort-de-France, Martinique

Option 2: Enjoy a visit to the **Kalinago Territory**, home to an Indigenous community that successfully fought off European colonization for two centuries. Here, you can observe the making of their traditional crafts and meet residents to learn about how their culture has endured, followed by a gentle walk along the **Emerald Pool Trail** to its waterfall. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10: CHARLESTON, NEVIS / ST. KITTS

Arriving in Nevis, the tranquil “Queen of the Caribbean,” you may choose between two excursions:

Option 1: Enjoy an island tour beginning with a private, botanist-led visit to the **Nevis Botanical Garden**. Then stand before the Georgian-style house where Alexander Hamilton was born in 1757. Take a guided tour of **Alexander Hamilton’s Birthplace House**, followed by an inside look at the **Nevis Heritage Village**, a living museum of the island’s past. The tour concludes with an intimate, hands-on visit to the studio of a local master ceramicist.

Option 2: Board a short, guided ferry ride to explore the highlights of nearby **St. Kitts**. B,L,D

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11: GUSTAVIA, ST. BARTHÉLEMY

How did a Swedish king leave his mark on a French Caribbean island? You will find the answer in the architecture and street names of **Gustavia**, the capital city named for Sweden’s King Gustav III after France traded the island in 1784.



Nevis Botanical Garden, Nevis (top) and Alexander Hamilton’s Birthplace, photo by Jamie Cox (above)

A guided tour includes visits to several local galleries and the harborfront. We will also have a private, curator-led tour of **Space Gallery**, one of St. Barths’ premier contemporary art spaces, for a conversation about the island’s role in the global art world. The afternoon is at leisure for independent pursuits, from exploring boutiques to relaxing at a seaside café. B,L,D

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12: PHILLIPSBURG, SINT MAARTEN / DISEMBARK / RETURN

Our voyage concludes as we disembark in Phillipsburg, Sint Maarten, and transfer to the airport for flights home. B

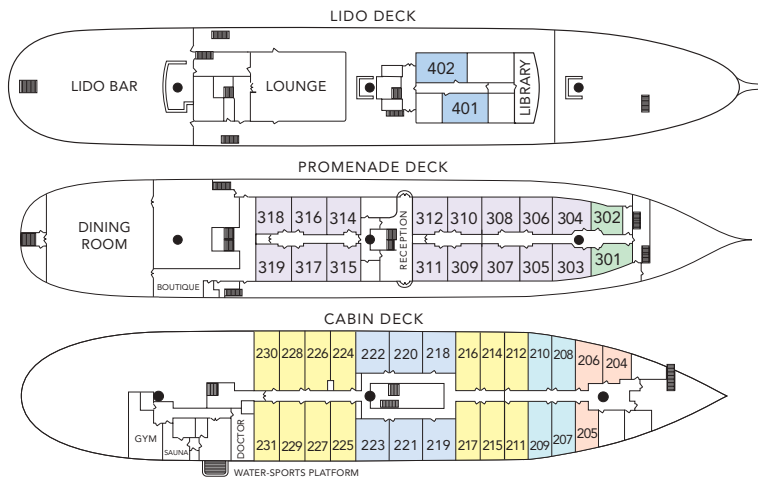
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Traditional crafts at Kalinago Territory, Dominica

CRUISE RATES

Cabins	Decks	Double	Single
Cabins 204 to 206 Upper/lower twin berths, shower	Cabin	\$7,999	\$9,999
Superior Cabins 207 to 210 Twin beds, shower	Cabin	\$9,999	\$14,999
Deluxe Cabins 211 to 217 & 224 to 231 Twin beds, shower	Cabin	\$11,999	\$17,999
Deluxe Cabins 218 to 223 Twin beds, shower	Cabin	\$13,999	Inquire
Deluxe Cabins 301 & 302 Twin beds, shower	Promenade	\$14,999	Inquire
Junior Suites 303 to 319 Twin beds, bathtub with shower	Promenade	\$17,999	Inquire
Owner's Suites 401 & 402 Queen-size bed, bathtub, and separate shower	Lido	\$19,999	Inquire



SEA CLOUD II

Sea Cloud II is a three-masted sailing yacht steeped in the elegance of yesteryear and complemented with the most modern amenities. Sister ship of the legendary *Sea Cloud*, *Sea Cloud II* has 47 outside cabins and travels under 23 billowing sails trimmed by hand. From the mahogany-paneled library and gracious lounge to the gym and watersports platform, no detail has been overlooked. Praised by the world's most discerning travelers, *Sea Cloud II* receives consistently high rankings from *Condé Nast Traveler*. Passengers enjoy open seating at all meals and complimentary use of all water sports equipment. A doctor is on call 24 hours a day. Please note that there is no elevator on *Sea Cloud II*.



Sea Cloud II



Sea Cloud II Junior Suite (top) and Lido Deck (above)

RATES INCLUDE

- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard *Sea Cloud II*
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; thoughtfully selected wine and beers at lunches and dinners; complimentary open bar aboard *Sea Cloud II* throughout the cruise (including all standard spirits).
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/pier/airport transfers for participants on arrival and departure days
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than what is noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for participants on arrival and departure days; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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