



#### Dear Traveler,

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

Sea Cloud is a destination and a reason to travel all in one, but add our selective Caribbean itinerary, our carefully crafted Greek Isles and Greece and Dalmatian Coast itineraries, plus our unique Lindblad-National Geographic expedition style, to Sea Cloud's allures, and you have an incomparable travel inspiration.

Our expedition style balances Sea Cloud's native elegance with casual comfort. It replaces ports of call with flexibility and spontaneity. And it

mixes the surprise and delight of "off the beaten path" islands, and authentic local experiences with visits to must-see sites. Consider too that when we're in the Mediterranean, we make it a priority to schedule our visits for the cool of the morning when we have legendary sites virtually to ourselves, and you have the prospect of an unparalleled travel experience.

There's a general perception that sailing vessels mean motion and seasickness, but Sea Cloud is a surprisingly stable ship, with a beautiful ride in all manner of seas. During World War II service, she was stationed by the Navy in the North Atlantic on meteorological patrol because of her stability. It's amazing to be standing on her decks and see the sea roaring around you as you notice that she rides with ease. (I also find the seamanship of her captain and crew outstanding too, as you'll see on page 5).

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

Best regards,

Tom O'Brien, Expedition Leader



# "Legend has it that the [Sea Cloud] was so beautiful that when sailors first saw it, they began to weep."

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

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

#### **HOSPITALITY NOTE:**

Our expedition team invites

Sea Cloud guests to visit the

Bridge at any time during
daylight hours to watch the
calm, steady business of
navigating a tall ship unfold.

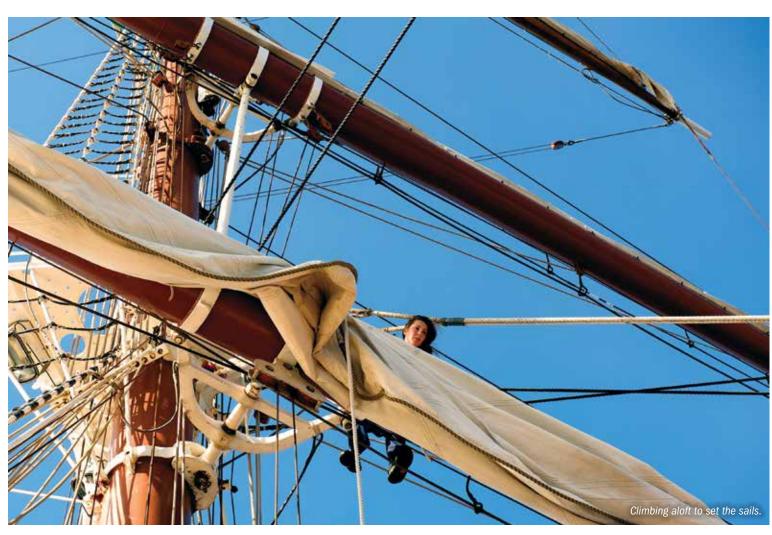




The **Daily Expedition Report** at right, was filed by expedition leader Tom O'Brien on Thursday, May 23, 2013. It gives a thrilling account of the exceptional sailing moments that can occur aboard Sea Cloud. Find the unabridged version at www.expeditions.com/daily-expedition-reports/174110

#### **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 this season, tips are handled for you, with our compliments.



### Sailing the Cyclades

After a stunning evening passage under the Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion the night before, it was difficult to believe the reports of a southwesterly gale on its way through the Cycladic Islands the following morning. But when we woke this morning, Aeolus the God of Winds was making a statement, and the winds were already fierce when Sea Cloud set the sails at 0800.

We were all amazed to see the roaring whitecaps on either side of the ship and the winds shrieking through the rigging, yet Sea Cloud was unbelievably stable and steady as Captain Pushkarev called for the lower and upper topsails and the courses to be set. In such a strong wind, only the strongest of the square sails were needed to harness the forces of nature. Sea Cloud was built by Marjorie Merriweather Post and E. F. Hutton in 1931; and as a sailor Hutton had seen to it that her hull design and construction were state of the art. Today, her stability amazed us, and we could now understand why the US Navy posted her in the turbulent North Atlantic during her service in WWII.

The sailors were all smiles and excitement as Sea Cloud roared up to 10 knots, finally peaking at 11.6 knots in the mid-morning. Captain Pushkarev had calculated for a mighty full-day sail of about 60 miles before we would shelter from the height of the gale in the afternoon at the island of Syros. But a square-rigger has no brakes, and we had to wear ship (jibe) a few times just to try to slow down and avoid overshooting our island harbor destination.

This was indeed first-rate sailing, and we were all filled with excitement as we tried to find our favorite places on this elegant vessel. We all knew we were sharing in something very special, that most people cannot imagine still exists in this day and age.



We were all on deck with the wind roaring at the harbor entrance, unsuspecting of the unforgettable action that would follow, as the Captain calculated how he intended to bring the ship into the tricky harbor of Ermoupolis in near-gale winds. It was a thing of beauty, and a masterpiece of seamanship. Captain Pushkarev had braced the yards to port tack and was planning to have the wind push the ship broadside into the dock on the starboard side. However, an unexpected construction barge occupied half the pier, and the winds were pushing forward faster than anticipated. With decisive and authoritative commands that dominated even the winds. Captain Pushkarev steered Sea Cloud to the middle of the harbor, dropped the port anchor so that the ship swung quickly around 180 degrees in front of the awestruck eyes of the entire city, then powered the ship forward up into the wind while raising the anchor again. As the bow neared the pier and the ship wrestled the winds, he then dropped the starboard anchor and the crew scrambled to heave the mooring lines and fenders on the opposite side of the ship than expected, as the winds set her gently into the pier. It was the equivalent of a high-speed skidding sports car parking job, in a classic and elegant squarerigged ship. When it was over, no one could quite believe what we had just seen, and we all shared the recounting of the events to piece it all together.

Captain Pushkarev calmly stepped off the bridge, thanked the sailors, and went to prepare for his Welcome Cocktail Party on the Lido Deck 30 minutes later. All in a day's work, but what a start to this voyage...

-TOM O'BRIEN, EXPEDITION LEADER







Clockwise from top: The graceful interiors of Sea Cloud; this marble fireplace is in Cabin 1 aboard Sea Cloud, Post's suite; the boathouse at the Adirondacks camp Hutridge; E.F. Hutton, 1920; Mar-a-Lago, the Palm Beach house; the living room at Mar-a-Lago.









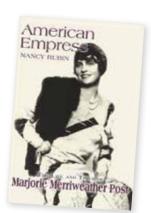
# "I remember [E.F.] said, 'How do you know your way around so soon?' and I told him, 'This is my child. I know her.'"

Marjorie Merriweather Post left the exterior construction of the *Hussar/Sea Cloud* to her yachtsman husband. She devoted herself to the interior design, with the same passion she brought to the envisioning and detailing of her homes, among the most admired and beautiful in the world including: Mar-a-Lago, her fantastic collaboration with architect Joseph Urban; her Adirondack camp, Hutridge, eventually renamed Topridge; and her two Hillwood houses, the first in Long Island, and the second, now a beloved, much-visited museum, in Washington, D.C.

Post rented an enormous Brooklyn warehouse, where she had the plans for each of the ship's three decks drawn out on the floors.

She spent weeks working there, studying the dimensions of each deck and plotting out each stateroom—down to the smallest detail, including the placement of paintings. The luxuriousness of the private and public quarters aboard Sea Cloud defy the conventions of yacht design. To be a guest on Hussar/Sea Cloud was, and still is, to be a guest in the home of a gracious chatelaine.

The headlines in quotes used here were taken, with permission of the author, Nancy Rubin, from her fascinating book, an observation of a remarkable life.













# "European monarchs, princes, presidents, cabinet members and celebrities like the Duke and Duchess of Windsor frequently visited..."

Sea Cloud was originally fitted with two lavishly appointed owners' suites and seven guest staterooms, decorated in a range of styles. In 1979, twenty-six years after Marjorie Merriweather Post sold her, the ship, having weathered years of illustrious service and eventual neglect, was gallantly rescued and refurbished. Now Sea Cloud has 28 cabins and 2 owner's suites, on three decks, in seven categories.

The owner's suites were left virtually intact. Post's cabin, the larger and more opulent, features the all-white, Louis XVI décor that was a personal signature, used in nearly all her houses. Hutton's cabin while slightly smaller, is richly elegant, boasting a walk-in closet and a pink Carrera marble tub. Beyond the beauty and cosseting they promise, these rooms provide an incomparable and rare



opportunity. If indeed,
"The past is a foreign
country," as this famous
quote attests, then
Sea Cloud invites you
to visit and discover it.

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





#### **HOSPITALITY NOTE:**

Whether it's cocktails in the lounge at evening recap, a nightcap, or drinks with new friends at the Lido Bar, this season aboard Sea Cloud your bar tab is on us.

# A perfect mix of elegant hospitality and relaxed informality

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

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





Opposite page: Relaxing after dinner as the sun sets; bottom left: At the bar.

This page clockwise: Chefs prepare beautifully presented meals; there is plenty of time to enjoy the sea and relax on deck; a Sea Cloud staff member pays meticulous attention to detail before guests arrive for dinner.







# Add National Geographic archaeologists & historians to *Sea Cloud's* many amenities



"The combination of traditional sail and luxury cruising was spectacular. For me, the voyage was a flashback to my youth. For others, it was a first-time experience aboard a square-rigger, and unforgettable opportunity to share a long-forgotten era of travel under sail."

 — Gil Grosvenor, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Governors of National Geographic, on Sea Cloud's sister ship Sea Cloud II

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER



On assignment for National Geographic for the past ten years, Michael Melford has often used photography to bring attention to the planet's wonders and the need to preserve them.

Michael enjoys giving seminars and workshops on photography sharing his love of and his knowledge of the digital medium.

SAILING THE GREEK ISLES: SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT GRACE FIELDER

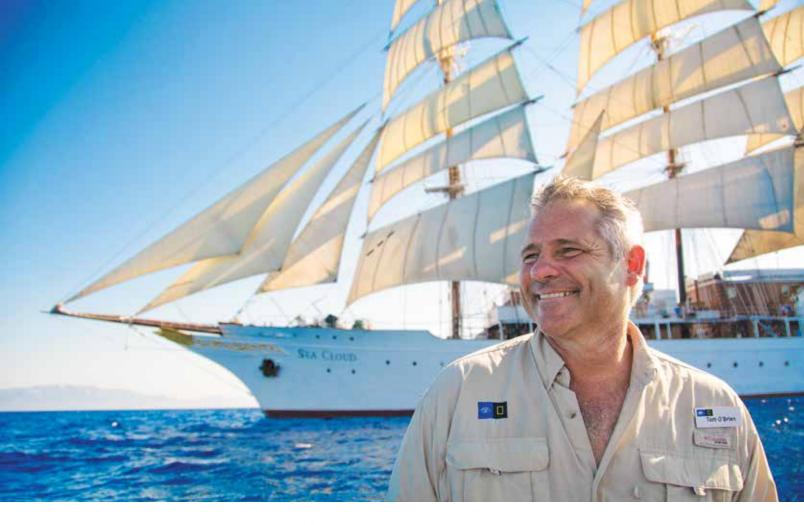
An expert on the history, culture, and languages of the Dalmatian coast, Grace Fielder is a professor at the University of Arizona. She has studied the local lore, music, and cuisine of this region, and has even moonlighted as a lavender harvester on the island of Hvar.

UNDER SAIL: FROM GREECE TO THE DALMATIAN COAST: JUNE 20, 2016

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT ALEXANDRA COUSTEAU

Alexandra Cousteau is a National Geographic Emerging Explorer whose legendary grandfather, Jacques, and father, Philippe, explored the world's ocean wonders. Today Alexandra Cousteau explores new ways to save them.

SAILING THE CARIBBEAN: JANUARY 28, 2016



### An A+ Expedition Staff

#### **EXPEDITION LEADER TOM O'BRIEN**

Thirty-two year Lindblad veteran Tom O'Brien (above) designed these itineraries to ensure extraordinary experiences no matter when you choose to sail. Tom will be on board many 2016 Sea Cloud departures. Please check our website for details.



#### TOM HEFFERNAN, HISTORIAN

A professor at the University of Tennessee, Tom specializes in the anthropology of religions and historical philology. He lectures on the history of the ancient Mediterranean in the Greco-Roman era. And he is

an expert on Caribbean history and languages.



#### NAUTICAL ARCHAEOLOGIST ROBYN WOODWARD

An expert on Mediterranean history and nautical archaeology, Robyn Woodward has directed several excavations and

lectured extensively on the region's history and sites.

FOR STAFF BIOS, VISIT WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/ EXPERTBIOS "Travel and photography go together, helping you to be in the moment and see a new place in a personal way, so I'm thrilled that now our specially trained Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructors will accompany every Sea Cloud voyage. From shooting sunlit white stucco walls in Cycladic villages, to balancing exposures between sea and sky, our Mediterranean voyages offer spectacular photo ops and unique photographic challenges. No matter what camera you have—iPhone, point-and-shoot, or digital SLR—or what level you're at, our certified photo instructor can meet you there, and help you take home the best shots ever."

—Ralph Lee Hopkins,Director of Expedition Photography



Special Sea Cloud experience: Conditions permitting, interested guests can head out in a Zodiac to circle Sea Cloud and capture their own personal portraits. Below: Certified photo instructors help turn any camera into an "aim & create."

# Aboard & at your service—a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor



The Mediterranean and the Caribbean are some of the most picturesque places in the world. To ensure you go home with some of the best shots of your life, there's a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor aboard every *Sea Cloud* departure. This veteran naturalist is specially trained to assist you with camera settings, the basic elements of framing, composition, and lighting; and to provide timely photography tips. With a little help, you'll discover the best ways to capture the romance of the ruins and the villages you'll explore.





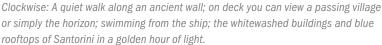


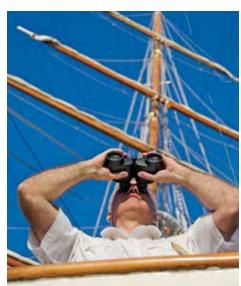
Right: Photographers at all levels have access to a skilled pro to improve skills and create their best photos ever.











# The double bliss of traveling aboard *Sea Cloud* expedition style

The sailing and the quality of life aboard *Sea Cloud* are idyllic—in essence, a destination and reason to travel all in one. But our expedition style of travel adds an unparalleled dimension and richness to your experience. Expedition travel acts as an invisible filter: calling to some, and not to others, inevitably providing you with the company of likeminded fellow guests, characterized by intelligence, curiosity and a sense of adventure.

Our explorations bring you up close: on an evening stroll along Venetian castle walls; a soulful linger at a tiny Greek *taverna*; or a steep in the spiritual silence of an ancient site we visit in the cool of the morning before the tourist onslaught arrives.

The engaging, knowledgeable expedition team, including the National Geographic experts you'll meet aboard, convert what would otherwise be a pleasant series of days strung together like beads, into a coherent narrative—with a beginning, a middle and end that adds up to meaning. And our expedition leader, working flexibly, in close harmony with the captain, takes advantage of spontaneous events—to transform their combined regional knowledge, experience and careful planning into something magical, and well beyond a conventional cruise.

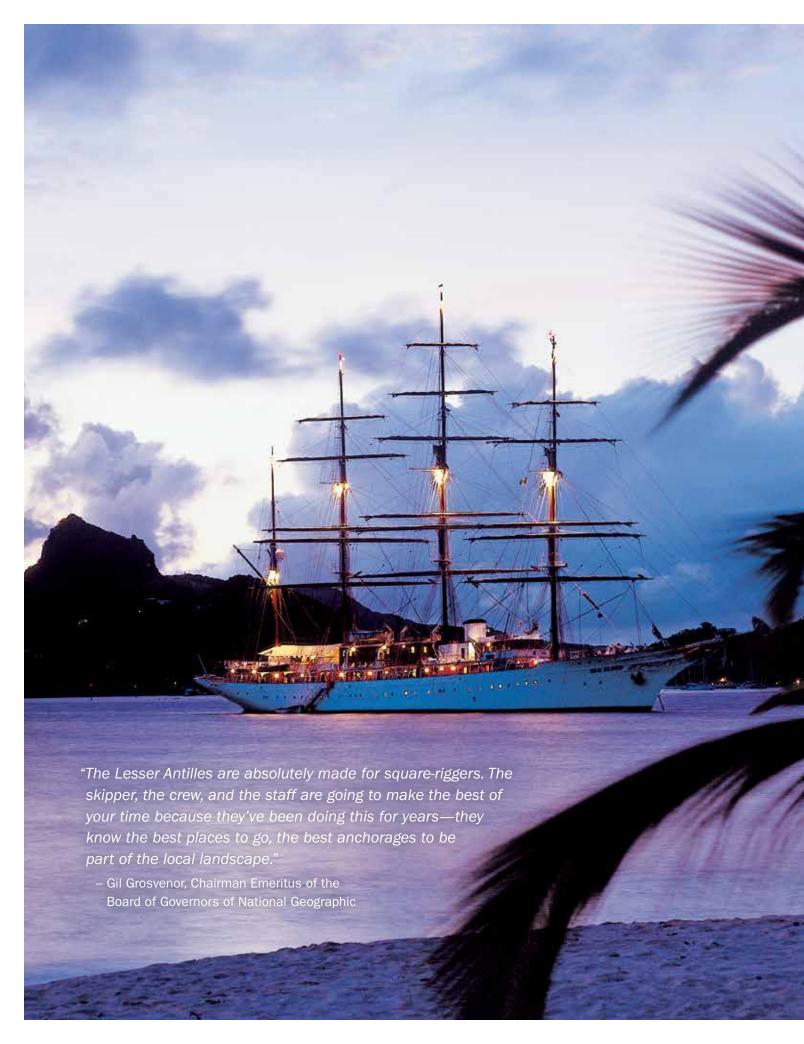


#### SPECIAL SEA CLOUD EXPERIENCE: SWIMMING THE CARIBBEAN OR MEDITERRANEAN

Swimming on these voyages is a special event. We choose a calm, sunny lee with a spectacular view. Down go the safety lines, with a dozen floating mattresses affixed. The gangway is lowered, and the hotel manager calls with exuberance, "The pool is open!" Floating in the buoyant sea, looking up into the heavens, which seem to be tickled with the tops of Sea Cloud's four masts—a sense memory that connects you to any ancient sailor who savored a dip on a warm day and that stays with you forever—is simply another exclamation point in a day in the life of Sea Cloud.



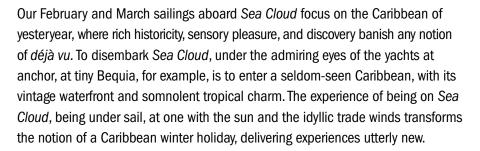






# The perfect ship for a Caribbean colonized in the age of sail

In the depths of the Depression, the contrast between the Hutton lifestyle and conditions at large was marked. Living at their level, Marjorie concluded, was best done quietly—and the sea offered an inviting alternative. "Quite deliberately," according to author of *American Empress*, Nancy Rubin, "Marjorie, E.F and young Deenie (their daughter, the actress, Dina Merrill) spent at least 6 months each year from 1932 to 1934 aboard the *Hussar*, traveling the world." Cuba to Panama and the Galápagos and back, stopping in Kingston, Jamaica, Martinique and Curaçao—they logged more than sixteen thousand miles on their 1932 maiden voyage. And the record shows many other voyages over the years—to the Continent, Tahiti and the South Pacific, Alaska and the Caribbean.





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



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

### **SAILING THE CARIBBEAN**

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS-ABOARD SEA CLOUD

PRICES FROM: \$8,390 to \$16,540 (See page 31 for complete prices.)

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

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- ▶ Sail the sparkling Caribbean Sea aboard the historic square-rigger Sea Cloud.
- ► Snorkel at lively coral reefs, swim in pristine tropical waters, and explore remote cays and beaches.

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

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

#### **EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE**



Lindblad Expeditions first sailed aboard Sea Cloud in the 1980s, and over the years has developed unparalleled expertise in

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

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

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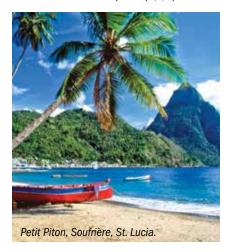
Sea Cloud under full sail.

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

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

#### DAY 2: AT SEA

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



#### **DAY 3: DOMINICA**

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

#### DAY 4: ÎLES DES SAINTES

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

#### DAY 5: ST. LUCIA

Rise early to watch as our crew trims the Sea Cloud's 32,000 square feet of sails. Conditions permitting, we'll lower Zodiacs so that you can photograph the yacht under sail. This afternoon, arrive at St. Lucia and anchor under the island's iconic twin peaks, Les Pitons, which rise dramatically above the sea. After exploring the fishing port of Soufrière, embark on a thrilling drive into St. Lucia's active volcanic crater and discover the otherworldly landscape of mud pools and sulfur springs. (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 take a local catamaran to snorkel at the Tobago Cays, or enjoy the sheltered beaches of the area. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7: BEQUIA/UNDER SAIL

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

#### DAY 8: BARBADOS/U.S.

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



#### **EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2016 Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4

#### **SPECIAL OFFER:**

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#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BIOLOGIST

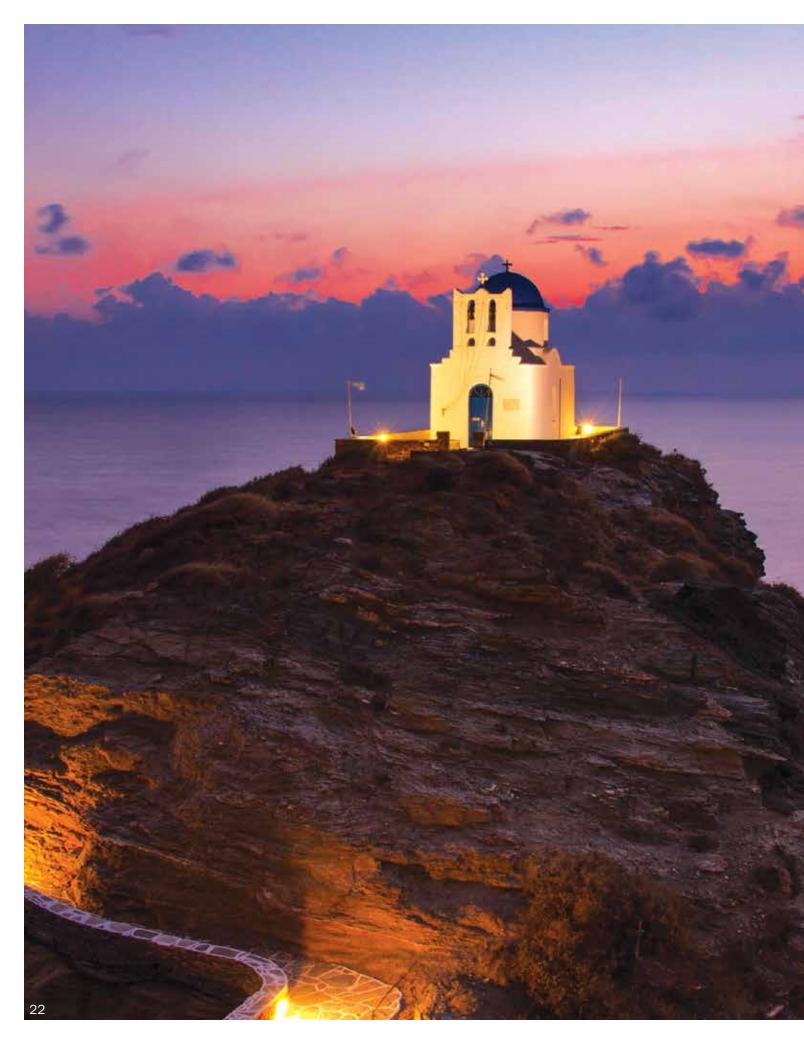
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# The Greek Isles in depth—discover the must-see sites and hidden gems

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

Explore the must-see sites in depth. Sail into the famed caldera of Santorini and let our guides share the picturesque, lesser-walked side streets and hidden cafes. See the sacred sanctuary of Delos, one of the most important archaeological sites in the western world.

Discover the hidden gems of the isles—the distinctive pottery of Sífnos, the green marble quarries and Venetian-era dovecotes of Tenos, and mountainous Amorgós where residents still rely on donkeys for transportation.

And you'll find the people here are as ruggedly beautiful as the islands. Far from the philosophical and political intrigues of Athens, their faces are weathered by wind, sun, sea, and salt spray. Their brows are furrowed by worries for immediate needs, community survival, and the health of the olive and grape crops, rather than the workings of distant governments on the continent. They sit together in the villages and discuss the fickle winds and whether the ferry will be able to call, whether there is enough

"The familiar whitewashed blue-domed churches stood sentinel on either side of the bay, and high on the ridge above . . . yes, another remote chapel that some ancient sailor had no doubt built in promised thanks."

—Tom O'Brien, Expedition Leader, 2013 departure

water in the cisterns for the rest of the summer, and the upkeep of the island churches—just as it has been for millennia.

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

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### SAILING THE GREEK ISLES

9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS-ABOARD SEA CLOUD

PRICES FROM: \$9,230 to \$17,720 (See page 31 for complete prices.)

Sprinkled 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 Santorini, the mystical isle of Delos, lovely Sífnos, some of the other small, lesser known islands, and more.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- ► Discover the magnificent ruins in the ancient sanctuary of Delos, birthplace of Apollo and Artemis.
- ▶ Ride a donkey or cable car down a cliff side to the harbor on beautiful Santorini.
- ► Soak up the lively culture, mythology, and Venetian legacy of age-old villages.
- Explore the Cyclades under full sail aboard the historic squarerigger Sea Cloud.

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

Depart on an overnight flight to Athens. After some time at leisure, travel to Piraeus and settle into your cabin on the majestic Sea Cloud. Cast off this afternoon, and take in our first Grecian sunset at sea. (D)

#### DAY 3: AT SEA/SÍFNOS

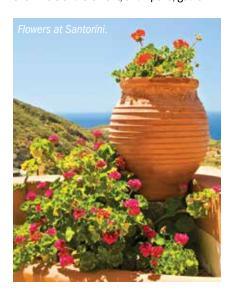
This morning, find a spot on deck to watch as the Sea Cloud's sails are hoisted up their impressive masts by hand as we set sail for Sífnos. Distinguished for its ceramic chimneys and its Venetian dovecotes, Sífnos is a rugged island with a harbor village and a beautiful upper chora (village), waterfront tavernas and convenient beaches. It's a great island for walkers or loungers alike. (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 hill-sides, and green marble quarries have long made this a haven for artists. Explore the picturesque village of Pyrgos, adorned with carved marble facades, and visit the church of Panagia Evangelistria, where thousands of pilgrims come every year to pray at Greece's holiest shrine. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 5: DELOS/EXPLORING**

The tiny archaeological gem of Delos is the birthplace of the twin gods Artemis, goddess of animals and the hunt, and Apollo, god of



healing, music, and light. Spend the morning discovering the island's incredible ruins, including the Terrace of the Lions and the exquisite Temple of Apollo. This afternoon, we'll look to make an impromptu stop at one of the many interesting islands in the area. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 6: AMORGÓS

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



#### **DAY 7: SANTORINI**

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, ride a donkey or a cable car down the cliff side back to the ship. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 8: AT SEA

Enjoy a glorious day of sailing among the evocative isles of the Cyclades. Relax on deck with a book, observe the crew as they man the rigging and trim the sails, and attend presentations by our team of experts on the area's history and ecology. In the late afternoon, we may have a chance for an impromptu stop and a swim. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 9: PIRAEUS/ATHENS/U.S.

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



#### **EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES: 2016** Jun. 3; Jul. 17, 24; Aug. 14; Sep. 10

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

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#### **OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

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

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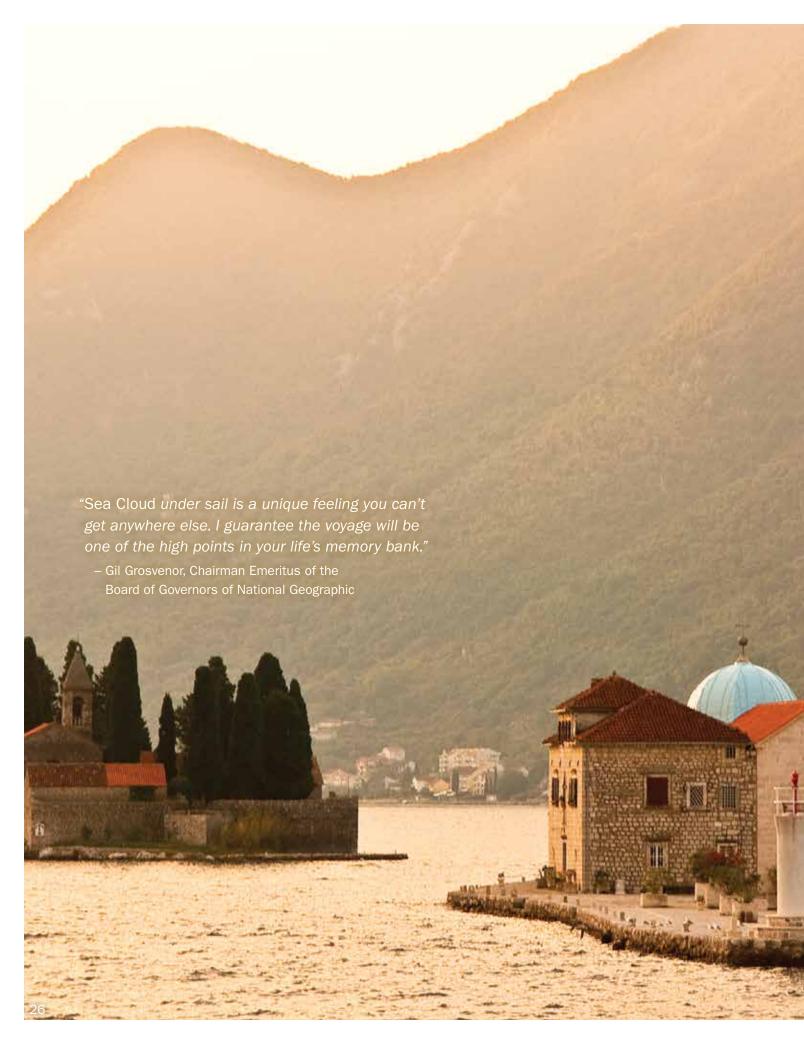
Join award winning National Geographic photographer **Michael Melford** on the Sep. 10 departure.







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Left: The islet of Gospa od Škrpjela in the Bay of Kotor, Montenegro. Top right: The Moreška sword dance remains virtually unchanged since it was performed for the Venetian nobles 500 years ago. The dance and music is handed down from generation to generation.

# A mosaic of natural splendor and history—the perfect mix of food, wine, culture, & physical beauty

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

You'll experience the culture of southern Albania up close, including through our guides, who share the UNESCO World Heritage site of Butrint with us. Discover the true beauty in their stories and perspectives on the real-life transitions of Albania in the last 20 years, from a closed and isolated communist country to today, through a shocking period of capitalist naïveté and Ponzi-scheme collapse, into the slow and steady rebuilding process today.

In Montenegro you'll sail into the dramatic Kotor Fjord and explore the picturesque walled town nestled at its head. The old town lies at the foot of a mountain, with winding cobbled lanes that lead from ancient churches to small town squares.

In Dubrovnik, you'll see the *klapa*, a traditional a cappella group and one of the most powerful and emotional experiences in the Mediterranean, with the award-winning group Klapa Ostro performing privately for us in the cloister of Dubrovnik's Dominican monastery.

### **UNDER SAIL: GREECE TO THE DALMATIAN COAST**

#### 12 DAYS/10 NIGHTS-ABOARD SEA CLOUD

PRICES FROM: \$12,210 to \$23,300 (See page 31 for complete prices.)

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 fourmasted *Sea Cloud*. Discover the remarkable sites of Albania, cut off from the modern world for decades, and explore Montenegro, legendary Ithaca (Itháki), and incomparable Dubrovnik.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

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

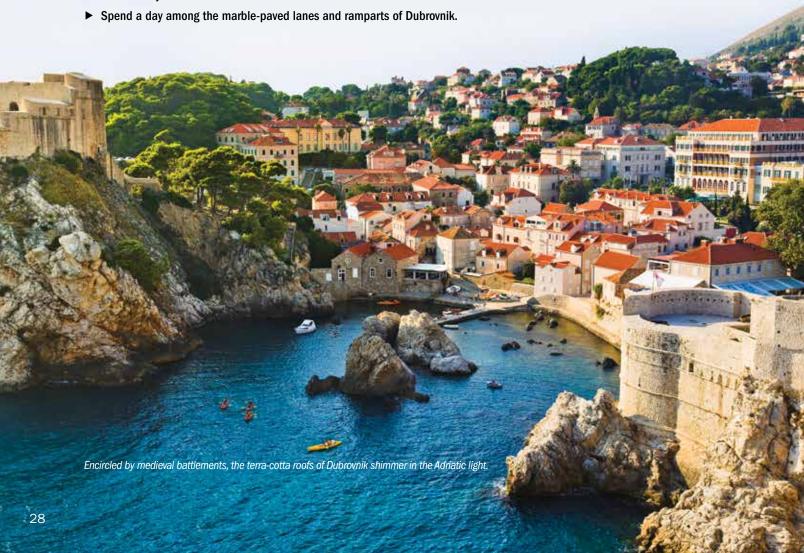
#### **EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE**



Lindblad Expeditions first sailed aboard Sea Cloud in the 1980s, and over the years has developed unparalleled expertise in

operating expedition-style journeys aboard this superlative vessel. In addition to an expedition leader, you'll be joined by a naturalist/Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a ranking expert on the cultures of the region, and a team of local guides.

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.



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

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

#### DAY 3: AT SEA UNDER SAIL

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



#### DAY 4: OLYMPIA

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

#### DAY 5: ITHACA/SAILING

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

#### DAY 6: SARANDË AND BUTRINT, ALBANIA

Cut off from the world for 50 years by its Stalinist dictator, Albania is now feeling its way into the 21st century. Explore the ancient city of Butrint, a UNESCO site, and return to Sarandë for refreshments at Lekuris Castle, looking down on the bay of Sarandë and Corfu. Set sail in the afternoon. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7: KRUJE

Dock in Durrës, drive to the ancient capital of Kruje, and visit the medieval market and Ethnographic Museum. Also visit the Skanderbeg Museum, dedicated to Albania's national hero. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 8: PERAST AND KOTOR, MONTENEGRO

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

#### DAY 9: DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Known as the "pearl of the Adriatic,"
Dubrovnik is regarded as one of the
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: SAILING/KORČULA

Anchor at the island port of Korčula, one of the most beautiful medieval towns in the Balkans. Visit the town's sites, and see the house believed by some to be Marco Polo's birthplace. This evening, attend a private traditional *Moreška* sword dance. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 11: HVAR/SAILING

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

#### DAY 12: DUBROVNIK/DISEMBARK/U.S.

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



#### **EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2016 Jun. 10, 20\*; Aug. 21, 31\*
\*These departures travel from Dubrovnik to Athens.

#### **SPECIAL OFFER:**

Travel aboard Sea Cloud on any 2016 departure and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew.

#### **OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

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

#### **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC HISTORIAN**

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



and has even moonlighted as a lavender harvester on the island of Hvar. Grace will join the Jun. 20 departure.





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#### **SEA CLOUD**

CAPACITY: 58 guests in 30 cabins including two

Owner's Suites.

REGISTRY: Malta. OVERALL LENGTH 360 feet.

Built in 1931 by Wall Street businessman E. F. Hutton for his wife, Marjorie Merriweather Post, *Sea Cloud* carries 30 sails measuring a total of 32,000 sq. ft.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



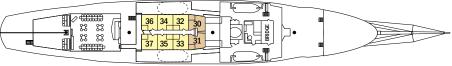




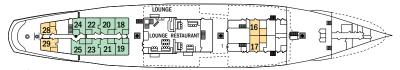




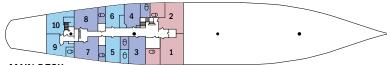
Insets clockwise from top: Sea Cloud under full sail; staircase to the Captain's and Lido deck; Original/Deluxe Category A cabin; Owner's Suite which is one of the original cabins; crew climbs aloft to unfurl the sails.



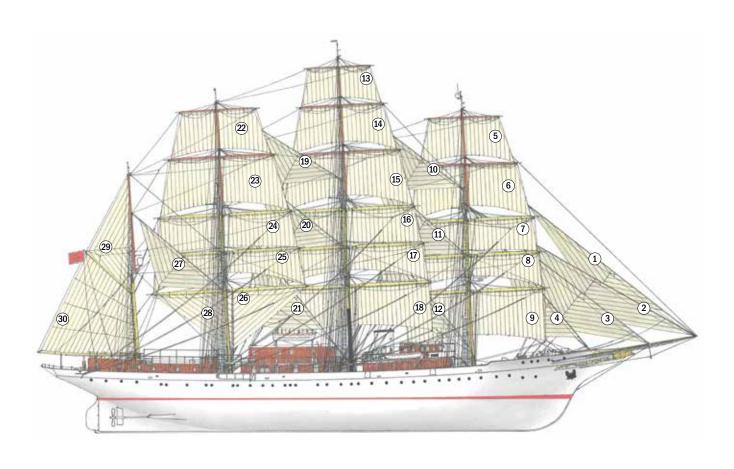
CAPTAIN'S AND LIDO DECK



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

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
Sailing the Caribbean – Page 20	2016	\$8,390	\$9,590	\$11,620	\$12,130	\$13,590	\$14,320	\$16,540	\$12,590	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: Round-trip Miami/Barbados: Economy from \$650. Business from \$900.
Sailing the Greek Isles – Page 24	2016	\$9,230	\$10,370	\$12,380	\$13,110	\$14,570	\$15,490	\$17,720	\$13,840	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: Round-trip New York/Athens: Economy from \$1,100. Business from \$4,400.
Under Sail from Greece to the Dalmatian Coast – Page 28	2016	\$12,210	\$13,800	\$16,680	\$17,550	\$19,100	\$20,670	\$23,300	\$18,310	\$1,500	Sample Airfares: New York/ Athens, Dubrovnik/ New York or vice versa: Economy from \$1,400. Business from \$7,500.

## Enjoy Sea Cloud with our compliments

#### Tips for the crew are on us.

Sea Cloud has a large, 60-person crew and just 58 guests. Tips are an important part of crew income—but we will do the tipping on your behalf.

#### Your bar tab is on us.

There will be no bar bills on these voyages—you are our guest.

### Everything that is part of your expedition is on us.

There will be no extra charges: everything you will do as part of the expedition—visits to sites, including museum and other entrance fees, plus the services of our expedition team—is included in the price. Theoretically, you could leave your wallet at home.



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**Not Included:** Air transportation, passport, visa, immigration fees, meals not indicated, travel protection plan, items of a personal nature, e-mail, laundry.

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

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Number of Days Prior	Per Person
to Expedition Start	Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	\$350*
119-90 days	Advance payment cost
89-60 days	25% of trip cost
59-45 days	50% of trip cost
44-0 days	No Refund

\*\$350 will be refunded in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate.

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Note: Airline cancellation policies vary by carrier, as well as the type of fare used to issue your ticket.

Cancellation policy for certain longer voyages and Holiday departures may vary due to high demand for these voyages. Our group cancellation policies are listed on our website, or you may call us for details. We stress the importance of purchasing a travel protection plan to protect yourself from fees in the event you need to cancel your reservation.

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