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# Sailing the Caribbean



## *Treasures of the Lesser Antilles*

Aboard the 47-stateroom Sea Cloud II

**MARCH 24–APRIL 1, 2027**



Anguilla Beach



Fort Shirley  
in Dominica

# Dear CAU Friends,

**CAU RECOMMENDS** Exploring the Caribbean because it is produced by one of CAU's trusted partners and features esteemed faculty from Cornell's peer institutions. In short, it's an opportunity we didn't want you to miss. Visit some of the most visually stunning and culturally rich islands in the Eastern Caribbean on this cruise aboard the beautiful *Sea Cloud II*. Soak up the natural beauty, rich history, and mix of adventure and leisure in the Lesser Antilles. After an overnight in St. Maarten, embark on a seven-night sail aboard *Sea Cloud II*, stopping for full days on Martinique, Antigua, and Anguilla, and morning visits to the lush island of Dominica, known as the "Nature Isle," and the volcanic island of Nevis, birthplace of Alexander Hamilton.

Aboard *Sea Cloud II*, guests experience the romance of classic sailing combined with the highest standards of modern luxury. Like Marjorie Merriweather Post's legendary *Sea Cloud*, she embodies the elegance of a bygone era while offering all the comforts of today. The skilled crew hand sets over 30,000 square feet of canvas, creating a truly memorable sailing experience.

Ashore, enjoy panoramic views from Antigua's Shirley Heights, explore the extensive gardens on Nevis and Martinique, marvel at Dominica's unique geology, flora, and fauna, and explore Anguilla's heritage trail. A menu of excursions allows for active pursuits, touring, and relaxation, all woven seamlessly into the natural beauty and history of the islands. To reserve your space directly with our tour operator, please visit [https://account.criteriontravel.com/Booking/RefStart/CAUS/270324\\_CAS/tour](https://account.criteriontravel.com/Booking/RefStart/CAUS/270324_CAS/tour) For more information, call Criterion Travel at (888) 328-2089 or email [res@criteriontravel.com](mailto:res@criteriontravel.com)

Warmly,

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Shirley Heights,  
Antigua



Balata Gardens

## Highlights

- ◆ Discover the colorful streets and lively waterfront of Philipsburg, capital of the Dutch side of the island, Sint Maarten.
- ◆ Encounter the lush rainforests, waterfalls, and striking volcanic scenery of Mount Pelée and Dominica's Cold Soufrière.
- ◆ Visit Nelson's Dockyard, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the world's only active Georgian-era harbor.
- ◆ Wander through celebrated gardens on Nevis and Martinique, rich in tropical beauty and history.
- ◆ Step back in time along Anguilla's Heritage Trail on the storied grounds of Wallblake House.
- ◆ Swim and unwind at pristine beaches or directly from *Sea Cloud II's* water-sports platform.

## Study Leaders



**John Meffert**  
of National Trust Tours



**Gwendolyn DuBois Shaw**  
of the University of Pennsylvania

Will provide a series of engaging presentations and discussions for travelers.



# Itinerary

Wednesday, March 24

## Depart Home / Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

Depart from the U.S. for the Princess Juliana International Airport, Sint Maarten. Upon arrival, transfer to the JW Marriott beachfront resort on Dawn Beach. In the evening, attend a welcome reception and orientation for the week ahead, where you'll meet your fellow travelers. JW Marriott St. Maarten Beach and Resort Spa (R)

Thursday, March 25

## Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

Spend the morning at leisure before embarking *Sea Cloud II* in Philipsburg, the capital of the Dutch side of St. Maarten, known for its colonial architecture and colorful storefronts. Settle into your cabin before dinner. *Sea Cloud II* (B,D)

Friday, March 26

## At Sea

Enjoy the morning at sea with lectures and discussions led by onboard experts. Lunch is served on the Lido Deck while you take in the surrounding Caribbean waters. In the afternoon, weather permitting, observe the ship under sail as the crew hand sets more than 30,000 square feet of canvas. *Sea Cloud II* (B,L,D)

Saturday, March 27

## Saint-Pierre, Martinique

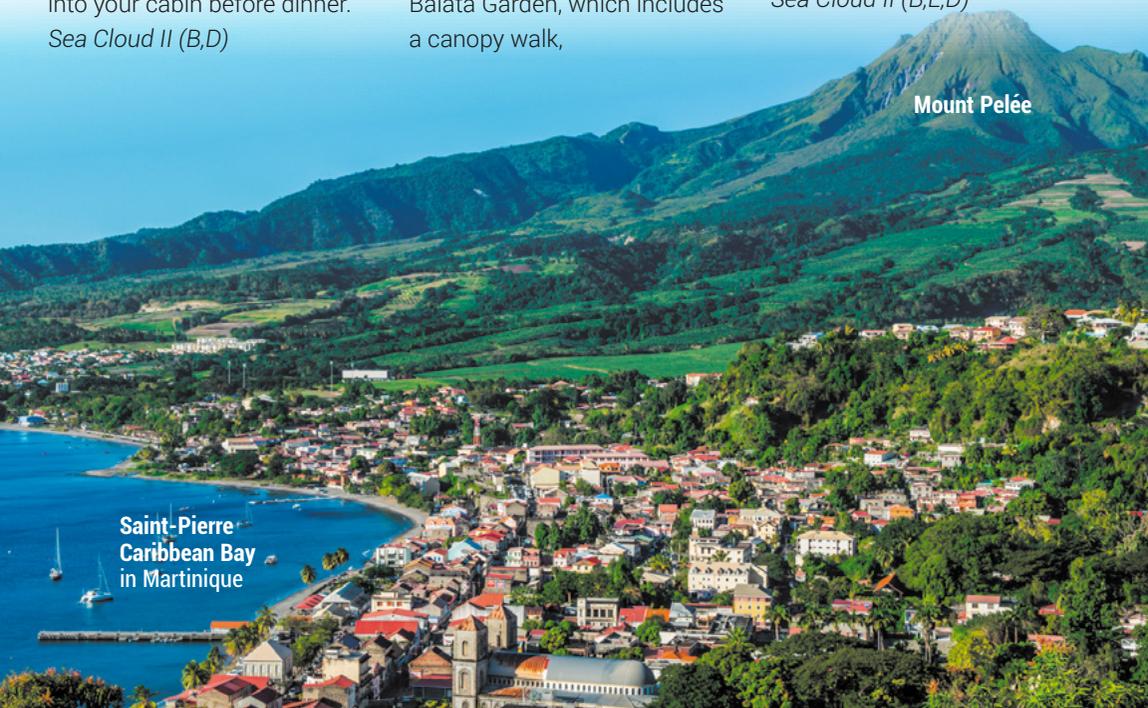
Begin the day with a walking tour of the ruins of the first French trading post in the Caribbean, including the museum of the 1902 eruption of Mount Pelée. In the afternoon, choose between a visit to Emerald Park near Mount Pelée, featuring tropical gardens and local wildlife, or Balata Garden, which includes a canopy walk,

a traditional Creole house, and manicured gardens. *Sea Cloud II* (B,L,D)

Sunday, March 28

## Cabrits, Dominica

Spend the morning exploring the "Nature Isle." Opt to tour the ruins of Fort Shirley within Cabrits National Park, which dates back to the 18th century and offers views of the surrounding bay, or take an Indian River (named after the Kalinago settlements on the upper banks) tour in a hand-rowed wooden boat, observing native plants, tropical birds, and the river's mangrove-lined channels. March is still peak season for sperm whales and nearing the tail end of the humpback migratory window, so your chances of seeing both species on a boat trip are high compared to many other Caribbean islands. *Sea Cloud II* (B,L,D)



Mount Pelée

Saint-Pierre  
Caribbean Bay  
in Martinique



Anguilla Beach



Monday, March 29  
**St. John's, Antigua**

Enjoy a full day on Antigua with visits to UNESCO World Heritage Site Nelson's Dockyard, the world's only continuously working Georgian-era dockyard, Shirley Heights lookout with sweeping views over English and Falmouth Harbors, and Betty's Hope, a sugarcane plantation that dates back to 1650. Afternoon excursions include a boat ride through the mangroves to Great Bird Island, an uninhabited nature reserve, for hiking and snorkeling,

or a visit to Galleon Bay to learn about rum distilling.  
*Sea Cloud II (B,L,D)*

Tuesday, March 30  
**Charlestown, Nevis**

Spend the morning on Nevis visiting the Museum of Nevis History, which commemorates Alexander Hamilton's birthplace in Charlestown, followed by a stroll through the Botanical Gardens of Nevis, home to native plants and flowering tropical species.  
*Sea Cloud II (B,L,D)*

Wednesday, March 31  
**Road Bay (Sandy Ground), Anguilla**

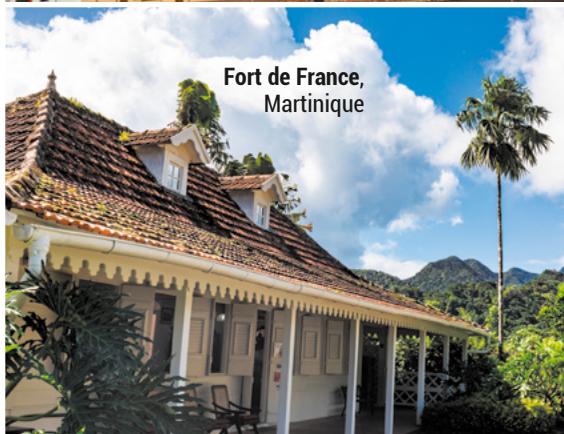
Explore Anguilla's Heritage Trail, including the grounds of Wallblake House. Spend the final afternoon at leisure at one of Anguilla's stunning beaches.  
*Sea Cloud II (B,L,D)*

Thursday, April 1  
**Sint Maarten / Return Home**

Disembark in the morning and transfer as a group to the Princess Juliana International Airport to board return flights to the U.S. (B)



Colorful houses in St. John's Harbour



Fort de France, Martinique



Indian River



# Sea Cloud II

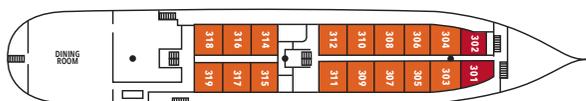
The iconic *Sea Cloud II* is perhaps the most luxurious three-masted sailing yacht on the seas today. Like Marjorie Merriweather Post's legendary *Sea Cloud*, she combines the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury. In the grand tradition of the world's finest sailing vessels, guests can experience this marvelous ship under sail as the skilled crew hand sets over 30,000 square feet of canvas.

The *Sea Cloud II* offers an intimate setting with just 47 beautifully appointed staterooms, gracious common areas, world-class service, and five-star dining. Four spacious outdoor decks and al fresco dining on the Lido Deck provide ample space for relaxation. Indoors, enjoy inviting spaces such as the sizable lounge and dining room, as well as a library, gym, and spa featuring a sauna and massage therapy. The swim platform is the ideal launching pad for various water sports and snorkel equipment is provided.

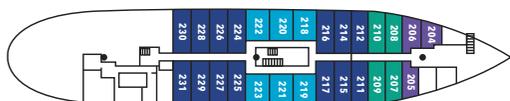
PROGRAM RATES:	Double	Single
<b>1 CABIN DECK</b> 150 sq ft upper & lower single beds, two portholes, shower	\$7,495	\$11,995
<b>2 CABIN DECK</b> 204 sq ft twins or queen bed, two portholes, shower	\$9,495	\$15,195
<b>3 CABIN DECK</b> 215 sq ft twins or queen bed, two portholes, shower	\$11,495	\$18,395
<b>4 CABIN DECK</b> 226 sq ft queen bed, three portholes, shower	\$12,495	_____
<b>5 PROMENADE DECK</b> 215 sq ft queen bed, panorama windows, shower	\$13,495	_____
<b>6 PROMENADE DECK</b> 247 sq ft twins or queen bed, panorama windows, tub/shower	\$14,495	_____
<b>7 LIDO DECK</b> 290 sq ft king bed, panorama windows, bathtub & shower)	\$17,495	_____



**LIDO DECK** Category 7



**PROMENADE DECK** Categories 5-6



**CABIN DECK** Categories 1-4

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

One hotel night and seven nights aboard *Sea Cloud II* • Meals and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including eight breakfasts, six lunches, and seven dinners • Shared airport transfers on group arrival and departure dates • Baggage handling • Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, waitstaff, guides, and drivers • Port charges • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with group lunches and dinners • Filtered water on motorcoaches • Complete packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout the program

### AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at (877) 376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

This is a moderately strenuous program, at times physically demanding and busy, with considerable walking at some sites. Daily activities can involve up to two miles of walking, often on uneven surfaces; elevators may not be available and stairs may not have handrails. Optional excursions may include rigorous activities like snorkeling, kayaking, and hiking in open, exposed areas. The ship does not have an elevator, so you will need to navigate stairs, possibly while on choppy seas. Participants should be fit and in active good health. Limited medical facilities are available on board the *Sea Cloud II*.

### GROUP SIZE

This program can accommodate 74 participants, including travelers from Cornell's Adult University, National Trust Tours, University of Pennsylvania and Yale Alumni Academy.

### PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure dates • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, internet and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

### A NOTE ABOUT RATES

Tour rates are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed rates, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.



## TERMS & CONDITIONS

Complete Terms and Conditions, including Statement of Responsibility, will be made available to you at the time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed "Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

## RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

An initial deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. Reserve your space online at [https://account.criteriontravel.com/Booking/RefStart/CAUS/270324\\_CAS/tour](https://account.criteriontravel.com/Booking/RefStart/CAUS/270324_CAS/tour) or complete the reservation form included in this brochure and mail it with your check or credit card information to: Criterion Travel, 4250 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005, or fax to (650) 560-6400. Balance of payment is due November 24, 2026. After November 24, 2026, full payment is due upon registration. Final payment may be made by check, bank transfer, or credit card (credit card payments will incur a 2% fee). Upon payment of a deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by Criterion Travel. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person admin fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of booking; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. After the November 24, 2026 final payment deadline, all payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. For this reason, we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate. NOTE: Neither Cornell University nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of non-refundable tickets.

## TRAVEL SAFETY POLICY

While Cornell is pleased to facilitate travel opportunities for its alumni and friends with tour operators that specialize in high-quality educational travel, please be aware that Cornell does not conduct, manage, or operate these travel experiences, or act as an agent for travelers interested in tours. Tour operators and travelers are responsible for making their own safety decisions concerning this travel, and, as a facilitator between travelers and the tour operators with whom travelers make arrangements for completing travel, Cornell's role and liability are strictly limited. Specific tour operator and national health and safety protocols will apply to each trip, and travelers should review all protocols and trip terms and conditions, including terms and conditions regarding cancellations, refunds, health and safety, and insurance prior to making a reservation. Cornell is not responsible for changes to trips or travel arrangements or for losses, expenses, damages, or injuries resulting from travel.

## ITINERARY CHANGES

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Cornell University and Criterion Travel, the tour operator. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Cornell University and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

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Are you traveling with any other parties on this program?

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel) for \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the **SAILING THE CARIBBEAN** cruise.

Please charge my deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person) to my (circle one): VISA/MC/AMEX

NAME ON CREDIT CARD

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## ACCOMMODATIONS (not guaranteed)

Cabin category preference: 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_

Bed Preference:  One bed  Two beds

## SINGLE TRAVELERS (choose one)

I prefer to have single accommodations (limited availability)

I plan to share accommodations with:

I'd like to know about roommates. *I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of **NOVEMBER 24, 2026** I will pay the single rate.*

*I/We have read the tour information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated therein.*

SIGNATURE

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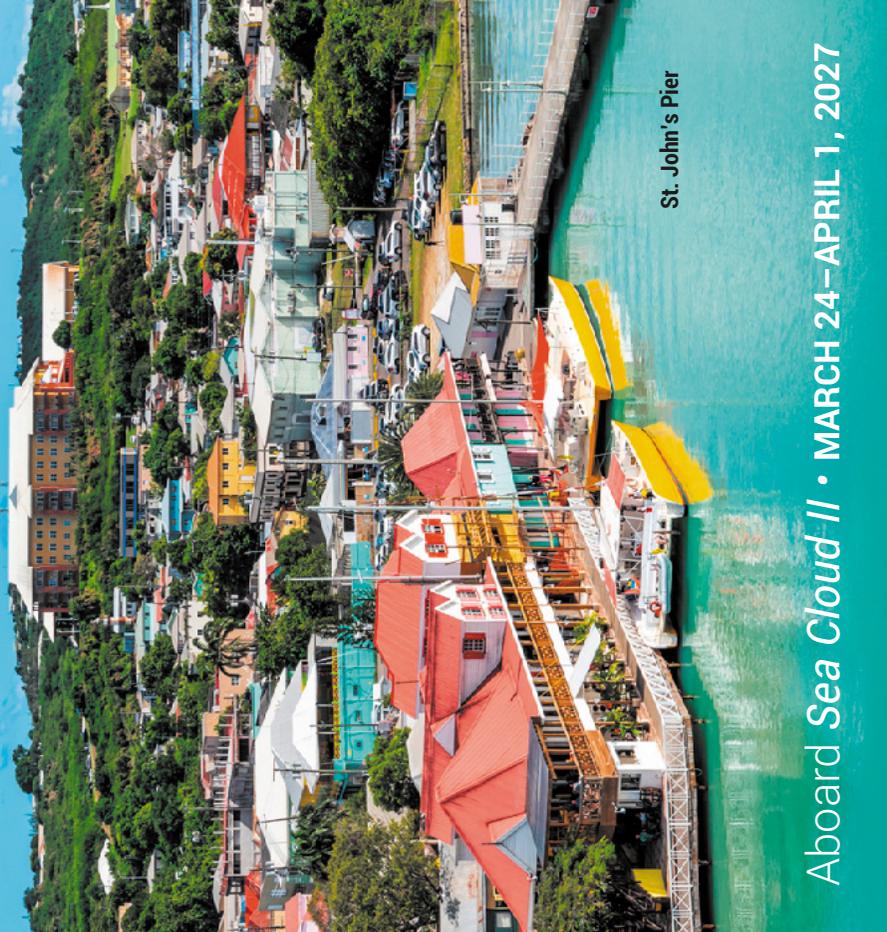
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St. John's Pier

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