

## **AROMATIC SPICES & CHARM OF THE CARIBBEAN**

Sailing with the warm summer trade winds, aromatic spices and Dutch island charm. Snorkellers' paradise in the Tobago Cays A unique feature of the Tobago Cays is their unspoilt coral reef, known as the "Horseshoe Reef" due to its shape. It keeps the Atlantic swells at bay and is the perfect place for snorkelling. Once back on dry land, you will be treated to a beach barbecue with culinary specialities. Idyllic sailing along the trade winds In winter and spring the Caribbean trade winds provide ideal speeds and perfect stability, while delivering extremely pleasant air and water temperatures. The many hours out at sea will turn into a real joy for the tall ship, and a delight for those looking to enjoy freedom beneath the sails. All this in stunning waters. A delight for all the senses: Grenada, the island of spice There is a reason why nutmeg is immortalised on this country's national fl ag. Since colonial times nutmeg - along with cloves, cinnamon and ginger - has been one of the island's most important exports. If the aromatic fragrance of the tropics were to have a name, it would have to be "Grenada". The natural beauty of Bonaire Bonaire is a true paradise for nature lovers. While the breathtaking view on land features craggy coastlines. extraordinary cactus deserts, winding mangrove forests, shocking pink fl amingoes and gorgeous beaches, underwater quite another magical world unfolds. This Dutch island's brightly coloured coral reefs are amongst the best snorkelling sites in the world.



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#### Day 1 - Bridgetown (Barbados)

Guests arrive individually in Barbados. Embarkation on the SEA CLOUD II. More than 300 years of British rule have left their

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### mark. The whole of Bridgetown, Barbados' historic centre, with its colonial architecture surrounding Trafalgar Square, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Gentle green hilly countryside and endless fields of sugar cane characterise the island's landscape. Old colonial houses are reminders of the high life of the plantation owners, while innumerable colourful chattel houses are evidence of their workers' "moveable property". The sweeping coastline is a picture postcard of fine sandy beaches and turquoise sea surrounded by colourful coral reefs.

#### Day 2 - Port Elizabeth/Bequia (St. Vincent and Grenadines)

Bequia is actually the largest island in the Grenadines, but still small and tranquil at just 18 square kilometres (87 square miles) in size. Elegant sailing yachts sway in the natural shelter of Admiralty Bay, while in lovely Port Elizabeth, with its attractive beach bars, you are right in the heart of a lifestyle that likes to take things easy. You can find Princess Margaret Beach just nearby, named because it was once visited by the British royal. On the eastern coast you can find the Old Hegg Turtle Sanctuary which focuses on rearing and caring for endangered turtles. Optional Excursion to a turtle sanctuary.

# Day 3 - Tobago Cays & Chatham Bay/Union Island (St. Vincent and Grenadines)

Right in the south of the Grenadines are Union Island and the Tobago Cays. Union Island was given the evocative name "the Tahiti of the West Indies" thanks to its volcanic silhouette. Four small uninhabited islands, surrounded by a protective horseshoe-shaped coral reef, form the Tobago Cays. The Horseshoe Reef holds the Atlantic swell at bay and its unique animal and plant life make it an ideal place for snorkelling. The lagoon between the islets shimmers in all shades from turquoise through to emerald green and invites you to take a dip at the fantastic beaches. Optional Snorkelling and swimming excursion to the Tobago Cays.

#### Day 4 - St. George's (Grenada)

Beautiful beaches, aromatic spice plantations, dense rainforests, waterfalls and a volcano that has long been extinct, picturesquely towering over this stunningly beautiful island. For many people, Grenada is the incarnation of a tropical paradise and St George's the most beautiful little port in the Grenadines. All around the horseshoe-shaped bay there are numerous houses that remind you of colonial times. There is good reason why nutmeg is immortalised on the national flag. Alongside cloves, cinnamon and ginger, it is one of the island's biggest exports. Optional Island tour of Grenada or walk to the Seven Sisters.

#### Days 5 & 6 - At Sea

#### Day 7 - Kralendijk/Bonaire (Netherlands Antilles)

The second largest island in the ABC islands, which forms part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, is an idyllic natural paradise with many different faces. In the hilly northern region, lush tropical greenery prevails and in the some areas have a desert-like character with cactuses as high as trees and natural salt lakes that attract whole flocks of pink flamingos. The island also gleams with rugged rocky cliffs, mangrove forests, several small bays, endless sandy beaches and a long offshore coral reef. Optional Island tour including Gotomeer Lake and flamingoes.

#### Day 8 - Willemstad/Curacao (Netherlands Antilles)

Curaçao, alphabetically the last of the ABC, is the largest in the Netherlands Antilles in terms of land area. The neat capital,

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### Willemstad, a trading post for the Dutch West India Company in the 17th century, with its well preserved colonial architecture, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The picturesque location of the wide harbour canal, boulevards with beautifully restored facades and colourful, typically Dutch gabled houses make Willemstad a lively "Little Amsterdam", in the bright Caribbean light, beneath palm trees, with azure bays and pearl-white beaches. Disembarkation. Guests return home individually.

#### Please Note:

Itinerary subject to change! Optional excursions are not included in the rate.

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## YOUR SHIP: SEA CLOUD II

YOUR SHIP:	Sea Cloud II
VESSEL TYPE:	Tall Ship (Sailing)
LENGTH:	105 metres
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	96
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2001

Launched in 2001, Sea Cloud II is a stunning vessel, built along traditional lines, but offering deluxe accommodation. She combines timeless elegance of sailing ships of the past with the highest safety standards and the luxurious comfort of modern cruise ships. Just like her legendary sister ship Sea Cloud, the 29,600 square feet of sails is set by hand which is a truly magical sight. Built to accommodate 96 passengers in five star luxury, she offers a range of beautifully appointed suites and cabins which are furnished with great style. All accommodations have outside views and the bathrooms, in light marble, are unusually spacious and extremely comfortable. The finest, carefully chosen fabrics, combined with leather, rattan and other materials, brass and gold, precious woods and marble together create an impressive ensemble. No expense has been spared to create a sympathetic ambience in both the accommodations and public areas and this is reflected throughout the vessel. Public areas include an elegant lounge, library, fitness centre, boutique, lido bar and hospital. The single sitting dining room is airy and modern and the quality of the cuisine and service will be to the highest of standards, as one would expect on a Sea Cloud cruise. Relax on the Lido deck and experience the natural

grandeur of travelling under sail, rekindling memories of a

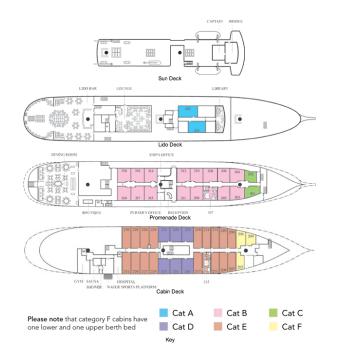


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