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**Caribbean Paradises & Extraordinary Vistas:
Round-Trip Barbados Aboard *Sea Cloud*
with Alice W. Schwarz, Lecturer and Educator**



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Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

In February 2023, join me for an inspiring winter escape to the sunny Caribbean islands. Set sail on a round-trip journey from Barbados aboard the original *Sea Cloud*. This sea voyage will illuminate the intriguing history of these idyllic paradises, once vital stops on transatlantic trade routes, bringing goods like sugar and mahogany to U.S. shores. As a historic homes scholar, I am excited to introduce you to meticulously landscaped colonial estates and private collections dating back centuries on exclusive tours.

Throughout our journey, you will learn the little-known story of how the Caribbean helped shape America's first major art movement. Awed by the Caribbean's natural beauty, 19th-century landscape painters such as Frederic Edwin Church flocked to the region to capture its diverse flowers, plants, and trees. I plan to lecture on these artists as you witness the extraordinary vistas reflected in many of their compositions.

From Barbados, we'll call at tiny Carriacou, where we will tour a former cotton ginney. Now a museum, this space houses artifacts from early indigenous Arawak and Carib people as well as English and French colonial furniture, glassware, and pottery. After a day sailing the Caribbean, we will step ashore on Nevis to discover its marvelous botanical garden, which hosts diverse and rare flora in its rainforest conservancy. On the neighboring island of St. Kitts, where Alexander Hamilton's mother once lived, we'll explore an art-filled 18th-century estate. Fascinating American Revolution history awaits in the Îles des Saintes, where we'll take in amazing views from the 17th-century Fort Napoléon. In Soufrière, a town on the island of St. Lucia, we will meander through a magnificent garden before we return to Barbados for disembarkation.

Throughout this voyage, enjoy opportunities to swim in the Caribbean's turquoise waters and dine on deck as the gentle trade wind fills the ship's 32,000 square feet of sails. I hope you join me on this rejuvenating and deeply enriching winter journey.

Sincerely,

Alice W. Schwarz

Lecturer & Educator

The Metropolitan Museum of Art



Traveling with You

Alice W. Schwarz

Alice W. Schwarz has over 38 years of experience at The Metropolitan Museum of Art and is a master at the art of gallery-based teaching. She co-created award-winning *Murder at The Met: An American Murder Mystery* and has taught and trained staff at numerous historic house museums. She is also on the faculty at Bank Street College of Education in the Museum Education Graduate Program and the School of Visual Arts in the Art History and Critical Studies department. She has a B.A. triple-major in Art History, History, and Studio Art with a minor in Theater and an M.S. in Museum Education.

Trip Highlights

- Set sail on a luxurious round-trip voyage from Barbados aboard *Sea Cloud*, Marjorie Merriweather Post's legendary sailing yacht with just 32 cabins; enjoy visits to lesser-known islands in this historic region; and delight in a possible invigorating dip from the swim deck of *Sea Cloud* in the Caribbean
- Visit private tropical gardens on exclusive tours, including the breathtaking botanical garden on Nevis, home to orchid terraces, various tropical plants, and a rainforest conservancy
- Explore the UNESCO-listed military fortress of Brimstone Hill, an extensive site on St. Kitts once captured by French troops in a month-long battle with the British during the Revolutionary War
- Retrace Caribbean history through the colonial struggles of European powers on St. Kitts and the Îles des Saintes, the location of an important Revolutionary War battle
- Admire collections of indigenous artifacts, African treasures, and French and British colonial decorative arts in the Carriacou Historical Society & Museum on the tiny Grenadine island of Carriacou
- Tour the lush Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens, home to colorful blossoms including hibiscus, ixora, and heliconia as well as a waterfall and a natural gorge, in Soufrière, St. Lucia



On deck, *Sea Cloud*



Photos clockwise from top right: Map of the region; Hibiscus; Botanical Gardens of Nevis; Fort Napoléon, Îles des Saintes; *Sea Cloud*; and Romney Manor, St. Kitts. Front cover: *Sea Cloud*, St. Lucia. Back cover: St. Kitts, courtesy of the St. Kitts Tourist Board (top) and Botanical Gardens of Nevis, courtesy of the Botanical Gardens of Nevis (bottom).

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Anse de Pitons, St. Lucia

Departure / Barbados

Friday, February 24

Upon arrival in Barbados this afternoon, transfer to the elegant sailing yacht *Sea Cloud* for our seven-night Caribbean cruise. D

Carriacou, Grenada

Saturday, February 25

Following a morning at sea and lunch on board, arrive in charming Carriacou. Discover the Carriacou Historical Society & Museum, which houses Arawak and Carib artifacts as well as extensive colonial collections in a historic building that was once a cotton ginnyery. Alternatively, enjoy the powdery sand of the island's beaches. B, L, D

Day at Sea

Sunday, February 26

Spend the day at sea under sail as *Sea Cloud* takes full advantage of the trade winds. Following morning lectures, observe as members of the ship's crew practice the art of setting the sails by hand. This evening, join the captain for welcome cocktails, followed by dinner. B, L, D



Alexander Hamilton's birthplace, Nevis

Charlestown, Nevis

Monday, February 27

This afternoon, call at the island of Nevis, birthplace of Alexander Hamilton. See the childhood home of the famed Founding Father. Continue on to the spectacular Botanical Gardens of Nevis, and explore its five acres of orchid terraces, various tropical plants, and a rainforest conservancy. *Sea Cloud* will dock overnight in the quaint village of Charlestown. B, L, D

Basseterre, St. Kitts / Afternoon at Sea

Tuesday, February 28

Arrive on the island of St. Kitts, the first permanent English settlement in the Caribbean and the home of Alexander Hamilton's mother for many years. Visit the imposing fortress on Brimstone Hill, known as "the Gibraltar of the West Indies" for its extensive battery. UNESCO recognized this site as an outstanding, extraordinarily well-preserved example of British military architecture from the 17th and 18th centuries. Discover Romney Manor, an 18th-century

plantation house formerly owned by a direct ancestor of Thomas Jefferson. After lunch aboard *Sea Cloud*, set sail for an afternoon at sea while taking in the beautiful and serene Caribbean waters. B, L, D

Îles des Saintes, Guadeloupe

Wednesday, March 1

An archipelago of eight tiny volcanic islands, the Îles des Saintes is the site of the 1782 Battle of the Saintes between the British Royal Navy and the French fleet. Tour the colonial-style capital, Terre-de-Haut, or visit 17th-century Fort Napoléon, with its commanding views and exotic gardens. You may also choose to enjoy a swim at one of the white-sand beaches before returning to *Sea Cloud*. B, L, D

Soufriere, St. Lucia

Thursday, March 2

Anchor this morning in the Bay of Soufrière, tucked between the dramatic Anse des Pitons. Step ashore to tour the lush Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens, with its bounty of tropical blossoms as well as hot mineral springs and a dazzlingly colorful waterfall. In the early afternoon, *Sea Cloud* sets sail for Barbados. Gather for the captain's farewell dinner this evening. B, L, D

Barbados / Disembark / Return

Friday, March 3

Disembark *Sea Cloud* early this morning, and transfer to the airport for the flights home. B

This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.

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Program Rates

Cabin Categories	Decks	Double Rates	Single Rates
Cabins 14 to 17 Upper/lower twin beds, shower.	Promenade Deck	\$9,999	\$14,999
Cabins 28 & 29 Twin beds, shower.	Promenade Deck	\$10,999	\$16,499
Cabins 18 to 25 Twin beds, shower.	Promenade Deck	\$11,999	\$17,999
Cabins 32 to 37 Twin beds, shower.	Lido Deck	\$13,999	\$20,999
Cabins 30 & 31 Double beds, shower.	Lido Deck	\$14,999	Inquire
Cabins 9 & 10 Queen-size bed, shower.	Main Deck	\$15,999	Inquire
Cabins 3 to 8 Queen-size or twin bed(s), marble fireplace, and bath.	Main Deck	\$17,999	Inquire
Cabins 1 & 2 Original Owner's Suites. King-size bed, marble fireplace, and bath.	Main Deck	\$20,999	Inquire

Rates Include

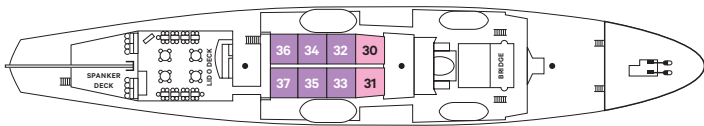
- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard *Sea Cloud*
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner); bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at welcome and farewell dinners; complimentary open bar throughout the cruise
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- Escorted sightseeing by private motorcoach; entrance fees for included visits
- Customary shipboard gratuities
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

Not included in rates

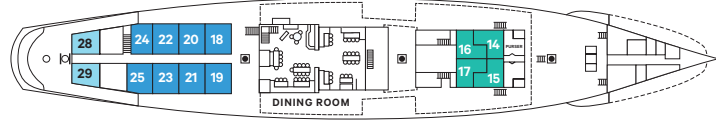
International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; trip insurance; excess baggage; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Sea Cloud

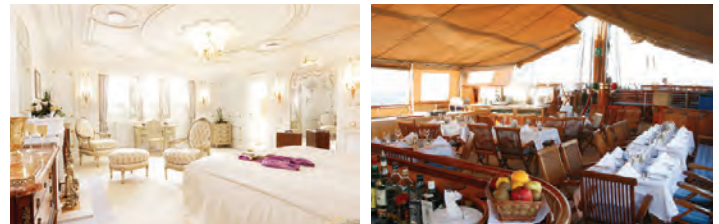
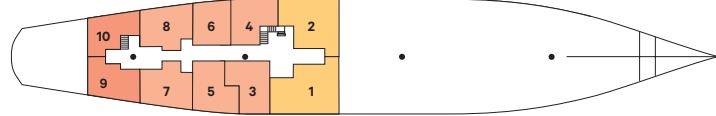
CAPTAIN'S AND LIDO DECK



PROMENADE DECK



MAIN DECK



Sea Cloud Owner's Suite (left) and Lido Deck (right)

With her rich mahogany and gleaming brass, the legendary *Sea Cloud* travels under 30 billowing sails trimmed by hand. Her original owners, heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post and financier E. F. Hutton, desired a craft like no other. They spared no expense to create the largest private sailing ship ever built and in 1931, *Sea Cloud* was launched. In the '30s and '40s, as she sailed the world, the four-masted beauty was host to leaders including the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Sweden's King Gustavus V. Now carefully restored by a team of master craftspeople, this great lady continues to offer elegant quarters, fine dining, and impeccable service. Praised by the world's most discerning travelers, *Sea Cloud* receives consistently high rankings from *Condé Nast Traveler*. Please note: *Sea Cloud* does not have an elevator.

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Reservation Form

To secure your reservation, please call Arrangements Abroad at 844-TRVLMET (844-878-5638); or complete this form and return it with your deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees), to be paid by debit card, credit card, wire transfer, or check payable to *Arrangements Abroad*. Mail to: Arrangements Abroad, Arrangements Abroad, 260 West 39th Street, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10018-4424.

Names in full as on passports. Please print.

Address

City State Zip

Telephone (home) (business)

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Accommodations

Sea Cloud cabin preference (1) _____ (2) _____

I wish to share cabin with _____

Form of payment

Enclosed is my check (payable to *Arrangements Abroad*) Debit card Credit card

Name on debit/credit card

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Each participant must sign below. I/We have read, understand and agree to the Terms & Conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms and detailed in program documents. I/We agree to full payment 120 days prior to departure.

Signature (required)

Date

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