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## CANARY ISLANDS: SAILING WITH THE TRADE WINDS

Sail with the trade winds through the ever-changing island landscape of the Canaries. Many magnificent hours at sea. In late autumn the reliable trade winds and the Canaries mild climate ensure ideal sailing conditions. The day is yours to relish the wonderful windjammer experience however you please. And when the Sea Cloud II drops anchor in the afternoon or early evening, there will still be plenty of time to explore the surrounding area. The diversity of the Canary Islands Gran Canaria, Tenerife, El Hierro, La Palma and La Gomera during this cruise you will discover the two bigger and three smaller Canary Islands. Walking along the promenades, through narrow alleyways or alongside the sea, you will experience the diverse character of these islands: from cosmopolitan style in Las Palmas to quiet introspection in rustic San Sebastian. Nature at its best: the Garajonay and Caldera de Taburiente national parks. Magical trade mists, gnarled pine trees, babbling head streams when the Garajonay and Caldera de Taburiente national parks were created, the Canary Islands guaranteed protection for two of its most outstanding ecosystems. Whilst Garajonays misty evergreen forest boasts over 1,000 animal species, Caldera de Taburiente impresses with an enormous, rugged volcanic crater. Also on board: Dr Constantin Elfe. Dr Elfe is a passionate sailor who studied history and politics, as well as American Studies, and who works for the German parliament. He has been accompanying our cruises as a lecturer for many years. His talks cover a wide range of topics. Depending upon the circumstances, it is possible that another lecturer will be on board for this trip.



### ITINERARY

Day 1 - Las Palmas/Gran Canaria (Spain)

Guests arrive individually in Las Palmas. Embarkation on the Sea Cloud II. With its black volcano almost 2,000 metres (6,561 foot) high and endless white beaches along the coastline, the island of Gran Canaria displays a huge variety of landscapes. A "continent in miniature" with rugged rock formations, dense pine forests, dry valleys and reservoirs in the interior, lush vegetation in the north, shimmering dune landscapes in the south and weirdly shaped cliffs in the west. Almost half the island has been registered by UNESCO as a Biosphere Reserve. The capital, Las Palmas, is no less colourful,

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with its port and history stretching back 500 years. The showpiece of this historic old town is the magnificent Santa Ana Cathedral.

### Days 2 & 3 - San Sebastian/La Gomera (Spain)

Many people consider La Gomera to be the most wildly romantic island in the Canaries. Rugged gorges, craggy hillsides, fertile valleys and evergreen cloud forests characterise the landscape. The Garajonay National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, embraces the whole central mountain area and is an unusual little spot. Ancient bay trees, heather bushes as high as trees and metre-high ferns form a cloud forest where treemoss hangs from the trees and mosses cling to gnarled branches - a truly mystical natural spectacle which has existed for millions of years. Optional Excursion to the Garajonay National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### Day 4 - Puerto de la Estaca/El Hierro (Spain)

Volcanic activity has created a wildly romantic and varied natural landscape. A black lava desert and strange rock formations with oddly shaped, wind-defying juniper trees in the south, orchards, vineyards, fig and almond groves in the north, lush green meadows and pastures in the high plateaus, and perhaps the most beautiful pine forests in the archipelago. El Hierro, the smallest and newest of the Canary Islands, is almost completely edged with steeply sloping, rugged cliffs and the spray from the surging ocean. UNESCO has designated it a Biosphere Reserve. Optional Excursion - Panoramic trip around the island.

### Days 5 & 6 - Puerto de la Estaca/El Hierro & Santa Cruz/La Palma (Spain)

The combination of small size and great height make the lush green volcanic island of La Palma one of the steepest islands on

earth. The white houses in the island's capital shine out from wooded mountain slopes and the old town centre of Santa Cruz is covered by a preservation order principally because of its Canarian houses with their artistically decorated wooden balconies. The Caldera de Taburiente towers above the north of the island. With a diameter of nine kilometres (5.6 miles) and surrounded by crater walls more than 2,000 metres (6,561 foot) high, it is one of the world's largest volcanic craters. Behind the caldera is the cloud forest of Los Tilos. The Biosphere Reserve was extended by UNESCO to cover the whole island of La Palma. Optional Excursion to the Caldera de Taburiente National Park.

### Days 7 & 8: Los Cristianos/Tenerife (Spain)

Optional Excursion to Masca Valley or to the Canadas del Teide National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### Day 9 - Las Palmas/Gran Canaria (Spain)

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## YOUR SHIP: SEA CLOUD II

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

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



bygone age.

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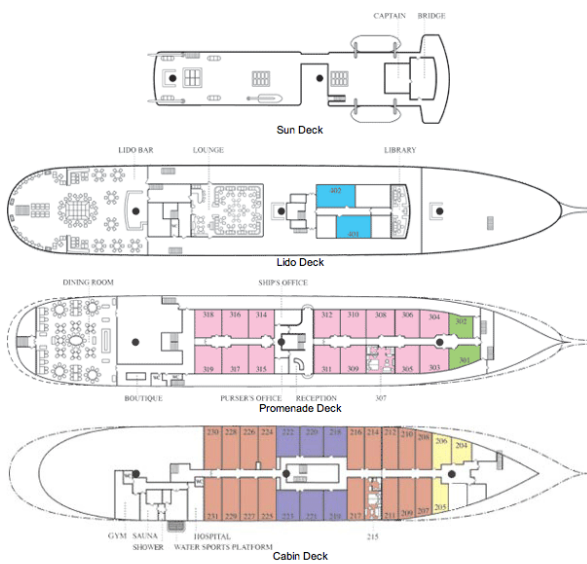
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Please note that category F cabins have one lower and one upper berth bed

- Cat A
- Cat B
- Cat C
- Cat D
- Cat E
- Cat F

Key



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## PRICING

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