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## LESSER ANTILLES & THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

The Lesser Antilles and the British Virgin Islands – from hidden pirate bays to a famous jet set island. The magical Maravillas caves Strolling through the legendary Maravillas caves, you would be forgiven for thinking you had entered a unique and magical world 35 metres underground. Huge, shimmering stalagmites and stalactites stretch out into the dimly lit caves, an underground river rushes past, and mystical Taino Indian paintings on the walls captivate with their expressive power, as they have done for thousands of years. The British Virgin Islands – one of the top sailing destinations in the world When Columbus discovered these islands back in 1493, he named them after the 11,000 virgins of Saint Ursula as he was so taken by their pure and untouched beauty. There are more than 60 different islands in this archipelago, each with its own distinct character. Virgin Gorda for example attracts with its extraordinary granite rock formation known as “The Baths”, which is full of small grottos and seawater pools, whilst sailors flock to the pirate island of Jost van Dyke to meet for a chat in one of the many beach bars. St Barts – an exquisite refuge If you take the stylish charm of the Côte d’Azur, add a touch of laid-back American attitude and top this off with a stunning Caribbean backdrop, what you get is the luxurious destination of St Barts. This elegant island offers a distinctly sophisticated lifestyle, attracting jet setters from around the world to come and experience its fine restaurants, haute couture boutiques, impressive yachts and picture-perfect beaches.

### ITINERARY

Day 1 - Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic)

Guests arrive individually in Santo Domingo. Embarkation on the Sea Cloud II. On this island, which is part of Hispaniola, Columbus founded the first Spanish colony in America. Santo Domingo, the present capital of the Dominican Republic, is the first and oldest European-founded city in the New World. Old in the New World still means relatively young - it corresponds to Renaissance visions of the ideal and was the model for many cities in Latin America. A visit to the historic old city is like a journey through time. The splendid stone buildings are testament to the era of the colonial conquests and have been smartened up as World Heritage Sites under the protection of UNESCO.

Day 2 - La Romana (Dominican Republic)

During the sugar boom of the late 19th century, La Romana developed into a lively working-class city and eastern sugar centre. The third largest city in the Dominican Republic now has many faces. The streets are laid out in a grid formation with colourfully painted houses. Between these and the golf courses and luxury villas of the prominent Casa de Campo flows the Rio Dulce, which runs into the sea. Native Taino art plays a large role, both in the city's archaeological museum and in what is perhaps the country's most beautiful cave, Maravillas. This was

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a cult site for the native Taino people and lies 35 metres below ground. The numerous cave paintings are more than 1,000 years old and have been exceptionally well preserved. Optional Trip to the Maravillas caves.

### Day 3 - At Sea

### Day 4 - North Sound/Virgin Gorda (Virgin Islands (Brit))

Explorers and privateers once used to cross swords in the Sir Francis Drake Channel. Nowadays the sea around the British Virgin Islands is one of the world's best sailing areas. Heavenly bays, gorgeous beaches, idyllic anchoring spots, smart yacht clubs and charming little beach bars make the island a popular haunt for sailors. On Virgin Gorda, once called "The Fat Virgin" by Columbus due to its shape, you can find "The Baths", one of nature's most beautiful oddities, in the National Park. Ground to a sphere and polished to a shine, the huge granite formations on the beach and in the water create a multi-branched labyrinth of giant boulders. Optional Excursion to "The Baths".

### Day 5 - North Sound/Virgin Gorda & White Bay/Jost van Dyke (Virgin Islands (Brit))

The Sir Francis Drake Channel, where swords were once crossed, is now one of the most beautiful sailing spots. Jost van Dyke, the smallest of the main islands in the British Virgin Islands, is a mountainous volcanic object of beauty with fewer than 300 inhabitants. One of them, Foxy, has been mixing his cocktails since 1968 and the bar of the same name enjoys a legendary reputation as perhaps the most famous beach bar in the Lesser Antilles. The island's past is less reputable - it was named by a Dutch pirate. The island gives its most beautiful treasures to all who visit - fine sand, green palm trees, colourful beach bars and the luminous blue of the sea.

### Days 6 & 7 - Gustavia/St Barthélemy (France)

St Barthélemy, affectionately known as St Barths by most, had already had many "owners" before the Lesser Antilles were acquired by France in 1877. When the first estate was acquired by the banker David Rockefeller in 1957, the island's future was finally sealed. It became a refuge for the international jet set and an elegant holiday paradise for many Hollywood stars. For over 40 years, St Barths has cultivated a luxurious lifestyle with a Caribbean laissez-faire approach. You can stroll through the charming main town of Gustavia, whose beautifully restored houses and colonial facades look out over the sea with its elegant superyachts, browse in the shops for precious items, or enjoy a sundowner in the picturesque harbour surrounded by clusters of high class bars and restaurants.

### Day 8 - St. John's/Antigua (Antigua & Barbuda)

St John's is the capital of this small island in the Antilles, a former British colony. From Shirley Heights in the south you have a fantastic view over the English Harbour and Nelson's Dockyard, an old restored shipyard named after the Admiral. Visit Betty's Hope, a restored sugar mill where "white gold" would have been processed during the island's bitter past. Now sweet black pineapples grow in the gentle rolling landscape around Boggy Peak. The coast is lined with bays and lagoons, dazzling white palm-filled beaches - one for every day of the year - and an almost unbroken coral reef. 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

<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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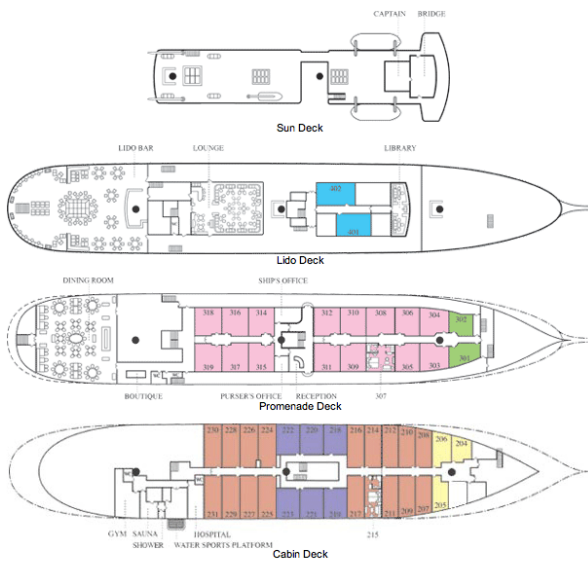
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



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

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