Caribbean Paradises & Extraordinary Vistas
Round-Trip Sint Maarten Aboard Sea Cloud
January 21 – 29, 2022
CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

**SET** sail on a luxurious round-trip voyage from Sint Maarten aboard *Sea Cloud*, a legendary sailing yacht with just 32 cabins, and enjoy visits to lesser-known and untouched islands in this historic region.

**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.

**ENJOY** special access to the 18th-century Fairview Great House and Botanical Gardens, the only existing French plantation house on St. Kitts, and see its private art collections as well as two-and-a-half acres of botanical gardens.

**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.

**TRACE** Caribbean history through the colonial struggles of European powers on St. Kitts and Îles des Saintes, the location of an important Revolutionary War battle.

**SWIM** at exquisite hidden beaches and snorkel in clear blue waters on St. Barthélemy and Îles des Saintes, or delight in a possible invigorating dip from the swim deck of *Sea Cloud* in the Caribbean.
Dear Vanderbilt Alumni and Friends,

In January 2022, join us for an inspiring winter escape to the sunny Caribbean. Aboard the original Sea Cloud, set sail on a round-trip journey from Dutch Sint Maarten. Step ashore on seven islands, all with their own unique character and intriguing blends of cultures, and savor opportunities to swim in refreshing, turquoise waters.

This sea voyage will illuminate the rich histories of these idyllic paradises, once vital stops on transatlantic trade routes. Rediscover often-forgotten links between the Caribbean and the birth of the United States. On exclusive tours, visit meticulously landscaped colonial estates and private collections dating back centuries. Behold breathtaking gardens, including the marvelous botanical garden at Nevis, which hosts diverse and rare flora in its rainforest conservancy.

From Sint Maarten, call at St. Kitts, where you will marvel at a UNESCO-listed hilltop fortress where a decisive Revolutionary War battle took place. Explore the site of a 1782 conflict between the British and the French at Îles des Saintes. On the little-visited yet spectacular island of Dominica, join a private tour of an 18th-century military fortress surrounded by virgin forest, shimmering rivers, and dormant volcanoes. On Nevis, see the birthplace of an American Founding Father, Alexander Hamilton, before discovering a restored 17th-century sugar plantation on magical Antigua. From there, wander the hiking trails and splendid town streets on the Dutch island of St. Eustatius, and spend a day among the white-sand beaches of St. Barthélemy before returning to Sint Maarten for disembarkation.

We’re honored to travel in the company of members of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Yale Alumni Association. As Sea Cloud glides over the Caribbean’s gentle waves, dine on deck as the serene trade winds fill the ship’s 32,000 square feet of sails. I hope you will join us on this enriching, closer-to-home journey, which will be the perfect winter escape.

Sincerely,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director
Vanderbilt Travel Program

The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled educational opportunities, many with Vanderbilt professors, for an exclusive “beyond the classroom” experience.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21: DEPARTURE / PHILIPSBURG, SINT MAARTEN / EMBARK SEA CLOUD
Arrive in Philipsburg, Sint Maarten in the afternoon, and transfer to the awaiting Sea Cloud, setting sail for St. Kitts. L,D

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22: BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS
Anchor in Basseterre 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 Fairview Great House and Botanical Gardens, an 18th-century oasis on this charming small island. On the way back to the ship, stop at Brimstone Hill, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as “the Gibraltar of the West Indies” for its extensive battery. B,L,D

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23: ÎLES DES-SAINTES, GUADELOUPE
Arrive on Îles des Saintes, an archipelago of eight tiny volcanic islands and 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. Or perhaps enjoy a swim at one of the white-sand beaches before returning to Sea Cloud for an overnight stay docked on Îles des Saintes. B,L,D

MONDAY, JANUARY 24: CABRITS, DOMINICA
Today, discover Dominica, nicknamed the “Nature Isle” of the Caribbean, one of the most untouched of the Windward Islands. It boasts some of the highest mountains in the Lesser Antilles as well as many beautiful national parks. Its interior is characterized by thick virgin forest, where rivers plunge into the depths and tiny streams meander through the jungle. On an exploration of Cabrits National Park, marvel at this natural scenery and find two extinct volcanoes at its center. Within a volcanic crater in the park, make your way to UNESCO-listed Fort Shirley, a formerly strategic network of defenses built in the 18th century whose ruins have been recaptured by the surrounding jungle. B,L,D
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25: CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS
This afternoon, call at the island of Nevis, birthplace of Alexander Hamilton. See the childhood home of the famed Founding Father, before exploring the island’s spectacular botanical gardens. The five-acre Botanical Gardens of Nevis contains orchid terraces, various tropical plants, and a rainforest conservancy. Sea Cloud will dock overnight in the quaint village of Charlestown. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26: ST. JOHN’S, ANTIGUA
St John’s is the capital of this small island in the Antilles, a former British colony. From Shirley Heights in the south, savor fantastic views 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. Nearby, see sweet black pineapples growing in the gentle rolling landscape around Boggy Peak, Antigua’s highest point. Along the coast, admire the island’s bays and lagoons, countless white palm-filled beaches, and an almost unbroken coral reef. B,L,D

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27: ORANJESTAD, ST. EUSTATIUS
Call at the small Dutch island of St. Eustatius, once one of the busiest seaports in the world. The island’s landscapes are dominated by the Quill, a dormant volcano. In Quill National Park, stroll along hiking trails along the ocean and around the volcano, which features a rainforest and a variety of orchid species. Surrounding the island are narrow beaches of volcanic sand. You may decide to join a walking tour in town or relax on your own. B,L,D

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28: GUSTAVIA, ST. BARTHÉLEMY
Today’s call is at small but cosmopolitan St. Barthélemy. Experience the island’s French savoir faire as we stroll past stylish cafés and boutiques. Swimmers will have an opportunity to visit one of many beautiful beaches. Return to the ship in time for lunch. Onboard festivities this evening feature a tasting of excellent rums from island distilleries. B,L,D

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29: PHILIPSBURG, SINT MAARTEN / DISEMBARK
Arrive back in Sint Maarten, and disembark Sea Cloud for flights home. B

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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. Sea Cloud does not have an elevator.

### CRUISE RATES

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### RATES INCLUDE

- Eight nights cabin accommodations aboard Sea Cloud as per itinerary
- 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 porterage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

### NOT INCLUDED IN RATES

- International airfare; passport/visa fees; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on suggested group flights; baggage in excess of one suitcase; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.
To reserve a place, please contact The Vanderbilt Travel Office at 615-322-3673 or complete and return this form with your deposit of $1,000 per person (fully refundable until 120 days before departure) payable to Arrangements Abroad. Mail to: Arrangements Abroad, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd floor, New York, NY 10018-3721.

Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print.

Address

City                      State                    Zip

Telephone (home)                        (business)

Fax

E-mail

ACCOMMODATIONS
Sea Cloud cabin preference

(1) _______________ (2) _______________

I wish to share cabin with

FORM OF PAYMENT

☒ Enclosed is my check

(ppayable to Arrangements Abroad)

☐ Credit card

Name on credit card

Credit card number

3- or 4-digit security code                Expiration date

I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the Terms & Conditions of this Program (see www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms to review or call for a copy). Each participant must sign below.

Signature (required)                    Date

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Sea Cloud photos at left from top: Cuisine; Owner’s Suite; On deck; and Main Deck Cabin
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