

# Travel with The Met

February 23–March 1, 2024

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

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# Caribbean Paradises & Extraordinary Vistas

Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

Join me in February 2024 for an unforgettable voyage to Caribbean islands aboard the legendary *Sea Cloud*. We will cruise to five island paradises, each offering a unique perspective on the Transatlantic World and the cultural intersections between Europe, Africa, and the Americas. Under the breathtaking sails of *Sea Cloud*, we will savor fine dining, warm Caribbean breezes, enchanting starlit nights, and first-class hospitality from the ship's international crew.

As a scholar of historic homes, I am thrilled to offer you an exclusive opportunity to discover stunning colonial Caribbean estates and gardens. I am also excited to share an understanding of the Caribbean's natural beauty and cultural richness through the lens of 19th-century American landscape painters like Frederic Edwin Church. These pioneering artists captured the region's diverse flora and landscapes in some of their groundbreaking works.

Our voyage aboard *Sea Cloud* will take us from Barbados to the tiny Grenadine island of Bequia, which *Forbes* suggested as "the Caribbean's best-kept secret." We'll go behind the scenes of a turtle hatchery to witness how specialists are protecting these endangered animals and take an inside look at skilled craftsmen building traditional boats by hand at a workshop. Next, we'll head to Nevis, where we'll explore the reconstructed 17th-century childhood home of Alexander Hamilton, as well as the island's exceptional botanical garden, with its beautiful orchid terraces and rainforest conservancy.

On St. Kitts, we will tour the gardens of Romney Manor, an 18th-century plantation once owned by a direct ancestor of Thomas Jefferson, then journey to the Îles des Saintes to explore its Revolutionary War history. Our adventure will continue on Martinique, known as the "island of flowers," where experts will take us behind the scenes of its splendid architecture, including an ornate library that was dismantled in Paris, shipped, and reassembled in its current location.

We will sail in the company of members from The National Trust for Historic Preservation and enjoy opportunities to swim in the Caribbean's turquoise waters. I hope you join me on this balmy winter escape that offers cultural enrichment and awe-inspiring beauty in equal measure.

Sincerely,

Alice W. Schwarz

Lecturer & Educator

The Metropolitan Museum of Art



## Traveling with You

Alice W. Schwarz

Alice W. Schwarz has more than four decades of experience at The Metropolitan Museum of Art and is a master at the art of gallery-based teaching. She co-created the 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. She previously lectured on The Met's Caribbean cruise aboard *Sea Cloud* in 2023.

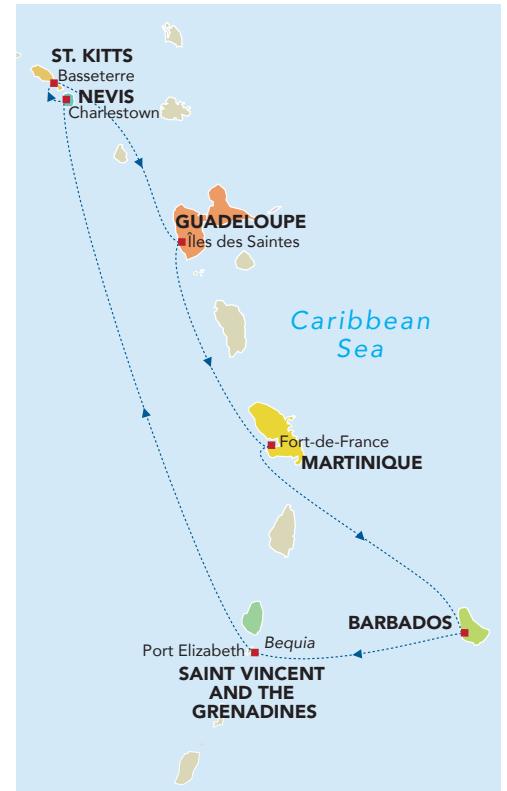
## Trip Highlights

- Sail on a luxurious round-trip voyage from Barbados aboard ***Sea Cloud***, Marjorie Merriweather Post's legendary sailing yacht that has hosted leaders and icons such as the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Sweden's King Gustavus V
- Enjoy exclusive tours of tropical gardens, including the breathtaking **Botanical Gardens of Nevis**, home to orchid terraces, various tropical plants, and a rainforest conservancy near Alexander Hamilton's birthplace
- Take a special look at **Romney Manor**, an 18th-century plantation house on St. Kitts formerly owned by a direct ancestor of Thomas Jefferson, featuring six acres of gardens filled with colorful flowers and a 350-year-old saman tree
- On the little-visited yet spectacular Grenadine island of **Bequia**, delight in private looks at a turtle hatchery to witness efforts to protect these endangered creatures and a traditional boat workshop, observing skilled craftsmen building boats by hand
- Explore the military fortress of **Brimstone Hill**, an extensive Revolutionary War site on St. Kitts, UNESCO-listed for its outstanding, extraordinarily well-preserved example of Colonial-era British military architecture
- Go behind the scenes at stunning historic sites on **Martinique**, the "island of flowers," with expert-led looks at its famed **Cathédrale Saint-Louis**, **Bibliothèque Schoelcher**, and **Grand Marché**, all designed by visionary architect Pierre-Henri Picq



Sea Cloud's Lido deck at night





Photos clockwise from top right: Regional map; Pineapple Ginger, Jardin de Balata, Martinique; Sea Cloud, photo by Brad Miller; Romney Manor, St. Kitts; Museum of Nevis History and House of Assembly, Nevis; Cathédrale Saint-Louis, Martinique. Front cover: Jardin de Balata, Martinique. Back cover: Bibliothèque Schoelcher, Martinique (top); Brimstone Hill, St. Kitts (bottom).



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Terre-de-Haut, Îles des Saintes

## Departure / Barbados

Friday, February 23

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

## Port Elizabeth (Bequia), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Saturday, February 24

Arrive on the Grenadine island of Bequia, originally settled by the Carib people before coming under French and later British rule. Take an inside look at a turtle hatchery and witness the efforts to protect these endangered creatures. Learn about the island's maritime and whaling heritage with a private look at a traditional boat workshop, where skilled craftsmen construct wooden boats by hand. Admire colorful houses on a stroll through the quaint main town of Port Elizabeth and conclude with a refreshing swim from one of its pristine beaches. This evening, join the captain for a welcome reception, followed by dinner. B, L, R, D

## Day at Sea

Sunday, February 25

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. B, L, D

## Charlestown, Nevis

Monday, February 26

This afternoon, call at the island of Nevis, the birthplace of Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, and see his childhood home. Continue to the spectacular Botanical

Gardens of Nevis, and explore its five acres of orchid terraces, fruit gardens, various tropical plants, and a rainforest conservancy populated with colorful butterflies and parrots. *Sea Cloud* will dock overnight in the quaint village of Charlestown. B, L, D

## Basseterre, St. Kitts / Afternoon at Sea

Tuesday, February 27

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. Then 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, February 28

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

## Fort-de-France, Martinique

Thursday, February 29

In the Lesser Antilles, explore the island of Martinique, a French overseas region. *Sea Cloud* will anchor off the city of Fort-de-France, which is named after the imposing 17th-century fortress that you will see upon arrival. In the heart of the city, discover three spectacular landmarks designed by architect Pierre-Henri Picq. Visit the Gothic Revival-style Cathédrale Saint-Louis built in 1895, with its dramatic flying buttresses and 187-foot-tall steeple. Admire a mix of Romano-Byzantine, Art Nouveau, and neo-Egyptian styles at the Bibliothèque Schoelcher, an ornate library that was built in Paris for display at the 1889 World Exposition, dismantled, shipped, and reassembled in its current location. Finally, see the Grand Marché, a colorful covered produce market built of steel and glass. Alternatively, garden lovers can learn why Martinique is known as "the island of flowers" at the Jardin de Balata, a mature botanical garden with a rainforest landscape of more than 3,000 tropical plants. In the afternoon, set sail for Barbados and attend a farewell reception and dinner. B, L, R, D

## Barbados / Disembark / Return

Friday, March 1

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](http://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	\$8,999	\$13,499
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 to 31 Double beds, shower.	Main Deck	\$14,499	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	\$19,999	Inquire

## Rates Include

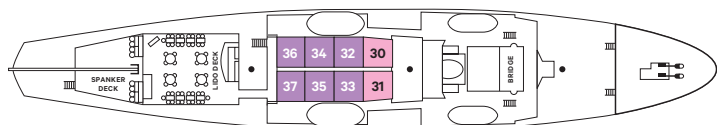
- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard *Sea Cloud*
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; thoughtfully selected wines and beer with onboard lunches and dinners; complimentary open bar throughout the cruise (including all standard spirits)
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation and entrance fees for all included visits
- Customary shipboard gratuities
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

### Not included in rates

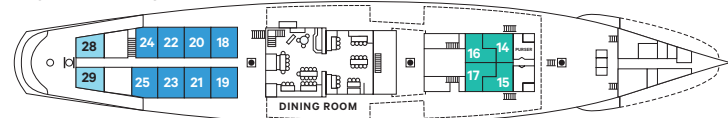
International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than what is noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

## Sea Cloud

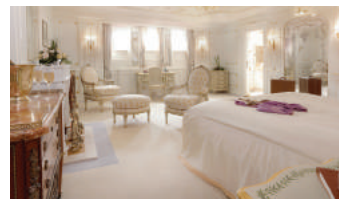
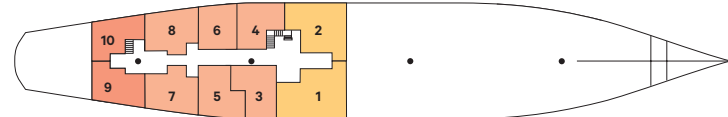
### CAPTAIN'S AND LIDO DECK



### PROMENADE DECK



### MAIN DECK



*Sea Cloud* Owner's Suite (left) and Sun 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*. *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); email: [met@arrangementsabroad.com](mailto:met@arrangementsabroad.com); 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, 260 West 39th Street, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10018-4424.

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

I wish to share a room/cabin with

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