



# The Luxurious Caribbean Sea



February 1 – 9, 2027

**E**xperience the romance of an authentic windjammer cruise on this deluxe 8-night Caribbean adventure! Under the billowing white sails of the exclusively chartered *Sea Cloud Spirit*, a luxurious three-masted small ship, sail from St. Maarten to Curaçao. Stop at six unique islands — St. Barthélemy, Dominica, Bequia, St. Lucia, Grenada and Bonaire. In St. Barthélemy, snorkel in the incomparable marine park at beautiful Colombier Beach. Explore Dominica’s lush tropical forests and bask in the island’s untamed beauty. On St. Lucia, witness geothermal activity within the drive-in volcano and stroll tropical botanical gardens. In Grenada, hike through a rain forest or savor the aromas and tastes of this “spice island” during a tasting tour. During a day at sea, relax on deck as the crew hoists sails by hand. Your epic journey concludes as you sail past colorful Dutch colonial buildings into Curaçao!

## Exclusive Highlights

- Cruise for 8 nights aboard the exclusively chartered *Sea Cloud Spirit*, a deluxe, three-masted small sailing ship.
- Specially arranged Traveler’s Choice excursions on five different islands.
- Two UNESCO World Heritage sites: Cabrits National Park and Fort Shirley on the island of Dominica, and St. Lucia and the two volcanic spires in its Pitons Management Area.



Above: Gustavia Harbor, St. Barthélemy  
Cover: St. Lucia at sunset



## Dear University of Michigan alumni travelers,

Travel is an enriching part of our lives, connecting us to new worlds, new friends, and each other. At the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, we've spent more than 60 years planning, perfecting, and executing extraordinary, exclusive trips for U-M travelers — trips you'd expect from, and for, the Leaders and Best. These adventures will take you beyond an ordinary visit and dive into the culture, history, cuisine, and lives of the locals at your destination.

Here are a few of the highlights you can expect from us:

**Convenience:** Our experience pays off. Every detail is planned and taken care of for you; all you have to do is pack your bag. The hardest part is selecting where to go next.

**Educational Enrichment:** All trips include educational content, with some featuring expert U-M faculty and staff traveling with your group.

**Unique Explorations:** Our tours are specially designed for U-M travelers, providing opportunities for spontaneous encounters and a great deal of independence wherever your journey takes you.

We invite you to explore our collection at [alumni.umich.edu/travel](http://alumni.umich.edu/travel).

Our travel team is also happy to assist you at 855-764-0064 or [alumnitravel@umich.edu](mailto:alumnitravel@umich.edu).

NOTE: The Alumni Travel program is a member benefit of the Alumni Association. Travelers, regardless of alumni status, must be a member to participate in our trips.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rachele Neu'.

RACHELE NEU B.S. '08, M.A. '12  
Senior Travel Program Manager

*Grand Anse Beach, Grenada*



**Day 1 | February 1****D**

Depart | Philipsburg,  
St. Maarten | Embark

Depart your home city for  
Philipsburg, St. Maarten,  
where you will embark  
the *Sea Cloud Spirit*.

**Day 2 | February 2****B-L-R-D**

Gustavia, St. Barthélemy

In beautiful Gustavia,  
St. Barthélemy, choose  
between two excursions.  
Snorkel in the calm,  
turquoise waters at remote  
Colombier Beach, where you  
might see starfish, sea turtles,  
stingrays, sea urchins, moray  
eels and lobsters. Or enjoy  
a scenic drive around the tiny,  
beautiful island of St. Barts,  
with its white-sand beaches,  
forested hills, red-roofed  
houses and seaside villages.  
Stop at picture-perfect  
Saint-Jean Bay and wrap up at  
Gustavia, where you can  
browse the boutiques,  
enjoy a cold drink and do some  
people-watching. Join your  
fellow travelers for a Welcome  
Reception and Dinner on  
board the ship this evening.

**Day 3 | February 3****B-L-D**

Cabrits, Dominica

In Dominica, the “Nature Isle  
of the Caribbean,” disembark  
after lunch for your choice  
between four excursions.  
Hike lush trails in Cabrits  
National Park, which  
encompasses protected  
habitats ranging from  
rainforests to coral reefs.  
Explore Fort Shirley, a historic  
fort built by the British  
in 1765 that has been  
designated a UNESCO World  
Heritage site. Or ride in a  
rowboat along the Indian  
River, which runs from deep in  
the tropical forest out to the  
Caribbean Sea. You’ll see

mangroves, iconic local bwa  
mang trees, dozens of exotic  
birds and possibly crabs,  
fish and iguanas. Or choose  
between two rainforest  
hikes — one to sulfur springs  
and a waterfall, the other to  
search for endangered parrots.

**Day 4 | February 4****B-L-D**

Port Elizabeth |  
Bequia, Grenadines

Disembark in beautiful Bequia  
(pronounced Beck-way),  
one of the islands in the  
Grenadines island chain.  
Visit Princess Margaret Beach,  
a stunning white-sand  
crescent fringed with  
lush palms. Enjoy strolling  
along the beach, or swimming





Lobster Claw tropical flower

and snorkeling in the calm, clear water.

**Day 5 | February 5 B-L-D**

Soufrière, St. Lucia

Wake this morning to stunning tropical views of St. Lucia. Two famous, dramatically pointed mountains stand guard over the lush, idyllic island. Gros and Petit Piton are actually (extinct) volcanic cones and have been designated as UNESCO World Heritage sites. Disembark for your choice excursion. Visit the world's only drive-in volcano, part of the same complex as the Pitons. The volcano is extinct, but mud still bubbles and sulfurous steam floats in the air

in this otherworldly spot. Next, explore the lush gardens of the Morne Coubaril Historical Park or go for an invigorating hike. Or choose to unwind at Sugar Beach, where the crystal-clear waters — filled with a kaleidoscope of vibrant marine life — are ideal for swimming or snorkeling. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon at leisure on board.

**Day 6 | February 6 B-L-D**

St. George's, Grenada

Grenada is home to verdant rainforests, beautiful beaches, aromatic spice plantations and cocoa farms. Today, take a tasting tour of Grenada. Visit Laura Herb and Spice

Garden, a botanical garden focused on medicinal herbs and spices. Tour the grounds with a private guide and learn about the fascinating trees, herbs and spices grown here, including coconut, nutmeg, mace, allspice, cinnamon, vanilla, turmeric and cloves. Or hike in a protected tropical rainforest situated around a crater lake in an extinct volcano. This reserve boasts stunning scenery and rich biodiversity — look out for Mona monkeys, emerald hummingbirds and other birdlife, and rare orchids during your hike. Or simply relax at Grand Anse Beach, famous for its white sand and calm turquoise water.

Mona monkey, Grenada



Kayaking in the mangroves

Flamingos, Gotomeer, Bonaire



Return to the ship for lunch and a relaxing afternoon on board.

**Day 7 | February 7 B-L-D**

Day at Sea

Spend today at your leisure. Attend a fascinating lecture, savor three delicious meals, and of course, delight in the beautiful views gliding by.

**Day 8 | February 8 B-L-R-D**

Klarendijk, Bonaire

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning as the ship arrives in Bonaire. The island's geography is varied, ranging from forested green hills to

desert-like salt pans dotted with cacti and flocks of pink flamingos. Bonaire also boasts rocky cliffs, mangrove forests and a long offshore coral reef that makes it a famous destination for scuba divers. Choose to explore Gotomeer, a salt-water lagoon known for its flamingo population. Bring along your binoculars and cameras as you search for the shy, leggy birds. Or snorkel at Klein Bonaire, a small, uninhabited islet with beautiful beaches, clear water and a profusion of colorful

marine life. Or go kayaking in a protected mangrove preserve. Join your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception and Dinner on board the ship this evening and raise a glass to your luxurious week in paradise!

**Day 9 | February 9 B**

Willemstad, Curaçao |  
Disembark ship |  
Return to home city

After breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

*Note: This itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.*

## Catching the Wind

Experience a cruise like no other while sailing aboard *Sea Cloud Spirit*, an authentic three-masted windjammer. The ship, built in 2021 to combine traditional sailing with modern amenities, boasts 28 sails and 18 deckhands to hoist them.

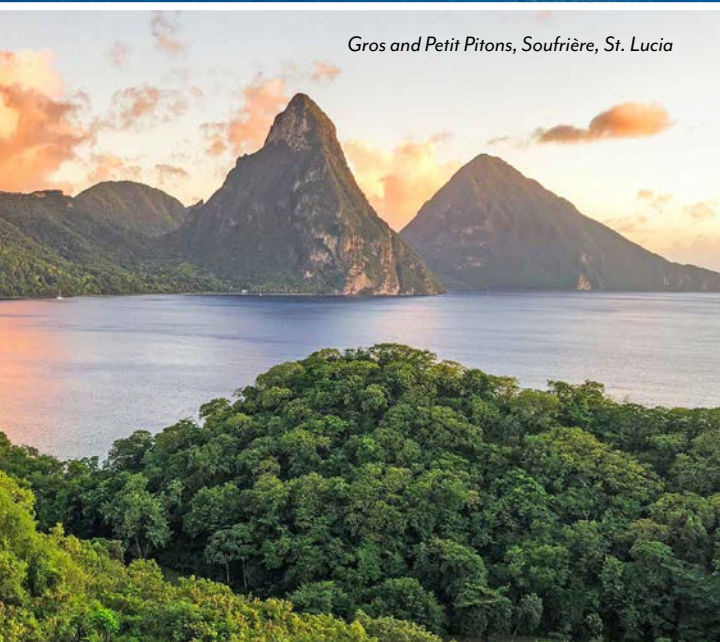
In 1931, Wall Street broker Edward Francis Hutton gave *Sea Cloud* to his wife, heiress and businesswoman Marjorie Merriweather Post. The opulent four-master was the world's largest private yacht. After a fabled life (including a stint in World War II!), *Sea Cloud* has been restored and again sails the seas, along with siblings *Sea Cloud II* and *Sea Cloud Spirit*.

Your captain and crew are committed to using the wind to sail whenever possible, which makes for an unparalleled passenger experience. Watch as the deckhands climb the rigging (some 190 feet above the sea!), loosen the heavy sails and haul lines in from the deck. As the sails catch the wind, you'll feel your spirits — and the *Spirit* itself — lift and soar.





**St. George's, Grenada**



*Gros and Petit Pitons, Soufrière, St. Lucia*



*White-sand beach in St. Barts*

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- 8 nights aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe *Sea Cloud Spirit*.
- Specially arranged Traveler's Choice excursions on 5 different islands.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Included Meals | 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 8 dinners.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director accompanies you throughout the program. (1 for every 40 guests).
- Expert lecturers and local guides enrich your experience with their knowledge and insight.
- During included excursions, our experienced, English-speaking local guides will teach you about the history, culture and natural splendor of the destination.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary water is available in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
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- Our extensive pre-departure materials better prepare you for your travel experience.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad when you purchase your air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).



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## Included in your Rate:

- Shore Excursions
- Wi-Fi/Internet
- Beverage Package
- Port Charges & Gratuities
- Travel Director(s)

A VALUE  
of up to  
**\$2,750**  
per person

**2027 DEPARTURE DATE** | February 1 to 9 | Tour Begins: February 1

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Special Savings Rate*
<b>A</b>	Suite with large, private balcony; marble bathroom with shower, bathtub & gold fixtures; California king bed; walk-in closet; sectional sofa & table; dressing table. Approx. 300 sq ft Veranda Deck, mid.	\$18,995	<b>\$17,995</b>
<b>B</b>	Suite with large, private balcony; marble bathroom with shower, bathtub & gold fixtures; California king bed; walk-in closet; sofa & chair with table; dressing table. Approx. 205 sq ft Veranda Deck, mid & fwd.	\$13,995	<b>\$12,995</b>
<b>C</b>	Stateroom with panoramic ocean-view window and door; marble bathroom with shower & gold fixtures; double bed; closet; chair with table; dressing table. Approx. 161 sq ft Lido Deck, fwd.	\$11,495	<b>\$10,495</b>
<b>D</b>	Stateroom with large porthole windows; marble bathroom with shower & gold fixtures; California king bed; closet; seating area with table; dressing table. Approx. 215 sq ft Cabin Deck, fwd & mid.	\$9,995	<b>\$8,995</b>
<b>E</b>	Stateroom with large porthole windows; marble bathroom with shower & gold fixtures; California king bed; closet; seating area with table; dressing table. Approx. 172 sq ft Cabin Deck, fwd.	\$8,495	<b>\$7,495</b>

All suites and staterooms are ocean-view and feature: individually controlled air conditioning; deluxe hotel-style bedding; dressing table & bureau; spacious en-suite bathrooms; hair dryer; toiletries from L'Occitane; bathrobes & slippers; private safe; minibar; coffeemaker; in-room telephone; TV with entertainment system; complimentary Wi-Fi.

All rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes (unless otherwise stated)



**\*The Special Savings Rate is valid if booked by 6/8/26 and paid in full at booking.**

**These Special Savings consist of \$500 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full Savings.**

- Single supplements apply in select categories at 160% of the per person cabin fare, plus taxes, with limited availability. Single rates for all other categories are at 200%. Special Savings still apply. (Cabin fare is the standard rate less taxes.)
- A surcharge of 3% will be applied to all bookings paid by credit card to cover payment processing costs. This fee is non-refundable and will be added to the total booking amount at checkout.
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## SEA CLOUD SPIRIT

Experience genuine windjammer romance aboard the majestic *Sea Cloud Spirit*, a modern three-masted ship with traditional rigging and polished wood throughout. Sail in ultimate luxury with deluxe service, elegantly appointed cabins, a bar, piano lounge and library, and an on-deck bistro. Amenities include a spa, fitness center, swim platform and sun deck for relaxing and watching skilled seamanship in action.