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Caribbean Islands & Living Traditions

Barbados to Sint Maarten

Aboard Sea Cloud II

February 5 - 12, 2027

with Alice W. Iglehart, *Lecturer*

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MTA trips offer exclusive cultural experiences to members from over 100 of America's leading museums. These art-filled programs feature all your favorite lecturers from past trips, with the same expert guidance and behind-the-scenes access you have come to expect.

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Cruise *Highlights*

Sail the **Caribbean** from **Barbados** to **Sint Maarten** aboard **Sea Cloud II**, where deckhands climb the rigging and trim 23 sails by hand, and step ashore on six richly historic islands.

Meet master shipwrights in **Carriacou's** village of **Windward**, where families build wooden model schooners using ancestral geometry with no blueprints, a UNESCO-recognized tradition.

Join a **private studio visit** with a contemporary street artist in **Martinique's Trois-Îlets**, then walk the ruins of **Saint-Pierre**, the island's former cultural capital.

Accompany a botanist through Martinique's **Balata Botanical Garden**, where a landscape artist spent four years transforming his grandparents' farmland into a collection of 3,000 plant varieties.

Stand before the Georgian-style house on **Nevis** where **Alexander Hamilton** was born, then visit a **master ceramicist's studio** for a look at techniques rooted in West African tradition.

Visit **St. Barthélemy's Space Gallery** for an inside look at one of the region's serious venues for international contemporary art with the guidance of a curator.

Walk inside the world's only drive-in volcano at **St. Lucia's Sulphur Springs**, then stand before the Diamond Waterfall, where mineral deposits paint the rock face yellow, green, and grey.

Enjoy **half-days of cruising the open waters**, taking in the warm Caribbean winter sun, while taking advantage of the abundant amenities and fine dining aboard *Sea Cloud II*.



Traveling With *You*

Alice W. Iglehart has more than 40 years of experience at The Metropolitan Museum of Art and is a master 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 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.

As winter takes hold in the U.S., set sail on a balmy Caribbean journey offering insights into the region's traditions. From **February 5 to 12, 2027**, sail from **Barbados to Sint Maarten** aboard the 47-cabin *Sea Cloud II*, stopping at six islands to meet working craftspeople—shipwrights, potters, street artists—and walk through active volcanic landscapes, restored 18th-century fortifications, and botanical gardens led by expert naturalists.

Between islands, *Sea Cloud II* travels under traditional sail—23 canvas sheets trimmed by hand, deckhands climbing rigging as sailors have for centuries—with blissful hours on open water to bask in the sun, watch the stars at night, and dine amid the gentle trade winds.

Historic homes scholar and longtime museum educator **Alice W. Iglehart** joins you as a lecturer to explore how artists respond to the natural environment and how technical skill is handed down through the generations. **To reserve your place**, contact the Museum Travel Alliance at Arrangements Abroad: 212-324-1893 or trips@museumtravelalliance.com. We spoke with Alice about this cruise.

What draws you to this Caribbean cruise centered on craft traditions?

Alice W. Iglehart: I've lectured previously on Caribbean sea voyages. Of course, I'm always enchanted by the natural beauty of the islands, plus the elegance and camaraderie of cruising aboard a traditional small ship like *Sea Cloud II*. What makes this program different is the chance to meet makers while they work. For example, on **Carriacou**, we'll witness how shipwrights build model schooners the way their great-grandfathers did, without blueprints. Each vessel emerges from knowledge passed through family lines, a three-dimensional expression of oral tradition. In 2023, UNESCO inscribed this ancestral practice as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, and we'll see it firsthand.

In **Nevis**, birthplace of **Alexander Hamilton**, we'll watch as a master ceramicist works with techniques rooted in West African tradition. These are working practices that have outlasted colonial pressure, volcanic destruction, and the loss of written records.

The program also includes contemporary art. How does that connect?

Alice W. Iglehart: The same question runs through every visit: How do artists respond to the environment they inherit? In **Martinique**, we'll have a private studio visit with a street artist to see how their work engages with the island's history of eruption and recovery. In **St. Barths**, I'm excited that we'll join a curator at **Space Gallery**, one of the Caribbean's most important nodes in the global art market, for a conversation about how this island attracts collectors and working artists alike.



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Friday, February 5:

*Departure / Bridgetown, Barbados /
Embark Sea Cloud II*

Depart on a same-day flight from the U.S. to **Barbados**, and join an airport transfer to the port of **Bridgetown** to board the awaiting **Sea Cloud II**. Gather for dinner on board this evening. **D**

Saturday, February 6:

Tyrell Bay, Carriacou, Grenada

After a morning at sea, arrive at **Carriacou**, where you may choose between two excursions:

Option 1: Enjoy a visit to the historic village of **Windward**, where skilled artisans preserve the centuries-old tradition of hand-building wooden model schooners. Meet with one of these craftsmen to discover the time-honored techniques behind this maritime craft.

Option 2: Relax this afternoon on one of the island's secluded beaches.

This evening, gather aboard *Sea Cloud II* for the captain's welcome reception and dinner. **B,L,R,D**



Carriacou, Grenada



Diamond Waterfall, St. Lucia, photo © Alexander Shalamov

Sunday, February 7:

Soufrière, St. Lucia

Arrive ashore in **Soufrière** to the sounds of a welcoming steel pan band. An expert botanist will lead a visit through a lush botanical garden, explaining the cultural and medicinal uses of the local tropical plants.

Continue to **Sulphur Springs**, the world's only drive-in volcano, for a close-up view of its steaming vents and bubbling mud pools. Conclude with views of the **Diamond Waterfall**, whose mineral content—sulphur, copper sulphate, and iron—paints the rock face in a shifting palette of yellow, green, and grey. Stand before two mountain-like **Pitons**, the hardened lava cores of volcanoes that formed 200,000 years ago. **B,L,D**

Monday, February 8: *Fort-de-France, Martinique*

Today, you may choose a full-day or half-day excursion:

Option 1: Begin with a private visit to the **studio of a contemporary street artist** in the village of **Trois-Îlets**. Next, explore the historic village of **Saint-Pierre**, the island's former cultural capital, which was destroyed by the 1902 eruption of Mount Pelée.

After a Creole lunch, join a botanist at the **Balata Botanical Garden**, the personal creation of landscape artist Jean-Philippe Thoze, who spent four years transforming his grandparents' former farmland into a collection of 3,000 plant varieties from around the globe.

Option 2: Embark on a relaxed half-day tour of **Fort-de-France**, including the cathedral, a local market, and the Balata Botanical Garden.

Later, all guests gather on board for a tasting of fine Martinican rum. **B,L,D**



Cathédrale Saint-Louis de Fort-de-France, Martinique



Traditional crafts, Kalinago Territory, Dominica

Tuesday, February 9: *Cabrits, Dominica*

On **Dominica**, known as the "Nature Island" of the Caribbean, you may choose a historical or a cultural tour:

Option 1: Join a guided exploration of the restored 18th-century British garrison, **Fort Shirley**. Learn the story of the 8th West India Regiment, composed of African slave soldiers who took control of the garrison. Their protest led directly to the British Mutiny Act of 1807 and the emancipation of all enslaved soldiers in the British Army. Then meet an expert for a walk through the island's botanical garden.

Option 2: Visit the **Kalinago Territory**, home to an Indigenous community that successfully fought off European colonization for two centuries. Here, observe the making of their traditional crafts and meet residents to learn about how their culture has endured, followed by a gentle walk along the **Emerald Pool Trail** to its waterfall. **B,L,D**



Gustavia, St. Barthélemy

Wednesday, February 10: *Gustavia, St. Barthélemy*

How did a Swedish king leave his mark on a French Caribbean island? You will find the answer in the architecture and street names of **Gustavia**, the capital city named for Sweden's King Gustav III after France traded the island in 1784.

A guided tour includes visits to several local galleries and the harborfront. We will also have a private, curator-led tour of **Space Gallery**, one of St. Barths's premier contemporary art spaces, for a conversation about the island's role in the global art world. The afternoon is at leisure for independent pursuits, from exploring boutiques to relaxing at a seaside café. **B,L,D**

Thursday, February 11: *Charleston, Nevis / St. Kitts*

Arrive in **Nevis**, the tranquil "Queen of the Caribbean," and choose between two excursions:

Option 1: Enjoy an island tour beginning with a private, botanist-led visit to the **Nevis Botanical Garden**. Then stand before the Georgian-style house where Alexander Hamilton was born in 1757. Take a guided tour of **Alexander Hamilton's Birthplace House**, followed by an inside look at the **Nevis Heritage Village**, a living museum of the island's past. The tour concludes with an intimate, hands-on visit to the studio of a local master ceramicist.

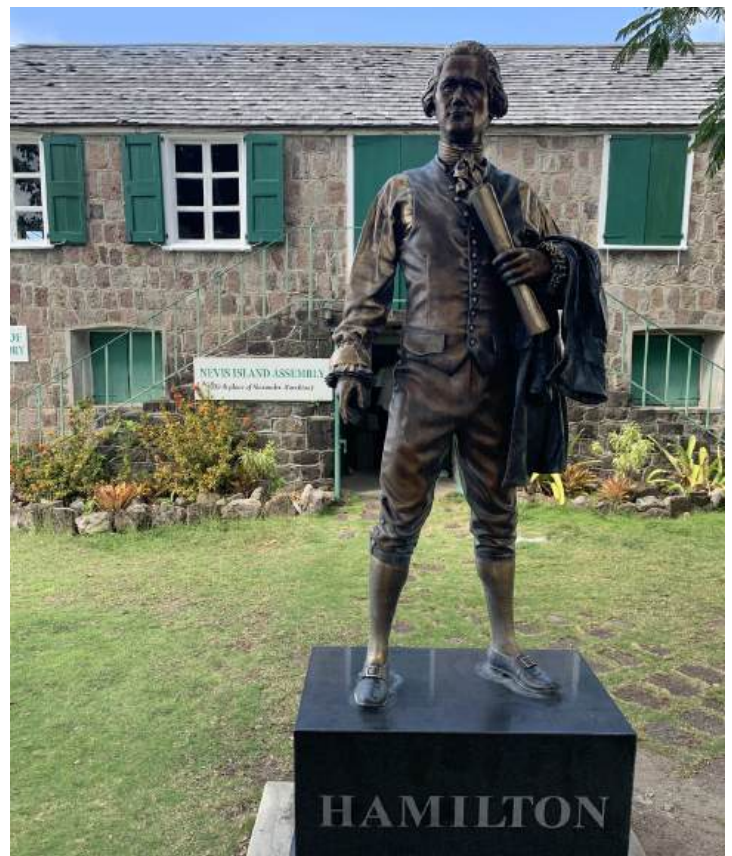
Option 2: Board a short, guided ferry ride to explore the highlights of nearby **St. Kitts**. **B,L,D**

Friday, February 12: *Phillipsburg, Sint Maarten / Disembark / Return*

Disembark in Phillipsburg, Sint Maarten, and transfer to the airport for flights home. **B**

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Alexander Hamilton's Birthplace House, Nevis

Sea Cloud II

Sea Cloud II is a three-masted sailing yacht steeped in the elegance of yesteryear and complemented with the most modern amenities. Sister ship of the legendary Sea Cloud, Sea Cloud II has 47 outside cabins and travels under 23 billowing sails trimmed by hand. From the mahogany-paneled library and gracious lounge to the gym and water sports platform, no detail has been overlooked. Praised by the world's most discerning travelers, Sea Cloud II receives consistently high rankings from Condé Nast Traveler. Passengers enjoy open seating at all meals and complimentary use of all water sports equipment. A doctor is on call 24 hours a day. Please note that there is no elevator on Sea Cloud II.

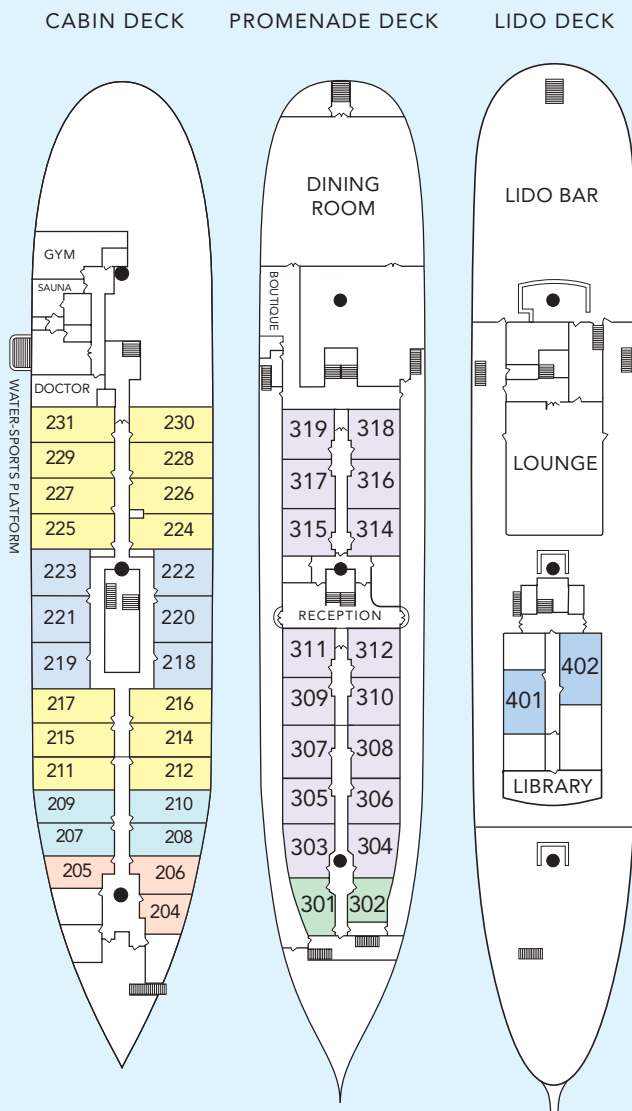
Cruise Rates

Cabins	Decks	Double	Single
Cabins 204 to 206 Upper/lower twin berths, shower	Cabin	\$7,999	\$9,999
Superior Cabins 207 to 210 Twin beds, shower	Cabin	\$9,999	\$14,999
Deluxe Cabins 211 to 217 & 224 to 231 Twin beds, shower	Cabin	\$11,999	\$17,999
Deluxe Cabins 218 to 223 Twin beds, shower	Cabin	\$13,999	Inquire
Deluxe Cabins 301 & 302 Twin beds, shower	Promenade	\$14,999	Inquire
Junior Suites 303 to 319 Twin beds, bathtub with shower	Promenade	\$17,999	Inquire
Owner's Suites 401 & 402 Queen-size bed, bathtub, and separate shower	Lido	\$19,999	Inquire

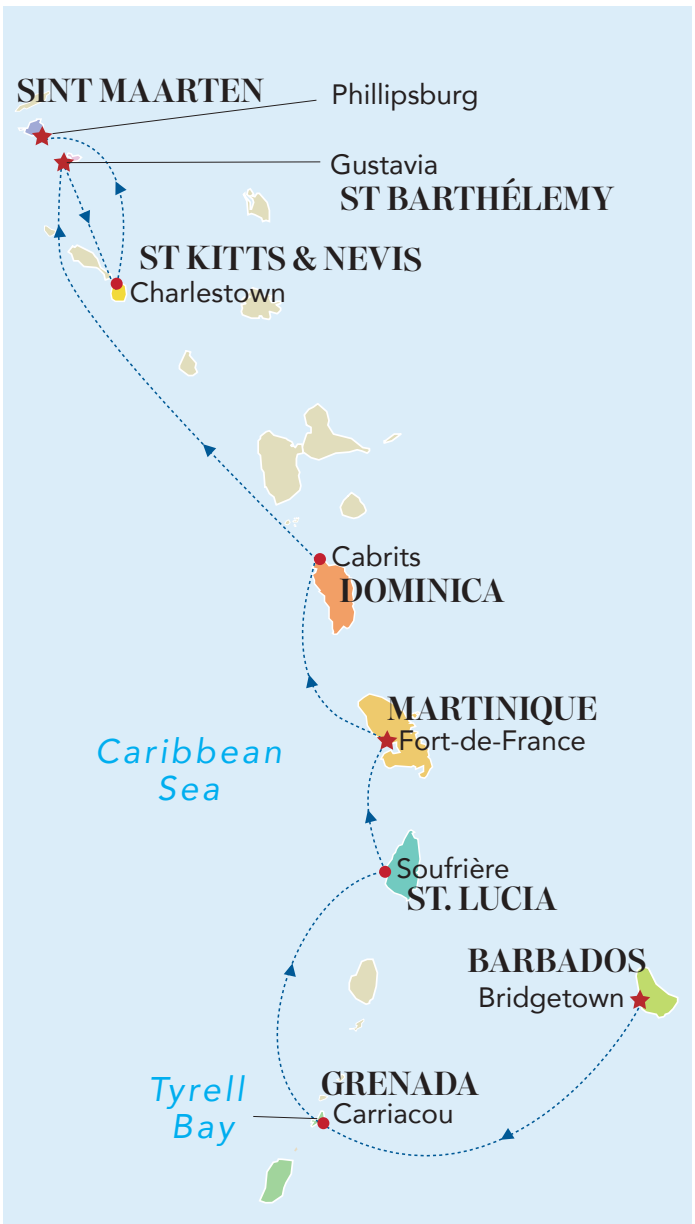
Rates Include

- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard Sea Cloud II
- 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 wine and beers at lunches and dinners; complimentary open bar aboard Sea Cloud II throughout the cruise (including all standard spirits)
- Airport/pier/airport transfers for participants on arrival and departure days
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES: International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than those noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for participants on arrival and departure days; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



Sea Cloud II



Map of the region



Sea Cloud II



Botanical Gardens, St. Lucia

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RESERVATION FORM

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

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Sea Cloud II cabin preference (1) _____ (2) _____

I wish to share a room/cabin with

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