Caribbean Culture: Houses, History & Hamilton
Round-trip Barbados Aboard Sea Cloud

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Dear Yale Traveler

Escape winter and sail the Caribbean with your fellow Yale alumni from January 24-31, 2020, aboard the historic Sea Cloud. The Broadway hit musical Hamilton (based on the biography by Ron Chernow ’70), dramatized this influential Founding Father’s British West Indian origin. Our voyage, inspired by his early life, will uncover the forgotten connections between the Caribbean and 18th-century America.

In Barbados, we embark the elegant sailing yacht Sea Cloud, originally built for C.W. Post heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post, for a seven-night voyage. In Nevis we visit the house where Alexander Hamilton was born, and stroll through the island’s spectacular botanic garden. Hamilton’s mother lived for several years on St. Kitts, where we’ll see the UNESCO-listed site of a decisive battle in the American Revolution. An architectural walking tour will bring the Dutch island of St. Eustatius to life, followed by a chance to soak up the je ne sais quoi of Gustavia, capital of St. Barthélemy. At the archipelago of Îles des Saintes we learn about the 1782 conflict that took place here between the British and the French. Our cruise ends with the volcanic wonders of St. Lucia.

The elegant Sea Cloud is a destination unto herself. We’ll witness her energetic crew scaling the masts to set the sails by hand, and relax in the congenial company of members of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Duke Alumni Association. An optional prelude in Barbados is offered for travelers who wish to further immerse themselves in Caribbean culture.

We hope you will join us for this unique exploration of stunning landscapes and surprising legacies. As space is limited, please visit yaleedtravel.org/caribbean20 to register now, or contact Yale Educational Travel at (203) 432-1952 or edtravel@yale.edu. We would be delighted to answer your questions.

Warmest wishes from Yale,

Lauren Summers
Senior Director for Lifelong Learning and Travel
Yale Alumni Association

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Yale Study Leader

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Joanne B. Freeman is a leading scholar of early American politics and culture, and one of the nation’s top authorities on Alexander Hamilton and his world. She is the author of the award-winning Affairs of Honor: National Politics in the New Republic and editor of Alexander Hamilton: Writings and The Essential Hamilton. Her recent book The Field of Blood: Violence in Congress and the Road to Civil War was a New York Times notable book of 2018.

A co-host of the popular American history podcast BackStory, she has appeared in numerous documentaries, most recently in PBS’s Hamilton’s America. Lin-Manuel Miranda used her extensive knowledge of dueling and Hamilton in writing Broadway’s Hamilton. Her Yale University online course, The American Revolution, has been viewed in homes and classrooms around the world.

Upcoming Trips

Crossroads of Cultures: Canary Islands, Morocco & Iberia Aboard Sea Spirit
4/17/20-4/30/20
Gene Moore, Emeritus Professor, University of Amsterdam

Holland & Belgium Aboard Magnifique III
5/8/20-5/16/20

Enchanting Greek Isles: Northern Aegean Islands & the Sporades Aboard Sea Cloud
6/25/20-7/3/20
Jessica Lamont, Assistant Professor of Classics
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WELCOME PHONE CALL
Friday, January 10
Please join a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Freeman at 4pm EST to meet other travelers, learn more about what to expect, and ask questions.

U.S. DEPARTURE
Friday, January 24
Arrive in Barbados in the afternoon and transfer to the awaiting Sea Cloud. (D)

DAY AT SEA
Saturday, January 25
Enjoy a day under sail as Sea Cloud takes full advantage of the trade winds. Attend lectures and watch the crew practice the art of setting the sails by hand, or perhaps settle into a comfortable deck chair with a favorite book. Tonight join the captain for welcome cocktails, followed by dinner. (B/L/R/D)

CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS
Sunday, January 26
Arrive this afternoon on the island of Nevis, birthplace of Alexander Hamilton. Visit his childhood home, now the Nevis House of Assembly and a history museum, before exploring the island’s spectacular botanic garden. The five-acre property contains orchid terraces, various tropical plants, and a rainforest conservancy. (B/L/D)

BASSETTERE, ST. KITTS / ORANJESTAD, ST. EUSTATIUS
Monday, January 27
On St. Kitts, the first permanent English settlement in the Caribbean and the home of Alexander Hamilton’s mother for many years, visit imposing Brimstone Hill. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is known as “the Gibraltar of the West Indies” for its extensive battery. Discover the gardens of Romney Manor, an 18th-century plantation house formerly owned by a direct ancestor of Thomas Jefferson.

After lunch aboard Sea Cloud, arrive at the small Dutch island of St. Eustatius, once one of the busiest seaports in the world. You may choose to join an optional architectural walking tour through the town or explore this charming island on your own. (B/L/D)

GUSTAVIA, ST. BARTHÉLEMY
Tuesday, January 28
Call 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 enjoy one of many beautiful beaches. Return to the ship in time for lunch. Onboard festivities this evening feature a tasting of fine rums from island distilleries. (B/L/D)

ÎLES DES SAINTES, GUADELOUPE
Wednesday, January 29
The Îles des Saintes is an archipelago of eight tiny volcanic islands and 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 Napoleon, with its commanding views and exotic gardens. Or perhaps enjoy a swim at one of the white-sand beaches before returning to Sea Cloud. (B/L/D)

OPTIONAL PRELUDE IN BARBADOS
January 22-24, 2020
Discover historic buildings on the island of Barbados. Highlights include a visit to the George Washington House, a tour of one of the oldest synagogues in the Western Hemisphere, and lunch at St. Nicholas Abbey, a plantation house, museum, and rum distillery. Accommodations for two nights are at the oceanfront Tamarind.

$1,999 per person, double rate
$2,599 single rate

Prelude Rate Includes: Two nights at the Tamarind; breakfast daily, two lunches, and one dinner; sightseeing as noted.
**SOUFLÈRE, ST. LUCIA**  
*Thursday, January 30*

Anchor this morning in the Bay of Soufrière, tucked between the dramatic Anse des Pitons. Soak in mineral-rich thermal pools fed by Soufrière Volcano, or tour the lush Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens. In the early afternoon, *Sea Cloud* sets sail for Barbados. The captain’s farewell dinner is tonight. *(B/L/D)*

**BARBADOS / U.S. RETURN**  
*Friday, January 31*

Disembark *Sea Cloud* early this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home. *(B)*

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**What is Included:**

- Program of lectures and discussions with Professor Joanne B. Freeman
- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard *Sea Cloud*
- All meals as indicated in the itinerary; bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; thoughtfully selected wine/beer with lunches and dinners. Complimentary open bar throughout the cruise
- Escorted sightseeing by motor-coach and entrance fees for included visits
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers for those on suggested flights; porterage
- Taxes and service and porterage charges; gratuities to guides drivers, porters and waitstaff
- Emergency medical evacuation services

**What is Not Included:**

- International airfare
- Passport/visa fees
- Meals not specified
- Personal items and expenses
- Trip insurance
- Luggage in excess of one suitcase
- Optional Barbados prelude
- Any other items not specifically mentioned as included
With an energetic and dedicated young crew, the legendary *Sea Cloud* travels under 32,000 square feet of billowing sails all trimmed by hand. Her original owners, heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post and financier E. F. Hutton, desired a craft like no other and spared no expense — and in 1931, *Sea Cloud* was launched. In the ’30s and ’40s, this four-masted beauty was host to world 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 craftsmen, this great lady with her rich mahogany and gleaming brass, continues to offer elegant quarters, fine dining, and impeccable service. Praised by the world’s most discerning travelers and travel writers, *Sea Cloud* receives consistent high rankings from *Condé Nast Traveler*. Please note: *Sea Cloud* does not have an elevator.

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To register, return this form with your deposit of $1,000 per person. Final payment is due September 24, 2019.

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Optional Prelude

☐ I/We wish to join the optional prelude in Barbados

Hotel room preference

☐ One bed  ☐ Two beds  ☐ Single

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Explore the lesser-known Dutch island of St. Eustatius on an architectural walking tour

Discover the natural volcanic wonders of St. Lucia