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OVERVIEW: Since 1979 Sea Cloud Cruises has been one of the world's most storied names in cruise travel. The 90-year-old four-masted ships [Sea Cloud](#), her younger sister the [Sea Cloud II](#) and the [Sea Cloud Spirit](#) combine the experience of traditional seamanship with the ambience and luxurious charm of classically elegant private yachts.

In harmony with nature and interests of local communities to immerse in destinations, the journeys under sail follow courses away from the crowds. *Sea Cloud* and *Sea Cloud II* are regularly voted among the top five cruise ships in the world by the Berlitz Cruise Guide.

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NAME	STATEROOM/SUITES	GUESTS	CREW	SAILS
<i>Sea Cloud</i>	32 (10 Original Luxury Area Cabins) 113-410 sq ft	64	60	29
				32,000 sq ft
				Total
	Restaurant (69 seats) open seating			
	Lido deck with bar			
	Lounge with library and desk area			

NAME	STATEROOM/SUITES	GUESTS	CREW	SAILS
<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	47 (16 Junior / 2 Owner Suites) 150-290 sq ft	94	65	24
				29,000 sq ft
				Total
	Restaurant (98 seats) with free seating, and one seating			
	Lido deck with bar			
	Lounge			
	Boutique			
	Library			
	Fitness area, massage and cosmetics			
	Swim platform			

NAME	STATEROOM/SUITES	GUESTS	CREW	SAILS
<i>Sea Cloud Spirit</i>	69 (22 Junior and 3 Owner Suites with Balconies) 7 Deluxe Lido Outside Cabins, with opening panoramic windows 140-301 sq ft	136	85	28 44,100 sq ft Total
	Restaurant (180° views) free seating, one seating Lido bar and bistro Steinway Grand Lounge Library Spa with two treatment rooms, steam bath, relaxation room, multi-sensory shower, salon Fitness room with ocean views Swim platform Elevator to all decks			

ITINERARIES:

Sea Cloud Cruises sailings offer a well-balanced mix of authentic sailing experiences and unique discoveries ashore. Besides well-known and -loved destinations Sea Clouds journeys call on smaller, boutique ports, far off the commonly trodden path of larger cruise ships. Regions include:

[The Atlantic Coast of Europe](#)

[Northern Europe](#)

[The Mediterranean Sea](#)

[Canaries and Morocco](#)

[The Caribbean: Greater & Lesser Antilles, Grenadines, U.S. & British Virgin Islands](#)

[Florida and The Bahamas](#)

[Costa Rica & Central America](#)

[The Transatlantic Crossing](#)

AWARDS:

Berlitz Cruise Guide – Five-Star Rating – *Sea Cloud* and *Sea Cloud II*

ONBOARD:

As intimate as a private yacht

With paramount courteousness and consideration, the crew creates a wonderfully relaxed atmosphere combined with impeccable service. In the small group of at most 136 guests, travelers feel the true private-yacht ambience on board.

Setting the sails by hand is center stage

On the three windjammers, the sails are still traditionally hoisted by hand – an impressive and stunning job every time. Deftly, the sailors climb into the shrouds, release the heavy cloth, then vigorously tighten the ropes down on deck. There are no buttons that can simply be pressed: It takes almost a full hour until all sails catch the wind.

Sailing theory, knot-tying lessons, a visit to the bridge or the engine room – there is plenty of opportunity for first-hand seafaring experiences. Guests may actively join in on deck when sheeting in the lines, hauling the yards, and setting sail. If the weather allows, the Sea Clouds stop for a guest swim in the open sea from their marina platform or take the zodiacs out and right around the ship for a photo session.

Sea Cloud Cruises continues to expand its Cultivated Journeys program—intimate voyages hosted by renowned guest chefs, celebrated media personalities, accomplished authors, wellness experts, and acclaimed musicians.

DINING:

With creativity on the highest level, Sea Cloud chefs bring exclusive culinary delights to the table. And they like to complement elaborate menus with local products or fresh fish. The wine selection reflects the routes and never fails to impress with fine wines from the various regions.

The exquisite cuisine on the Sea Clouds is innovative and varied, catering to personal needs and combining classic, modern, and maritime elements. At all times, chefs complement this with regional specialties – whether in the elegant evening menus or the generous lunchtime buffets.

With the small number of guests on board, there is just a single sitting for every meal. Seating arrangements are not fixed. The dress code is stylish - casual chic. The Captain's Dinner provides an evening for a more elegant option.

A bottle of champagne at embarkation in guest cabins, the Sea Cloud chocolate at turndown. Soft drinks, water and coffee & tea specialties are included. Beer and selected wines chosen by the sommelier are complimentary for lunch and dinner.

SUSTAINABILITY:

Sea Cloud Cruises is shaping a common future together with [Futouris](#). Futouris members are committed to preserving the heritage of destinations and developing a sustainable future for the travel industry. Members are committed to the improvement of living conditions, conservation of biological diversity and to climate protection.

Sea Cloud Cruises operates each ship, continuously developing environmentally sound alternatives avoiding plastics, reducing water consumption, and protecting the environment.

Sea Cloud Cruises calls on smaller, hidden ports off the busy cruise routes with only a maximum of 64 to 136 guests on board.

The Sea Cloud Cruises team buys regionally; working with local, medium-sized companies, and pays fair prices.

Sustainability sailing whenever possible, itineraries are planned so that the Sea Clouds have ideal wind conditions.

CHARTERS/GROUPS: Whether it's a birthday, getting married on board, wedding anniversary, honeymoon or trip with friends, the Sea Clouds offer the perfect setting to celebrate and enjoy special events in a relaxed manner. The team onboard creates unforgettable experiences – whether traveling with other sailing enthusiasts or booking an entire ship exclusively.

HISTORY: **Seven lives of *Sea Cloud***
Money was not an issue when Wall Street broker Edward Francis (E.F.) Hutton commissioned the *Hussar* in 1931. Concerning the interior of what at the time was the largest private sailing yacht in the world, he gave free reign to his wife, the glamorous Marjorie Merriweather Post. She furnished the four-mast ship with a sure sense of style and carefully chosen antiques, which provided its distinctive character. At least nine months of the year, the Huttons spent at sea heading for the most exotic destinations.

A new life under a new name

But their life in the lap of luxury soon became clouded: In 1935, the affluent couple got divorced, and Ed Hutton signed the “Hussar” over to his ex-wife. She had the previously black hull painted white and also gave her yacht a new name: The *Hussar* became the *Sea Cloud*. And before the end of that year, Marjorie got married to her old friend Joseph E. Davies. The attractive socialite moved not only in the circles of economic magnates but also became familiar with the world of politics and diplomacy.

When Davies took on the position of US ambassador in Moscow in 1937, the *Sea Cloud* was ordered to Leningrad as a floating (and bugproof) diplomatic palace. Marjorie excelled at socializing within the diplomatic scene. Besides the Soviet notables, several crowned heads, among others from the Swedish and Belgian royal dynasties, happily accepted her invitations on board. But when Davies was appointed US ambassador in Belgium in June 1938, the *Sea Cloud* had to bid the USSR farewell.

A yacht's war service

Few guests are aware of the significance of the small plaque that is affixed to the face side of the wheelhouse: Each of the five brass angles indicates six months of active war service for the USA. After the US entered the war in 1941, the Navy began to acquire private yachts to reinforce the fleet; and Marjorie and Joe Davies committed the *Sea Cloud* to the Coast Guard for the symbolic charter of one dollar – opinions differ whether this was from a patriotic sense of duty or due to economic necessity. With demounted masts and a grey coat of paint, the proud luxury yacht cruised between the Azores and Greenland as a floating weather station.

Back to new splendor

After the end of the war, the refurbishment of the *Sea Cloud* was to take almost four years: Only in 1949, the windjammer, freshly painted white again, received an entire set of new sails. When she first appeared on the horizon under full sail, Joe said to Marjorie: “Well, dear, there goes your baby.” But meanwhile, someone else also coveted Marjorie’s baby: Rafael Leónidas Trujillo Molina, dictator of the Dominican Republic.

Retirement for a “Queen of the Seas”

In 1955, Trujillo bought the ship and renamed it *Angelita*. Mostly, his son Ramfis used the presidential yacht – for parties with Hollywood stars like Zsa Zsa Gabor and Joan Collins. When Trujillo was shot dead in 1961, a revolution unsettled his country. Carrying the dead body, part of the Trujillo clan and enormous amounts of cash, the *Angelita* set sail for Cannes. But the new-fangled government forced the crew to turn around: The expensive heirloom was renamed *Patria* and put up for sale again.

Five years later, the Operation Sea Cruises Inc. under John Blue bought the ship. However, when the *Antarna* – that was the yacht’s new name – entered the U.S. on the return journey from Naples, there was trouble with the authorities, and the *Antarna* was impounded. This was when Stephanie Gallagher appeared on the scene: At just 26 years of age, she was obsessed with the idea of an “Oceanic School” and academic learning at sea. Although “Oceanics” settled all unpaid invoices, John Blue retained the ship’s papers. Stephanie Gallagher set sail nevertheless – and was now chased as a “pirate”. In Panama, Blue finally came on board accompanied by attorneys and the police. Stephanie Gallagher had no choice but to give up.

Renaissance of a dream yacht

For eight years, the *Antarna* was berthed unprotected in the port of Colón and exposed to the damp climate. But she was not forgotten by the enthusiasts for proud sailing ships. One such aficionado was the German Hartmut Paschburg, sea captain and economist. Together with a group of merchants from Hamburg, he purchased the luxury yacht – and gave her back her old name, *Sea Cloud*. But the hardest piece of work was yet to come Captain Paschburg had to bring the yacht home across the Atlantic.

In 1978, he gathered 40 men and women and together, they made the dilapidated yacht seaworthy again, then sailed her back to Hamburg. The shipyard “Howaldtswerke Deutsche Werft AG” in Kiel carried out the extensive overhauling and alteration work; and eight months later in 1979, the *Sea Cloud*, now reflagged, went on her first cruise.

Since her extensive refurbishment in 2011, the windjammer not only conforms to the up-to-date SOLAS regulations (Safety Of Life At Sea) but shines in new splendor – as timelessly elegant as ever.

The unique flair of the *Sea Cloud* inspires and was both motivation and incentive to continue this tradition on other ships. To build a traditional, square-rigged windjammer in the 21st century – while at the same time meeting the high demands of today’s cruise traveler – presents every shipyard with a particular challenge. These are not off-the-shelf ships, but custom-built vessels.

In 2001, the *Sea Cloud II* was put into service and from the very first moment combined modern cruising experiences for highest demands with exclusive sailing adventures.

In 2021, the *Sea Cloud Spirit* entered service. She conveys the same spirit and offers even more amenities to the discerning traveler: Staterooms with private balconies, a wellness and spa area, ocean-view fitness, a spacious sun deck, and an alternate dining option on the Lido Deck.

What began in 1931 with the dream of a millionaire couple and fascinated people then, still continues and will create unforgettable memories to many travelers.

RESERVATIONS: Contact your travel advisor, call 1-888-732-2568 or visit www.seacloud.com.

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