



ISLANDS & COASTLINES OF THE SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN

A Journey from Curaçao to Panama

Aboard the Superb 136-Guest **SEA CLOUD SPIRIT**

February 8 – 17, 2027

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The islands of Aruba and Bonaire are known for
their pristine beaches and rich bird and marine life



Dear Friends,

We are delighted to invite you to join **Richard Dawkins** on a marvelous voyage under sail. In February 2027, escape winter's chill and immerse yourself in an exploration of the tropical shores of the Netherlands Antilles, Colombia, and Panama: some of the most captivating destinations in the Caribbean and Central America.

Designed to attend to both natural and cultural history, this program offers an opportunity to explore a fascinating part of the world that has been shaped both by the natural forces of geology and climate and by humankind. Richard Dawkins will present lectures on the natural world and share meals with the Center for Inquiry guests on board. To cap it all off, experience the unparalleled delight of voyaging aboard a classic tall ship.

Our journey begins at the pastel-hued waterfront of Willemstad, Curaçao and we'll call in the lovely main towns of Bonaire and Aruba as our voyage weaves together the Caribbean's natural splendor and layered cultural heritage, sailing past secluded islands and along shimmering coastlines. In Cartagena, wander centuries-old fortifications and vibrant colonial streets shaped by Spanish influence, while in the pristine San Blas Islands, the Indigenous Kuna community welcomes us to their remote archipelago—an extraordinary opportunity to encounter a culture deeply connected to its environment. Snorkeling over vivid reefs, strolling historic quarters, and engaging with local traditions, each stop offers a vivid encounter with the region's beauty and enduring spirit.

Our vessel for this journey, the sophisticated SEA CLOUD SPIRIT, is perfect for visits to less-touristed ports of call. This classic three-masted sailing ship blends modern comforts—serene spa and fitness spaces, renowned hospitality, and exceptional cuisine—with private-yacht intimacy, accommodating just 136 guests. As the wind fills her 28 sails and crew members climb the rigging to set them by hand, time at sea invites guests to experience the enduring majesty of true seamanship.

We look forward to welcoming you and your fellow CFI members on this extraordinary voyage to explore the culture, history and natural beauty of the Dutch Caribbean, Colombia, and Panama.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robyn E. Blumner'.

Robyn E. Blumner
President and CEO, Center for Inquiry
Executive Director, Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason & Science

P.S. 8% of your cruise fee will be a tax-deductible donation in support of the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason & Science, a division of the Center for Inquiry, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization.

DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURER

RICHARD DAWKINS



Richard Dawkins is one of the world's most respected scientists, writers and thinkers. His books on science have significantly impacted his own field of evolutionary biology, and his critiques of religion, culminating in his best-selling book *The God Delusion*, have made him a leading advocate for secularism and evidence-based thinking. From 1995 to 2008 Richard Dawkins was the Charles Simonyi Professor of the Public Understanding of Science at Oxford University. He is an internationally best-selling author. Among his books are *The Ancestor's Tale*, *The Selfish Gene*, *The Blind Watchmaker*, *Climbing Mount Improbable*, *Unweaving the Rainbow*, *A Devil's Chaplain*, *The God Delusion*, *The Greatest Show on Earth*, *The Magic of Reality*, *An Appetite for Wonder*, *Outgrowing God*, *Flights of Fancy*, and *The Genetic Book of the Dead*. Dawkins is a Fellow of the Royal Society and of the Royal Society of Literature. He is the recipient of numerous honours and awards, including the 1990 Michael Faraday Award of the Royal Society, the 1994 Nakayama Prize, the 1997 International Cosmos Prize for Achievement in Human Science, the Kistler Prize in 2001, the Shakespeare Prize in 2005, the 2006 Lewis Thomas Prize for Writing about Science, and he was named Author of the Year at the 2007 Galaxy British book Awards. *The Selfish Gene* was voted "the most inspiring science book of all time" in a poll commissioned by the Royal Society to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Society's Science Book Prize. Dawkins was named the top "World Thinker" by a 2013 Prospect Magazine poll of 10,000 readers from over 100 countries. He coined the term "meme" in his book *The Selfish Gene*, a term that has gained significant prominence in the online world. In 2006 he founded the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason & Science (www.richarddawkins.net) to promote a more scientifically literate and secular world. His American foundation merged with the Center for Inquiry in 2016 with the mission to foster a secular society based on reason, science, freedom of inquiry and humanist values.

THE 136-GUEST SEA CLOUD SPIRIT

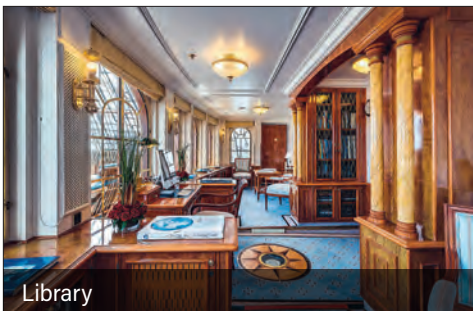
One of the World's Most Extraordinary Cruise Ships



Grand Stateroom



Lounge



Library



Restaurant



The SEA CLOUD ships are known for their fine cuisine

Built in 2021, the **SEA CLOUD SPIRIT** is undoubtedly among the world's most unique and beautiful cruise ships. Measuring 452 feet in overall length, and with a beam of 56 feet, SEA CLOUD SPIRIT is an authentic three-mast full-rigged yacht that combines the traditional aspects of ocean-going sailing ships of bygone eras with 21st-century state-of-the-art technologies and amenities. One of the most thrilling experiences aboard is to watch the skilled crew hoist by hand the ship's 28 sails, which cover a total sail area of 44,100 sq ft. When not riding the winds, the ship is powered by diesel-electric engines with low-sulfur marine diesel oil. The combination of traveling under sail and high-quality diesel oil for the engines provides one of the most sustainable cruising experiences available.

SEA CLOUD SPIRIT has 69 staterooms and suites that accommodate a maximum

of 136 guests. All are ocean viewing, spacious, and decorated in a refined and elegant style that is akin to that of classic private yachts. All feature a marble bathroom. Wood-paneled lounges and other common spaces invite relaxation, while the light-filled restaurant accommodates all guests in one open sitting and serves fine classic cuisine, accented by regional specialties and wines.

Other facilities include a spacious fitness room with panoramic ocean views, a wellness and spa center, library, boutique, Lido bar and bistro, and swim platform. An elevator serves all decks, and Wi-Fi is available in all cabins and common areas. There is ample deck space to relax, unwind and enjoy the sea views. The ship is operated by a seasoned and professional team of 85 crew members, while the ship's open bridge policy offers guests a rare opportunity to stand with the captain or officers, watching the artistry of traditional sailing in motion.

ITINERARY



Monday, February 8, 2027

DEPART THE US/ARRIVE IN WILLEMSTAD, Curaçao

Depart the US on flights for Willemstad, the colorful capital of Curaçao. Upon arrival, transfer to the beachfront *Curaçao Marriott Hotel Resort* (or similar). Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening. (D)

Tuesday, February 9

WILLEMSTAD/EMBARK

Following breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a morning excursion to tropical Christoffel National Park. Ideal for nature aficionados, this is Curaçao's most biodiverse natural treasure. Later on, Willemstad's compact, a UNESCO-listed historic center with Dutch colonial architecture offers much to admire on a walking tour. Enjoy leisure time in the late afternoon before embarking the elegant SEA CLOUD SPIRIT. Settle into luxurious staterooms as the ship sails in the evening for Bonaire. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, February 10

KRALENDIJK, Bonaire

SEA CLOUD SPIRIT arrives in Kralendijk this morning. Literally

translated from Dutch as "coral dike," this vibrant town at the heart of the Bonaire National Marine Park offers unparalleled opportunities to swim and snorkel in crystal waters that surround healthy coral reefs, teeming with marine life like stingrays, sea turtles, and tropical fish. With colonial buildings, historic sites like the 17th-century Fort Oranje, charming cafés, and abundant galleries and street art, Kralendijk itself also has plenty to explore. The ship sails in the afternoon for Aruba. (B, L, D)

Thursday, February 11

ORANJESTAD, Aruba

Today brings a half-day excursion discovering Aruba's dramatic beauty. Distinctive natural features include an arid inland desert, sparkling beaches and sand dunes, limestone cliffs, and volcanic rock formations, plus a variety of unique plant species like divi-divi trees, shaped by the Caribbean trade winds. The capital of Oranjestad is a delight, with pastel-colored houses punctuated by Delft tiles, gables, and other Dutch architectural features; and the National Archaeological Museum offers the chance to learn about Aruba's indigenous past. Return to the ship for an afternoon sailing. (B, L, D)

Friday, February 12

DAY UNDER FULL SAILS

During this day at sea, watch the skilled crew climb the rigging, set sails, and hoist them by hand. Attend lectures, relax, and enjoy the many amenities of the ship as SEA CLOUD SPIRIT spends the full day sailing to Colombia. (B, L, D)

Saturday, February 13

CARTAGENA, Colombia

Following the morning under sail, SEA CLOUD SPIRIT calls in historic Cartagena. Though the area was inhabited by Indigenous peoples as early as 4000 BC, the city itself was established in 1533 by Spanish conquistadors on the site of an abandoned Indigenous village. Cartagena became one of the wealthiest ports in the New World, and thus a major target for pirate activity. The spectacular, UNESCO-listed walled city for which Cartagena is now known resulted from the Spanish motivation to defend their strategic





Willemstad, Curaçao

asset. Enjoy an afternoon tour of the city. The ship overnights in port in Cartagena. (B, L, D)

Sunday, February 14

CARTAGENA

Continue exploring Cartagena today. Along with its well-preserved historic center, the city's points of interest include the imposing Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas fortress; the Gold Museum, which provides a fascinating window into pre-Hispanic Colombian cultures; and the Palace of the [Spanish] Inquisition. Vibrant neighborhoods and newly-minted arts districts like Bocagrande, El Laguito, and Getsemaní, along with the idyllic nearby Rosario Islands, are additional highlights. (B, L, D)

Monday, February 15

DAY UNDER FULL SAILS

Delight in watching the skilled crew at work during this full day at

sea. Take in lectures, relax, and enjoy SEA CLOUD SPIRIT's many amenities. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, February 16

SAN BLAS ISLANDS, Panama

Enjoy a rare opportunity to visit the pristine coral islands of the San Blas Archipelago. Self-governed by the Indigenous Kuna people, a traditionally matrilineal society, this remote chain has eschewed mass tourism in favor of preserving ancient culture, religion, and biodiversity. A welcome ceremony performed by the Kuna is a special experience, as is the opportunity to view and purchase mola: intricate hand-stitched textiles. Bid your fellow travelers adios y buen viaje over a farewell dinner during this final night onboard. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, February 17

COLÓN/DISEMBARK/PANAMÁ CITY/ USA

After breakfast, disembark in Colón, the eastern terminus of the Panama Canal. Transfer to the international airport in Panamá City for flights homeward. (B)

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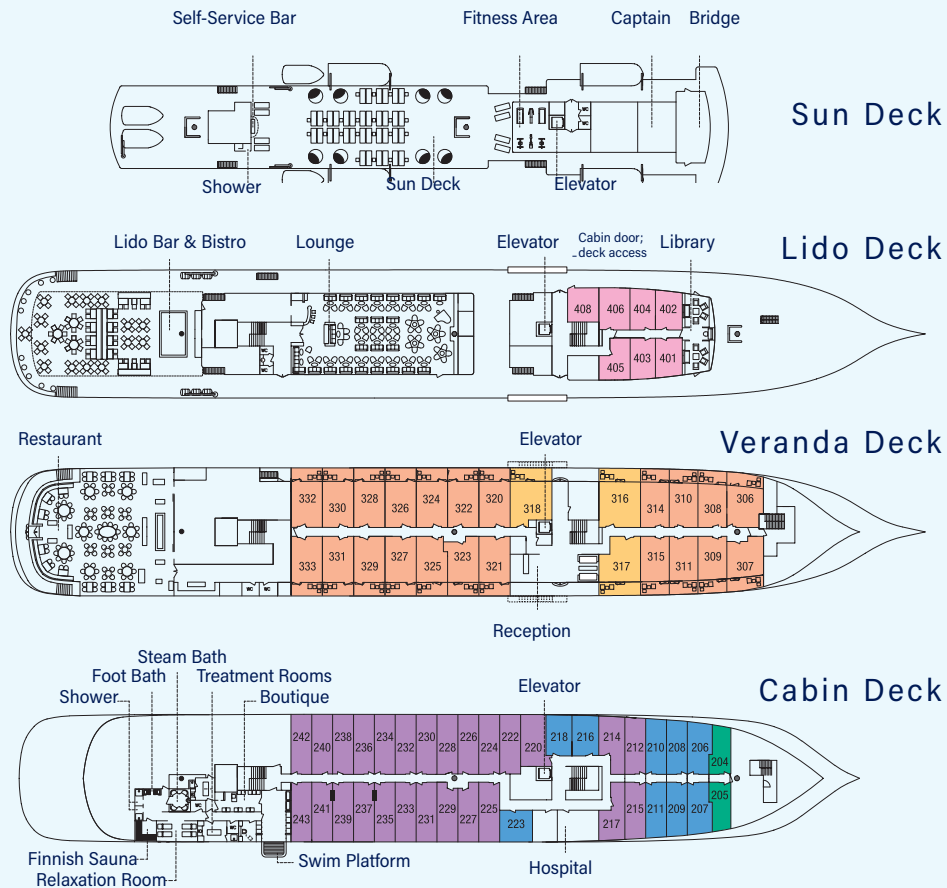


The SEA CLOUD SPIRIT navigating in the Panama Canal

After breakfast, disembark in Colón, the eastern terminus of the Panama Canal. Transfer westward via coach from Colón towards Panamá City with stops enroute for lunch and at points of interest along the Panama Canal. Since its completion in 1914, this masterpiece of engineering has become one of the world's most significant commercial waterways. The varied aquatic ecosystems that surround the Canal are vital to its systemic function, providing the enormous quantities of fresh water necessary to operate its massive hydraulic locks. In the evening, transfer to the *Hotel Hilton Panamá* (or similar) in Panamá City for a one-night stay and a final dinner together before flights homeward on February 18. (B, L, D)

Rates: \$ 1,090 per person, double occupancy.
Single room supplement: \$ 290.

SEA CLOUD SPIRIT DECK PLAN



RATES

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	PER PERSON / DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
E	Oceanview Superior Staterooms with large porthole windows, marble bathroom with shower. 172-205 sq. ft.	\$ 9,990
D	Oceanview Deluxe Staterooms with large porthole windows, marble bathroom with shower. 183-226 sq. ft.	\$ 11,290
C	Oceanview Grand Staterooms with panoramic windows, marble bathroom with shower. 161-194 sq. ft.	\$ 11,990
B	Oceanview Junior Veranda Suites with panoramic windows, marble bathroom with bathtub and shower, sofa, walk-in closet, and private balcony. 205-237 sq. ft.	\$ 13,390
A	Oceanview Veranda Suites with panoramic windows, marble bathroom with bathtub and shower, sofa, walk-in closet, and private balcony. 280-301 sq. ft.	\$ 14,690

Single occupancy supplement: Category E \$ 3,290; Category D \$ 3,990; Category C \$ 6,890; Category B \$ 7,990.

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

The rates are all-inclusive. There are no hidden costs and no additional charges such as shore excursions or embarkation and port charges. Other than the international airfare and expenses of a personal nature, all else is included. Specifically, the rates include:

- One night at the *Curaçao Marriott Hotel Resort* (or similar) in Willemstad, Curaçao.
- Cruise aboard the SEA CLOUD SPIRIT, as described in the itinerary.
- Lectures and discussions with Richard Dawkins.
- Group airport/hotel/pier transfers at designated times, and handling of luggage on arrival and departure dates.
- Complete program of tours and excursions as mentioned in the itinerary with professional English-speaking guides.
- All meals aboard the ship, with a selection of wines, beer and soft drinks during lunch and dinner.
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard the ship hosted by the captain.
- Open bar with select alcoholic beverages.
- Coffee, including espresso and cappuccino, tea and soft drinks throughout the day and night.
- 24-hour room service.
- Gratuities to the ship's crew, guides, porters and drivers.
- Free Wi-Fi for the first 10 GB of data aboard the ship.
- The services of an experienced Thalassa Journeys Trip Director.
- All local taxes and service charges, including port and embarkation taxes.
- Complete pre-departure material.

NOT INCLUDED: International airfare; travel insurance; expenses of a personal nature; any items not mentioned in the itinerary or the above inclusions.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Travelers can expect to walk an estimated total of 2-4 hours per day. Nature excursions may involve navigating uneven, slippery, rocky, or inclined terrain, unpaved paths, or steps without handrails. Standing may be necessary if seating is not available during excursions, and embarking/disembarking the ship and motor coaches will be necessary. Guests should also be comfortable climbing into and out of motorized Zodiacs for shore excursions, which may involve wet landings, so sure footing and good balance are important. Opportunities to swim and snorkel are likely, time permitting. Conditions may be hot and humid, so appropriate clothing, sun and bug protection, and a spirit of adventure will help you get the most from this incredible voyage. **There is no elevator aboard the ship and travelers use stairways with railings while on board.**



One of the 365 San Blas Islands, Panama



The rich marine life of the Caribbean



Typical Caribbean sunset

GENERAL INFORMATION

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of \$2,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. Payment can be made by personal check or charged to a credit card.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations are subject to a \$500 per person administrative fee up to 180 days prior. Cancellations received 120-60 days prior to departure will be assessed a penalty equal to 50% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received within 59-0 days of departure are subject to 100% cancellation penalties. Requests for cancellations must be made in writing. No refunds will be made for any part of this program in which you choose not to participate. The deposit is non-refundable 179-121 days prior to departure.

INSURANCE: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

ITINERARY: The itinerary, accommodations and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Thalassa Journeys.

RESPONSIBILITY: Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the traveler and Thalassa Journeys. Thalassa Journeys acts solely as agents for the traveler with respect to all transportation, hotel and other tour arrangements. In that capacity, we exercise all reasonable care possible to ensure the traveler's safety and satisfaction, but, we neither assume nor bear any responsibility or liability for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity arising in connection with the services of any ship, airplane, train, automobile, motor coach, carriage or other conveyance, or the actions of any third-party, involved in carrying the traveler or in affecting these tours. We are not responsible for damages, additional expenses, or any other losses due to cancellation, delay or other changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, civil disturbances, acts or threats of terrorism, travel warnings or bans, termination or suspension of war risks or other carrier insurance, quarantine, acts of God or other causes beyond our control. All such losses must be borne by the traveler, and tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. In the event of cancellation, delay or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the traveler shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by us, or else, receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as we are able to recover on the traveler's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc., but, we shall not have any obligation or liability to the traveler beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour's itinerary and to substitute hotels, transportation methods, or lecturers if this is required. We reserve the right to cancel, delay, or reschedule any tour prior to departure, and, so long as this is not due to any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the traveler shall be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid to that point if he/she so desires. No refund shall be made for any unused portion of any tour. By forwarding their deposit(s), the traveler certifies that he/she and/or their dependents, minors or others covered thereby do not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that could create a hazard for them or other travelers. We reserve the right to decline to accept or to decline to retain any person as a member of any tour should such person's health, condition or actions adversely affect or threaten the welfare or safety of other travelers or impede the tour. Baggage or valuables brought on the tour shall be transported, handled or stored at the traveler's risk entirely, and, we shall bear no liability or responsibility for any damage or other loss thereto. Resolution of any disputes arising hereunder shall be effected exclusively in the state or federal courts presiding in Florida, pursuant to applicable Florida law.

RATES: Tour costs are based upon current airfares, tariffs, and currency values. While we do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change.

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The colonial architecture of Cartagena, Colombia

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