





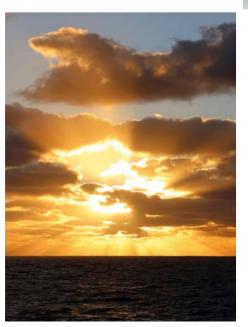
# CROSS THE ATLANTIC ON THE COLUMBUS ROUTE

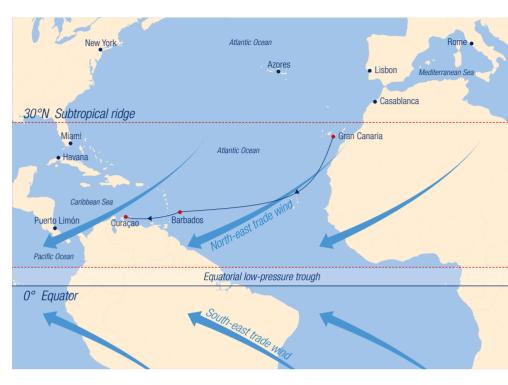
For their cruise to the New World, the SEA CLOUD and SEA CLOUD II take the same route across the Atlantic as Columbus did in 1492. But what the discoverer did not yet know back then, today guarantees many magnificent hours under sail: During the winter months, the trade winds provide ideal sailing conditions in a westward direction.

#### What are the trade winds?

When, close to the equator, the sun is almost vertical in the sky it shines straight down heating the air above the ocean surface.

Once warm, the air becomes lighter, rises and moves towards the poles on both sides of the equator. At around 30° north and 30° south, the masses of air have cooled to such an extent that they sink again and return to the equator in the form of steady westerly winds, known as the trade winds. This is what carries our two windjammers across the Atlantic with constant force.





"Given these ideal conditions, which have remained unchanged for centuries, we cover around 200 nautical miles (370 km) every day at an average speed of about 9.0 knots (16.7 km/h), mostly under sail." Captain Vladimir Pushkarev





"The beautiful sunsets, with all their different forms and colours depending on the cloud formation and the time, never get tiring. They are often followed by an exceptional night sky with glistening stars; at sea there is almost complete darkness." Heike Diefenbach, Cruise Director

### Ideal sailing conditions

Sailors have been making use of the trade winds for centuries, and even today the SEA CLOUD and SEA CLOUD II can rely on these tropical winds to propel them across the seas. Every nautical mile covered brings you closer to summer. At the end of November, when the hurricanes over the Atlantic have long dissolved, our ships set sail from the Canaries, usually from Gran Canaria.

From that point, it gets a little warmer every single day. We first head South until we reach the trade winds, before setting a westward course that takes us to Barbados or Curaçao. The windjammers experience ideal sailing conditions for somewhere between 15 and 17 days, often even overnight, gliding towards a magnificent sunset every day.

# A SPECTACULAR SAILING EXPERIENCE

Sailing from the Old to the New World is the ultimate cruise experience and a dream come true for many sailing fans. For two weeks, you can leave all the stress of everyday life behind and dive right into the fascinating way of life on board a windjammer, becoming one with nature and the elements.







True to tradition

On board the legendary SEA CLOUD and her sister the SEA CLOUD II, ancient seafaring tradition and a passion for classic yachts truly come alive. Embarking on such a historically significant route on board two windjammers sailed by hand in the traditional way makes this fascinating experience all the more impressive.



It is all go on board a windjammer – the rigging creaks and groans, polished brass shines in the sunlight, and the crew hurry about on deck performing their sailing manoeuvres. It is impossible to get tired of watching this incredible spectacle up close, even after two whole weeks.



### The art of sailing

When the orders ring out over the deck and the crew climb the rigging, every single manoeuvre brings a centuries-old ritual to life. Everything is done manually and can be watched from close up – from loosening, tightening and adjusting

the sails and carefully rewinding the ropes on deck, to polishing the brass and mending the sails. During these two weeks at sea, you will come to know and love every single manoeuvre.



A special cruise with fantastic opportunities: The captain, officers and crew on deck will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the ship, sailing manoeuvres or course calculations. There is plenty of time for everything. It is always a special highlight when the first officer explains the first hoisting of the sails.

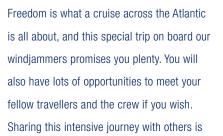




It is so easy to strike up a conversation with people who share the same passion. As a guest on our Transatlantic cruise, you will be surrounded by like-minded sailing fans. Before you know it, you will be having a good chat over a morning coffee on deck or enjoy an amicable sundowner at the bar.



### A unique atmosphere on board



sure to bring you closer together. What's more, the friendly and laid-back atmosphere means you will feel right at home from the moment you step on board, leaving you to watch the day go by without a care in the world.



# SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE: AN ENDLESS SEA OF OPPORTUNITIES

On our Transatlantic cruise, the ship itself becomes the most wonderful of destinations. There is more than enough time for everything and it is impossible to get bored. You choose the pace – have a lie in or watch the sunrise on deck, relax or join in with our wide range of activities.



The Sea Cloud and Sea Cloud II travel across the biggest swimming pool in the world: the Atlantic Ocean. If we have the chance to stop for a swim in the middle of the ocean, this is a unique experience you won't want to miss.





### Plenty of activities on board

If you are sociable, you will not be disappointed by the hugely varied range of activities available during the cruise. Take advantage of the opportunity to tie some sailor's knots with the crew or send a message in a bottle out to sea. Why not get a short introduction to the art of sailing or bake delicious pastries with our pastry chef. Always a true highlight is the initiation of crew members who are crossing the Atlantic for the first time — including Neptune himself paying the wind-jammers a visit!



#### Tasty treats from dawn to dusk

The top chefs in our kitchen revel in wowing their guests with exquisite culinary delights. During our Atlantic cruises, you will be able to sample the fruits of their labour over and over again: For two whole weeks you can

experience truly luxurious food and drink from morning until night. Fine wines and elaborate menus await you, and we even throw in some entertaining themed dinners.









### Lecturers, talks and more

Speakers, including round-the-world sailors, artists, adventurers and performers, will be joining us on board, covering a wide range of fascinating topics with various talks and activities. Let the magic begin!



"We have become close to the crew over the years and are always there — as experienced gods of the sea, as Neptune and Thetis — to celebrate the initiation ritual. Many of the crew members actually greet me as 'Mr Neptune, Sir'." Stefan Tarach, who has been on our Transatlantic cruise with his wife more than ten times.

### Relax, work out or get a massage and enjoy some me time

Getting away from the stresses and strains of daily life for two whole weeks is a real luxury. Now is your chance to enjoy some me time — we recommend whiling away the hours in one of our comfy deckchairs. As you gaze out at a view of white sails, the light-blue sky and the deep-blue sea, it will not be long before you feel well and truly relaxed. And if you are

looking for even more pampering, the SEA CLOUD II is the place for you! Head to the sauna or book a spa treatment or massage for an additional fee. If you want to be a bit more sporty, you can work out in our fitness room or jog some laps on the lido deck.

