

Press release Club Med 2

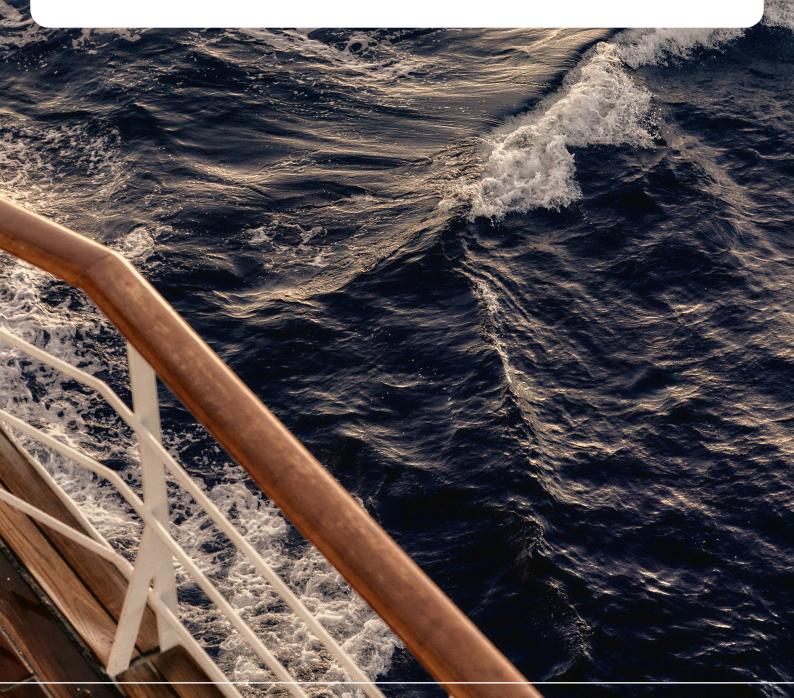
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# Welcome aboard the legendary five-master

# It's the most beautiful

five-masted ship in the world Club Med 2, freshly renovated thanks to a €16 million investment, cruises the Caribbean in winter and the Mediterranean in summer. This sailing yacht, a flagship of Club Med's Exclusive Collection range, is on a human scale, friendly, welcoming and hospitable. And yet with ample room for a wide array of activities as well as dedicated areas for recreation and relaxation. Water sports, yoga by Heberson, a Sothys spa and two seawater pools set the tone aboard this sailing yacht – and the cruise itself provides a steady cadence. Solo travelers, couples and families are all welcome aboard, where activities await kids aged 8 to 18 too.

The cruise is interspersed with bespoke excursions and stopovers at "insider" spots, thanks to Club Med 2's shallow draft and its beachers – a pair of small shuttle boats that ferry passengers to the sandy shore or the quay and back. The refinement and uniqueness of a Club Med 2 cruise epitomizes the expertise amassed over the years by Club Med, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2025. So come aboard this peerless sailing yacht and set sail to discover new lands and waters on a carefree, all-inclusive cruise.



# A little history

Club Med 1, a revolutionary sailing yacht

Club Med 1 was launched in 1990. Majestic, innovative and quiet, she's a five-masted cruising yacht with six fully computer-controlled Kevlar sails. And she's one of the biggest sailing ships in the world. She sailed under Club Med's colors for nearly two decades... until she was sold in 2008.

## Club Med 2 takes her place

Given the success of Club Med 1, shipowner Jean-Marc Poylo and Club Med decided to order another five-master. Built at the same shipyard, the Club Med 2 was launched in October 1992 from Le Havre on its maiden voyage... to New Caledonia!

During the autumn and winter of 1992, Club Med 2 was based first in Nouméa (capital of New Caledonia), then in Polynesia, to target an Asian clientele. Ever since 1993, however, the yacht now cruises the Caribbean in winter and the Mediterranean in summer – an itinerary better suited for those who love the open sea.



It all started at the shipyard in Le Havre back in the mid-1980s, where the naval architects were designing a new type of seagoing vessel: a sailing yacht powered by fully automated sails...



### The success of luxury cruises on the high seas

The global market for high-end cruises keeps growing: estimated at \$7.7 billion in 2024, it bids fair to more than double by 2036. This boom is driven by a new approach to travelling – more intimate, immersive and exclusive. Expectations are changing accordingly: nowadays cruisers go for bespoke experiences, ships on a human scale, top-flight service... and an all-inclusive spirit.

Premium cruises used to be a niche market, but lately they've been attracting a wider public. Younger generations in particular are discovering the delights of a novel kind of cruise: a bespoke experience that's all about personal wellbeing, getting away from it all and exploring new places. The cruise market is now reinventing itself to provide a personalised experience that meets high standards.

# Pioneering spirit and inherited expertise

Back in the early 1990s, Club Med developed high-end cruises on a five-masted yacht, demonstrating once again its innovative approach to the vacation experience. Sailing the open seas breaks with conventional cruises, which can sometimes prove all too predictable, to create a whole new experience – and a whole batch of unforgettable memories. This savoir-faire is what Club Med has always been about – ever since 1950, when Club Med founder Gérard Blitz, a former water polo champion, hit upon the idea of putting up a tented village alongside a little fishing village on the Balearic Islands. This was the first step towards the development of a whole new style of holiday, a different way to relax and enjoy one's time off.

# Exclusive Collection's signature expertise

Club Med 2 is a flagship of Club Med's Exclusive Collection range. From your first cup of morning coffee on the upper deck to the last rays of the setting sun reflected on the sea, the cruise creates special moments of pure pleasure and shared fun. It embraces an unostentatious, intimate, even confidential, lifestyle inspired by boutique hotels, with a concierge service to personalize each and every guest's holiday, handling everything from airport transfers to champagne service starting at 6pm. An approach to hospitality that maximises the emotional high derived from each experience, whether it's a barbecue with friends or family on a deserted beach, savoring a Negroni and a tranquil sunset over the sea or waterskiing on the glistening turquoise waters. The Exclusive Collection cultivates the art of refined, pleasure-seeking travel and carefree holidays.

#### Club Med 2's metrics

- **187 m long**, half the length of a standard cruise ship.
- 2 500 m² of alabasterwhite sails, whose geometric shapes are beautifully silhouetted against the horizon.
- 5-metre draft, enabling the ship to sail right up close to the coast.
- 164 cabins ranging from 18 to 40 m², each with a sea view.
- 2700 m² of Burmese teak decking, a precious wood that's as pleasant underfoot as it is to the eye.
- 1 captain and a crew of 338 in the service of 328 passengers (maximum).



# Natural chic revamp

# A remodeling inspired by sailing

For the remodelling of Club Med 2, interior designer Sophie Jacqmin drew inspiration from the world of sailing. This theme runs through even the tiniest details, such as the choice of a Mediterranean shade of blue or the addition of a majestic chandelier in the Yacht Club, the ship's nerve center, which *« evokes a powerful gust of wind in the sails »*, as she explains.

### Cabins with sea view

Every morning, Club Med 2 drops anchor in a different spot. So the passengers wake up every morning to a new horizon, a new port, cove or beach - all the more reason to design each cabin with a sea view. All told, the ship has 164 cabins ranging from 18 to 40 m<sup>2</sup>, including 128 Superior and 5 Deluxe cabins as well as 30 Suites, plus the 40 m<sup>2</sup> Suite d'Armateur ("Shipowner's Suite") at the ship's prow. Some of the cabins have a sitting area; others can accommodate up to 3 people - 2 adults and a child under 18.

The predominant shades of blue and white, offset by dark wood, evoke the voyages of the great mariners past and present. The cabins are functional and painstakingly designed in a minimalist chic style for considerable comfort. The 20 highly coveted new Suites on the Désirade deck are more spacious and bathed in natural light thanks to 4 portholes in each cabin.

Guests are treated to a continental breakfast served in their cabins as well as room service from 11am to 11pm, for the most in daily comfort and convenience.

Club Med 2 was recently revamped by interior designer Sophie Jacqmin, whose approach to the cabins, bars and restaurants reflects a *« desire to open up the space, to bring perspective and natural light back in »*.





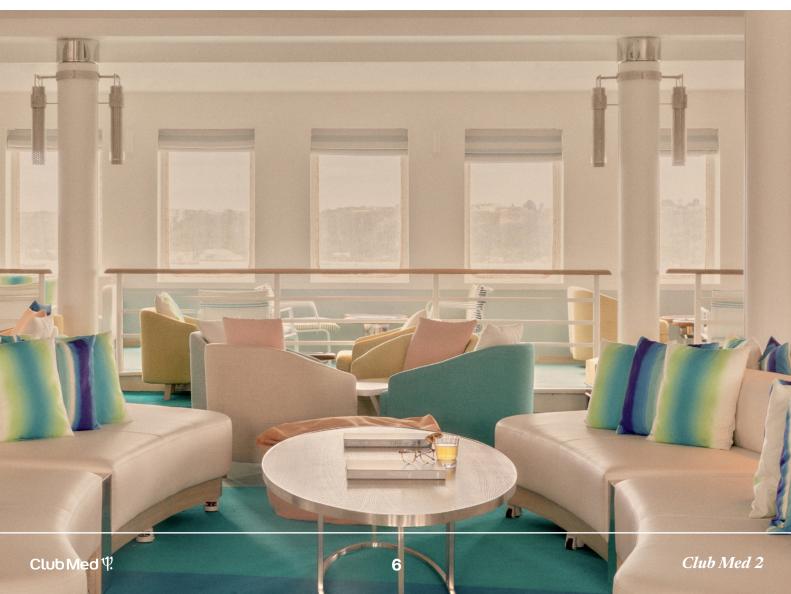
#### The decks

Club Med 2 has 6 upper decks covered in Burmese teak. Each deck is named after a dream destination: Grenadines, Fiji, Eiao, Désirade, Caribbean and Borneo. The stand-out spots on the decks include the panoramic view from the top deck (Grenadines) and, two levels below it, the wild-styled décor of the Yacht Club on the Eiao deck. All the decks are connected by elevators or stairs.

# The charm of traditional yachting

Interior designer Sophie Jacqmin has also restyled the cozy Yacht Club, with its deep-seat white leather sofas, and the ship's 4 bars and 2 restaurants. Besides letting in more natural light and brightening up the color scheme, she has added a nod to retrostyle cruises and the spirit of the French Riviera, adorning the tablecloths with stripes of pastel hues and blue. All these decorative touches reference the elegance, gentility, sobriety and splendor – of the venerable yachting tradition. Elaborate portolan charts set the tone in the lounges. Based on historical documents from the Musée de la Marine (the National Maritime Museum in Paris), these oldstyle nautical maps are encircled with ropes and rigging, with alternating brass and stainlesssteel fittings.





# Two restaurants, two atmospheres

### Le Saint-Tropez

Le Saint-Tropez, located on the Grenadines deck, is Club Med 2's main restaurant. Recently remodelled, it now boasts an elegant new buffet presentation and serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Enjoy your repast on the terrace or the veranda for the view, or dine indoors for a more intimate ambiance. The menu features grilled fish and meat as well as vegetarian and other wholesome dishes, so there's scrumptious fare for all.







#### Le Monte-Carlo

A Club Med 2 voyage is also a culinary cruise. Le Monte-Carlo, located on the Eiao deck, offers a refined bistro experience. Recently refurbished for added comfort and elegance, the restaurant invites to admire its striking Fresnel-lens-style light installation, before settling into its dark wood and old leather décor and its hushed but convivial ambience. Open for dinner (by reservation only), Le Monte-Carlo features impeccable table service and a regularly renewed à la carte showcasing the gastronomic gifts of Club Med chefs. So this is the place for a moment of epicurean pleasure, in a restaurant that combines nautical elegance with maritime cuisine.

## Recipes co-created by Ferrandi Paris

The menu at *Le Monte Carlo* was drawn up by Ferrandi Paris, a French school of gastronomy and hotel management. The restaurant's plated service offers the very best in bistro cuisine, in which quality seasonal produce takes pride of place – and even provides the garnish for each dish.



### Bars: By day and by night

Whilst exploring the ship's streamlined upper decks, guests can treat themselves to a break at the juice bar or a cocktail at sunset in a jazzy ambience. The three bars at the stern are connected by a staircase bridge built in the traditional style of the old transatlantic steamships. *Le Cannes* bar is situated at the bottom of the staircase, next to a seawater pool, and surrounded by deckchairs. *Le Saint-Barth*, up at the top, serves a selection of premium spirits and cigars\*. And in between, *Le Portofino* gets the evening rolling with a few tunes, then invites guests onto the dance floor to shake a leg deep into the night.

\*en supplément



## Fun and frolic under the stars

A good time is to be had every night of the cruise thanks to a lineup of evening events featuring dancing, singing and carousing. Club Med's festive spirit extends all the way to the top deck of this five-master... for a DJ set under the stars.



# A wide range of onboard activities

Sports, spa\*, yoga, relaxation... – they're all there for the taking aboard Club Med 2. Workouts for some, lounging on deckchairs for others – all looking out on the surrounding sea. At the ship's water sports center, guests can battle the waves or explore the seabed. And small boats called "beachers" provide shuttle service all day long, every 20 minutes, to a nearby island, beach or port.

Water sports run the gamut

Sailing, waterskiing, wakeboarding, windsurfing, kayaking, snorkeling, standup paddleboarding, wingfoil, wingsurfing, Hobie Mirage Eclipse pedalboarding and Tiwal inflatable sailboats - Club Med 2 offers a dozen water sports, supervised by experienced G.O®s and available on an allinclusive basis. At each port - local authorities and weather permitting – a water sports center opens at the ship's stern to serve as a pontoon for amateur and experienced enthusiasts alike.



Cardio-training high up over the sea Club Med 2 has a cardio-training room on Grenadines, the highest deck on the ship, with a 360° view of the sea, where guests can warm up, work out and tone up without missing a beat of the daily stopover.

### Seawater pools

No need to wait for the ship to drop anchor before taking the plunge: Club Med 2 has two onboard seawater pools, one of which is located on the top deck – the top spot for a panoramic dip.

### The keys to holistic wellness

Instantaneous decompression guaranteed at the spa\* by Sothys on the Fiji deck: massage, exfoliation, facials... The house of Sothys' complete range of expertise is available aboard Club Med 2.

Another approach to achieving "Zen attitude" is Yoga by Heberson. Heberson Oliveira, the head of the ByHeberson Yoga School, has developed a method called *Vibhava Yoga* that focuses on learning how to breathe correctly, how to concentrate and relax. Each session is held on the high seas, creating a bubble of happiness and serenity, gently caressed by the sea breeze.



\*activités en supplément

# A cruise for one and all

Club Med 2 sails the seas all year round. She cruises the Caribbean from December to March, and the Mediterranean from April to November. In between, she makes two transatlantic crossings – an option for lovers of long-haul voyages.



### Mini-cruise: Sail away for under a week

Club Med 2's *Mini-cruises* is an alternative travel format, a different way to get away from everyday life and the daily grind – for less than a week. In 3 days, for example, you can cruise from Marseille to Roses, on the Spanish Costa Brava, via Sète. In 4 days, the sailing yacht will take you from Liguria to the island of Elba. Club Med 2 puts in several spots along the Mediterranean coast during the summer season. Each route includes stopovers to discover the beauty and treasures of coastal towns like Sète, Collioure, Saint-Tropez, Nice, Calvi and Portofino. Excursions are also available à la carte.\*

### Discovery cruises: Sail away for a week or more...

Whether you're heading for the Mediterranean or the Caribbean, it's the season that sets the tone. In summer, enjoy a sunset in Barcelona's bay, a kayak trip off the coast of Corsica or a cocktail with your feet in the sand at a rocky inlet off the beaten track. In winter, warm up basking in the sunshine of the Grenadines, French Guiana or a Saint Barts beach. A 9-day-cruise explores nature along the coast of French Guiana and several Caribbean islands, from Cayenne, the capital of French Guiana, to Fort-de-France, the capital of Martinique, via Barbados, Tobago and the Salvation Islands. Or, for a different itinerary, a one-week voyage to the Lesser Antilles, from Fort-de-France to Point-à-Pitre (Guadeloupe), via the islands of St Barts, Antigua and Dominica. Or opt for an à la carte excursion to out-of-the-way and unspoiled natural sites



### **Transatlantic: Across the great wide ocean**

Twice a year, Club Med 2 changes horizons. This is the chance for fans of long-haul voyaging – with only a few stops along the way – to experience a transatlantic crossing, which may take up to 16 days. What's more, each crossing has its own theme and special activities. Astronomy, wellness, yoga and personalized sports coaching are just some of the signature activities on these ocean voyages, which conjure up some of the magic of the cruises of yesteryear.



\*Not included in this all-inclusive cruise



# **Preserving** *the environment*

Cruising the seas without damaging the marine environment is a priority for the Club Med 2. To this end, several measures have been taken to reduce pollution and waste and to favour local sourcing.

# Happy to Care

### **Less marine pollution**

Club Med 2 was built in the early 1990s to run on a type of fuel that pollutes less than fuel oil. Hence the choice of MGO (marine gas oil), which most other ships use too, and which meets low-sulfur standards. Club Med 2 has 2500 m² of sails, and they're not just decoration – far from it! They save fuel – depending on the itinerary and weather conditions. And under favorable wind conditions, the engine and sails combined can reach speeds of about 10 knots.

### Producing less waste on board

To minimize the amount of waste produced on board, welcome products (shower gel, hand soap, etc.) are packaged in large refillable formats. To the same end, aluminum is now compacted and, since 2017, refuse is no longer incinerated on board.

#### **Less food waste**

The Club Med 2's kitchens are rooting out food waste wherever possible. Which is why guests are served individual plates at the buffet at *Le Saint-Tropez* restaurant, and *Le Monte Carlo* has introduced table service.

### Less plastic

"Zero plastic" on board is the goal of the Bye-Bye Plastic program launched by Club Med in 2018. Combs and nail files are packaged in cardboard, for example, and plastic bottles in the cabins have been replaced with recyclable glass bottles or Tetra Paks since 2022.

Furthermore, water fountains were installed on the ship in 2024, and guests are offered reusable bottles upon arrival. The only exception: due to logistical constraints and safety requirements on a seagoing vessel, plastic bottles of sparkling water and some soft drinks are still used at the Club Med 2's bars.



### Home-made food and local sourcing

95% of the dishes and recipes served aboard the Club Med 2 are homemade. And the produce used in the kitchen is locally sourced wherever possible.



### Being sustainable – For the common good

Club Med 2 meets a number of crucial performance standards. The ship is certified for conformity to ISO 9001 (quality), ISO 14001 (environment), ISO 50001 (energy efficiency) and OHSAS 18001 (occupational health and safety). What's more, Club Med signed on to the Mediterranean Sustainable Cruise Charter in 2024 to formalise its ongoing commitment to protect the marine environment, improve air quality and mitigate climate change. This charter is part of a regional strategy, promoted by the French government and its partners, for the sustainable management of cruises in the Mediterranean. The charter meets the requirements of two EU framework directives for Marine Strategy and Maritime Spatial Planning. Meanwhile, under the "France 2030" decarbonization plan, the Club Med 2 closely monitors several key markers, such as the ship's Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII), Energy Efficiency Index (EEXI) and Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI).

#### One sail, two lives

The Club Med 2's sails have two lives: They're fully recyclable, so when they get replaced every 5 or 6 years at most, they embark on a second, upcycled life as numbered bags and pouches, cases, by Les Toiles du Large, a French company based in La Ciotat.

### Positive energy

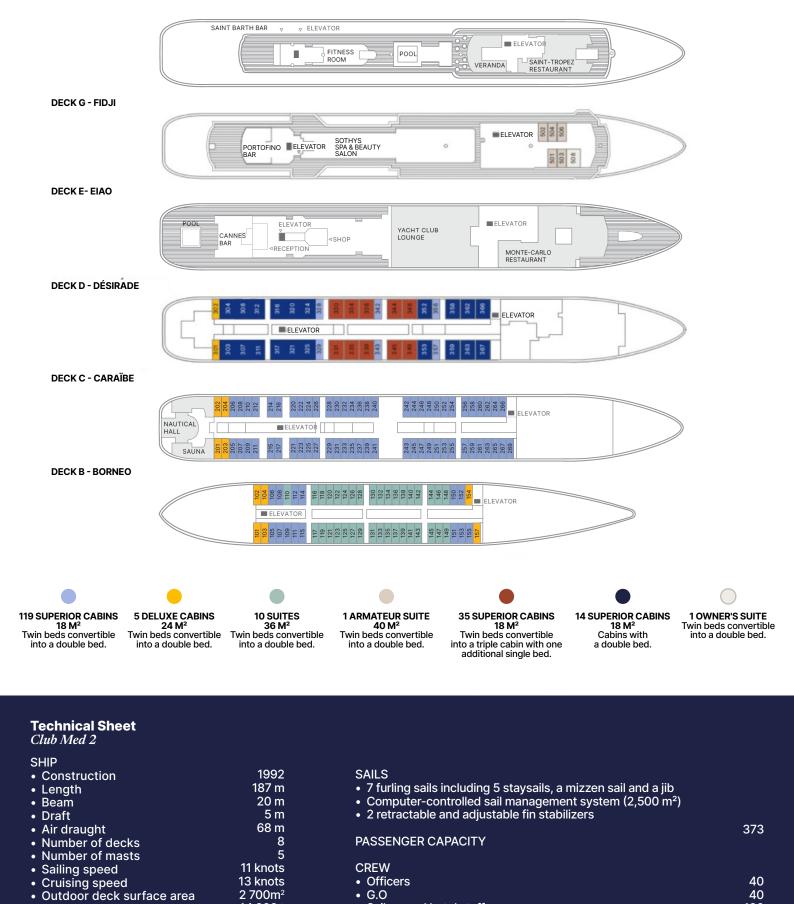
The ship's *Heat recovery* system uses the heat given off by the diesel engines' cooling circuit to supply heat and running water for the showers, thereby reducing energy consumption and  $CO_2$  emissions.



### Map of the decks

#### Club Med 2

#### **DECK G - GRENADINES**



Sailors and hotel staff

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Tonnage

### Club Med $\Psi$

Founded in 1950 by Gérard Blitz, joined by Gilbert Trigano, Club Med is the inventor of the concept of an all-inclusive vacation club and the supervision of children, with the creation of the Mini Club in 1967. Present in 40 countries across the world, and with 68 Premium and Exclusive Collection Resorts, Club Med offers a freespirited vacation experience in exceptional destinations and sites. Thanks to the successful implementation of its repositioning strategy and with the support of its shareholder Fosun Tourism Group, Club Med is today the global leader in high-end, experiential all-inclusive vacations for active families and couples. Club Med employs nearly 25,000 Gentils Organizers (G.O.s®) and Gentils Employés (G.E.s®), representing 110 nationalities.

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