



## The Small Cruise Ship Collection

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## DEEP BLUE AEGEAN & THE ENCHANTING ADRIATIC SEA SAILING CRUISE

Embark on a captivating 11-day sailing cruise that takes you through idyllic island worlds, following in the footsteps of great Mediterranean cultures. This journey promises a delightful mix of cultural exploration and breathtaking scenery. The adventure begins in Venice, where you'll enter the city on a route exclusively reserved for small ships, providing a unique perspective on this iconic destination. Discover the cosmopolitan charm of Spetses, an insiders' secret island known for its aristocratic allure. Explore Corfu, a favorite island of Empress Sissi, and visit her grand Achilleion Palace with its magnificent gardens. Immerse yourself in the Baroque beauty of Lecce, an Italian jewel renowned for its stunning facades and churches crafted from honey-colored tufa stone. This sailing cruise offers an unforgettable journey through enchanting island paradises, allowing you to trace the footsteps of great Mediterranean cultures while surrounded by breathtaking landscapes.

### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 | ATHENS (PIRAEUS)/GREECE

Departure 07.00 pm Climbing the rigging, untying ropes, setting sails - today is all about sailing. The First Officer will provide deeper insights into the fascinating world of a tall ship.

#### DAY 2 | SPETSES/SARONIC ISLANDS

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm Exclusive, noble, traditional: Far away from mass tourism, a small, relaxed island with beautiful patrician houses basks in the turquoise waters of the Aegean Sea. Wealthy Athenians like to spend their vacation days on Spetses - and this evident on the well-kept Saronic Island. Lush flower gardens adorn the historic shipping villas, chic cafes line the old harbor, and horse-drawn carriages roll by with aristocratic elegance on the car-free streets. On Spetses, it's worth taking a look down: Here, colorful pebble mosaics adorn the streets, and many a visitor gets a kick out of finding the prettiest one.

#### DAY 3 | DAY BENEATH FULL SAILS

Spend the day sunbathing, enjoy the fresh wind breeze, and relax into the day!

#### DAY 4 | FISCARDO/KEFALONIA

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm

#### DAY 5 | PAXOS/IONIAN ISLANDS

Arrival 01.30 pm, Departure 11.00 pm

#### DAY 6 | KERKYRA/CORFU

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Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm Greeks, Romans, Venetians and Ottomans were former rulers of the island, which rivalled the trading powers of Venice and Dubrovnik in its medieval heyday. The rich cultural heritage of the picturesque old town of Kerkyra is protected by UNESCO. Island life unfolds against a seemingly aristocratic backdrop. At the end of the 19th century, when Corfu was a Mediterranean destination where the aristocracy and moneyed classes longed to go, the Empress "Sisi" of Austria also discovered the island. She had an old Venetian villa renovated for herself and this became her Achilleion - named after her favourite hero, the legendary Greek Achilles.

### DAY 7 | OTRANTO/ITALY

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 06.00 pm Otranto is the most easterly port in Italy and, due to its geographic location in the Adriatic, has had an extremely eventful history over the centuries. Not far away is Lecce, one of the most beautiful and affluent cities in southern Italy whose heyday was immortalised in stone over 200 years. The Baroque cityscape, in the idiosyncratic "barocco leccese" style, is characterised by a marble-like stone known as Lecce stone. The numerous palaces and the Basilica di Santa Croce have profusely decorated facades and art feels right at home here. There is good reason why people are proud of its evocative nickname, the Florence of the South.

### DAY 8 | DUBROVNIK/CROATIA

Arrival 04.00 pm, Departure 11.00 pm When Venice still ruled the Adriatic, Dubrovnik was an important maritime republic and the floating city's chief rival. Dubrovnik proudly calls itself the "Pearl of the Adriatic" and its fortress is one of the best preserved in Europe. As you walk around the imposing walls of

the old town, you can look out across two seas - the deep blue Adriatic and a sea of red roof shingles. The old town, with its beautiful squares, magnificent boulevards and narrow winding alleyways, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### DAY 9 | KORCULA/CROATIA

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm The Adriatic island of Korcula is one of the greenest in the region. Vineyards and olive groves stretch across rolling hills. The island's main town of the same name is protected by a city wall. It is one of the best-preserved medieval Mediterranean towns. Some buildings evoke the time when the maritime power of Venice ruled. Tintoretto is immortalised in the cathedral, and in one of the narrow streets you can search for the house where Marco Polo was born.

### DAY 10 | DAY BENEATH FULL SAILS

Spend the day sunbathing, enjoy the fresh wind breeze, and relax into the day!

### DAY 11 | VENICE/ITALY

Arrival 08.00 am The floating city of Venice sits on millions of wooden piles and more than 400 bridges cross 150 canals. No other city possesses such an abundance of stunningly beautiful churches, monasteries, palaces and artistic treasures, and nowhere else has plaster that crumbles so elegantly. Venice is a unique work of art and, with its lagoon, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The gateway to the city is probably the most magical of any in the world. Slowly and majestically you glide past the proud palaces along the Grand Canal and the Basilica di Santa Maria della Salute, giving you a long look at the fairytale setting of St Mark's Square with the Doge's Palace and Campanile.

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## YOUR SHIP: SEA CLOUD

**YOUR SHIP:** Sea Cloud

**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

Sea Cloud is a ship with a soul, imbued by the original owners, Marjorie Merriweather Post and her husband E.F. Hutton in the 1930's. The ship has played host to royalty, known service in wartime, and sailed the world over. She is a vessel of incomparable grace that harks back to the golden age of ship travel. Once you've been on Sea Cloud under full sail, you'll begin your own love affair. Welcome aboard a legend Sea Cloud accommodates 58 guests in 28 outside cabins including two original owner's suites that still feature original marble baths and fireplaces. At 360 feet she is an expansive ship with extensive public spaces on the top deck, where we luxuriate in deck chairs and watch the crew of 18 go aloft in the web of riggings to hand-set her 30 sails. Her dining room is hung with marine oil paintings of the period and accommodates all guests at once for a single seating. We'll gather in the lounge each evening for Recap. Life aboard is a uniquely pleasing mix of elegance and informality--a return to the golden age of sailing in shorts and deck shoes. You'll find all shipboard services impeccable. Discover the romance of tall ship sailing Experience something many people don't know exists in the 21st century--the romance of life under square sails. Discover the

thrill of standing on deck as Sea Cloud gently glides through the water, her crew aloft in the riggings, running out and reefing sails. Settle in to your favorite areas on the top deck and bask in the incomparable experience of traveling aboard the finest tall ship to ever sail the seas. Lose yourself in an adventure that, in this day and age, is almost



unimaginable.

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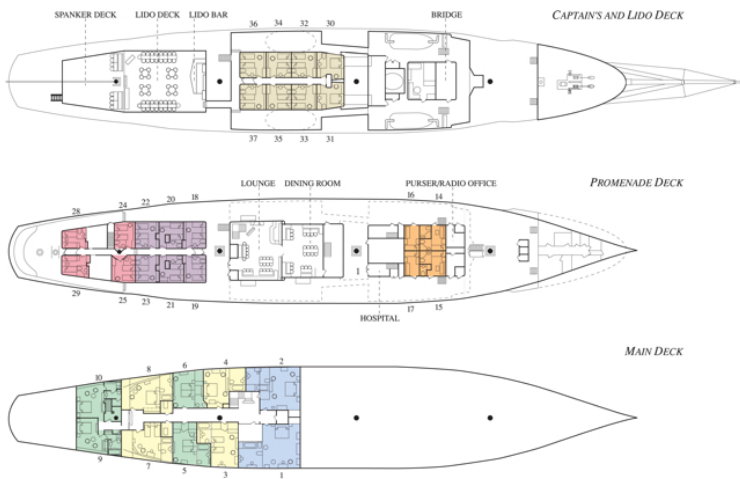
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