

# The Small Cruise Ship Collection

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## HALF AROUND SICILY - SAILING FROM OLBIA TO VALLETTA

Embark on a luxurious sailing journey from Sardinia to Malta, experiencing the rich culture and romance of Italy and Sicily. Begin in Olbia and sail to the enchanting island of Capri, known for its timeless charm. Cruise along the Amalfi Coast and visit Agropoli to explore the ancient wonders of Paestum. Continue to the Aeolian Islands and discover Lipari's natural beauty before arriving in Sicily. Experience Taormina's cultural mosaic and the baroque splendor of Syracuse's Ortigia. Conclude your voyage in the historic city of Valletta, Malta. This week-long adventure blends world heritage, breathtaking scenery, and the allure of Italian romance.



### ITINERARY

Day 1 Olbia, Sardinia

Departure 7:00 pm

Olbia, a Mediterranean gem, captivates with ancient grandeur and contemporary allure. The historic ruins of Castello di Pedres narrate a fascinating tale, while beaches like Pittulongu entice with their crystal-clear waters. The city's vibrant ambiance and culinary diversity, coupled with the surrounding natural beauty, render Olbia an enchanting destination, offering both cultural

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immersion and beachfront bliss.

### Day 2 Day under full sails

Climbing the rigging, untying ropes, setting sails - today is all about sailing. Time to lean back and relax in the deck chair and watch the passionate crew hoisting the sails by hand.

### Day 3 Capri, Italy

Arrival 8:00 am, Departure 1:30 pm

Even at the time of the Roman Empire, Capri was a particularly precious natural gem and became the summer residence of the Emperor Tiberius. Artists and hedonists, aristocrats and the moneyed classes discovered the island for themselves in the 19th century. This stunningly beautiful rocky island in the Gulf of Naples is famous for its numerous grottos, the most well known being the Blue Grotto. You can expect a combination of pleasure and spectacle when you experience the colorful lifestyle and goings-on in the Piazzetta right in the center of Capri.

Sail along the Amalfi Coast

### Day 4 Agropoli, Italy

Arrival 8:00 am, Departure 1:30 pm

Positioned in a strategic location high above the rocky coastline, Agropoli was founded by the Greeks in the 7th century A.D. Indeed the Greek word 'Acropolis' means 'high city'. The beautiful old town boasts a castle, the remains of the town wall and a town gate, all of which are testament to its turbulent history. Exquisitely preserved Doric temple complexes from the 6th and 5th centuries B.C. can be found at the ancient site of

Paestum, known to the Greeks as Poseidonia and listed as a UNESCO world heritage site. Buffaloes graze in the plain of the River Sele between Salerno and Paestum. Their milk is used to make the best Mozzarella in Italy.

### Day 5 Day under full sails

Time to lean back and relax in the deck chair and watch the passionate crew hoisting the sails by hand.

### Day 6 Lipari, Aeolian Islands

Arrival 8:00 am, Departure 1:30 pm

Lipari is a tranquil little spot and the largest of the Aeolian Islands, with a cultural heritage stretching back over 6,000 years. Right from first glance you can see its volcanic heritage, with some of the rock formations resembling sculptures, and the entire group of islands is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Aeolian Museum is set on the castle hill and holds an impressive collection of prehistoric and ancient artefacts from this volcanic group of islands. You will find the southern Italian way of life in this little port infectious.

### Day 7 Taormina (Naxos), Sicily

Arrival 7:00 am, Departure 6:00 pm

Taormina is perched on a rock with a majestic view over the sea. In the 19th century, this small town had already developed into a dream destination for well-heeled travellers and artists. The town's fascination lies in its elegance, the many ancient buildings, the stunningly beautiful coastline, the mild climate, and the view over the silhouette of Etna. Europe's largest volcano is over 9,843 feet high, has four summit craters and

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around 400 subsidiary craters, and is covered with snow almost all year round. In ancient times it was considered the seat of the gods, but nowadays large sections of it are a nature reserve.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

### Day 8 Syracuse, Sicily

Arrival 8:00 am, Departure 1:30 pm

The municipal area of Syracuse boasts relics from cultural history going back more than three millennia. In ancient times, the city was the most powerful in the known world and was famed for its splendour. The island of Ortigia, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was where Syracuse began its rise as an ancient city. The huge cathedral is at the heart of the old town, magnificent palaces line the Piazza and wide promenades invite you to take a stroll. The archaeological park brings Greek and Roman history back to life. Yet Syracuse exudes southern Italian charm, with washing drying outside the windows.

### Day 9 Valletta, Malta

Arrival 8:00 am

This strategically important location has always attracted foreign conquerors. More than 7,000 years ago, a civilisation existed here, leaving behind enormous temple complexes. Just like proud Valletta, these are now UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Jean Parisot de la Valette, Grand Master of the Order of St John, founded a modern fortified city on a rock in 1566, between the two splendid natural ports of Marsamxett and Grand harbor. Long rows of facades made from golden-yellow blocks of chalk stretch along the straight streets. Splendid Renaissance and Baroque buildings are evidence of riches and power, such as the Palace of the Grand Master and the impressive St John's Co-Cathedral.

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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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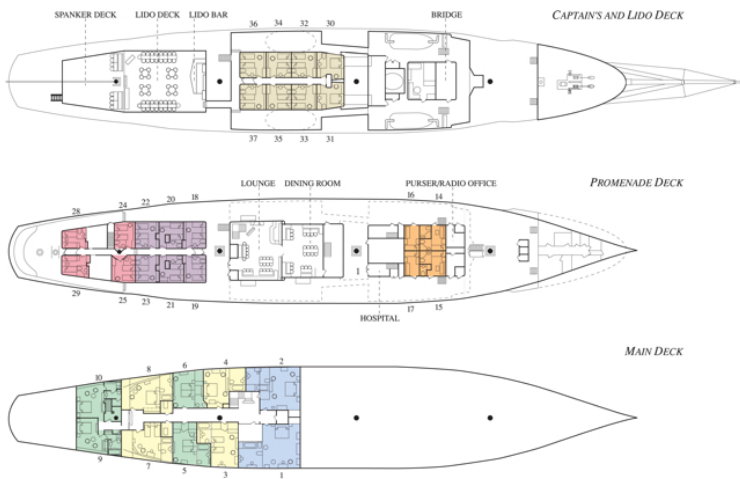
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