

## The Small Cruise Ship Collection

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## ISLAND CHARM & ANCIENT TREASURES - 8 DAY AEGEAN SAILING CRUISE

Embark on an unforgettable 8-day Aegean sailing cruise, immersing yourself in the rich history and sunny days under full sail. Explore the ancient ruins of Ephesus, one of the largest and most impressive in the world, and marvel at the Temple of Artemis. Experience a biblical revelation as you visit St. John's Monastery on Patmos, a significant pilgrimage site and World Heritage Site. Delve into the fascinating world of Greek history at the renowned archaeological site of Mycenae, with its iconic Lion's Gate. Throughout the cruise, take your time to enjoy shore excursions, strolling through charming island capitals at your leisure, soaking up the local culture and breathtaking beauty of the Aegean region.



### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 | ISTANBUL/TURKEY

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 | DAY BENEATH FULL SAILS



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### DAY 3 | KUSADASI/TURKEY

Arrival 01.30 pm, Departure 07.00 pm Spend the day sunbathing, enjoy the fresh wind breeze, and relax into the day!

### DAY 4 | PATMOS/DODECANESE

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm The idyllic little island of Patmos houses one of the most important monasteries of the Greek Orthodox church. The monastery of St John is a World Heritage Site, protected by UNESCO. It was built in honour of the Apostle John, who is said to have lived in a cave on the island. It is also said that he wrote down his Revelation of the Apocalypse there. The whole island is considered holy ground and is one of the most important pilgrimage sites in the Greek Orthodox world.

### DAY 5 | MILOS/CYCLADES

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm The unique character of Milos' landscape was formed by volcanic activity. Hot springs, spectacular cliffs and distinctive rock formations give the various beaches their own individual character. The colors of Milos are most obvious where the water meets the stone and forms the

coastline. Minerals have colored the sand and stones and each rock along the coastline seems to glow in a different color. Plaka, the picturesque old capital with its typical dazzling-white houses, is overlooked by a mighty castle which offers a superb view over Adamos Bay and the surrounding islands.

### DAY 6 | NAUPLIO/PELOPONNESE

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 07.00 pm The old town of Nafplion has a picturesque peninsula setting and three Venetian fortresses guard the pretty town. In ancient times, the excavation site of Mycenae, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was one of the most important towns in Greece. Its legendary king, Agamemnon, has a large role in Homer's Iliad. The palace grounds were surrounded by a cyclopean stone wall. Now you can only gain entrance through the famous Lion Gate. In Epidaurus, also protected by UNESCO, the impressive 14,000-seat theatre is one of the most important buildings in this archaeological site.

### DAY 7 | 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, its 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 8 | ATHENS (PIRAEUS)/GREECE

Arrival 06.00 am "A ship will come...", declared the singer Melina Mercouri to the port of Piraeus. Later, as Greek Minister for Culture, she made Athens the first European Capital of Culture in 1985. The city is considered the birthplace of Europe, of philosophy and of democracy, and is the embodiment of the Olympic ideal. World-famous and a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1987, its landmark is the magnificent Parthenon temple, lying high up on the Acropolis in all its glory. At the foot of the Acropolis hill is the Plaka, the oldest quarter of Athens, and the world's most modern archaeological museum, the new Acropolis Museum, has been here since 2009.

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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## YOUR SHIP: SEA CLOUD II

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>Sea Cloud II</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Tall Ship (Sailing)</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>105 metres</b>
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>2001</b>

Launched in 2001, Sea Cloud II is a stunning vessel, built along traditional lines, but offering deluxe accommodation. She combines timeless elegance of sailing ships of the past with the highest safety standards and the luxurious comfort of modern cruise ships. Just like her legendary sister ship Sea Cloud, the 29,600 square feet of sails is set by hand which is a truly magical sight. Built to accommodate 96 passengers in five star luxury, she offers a range of beautifully appointed suites and cabins which are furnished with great style. All accommodations have outside views and the bathrooms, in light marble, are unusually spacious and extremely comfortable. The finest, carefully chosen fabrics, combined with leather, rattan and other materials, brass and gold, precious woods and marble together create an impressive ensemble. No expense has been spared to create a sympathetic ambience in both the accommodations and public areas and this is reflected throughout the vessel. Public areas include an elegant lounge, library, fitness centre, boutique, lido bar and hospital. The single sitting dining room is airy and modern and the quality of the cuisine and service will be to the highest of standards, as one would expect on a Sea Cloud cruise. Relax on the Lido deck and experience the natural

grandeur of travelling under sail, rekindling memories of a



bygone age.

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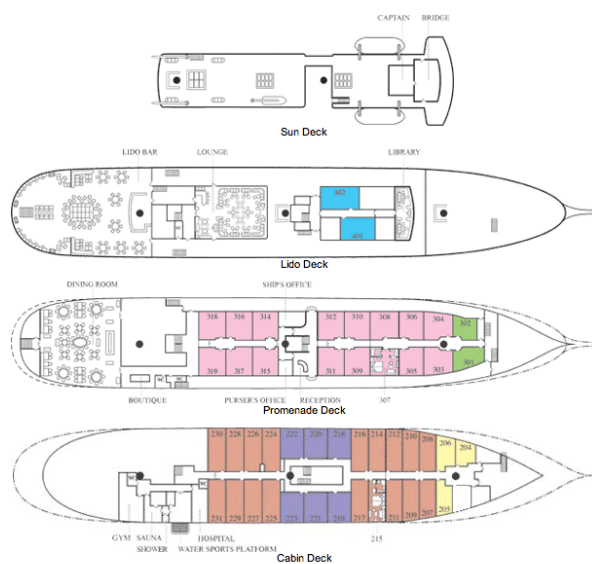
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Please note that category F cabins have one lower and one upper berth bed

Key

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