


# MALTA, SICILY AND GREECE UNDER SAIL ABOARD SEA CLOUD II

Set sail aboard the majestic tall ship Sea Cloud II for an unforgettable journey across the shimmering azure waters of the Ionian Sea to the storied shores and enchanting villages of Malta, Sicily and Greece--lands steeped in myth, history and timeless beauty. Step back in time as you explore ancient cities and sacred temples once ruled by Romans, Greeks, Carthaginians and prehistoric civilizations. Along the way, visit four remarkable UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the classical ruins of Olympia and the megalithic temples of Gozo. This is more than a voyage of discovery--it's a return to the cradle of Western civilization. As you wander through charming towns where modern life flourishes amid Greco-Roman splendor, you'll savor traditional cuisine, hear echoes of ancient music and feel the enduring spirit of cultures that have shaped the world. Plus, enjoy ample sailing time aboard one of the world's most graceful tall ships under sail.




## ITINERARY

Day 1 Valletta, Malta / Embark Ship

Arrive in Valletta, Malta's captivating capital and a UNESCO World Heritage site, where golden limestone fortifications--standing since the 16th century--guard a city rich in history and charm. In the late afternoon, step aboard the magnificent _Sea Cloud II_ and settle into your new home at sea. As the sun begins to dip toward the horizon, raise a glass of champagne on deck and toast the unforgettable adventure that lies ahead.

**Arrival Time:** Arrive before 4:00 p.m. local time.
**Arrival City:** Valletta, Malta

Day 2 Valletta




Be on deck this morning with cameras ready to enjoy one of the most attractive harbors in the Mediterranean bathed in early morning light. On tour, drive to the city's highest point, the Upper Barrakka Gardens, and take in the sweeping view. Tour St. John's Co-Cathedral with its elaborate inlaid marble tombstones and monumental artwork. After lunch onboard, opt for free time in Valletta, or continue your exploration with a guided visit the old capital of Mdina: walk along the ancient city walls and marvel at the feat of engineering undertaken to build the Rotunda of Mosta, one of the largest unsupported domes in the world. As evening falls, return to the ship for a festive welcome cocktail party and dinner hosted by the captain and officers as you sail to Gozo.

### Day 3 Gozo / At Sea

In the morning, step ashore on Malta's sister island, Gozo, a tranquil haven steeped in ancient mystery. Visit the awe-inspiring gantija Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the world's oldest freestanding structures--predating both the Pyramids of Giza and Stonehenge by over a millennium. Explore these megalithic marvels, as well as the beautifully restored Ta' Kola Windmill, a relic of the Knights of Malta's enduring legacy. Back aboard the ship en route to Sicily, watch the crew climb high into the rigging to unfurl the sails by hand--a breathtaking display of traditional seamanship that brings the grandeur of square-rig sailing to life.

### Day 4 Siracusa, Sicily, Italy / At Sea

Awaken this morning to the storied shores of Siracusa, a UNESCO site that was once a powerful rival to Athens and a beacon of ancient culture and commerce. Step ashore to explore its remarkable archaeological park, home to one of antiquity's largest theaters--a 15,000-seat masterpiece carved from solid bedrock and still used for performances today. Wander through the atmospheric limestone quarries, including the legendary "Ear of Dionysius," and visit the impressive Roman amphitheater, a testament to the city's layered history. In the afternoon, enjoy the serenity of the open sea. Reflect on the morning's discoveries, attend engaging talks with your expedition staff and sample a curated selection of Sicilian wines. Or simply relax on deck and revel in the thrill of sailing.

### Day 5 Taormina

Begin the day with a journey up to the enchanting hillside town of Taormina, gracefully perched at the foot of Mount Etna. With sweeping views of the Ionian Sea and a skyline dominated by the volcano's majestic silhouette, Taormina is a jewel of Sicily. Stroll along the elegant Corso Umberto, a pedestrian promenade lined with historic architecture, boutique shops, and charming cafes. Visit the town's crown jewel--the Greco-Roman Theater--an ancient amphitheater carved into the cliffside in the 3rd century B.C., offering breathtaking views of the sea and Mount Etna beyond. From Taormina, continue to the Castello degli Schiavi, an 18th-century private villa steeped in history and cinematic lore. Enjoy an exclusive lunch hosted by members of the family who still reside there and explore the villa's atmospheric grounds, famously featured in several iconic scenes from _The Godfather_ films. Return to _Sea Cloud II_ for a relaxing evening at sea, beginning with happy hour on deck and followed by a delightful dinner as you set sail.

### Day 6-7 At Sea

As _Sea Cloud II_ glides gracefully across the Ionian Sea, enjoy two leisurely days at sea--an ideal opportunity to unwind and embrace the rhythm of life aboard a classic tall ship. Claim your favorite deck chair, lose yourself in a captivating book and listen




to the soothing sound of waves as the ship cuts through the surf en route to Greece. Marvel at the spectacle of the crew climbing high into the intricate rigging to hand-set the sails--a breathtaking display of seamanship and tradition. Enrich your voyage with engaging presentations by your onboard historian and experts, who bring the region's fascinating past to life. Delight in exquisite meals and complimentary drinks, and connect with fellow travelers during lively social gatherings and shipboard events. Whether you're basking in the sun or diving into history, these days at sea promise relaxation, discovery and camaraderie.

### Day 8 Olympia / At Sea

After docking in Katakolo, journey inland to the legendary site of Olympia--the birthplace of the Olympic Games, held every four years for over a millennium beginning in 776 B.C. This UNESCO World Heritage site offers a powerful glimpse into the ancient world's reverence for athleticism, competition and the divine. Wander among the evocative ruins of the Temple of Zeus, once home to one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and admire the remnants of the Temple of Hera and the iconic statue of Nike. Stand in the original Olympic Stadium, where athletes once competed in honor of the gods, and explore the outstanding Archaeological Museum, which houses a remarkable collection of classical sculptures and artifacts that bring Olympia's storied past to life. After lunch, visit Olympia Land Estate, a family-owned winery, for a tasting of exceptional vintages that reflect the history and tradition of the region.

### Day 9 Pylos / At Sea

Nestled on the southwestern coast of the Peloponnese--named for the mythical King Pelops, founder of the Olympic Games--Pylos is a town steeped in history and myth. Once a vital center of Mycenaean civilization, it was home to King Nestor, the wise elder statesman of Homer's _Iliad_. Today, explore the dramatic Methoni Castle, perched on a rocky cape jutting into the Ionian Sea. Built by the Venetians in the 12th century and expanded in the 17th, this fortress boasts a stone bridge, a deep moat, and towering walls that lead to a picturesque octagonal watchtower--perfect for photos and panoramic views.

### Day 10 Monemvasia / At Sea

As _Sea Cloud II_ rounds the southern tip of the Peloponnese and enters the Aegean Sea, you'll arrive at one of Greece's most captivating destinations--Monemvasia. This dramatic fortress town clings to the side of a towering 1,000-foot rock that rises from the sea like a stone ship, hidden from view until you're nearly upon it. Step ashore to explore the enchanting lower town, or kastro, a labyrinth of narrow cobbled lanes, Byzantine churches, and centuries-old stone houses. For those who opt to venture upward, a steep path leads to the upper town and the Church of Agia Sofia, perched high above the sea with sweeping views. With its timeless architecture and serene pace of life, Monemvasia feels like a living museum--where even the "newest" buildings are hundreds of years old. Spend your final afternoon at sea in quiet reflection, capture the ship's graceful details through your lens, or simply savor the sea breeze as you recall the wonders of your journey. This evening, gather with fellow travelers for a festive farewell reception and dinner, celebrating the unforgettable voyage across the Ionian and Aegean seas aboard _Sea Cloud II_.

### Day 11 Piraeus / Disembark Ship

Disembark in the port of Piraeus this morning and transfer to the airport in Athens for your flights home.




**Departure Time:** After 12:00 p.m.
**Departure City:** Athens, Greece

Please note:
Itineraries are subject to change.




# YOUR SHIP: SEA CLOUD II

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

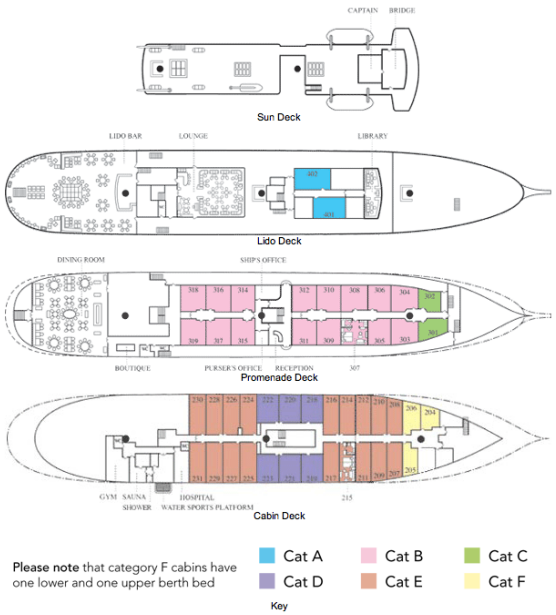
Launched in 2001, Sea Cloud II is a stunning vessel, built along traditional lines, but offering deluxe accommodation. She combines timeless elegance of sailing ships of the past with the highest safety standards and the luxurious comfort of modern cruise ships. Just like her legendary sister ship Sea 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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