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FROM THE PELOPONNESE TO THE FLOATING CITY

From the Peloponnese to the Floating City Greek myth and a wealth of Mediterranean cultures await! Butrint: a UNESCO World Heritage Site Visible from the island of Corfu, the ruined city of Butrint lies protected on a peninsula. Butrint is a kaleidoscope of Mediterranean history; as one of the trade centres of the ancient world, the city attracted numerous conquerors and travellers throughout the millennia. Excavations have unearthed theatres, temples and baths from the Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Venetian and Ottoman periods. Consequently in 1992 UNESCO declared Butrint a World Heritage Site. Elizabeths favourite island Corfu Corfu found fame as a popular travellers destination as early as the 19th century. Bored of life at court, Empress Elisabeth of Austria travelled to the island and used it as a place to realise her dreams. She ordered a palace to be built in the style of Greek mythology and dedicated it to her favourite hero, Achilles. It is called the Achilleion. An ancient multicultural city: Trieste Triestes colourful history is reflected in its cuisine: From palatschinke to souvlaki, prosciutto to baccala mantecato, the town has been shaped by the culinary influences of Austria, Istria and Greece. Trieste has long been considered a cultural melting pot; once a key port on the Slovenian border, it used to attract merchants from all over the world.



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Day 1 - Piraeus (Greece)

Guests arrive individually in Piraeus. Embarkation on the Sea Cloud. "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

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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.

Day 2 - At Sea

Day 3 - Vathy/Ithaki (Greece)

Optional Excursion - Island tour in the footsteps of Odysseus.

Day 4 - Saranda (Albania) & Kerkyra/Corfu (Greece)

Saranda. Close to the small seaport of Sarande, amidst a national park, lies Butrint, one of Albania's greatest attractions and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This city became a spa and festival town in the ancient world as early as 2,500 years ago, and every era in Greek, Roman and Byzantine history has left behind evidence in stone. Discover the spectacular Lion Gate from the 4th century BC. Four fifths of this archaeological site still remain to be uncovered. Optional Excursion to Butrint. Kerkyra/Corfu. 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.

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Day 6 - Dubrovnik (Croatia)

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. Optional Excursion - Walk through the old town.

Day 7 - At sea

Day 8 - Trieste (Italy)

Optional Excursion - City tour including visit to Miramare Castle.

Day 9 - Venice (Italy)

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,

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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. Disembarkation. Guests return home individually.

Please Note:

Itinerary subject to change! Optional excursions are not included in the rate.

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YOUR SHIP: SEA CLOUD

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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



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