



## The Small Cruise Ship Collection

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## SAIL ON THE WIND OF HISTORY - GREECE & ITALY SAILING CRUISE

Embark on an exciting 9-day cruise that offers a perfect blend of ancient civilizations and beach fun, as you explore the Aegean and Adriatic islands. Discover the renowned ruined city of Butrint, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its fascinating mix of Greco-Roman and Venetian influences. Experience the Baroque beauty of Lecce, an Italian gem adorned with stunning facades and churches crafted from honey-colored tufa stone. Immerse yourself in the allure of the Ionian Islands, where Greek myths and Italian flair meet, offering scenic villages and sandy bays to enjoy. Lastly, visit the captivating rock fortress of Monemvasia, a picturesque medieval town perched above the sea. This cruise promises a wonderful combination of cultural exploration, breathtaking landscapes, and relaxing beach experiences, making it a truly unforgettable journey.

### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1, Bari/Italy

Departure 07.00 pm When fresh, colorful laundry flutters above narrow cobblestone streets and grandmothers shape pasta dough into little orecchiette outside their front doors, you are likely to find yourself in a medieval film set - or in Bari. As modern as the important port and university city may be today, its heart truly beats in the historic old town - as it did centuries ago - to the leisurely pace of the Apulian *joie de vivre*. The picturesque quarter directly on the Adriatic Sea and its sights can be easily explored on foot, visiting for instance the massive Castello normanno-svevo or the equally fortress-like pilgrimage church of San Nicola, which boasts an interior splendidly decorated with gold.

#### DAY 2, Otranto/Italy

Arrival 04.00 pm Spend the day sunbathing, enjoy the fresh wind breeze, and relax into the day!

#### DAY 3, Otranto/Italy

Departure 02.00 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

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nickname, the Florence of the South.

#### DAY 4, Saranda/Albania

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm 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.

#### DAY 5, Paxos/Ionian Islands

Arrival 01.30 pm, Departure 06.00 pm

#### DAY 6, Fiscardo/Kefalonia

Arrival 01.30 pm, Departure 11.00 pm

#### DAY 7, Day beneath full sails

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

#### DAY 8, Monemvasia/Peloponnese

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm The little town of Monemvasia nestles closely against a rock that lies just off the coast. This impregnable fortress was an important trading center in Byzantine times. Today it is a retreat for wealthy Athenians who spend their weekends here. Behind its walls you can discover the beautifully restored lower town, where you simply want to drift along the tranquil narrow lanes. This picturesque little town on a rock transports you back in time to the romantic Middle Ages, when it was exceptionally modern and lively.

#### DAY 9, 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

**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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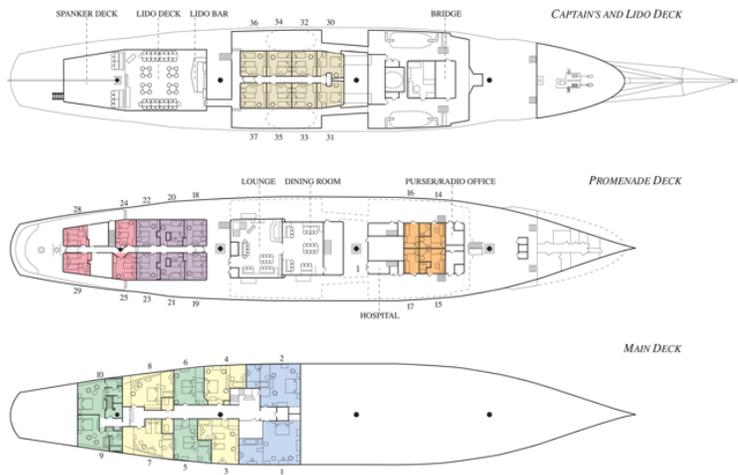
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP





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