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SAILING THE GREEK ISLES ABOARD THE SEA CLOUD FLEET

Explore the beautiful Cyclades as the ancients did, sailing from isle to isle under the power of the wind. The legendary tall ship Sea Cloud, and her modern counterpart Sea Cloud II, offer the chance to stand on deck and watch the orchestrated frenzy of crew members climbing aloft in the rigging to handset 30 sails. Our expedition visits iconic landmarks as well as hidden gems that are largely unknown to all but locals and discerning travelers. Visit small harbors and go on guided walks to learn firsthand about the history and contemporary life along these sun-drenched shores.



ITINERARY

DAY 1 Athens, Greece / Piraeus / Embark Ship

Arrive in Athens and transfer to Piraeus, where you will embark the ship in the late afternoon. Settle into your cabin and take in our first Greek sunset at sea.

Arrival Time: Arrive before 4:00 p.m. local time.

Arrival City: Athens, Greece

Meals Included: Dinner

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DAY 2 Sailing the Aegean

Our first morning on board is spent at sea, bound for the Cyclades and reveling in the blue magic of the Aegean horizon from our classic tall ship. Relax on deck with a book or journal. Watch the crew dance across the rigging to trim four masts' worth of sails by hand. Attend interactive discussions led by our team of experts as they introduce the region's history and ecology.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3 Tinos

Drop anchor at the island of Tinos, a sculptor's haven dotted with villages full of terraced hillsides, Venetian-era dovecotes, and quarries renowned for their superb green marble. Explore the picturesque village of Pyrgos, generously adorned with carved marble facades. And visit the Church of Panagia Evangelistria. Built around a miraculous icon, it's Greece's holiest shrine-and thousands of pilgrims make their way here every year to pray.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 Amorgós

The easternmost island of the Cyclades, Amorgos is a bit less frequented than many, but no less impressive. After dropping anchor, take in the beautiful domed churches and windmills of

the main city, a scenic enclave perched in the mountains. Explore the Panagia Hozoviotissa monastery, clinging tenaciously to a cliff face above the sea. Like so many others in this region, it was built a millennium ago to protect a precious religious relic.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 Santoríni

Venture into remarkable Santoríni--an island archipelago formed from a single volcanic cone that erupted 2,600 years ago to bury the resident Minoan culture in ash. Sail directly into the caldera and then drive through windswept vineyards to reach spectacular high views from the town of Oía. Tour the Archaeology Museum and excavations at Akrotiri, an important Minoan town preserved under volcanic ash like Pompeii, with well-built houses, streets, waterworks, pottery, and art.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 Delos / At Sea

Designated a UNESCO site in its entirety, uninhabited Delos is an outstanding archaeological gem. In myth, it's the birthplace of the twin Greek immortals Artemis (goddess of animals and the hunt) and Apollo (god of healing, music, and light). Spend a morning surveying the Terrace of the Lions and exquisite Temple of Apollo, among the many incredible ruins preserved here. This afternoon, the adventure continues aboard the ship.

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DAY 7 Sifnos / At Sea

In the morning, set foot on a rugged island known for its flavors, its beaches, its 227 churches, and its poets. A quaint harbor and scenic upper chora (village) invite exploration, and tempting local comestibles can be found at a waterfront taverna. This is also a fine place for a brisk walk or a lazy stroll along the beach. As afternoon arrives, we prepare to hoist our sails once more and depart for Piraeus.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8 Piraeus / Disembark Ship / Athens

Enjoy a farewell breakfast on board before disembarking and transferring to the airport for your flight home--unless you've opted for our three-day post-voyage extension in Crete. A two-day pre-voyage extension in Athens is also available, should you want that upfront intro to the region.

Departure Time: Depart after 12:00 p.m. local time.

Departure City: Athens, Greece

Meals Included: Breakfast

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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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



unimaginable.

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