

### **SUNSHINE AND CULTURE - SPAIN SAILING CRUISE**

Embark on an 8-day Spain cruise that offers a perfect balance between cultural exploration on land and relaxing sailing hours on board. Discover the picturesque fishing village of Collioure, a source of inspiration for painters and poets, with its charming harbor bathed in fascinating light. Explore the medieval city of Girona, renowned for its massive cathedral and mighty city walls, showcasing a rich Roman-Moorish-Jewish heritage. Immerse yourself in the vibrant cityscape of Valencia, where colorful historic architecture harmonizes with the eccentric buildings designed by Calatrava, blending neo-futurism and Gothic styles. This cruise promises a captivating blend of cultural experiences, natural beauty, and architectural marvels for a memorable journey.



#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1, Barcelona/Spain

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, Collioure/France





Arrival 01.30 pm, Departure 07.00 pm On one side of the harbor a defiant church, on the other the old royal castle, in between a promenade on which gnarled plane trees provide shade - can so much picturesque idyll be real? In Collioure it can. The fishing village has been attracting artists since the beginning of the 20th century: Here, fauvists like Henri Matisse and Andre Derain revived in the golden light. Today, a theme trail along the harbor leads to the places where their works were created. Artists have again settled in the old town quarter and offer their works for sale in the flower-decorated labyrinth of alleys and stairways.

DAY 3, Palamós/Spain

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 05.00 pm Spend the day sunbathing, enjoy the fresh wind breeze, and relax into the day!

DAY 4, Tarragona/Spain

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm Welcome to ancient times! Roman history comes alive in the Catalan port city of Tarragona. It all began in 218 B.C.: that was when the Romans conquered the city, gave it the name Tarraco and began to build monuments that are now part of the UNESCO World Heritage. If you walk along the old city wall and visit the amphitheatre, the triumphal arch and the forum, you will feel as if you have been transported back thousands of years into the past. A little younger, but equally worth seeing is the Cathedral de Santa Maria: its construction lasted from 1171 to 1331, which is why it combines Romanesque and Gothic style elements.

DAY 5, Valencia/Spain

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 02.00 pm On one corner its centuries old and around the next totally modern - Valencia is everything all at once. Today the beautiful old town and the old silk market "La Lonja de la Seda", which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, still bear witness to the city's wealth in the Middle Ages. A brand new part of the city is situated in a drained river bed and has avant-garde buildings including a futuristic opera house, the largest aquarium in Europe, a botanical garden and a public park. Valencia is one of the few cities that has a heritage of over 2,000 years and is also so intriguingly combined with the future. And no other city in Europe can proudly make the claim that the America's Cup has already taken place twice right on its front door.

DAY 6, Cartagena/Spain

Arrival 02.00 pm, Departure 11.00 pm An important port as long ago as Carthaginian and Roman times, Cartagena can look back on an eventful history. The "La Manga" headland, over 20 kilometers (12 miles), is a geographical curiosity which divides the long sandy beach of the "Mar Menor" salt water lagoon from that of the Mediterranean. Inland, the Fuensanta convent is mainly famous for a vision of the Virgin Mary which appeared there around 200 years ago and sits high up above the town of Murcia. It affords a delightful view over this lively university town. The huge Cathedral of Murcia was built in 1394 on the former site of a Moorish mosque.

DAY 7, Day beneath full sails





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DAY 8, Málaga/Spain

Arrival 08.00 am Malaga has spruced itself up. In 2003, the Museo Picasso opened in a 16th century Renaissance palace and is dedicated to the artist's extensive life's work. This historic old city invites you to take a stroll and its buildings gleam like new. And above everything towers the Alcazaba, a mighty walled fortress. The port was completely redesigned when the city was opened to the sea and you can now take a lovely stroll along the promenade. In Malaga's hinterland you can see the most beautiful aspects of traditional Andalusia. From a distance the typical Andalusian villages look like white dabs of paint shining out from the brown of the barren mountain landscape.

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.





## YOUR SHIP: SEA CLOUD II

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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

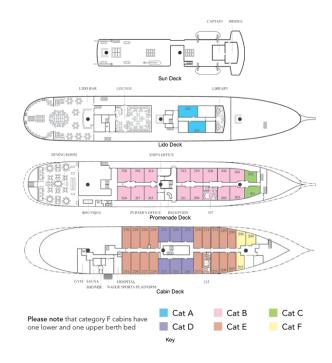
grandeur of travelling under sail, rekindling memories of a



bygone age.



# **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**





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