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PORTUGAL & NORTHERN SPAIN BY SEA

Aboard the Sea Cloud II

Featuring Lisbon, Porto, Santiago de Compostela, and Bilbao

**May 17–27, 2020
(proposed itinerary)**

Soak up the rich history of Portugal and Northern Spain on this extraordinary cruise aboard the beautiful *Sea Cloud II*. Begin in Lisbon with three nights, including a gala reception, private Fado performance, and an in-depth exploration of Lisbon and Sintra. Head to Porto for lunch and wine-tasting before embarking *Sea Cloud II*. Cruise on to Islas Cies, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Santiago de Compostela, and Santander. The program finishes with a hotel night in Bilbao to allow the opportunity for a gala farewell lunch and a visit to the renowned Guggenheim Museum.

A journey aboard the *Sea Cloud II*, with only 47 staterooms, is an intimate experience on one of the most elegant and luxurious vessels afloat. Like Marjorie Merriweather Post's legendary *Sea Cloud*, she combines the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury. In the grand tradition of the world's finest sailing vessels, guests experience this marvelous ship under sail, as the skilled crew hand-sets over 30,000 square feet of canvas.

Post-tour extension offered to Madrid.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the celebrated city of Lisbon and enjoy a gala reception and welcome dinner, including a private fado performance.
- Immerse yourself in Portuguese charm with a full day tour to lovely Sintra, the Regaleira Gardens and the traditional fishing village of Cascais.
- Sail aboard the magnificent, three-masted *Sea Cloud II*, combining the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury.
- Savor local flavors during gourmet meals ashore—a tasting at a historic port lodge in Porto, and a private lunch at a world-class parador in Santiago de Compostela and tapas in Bilbao.
- Trace Spain's 1,000-year-old pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela, the great cathedral dedicated to St. James, and marvel at one of Europe's newest landmarks, the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao.



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ITINERARY OUTLINE

DAY	OVERNIGHT	HOTEL	ACTIVITIES
May 17 Sun	Depart U.S.		Overnight flights to Lisbon, Portugal
May 18 Mon	Lisbon, Portugal	Four Seasons Hotel Ritz	Arrive Lisbon, complimentary transfers to hotel. The evening is free.
May 19 Tue	Lisbon	Four Seasons Hotel Ritz	Full day tour of Lisbon including Jeronimos Monastery, the Tower of Belem, and the Gulbenkian Museum. Gala welcome reception and dinner, including a private Fado performance. BLRD
May 20 Wed	Lisbon / Sintra	Four Seasons Hotel Ritz	Visit the National Palace in Sintra Vila and the Regaleira Gardens. After lunch at the beach, continue for a visit to the fishing village of Cascais before return to Lisbon. The evening is on your own. BL
May 21 Thu	Lisbon / Porto / Embark <i>Sea Cloud II</i>	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	Board a train (pending) to Porto. Enjoy lunch and wine tasting at a historic port lodge before embarking <i>Sea Cloud II</i> . BLD
May 22 Fri	Isla Cies, Spain	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	Morning tender shore to Isla Cies National Park. Afternoon cruising and set sails, weather-permitting. BLD
May 23 Sat	Santiago de Compostela	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	From La Coruña port, full-day excursion to pilgrimage center of Santiago de Compostela, with gourmet lunch ashore and specially arranged swinging of the botafumeiro at the cathedral. BLD
May 24 Sun	At sea	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	Full day of cruising, with opportunity to see the ship under sail, weather permitting. BLD
May 25 Mon	Santander	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	Morning Cruising; Afternoon excursion to Santander to Altamira Museum (pending private opening) and village of Santillana del Mar. Farewell reception and dinner on board. BLD
May 26 Tue	Bilbao	Gran Hotel Domine	Disembarkation in Bilbao, morning visit to Frank Gehry's iconic Guggenheim-Bilbao Museum, Basque tapas lunch, afternoon and evening at leisure. BL
May 27 Wed	Return to U.S.		Board return flights to the U.S. or go on to Madrid for an optional extension. B



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Land/cruise rates: \$6,990-\$14,990

Fees and services are based on exchange rates of September, 2018 and are subject to change.

Program Length:

11 days roundtrip from the U.S.

Fees Include: All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary • Full program of briefings, lectures and presentations • Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers • Gratuities to shipboard personnel • Port charges • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all lunches and dinners • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Criterion Tour Manager

Fees Do Not Include: U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers • Travel insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, Internet and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature