

# SAILING THE SPANISH AND FRENCH RIVIERAS

aboard the 47-cabin Sea Cloud II April 26-May 4, 2024









# **DEAR NATIONAL TRUST TRAVELER.**

Immerse yourself in beauty, culture, and delectable food and wine on **an exploration of the Spanish and French Rivieras**, from the art nouveau architecture of Gaudí's Barcelona to the majestic Roman amphitheater at Arles and the lush landscapes that inspired Picasso and Cézanne.

Spend two full days strolling Barcelona's famed Parc Güell and Las Ramblas and Gothic quarters, sampling local tapas and paella, experiencing Gaudí and Miró in the city where they created their masterpieces. Sip rosé and play boule along the Route of Cézanne in Provence. Wander iconic Roman ruins in Arles and wonder at Salvador Dali's surrealistic creations in his own castle. Discover one of the region's living traditions with French cowboys at a working Camargue ranch, and dine at a historic Catalonian country property, sampling wines, cheeses and fresh-pressed olive oils. This journey will truly be a feast for the senses.

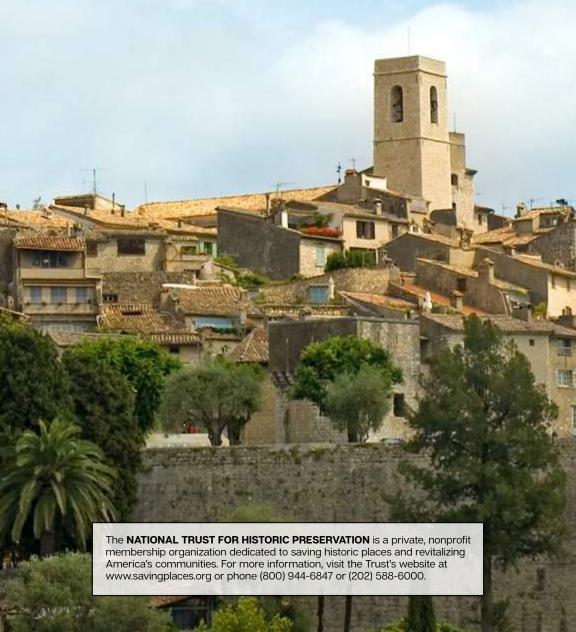
With **four nights aboard Sea Cloud II**, enjoy the unparalleled experience of cruising aboard one of the world's finest sailing vessels, combining the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury, on an itinerary carefully designed to maximize time under sail.

With only 47 cabins aboard *Sea Cloud II*, I encourage you to secure your space by calling our office at **(888) 484-8785** today!



# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Spend four nights aboard the legendary Sea Cloud II, an elegant three-masted vessel that is evocative of a classic tall ship from a bygone era, but with modern comforts.
- Savor meals and tastings that feature local specialties and wines of Catalunya and Provence, including a sampling of top wines, cheeses, olive oils, and salts at a historic countryside property.
- See an expert presentation about the ongoing construction of Gaudi's landmark cathedral, the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona.
- Enjoy a private visit to a working cowboy ranch in the Camargue for a feast and a demonstration of horsemanship skills.
- Play boule (French bocce) with the locals at the foot of Mount Sainte-Victoire, a view memorialized by Paul Cézanne on many of his famous canvasses.











# **ITINERARY**

Friday - Saturday, April 26-27 Home / Barcelona, Spain

Depart home on overnight flights to Barcelona. Arriving Saturday, transfer to the fivestar Hotel El Palace in the city center close to boutiques. markets, and historic sites for a three-night stay. This classic property has been frequented by Spanish artists including Dali and Miro since its founding as the Ritz in 1919. Gather at the hotel with fellow travelers this evening for dinner and a wine reception.

HOTEL EL PALACE (R,D)

### Sunday, April 28 Barcelona

After breakfast, take an immersive guided tour through two of Antoni Gaudi's famed Barcelona architectural masterpieces: The towering Sagrada Familia Basilica and the fanciful Parc Güell. A local guide will share the history and significance of these amazing creations, while explaining the ongoing 140-year construction project of the basilica. The afternoon is at leisure to tour the city independently, with a recommended visit to the Fudació Joan Miró which will be open late into evening. The

museum houses thousands of the Barcelona native's artworks and drawings.

HOTEL EL PALACE (B)

### Monday, April 29 Barcelona

Begin with a walking tour of Las Ramblas and the Gothic Quarter for prime peoplewatching and windowshopping with a healthy dose of history, then experience the mouth-watering sights, smells, and tastes of the stalls of the famed La Boqueria market before lunch at a neighborhood restaurant. Also see the towering interior of the 500-year-old La Seu Cathedral with its awe-inspiring stained-glass windows, then journey into the 20th century at the Picasso Museum to discover this artist's close links with Barcelona in some of his famous works. Top off the day's tour at a traditional granja cafe for hot chocolate and ensaimada pastry, a Catalan specialty.

HOTEL EL PALACE (B,L,D)

### Tuesday, April 30 Barcelona / Embark

This morning, choose between: 1) A visit to Monserrat Monastery, an enormous

structure in a seemingly impossible setting among mountain crags, with a vast basilica, iconic virgin sculpture, and a museum with world renowned art, or 2) A private tasting at a winery in the nearby Penedès region, most famous for its naturally sparkling cava wines. After lunch at a local restaurant, embark the majestic, threemasted Sea Cloud II in the afternoon for the first leg of a four-night, five day journey along the scenic shorelines of the Spanish and French Rivieras.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

### Wednesday, May 1 **Figueres**

Arrive in the Catalonian port city of Figueres where you'll tour the Dali Theatre-Museum, touted as "the largest surrealist object in the world," to examine Salvador Dali's art and his connections to Catalonian culture. Continue to nearby Pubol to tour the medievalmodern workshops and art displays in the Gala Dali Castle, which the eccentric artist designed for his wife. This evening, sail across the border to the French Riviera.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)









# Thursday, May 2 Arles and the Camargue, France

Dock at the mouth of the Rhone River to visit Arles, a beautiful setting which served as inspiration to van Gogh and many other regional artists. Travel through time while touring the city's expanse of Roman and Romanesque monuments, many dating to the time the city was a metropolis in the 1st Century B.C. Experience true living culture in the afternoon on a journey to the countryside to visit a working ranch. Over a rich regional feast, enjoy a demonstration of amazing horsemanship skills by Camarque cowboys.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

## Friday, May 3 Marseille / Aix-en-Provence

Call at Marseille for a visit to picturesque Aix-en-Provence, a medieval university city that served as the inspiration, home, and workplace of Paul Cezanne, and continues to wow visitors with its architecture, shopping, and pedestrian-friendly streets. Spend the morning on a walking tour, strolling through markets bursting with fresh regional produce, flowers, local crafts, and handmade textiles. Then visit Cezanne's historic studio in town, where the artist incorporated much of this local color into his masterpiece paintings. After an independent lunch and fee time in town, ride along the "Route of Cezanne,"

passing the scenic farms, forests, and mountains that starred as subjects in many of the artist's works. Stop for a wine tasting in the shadows of craggy limestone peaks at Montagne St. Victoire to sip local rosé while trying boule (the French version of bocce ball).

SEA CLOUD II (B,D)

### Saturday, May 4 Disembark / Home

Arrive in Nice and transfer to the Nice-Cote d'Azur International Airport for flights home.

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# SEA CLOUD II







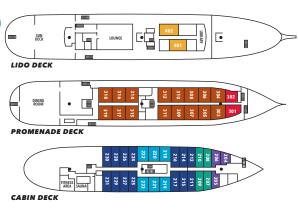
The iconic Sea Cloud II is perhaps the most luxurious three-masted sailing yacht on the seas today. Like Marjorie Merriweather Post's legendary Sea Cloud, she combines the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury. In the grand tradition of the world's finest sailing vessels, guests can experience this marvelous ship under sail as the skilled crew hand-sets over 30,000 square feet of canvas. The Sea Cloud II offers an intimate setting of just 47 beautifully appointed cabins, gracious common areas, world-class service, and 5-star dining.

# PROGRAM RATES (PER PERSON)

DOUBLE

SINGLE

1	150 sq. ft., upper & lower single beds, two portholes, shower	\$5,990	\$8,990
2	204 sq. ft., forward, twins or queen bed, two portholes, shower	\$7,990	\$11,990
3	215 sq. ft., twins or queen bed, two portholes, shower	\$8,990	\$13,490
4	226 sq. ft., mid-ship, queen bed, three portholes, shower	\$9,990	_
5	215 sq. ft., queen bed, panorama windows, shower	\$10,990	_
6	247 sq. ft., twins or queen bed, panorama windows, tub/shower	\$11,990	_
7	290 sq. ft., king bed, panorama windows, bathtub & shower	\$13,990	_



# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE**

CATEGORY

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including seven breakfasts, four lunches, six dinners, three hotel nights and four nights aboard Sea Cloud II · Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations · Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates · Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers and shipboard personnel for all group activities · Entrance fees and port charges · Welcome and farewell wine receptions · House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners · Filtered water on motorcoaches · Complete packet of pre-departure information · Professional tour manager throughout the program

### **AIR ARRANGEMENTS**

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book

your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

This is a moderately strenuous program, at times physically demanding and busy, with considerable walking at some sites. The ship does not have an elevator, so you will need to navigate stairs, possibly while on choppy seas. Daily activities can involve miles of walking, often on cobbled streets and uneven terrain; elevators may not be available and stairs may not have handrails. Participants should be fit and in active good health. Limited medical facilities are available on board the Sea Cloud II. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by National Trust Tours or Criterion Travel, local staff, and host country laws.

#### PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

Airfare · Passport/ visa expenses · Medical expenses, immunizations, or COVID-19 testing if required at the time of travel · Travel and trip cancellation insurance Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days · Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options · Airline 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, fax, internet, and email charges · Room service · Other items of a personal nature

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE

strongly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to covered illness or accident. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement, USI Travel Insurance Services offers a plan designed specifically for National Trust Tours travelers, providing coverage for Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical, and more. Plus, you can upgrade your plan with Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) coverage for the utmost flexibility. CFAR allows you to cancel your trip for ANY reason at all and be reimbursed up to 75% of your pre-paid, non-refundable trip costs (conditions apply, see plan for details). To purchase travel insurance today, call: (800) 937-1387 For additional information, please contact National Trust Tours at (888) 484-8785.

Complete Terms and Conditions including a Statement of Responsibility will be made available at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed "Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

### RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. If you have questions, or to register using a credit card (preferred method), please call (888) 484-8785 or email info@nationaltrusttours.com. Final payment deadline is December 28, 2023. For those who register on or after December 28, 2023, full payment is due upon registration. Final payment must be made by check or bank transfer.

#### **CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS**

Upon payment of the \$1,000 per person deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound Cancellations shall not be in effect until they are received in writing and confirmed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. After final payment deadline on December 28, 2023, all payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. NOTE: Neither the National Trust for Historic Preservation nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of non-refundable tickets

### ITINERARY CHANGES

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned: however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the

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National Trust for Historic Preservation tours are open to members only Membership dues for 2023/2024 are \$30 for family and \$20 for individual membership. The minimum age limit for the program is 14. Children must pay the full price, and those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or quardian. There is no maximum age limit. PLEASE NOTE: Participants must be in excellent health and able to participate in tour activities. Any physical condition that may require special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation. If you have any doubt about your ability to participate fully due to health conditions or disabilities, contact the National Trust at (888) 484-8785 or (202) 588-6300. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and Criterion Travel reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of this tour at any time. In such case, the refund will be limited to the recoverable cost of unused tour services.

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