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National Trust Tours

# Sailing the French & Italian Rivieras

aboard *Sea Cloud II* • April 30–May 8, 2024



# Dear National Trust Traveler,

**Nice... Monte Carlo... Cannes... Cinque Terre... Lucca... Florence.** These are names that conjure up images of glamorous seaports, sun-drenched beaches, rich masterpieces of art and architecture, picturesque villages, and medieval history—in short, the quintessential Mediterranean journey.

**Early May is the perfect time of year to visit**, with verdant gardens and landscapes awash with blossoms, and moderate temperatures. Join fellow travelers for this exploration along the French & Italian Rivas, combining a three-night stay at a landmark luxury resort in an iconic location with a relaxed four-night cruise aboard the *Sea Cloud II* from Nice to Rome, with port calls in the Cinque Terre, Livorno (for a day trip to Florence or Lucca), and the Isle of Elba. Most days feature differing excursions to choose from catering to your interests or style of travel.

**A journey aboard the 47-cabin *Sea Cloud II* is an intimate and memorable experience on one of the most elegant and luxurious vessels afloat**, combining the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury. Guests can experience this marvelous ship completely under sail after the skilled crew hand-sets over 30,000 square feet of canvas. The ship's small size also allows us to moor centrally in the most scenic harbors, and anchor offshore of Porto Venere for a visit to the Cinque Terre.

This magnificent three-masted barque accommodates just 78 passengers, so I encourage you to secure your space by calling our office at **(888) 484-8785** today!

Sincerely,



Meg Annacone-Poretz  
Director, National Trust Tours



## Highlights

- ◆ **Savor local flavors** during gourmet meals ashore, including three lunches and one dinner in the French Riviera, a dinner ashore in Porto Venere, a local lunch in Florence or Lucca, and a **wine tasting at a vineyard estate** surrounded by olive trees in Portoferraio.
- ◆ Luxuriate in a three-night stay at the **Hotel Carlton** in Cannes, a historic French Riviera property boasting a central waterfront location along the glamorous Croisette, surrounded by restaurants, bars, and shopping.
- ◆ Discover the masterpieces of **legendary artists Picasso, Matisse, and Chagall** during visits to landmark museums dedicated to each artist; all spent many prime working years in the Côte d'Azur and were inspired by the region's special light and landscapes.
- ◆ Enjoy **private entrée to sites**, such as the lovely garden and architectural masterpiece of Villa Ephrussi in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat.





SAINT-PAUL-DE-VENCE



CAPRESE



MANAROLA, CINQUE TERRE

## Itinerary

**Tuesday–Wednesday,  
April 30–May 1**

### Home / Nice, France

Depart home on overnight flights to Nice, France, arriving May 1st. Transfer to nearby Cannes and check in to Hotel Carlton. Enjoy a restful afternoon at leisure, then meet your fellow travelers at a private welcome reception and dinner at the hotel.

HOTEL CARLTON (R,D)

**Thursday, May 2**

### Antibes / Saint-Paul-de-Vence

This morning, choose between two guided excursions: 1) The nearby Picasso Museum and a walking tour of Old Town Antibes, including its ramparts along the sea; 2) The fortified village and artists' mecca of Saint-Paul-de-Vence, followed by the the Maeght Foundation and its impressive sculpture garden and collection of modern and contemporary art. Following lunch at the hotel, enjoy a welcome orientation and introductory lecture. The afternoon is at leisure to explore the area around the hotel or the rest of the Côte d'Azur on your own.

HOTEL CARLTON (B,L)

**Friday, May 3**

### Côte d'Azur / Monaco

This morning, choose between two excursions: 1) Scenic Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, a picture-perfect village jutting into the sea atop a small peninsula highlighted by the lovely garden and architectural masterpiece of Villa Ephrussi, followed by the quaint village of Èze, perched on a rocky peak overlooking the Mediterranean and an afternoon at leisure; 2) Monaco, including the Old Town with the State Apartments of the Prince's Palace and the Opera Gallery, followed by free time in Monte Carlo.

HOTEL CARLTON (B,L)

**Saturday, May 4**

### Nice / Embark

After a morning at leisure, drive to Nice and choose between two excursions: 1) See the Marc Chagall Museum, which curiously opened during his lifetime, and 2) Visit the Matisse Museum, housing a large number of his works as well as pieces from his private collection that inspired some of his most famous paintings and sculptures. Late this afternoon, embark the *Sea Cloud II* in Nice and bid adieu to France as you sail toward Italy.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

**Sunday, May 5**

### Porto Venere / Cinque Terre, Italy

Enjoy the thrilling experience of cruising under sail (weather permitting), then anchor off Porto Venere and experience the Cinque Terre by foot, walking between iconic seaside villages. Perched between steeply terraced vineyards and the Ligurian Sea, this UNESCO World Heritage Site and protected marine area is characterized by tiny villages and hidden coves. Stop in Manarola for a wine tasting and dinner.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

**Monday, May 6**

### Livorno / Florence or Lucca

Dock in Livorno for a choice of full-day tours, each featuring a gourmet local lunch: 1) Florence, with a guided city walk to see the iconic landmarks of the historic center as well as the Duomo complex and a visit to the Florence American Cemetery 2) Lucca, birthplace of composer Giacomo Puccini and treasure chest of Tuscany's ancient trade in silk, with a stroll around the elliptical central piazza made



ELBA ISLAND



LUCCA



MONTE CARLO

up of medieval buildings outlining the ruins of a Roman amphitheater, as well as time to stroll around sections of the ancient city walls, now a park-like promenade. Return to the *Sea Cloud II* in the evening for dinner on board.

*SEA CLOUD II* (B,L,D)

**Tuesday, May 7**  
**Portoferraio, Elba**

This morning, following in the footsteps of the Argonauts and Napoleon, call at the tropical-esque Isle of Elba. Take a panoramic drive with superb views over the coastline, visit Napoleon's summer residence during his exile on the island from 1814 to 1815, and stop for a

wine tasting at a 17th-century country wine estate, with vineyards nestled among ancient olive trees. Return to the ship for lunch, with a leisurely afternoon of cruising and final opportunity to experience the ship under sail. Gather this evening for the captain's farewell reception and dinner.

*SEA CLOUD II* (B,L,R,D)

**Wednesday, May 8**  
**Rome / Home**

Disembark in Civitavecchia and transfer to the Rome airport for flights home, or begin the optional extension in Tuscany.

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**Optional Post-Tour Extension in Tuscany**

**May 8–12, 2024**

Extend your stay with five days at Belmond Castello di Casole, a 10th-century estate spread across 4,200 acres in the Tuscan countryside near Siena. Excursions include a visit to the exclusive Marchesi di Antinori Estate, with a private visit of the cellars. Enjoy a truffle hunting experience followed by a cooking class, and explore Torre Campatelli in San Gimignano during a private, after-hours visit.

*Further details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.*



FLORENCE

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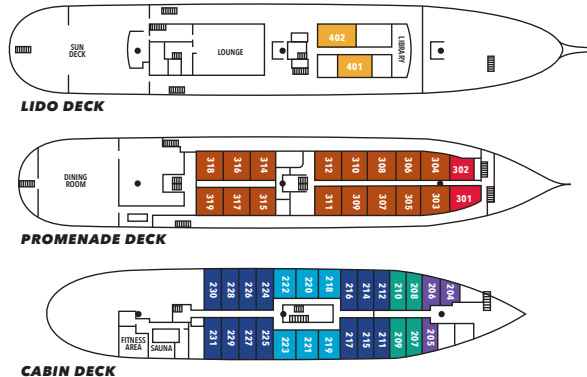
# Sea Cloud II



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)

| CATEGORY |   | 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., midship, twins or queen bed, two portholes, shower | \$8,990  | \$13,490 |
| 4        | 226 sq. ft., 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

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including seven breakfasts, six lunches, five 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** · Bottled 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.

### GROUP SIZE

This program is limited to 78 participants.

**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**

National Trust Tours  
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.  
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your trip for ANY reason  
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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 January 2, 2024. For  
those who register on or  
after January 2, 2024,  
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% non-  
refundable. After final  
payment deadline on  
January 2, 2024, all  
payments are 100% non-  
refundable, 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  
participant.

**ELIGIBILITY**

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 guardian. 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-  
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Travel reserve the right to  
decline to accept or retain  
any person as a member  
of this tour at any time. In  
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limited to the recoverable  
cost of unused tour services.

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For more information or to register by phone (preferred method of registration), please call **National Trust Tours at (888) 484-8785**. Or, return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person, **payable to Criterion Travel**. Mail to: Criterion Travel, 4250 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005.

NAME #1 \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**PAYMENT**

Please charge the deposit to my credit card (circle one):

VISA            MC            AMEX            DISCOVER

NAME ON CREDIT CARD \_\_\_\_\_

CARD # \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SECURITY CODE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person,  
payable to Criterion Travel) to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on  
**Sailing the French & Italian Rivieras.**

**NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERSHIP**

I am/We are National Trust Members. My/Our membership #  
is \_\_\_\_\_

I am/We are not National Trust members. Please enroll me/us  
as members. (\$20 individual; \$30 family)

**SINGLE TRAVELERS**

I prefer to have single accommodations.  
or  I plan to share accommodations with:

\_\_\_\_\_ or  I'd like to know about roommates

*I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment  
deadline of January 2, 2024, I will pay the single rate.*

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Cabin category preference:

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Bed Preference (not guaranteed):  One bed  Two beds

*I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and  
understand and agree with them as stated herein:*

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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