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FEATURING THE **SEA CLOUD II** AND  
THE HISTORIC **CARLTON CANNES HOTEL**

**APRIL 25–MAY 3, 2025**

WITH STUDY LEADER  
**JOHN MEFFERT**





Lucca, Tuscany

## 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. Late April and early May are the perfect times of the year, with verdant gardens and landscapes awash with blossoms, and moderate temperatures.

Delight a three-night luxury hotel stay on the French Riviera with a relaxed four-night cruise aboard the *Sea Cloud II* from Nice to Livorno, with port calls in Portovenere (for the Cinque Terre), the Isle of Elba, and Livorno (for a choice of a day trip to Lucca or Florence). There is no better way to experience the voyage than under sail aboard the incomparable *Sea Cloud II*, which combines the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury. The ship's small size also allows us to moor centrally in the most scenic harbors and anchor offshore of Portovenere for a visit to the Cinque Terre. 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.

A post-tour extension will be offered to Tuscany, at the Borgo Scopeto Wine & Country Relais, a 5-star enchanted estate set in lush vineyards and olive groves in the Tuscan countryside near Siena.

This program is co-sponsored with other organizations including Cornell's Adult University, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, and Yale Alumni Academy. With only 47 cabins, I urge you to reserve space today.

With kind regards,

Meg Annacone-Poretz  
Director, National Trust Tours

## STUDY LEADER



**John Meffert**, consultant on Heritage Conservation Services, has a long tradition with the National Trust. He has served as the Director for our Southern Office and was the director of the Preservation Society of Charleston, the oldest nonprofit organization in the United States, responsible for preserving the historic resources of Charleston, S.C. John has delighted many study tour groups with his lectures and insights on preservation, and receives rave reviews as study leader.

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Cannes building architecture

## ITINERARY

FRIDAY, APRIL 25–

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

### HOME / NICE, FRANCE

Depart home on overnight flights to Nice, France, arriving April 26. 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)

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

### CANNES / ANTIBES / SAINT-PAUL DE-VENTE

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)

MONDAY, APRIL 28

### CANNES / 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)

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

### NICE / EMBARK SEA CLOUD II

After a morning at leisure, drive to Nice and choose between two excursions: 1) Marc Chagall Museum, which curiously opened during his lifetime, and 2) 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)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

### 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. 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. Enjoy a wine tasting and dinner at a local trattoria.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, MAY 1

### 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



Italian villas



Manarola, Cinque Terre

treasure chest of Tuscany's ancient trade in silk, with a stroll around the elliptical central piazza made 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)

**FRIDAY, MAY 2**

### **PORTOFERRAIO / ELBA**

This morning, following in the footsteps of the Argonauts and Napoleon, call at the tropicaesque 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)

**SATURDAY, MAY 3**

### **FLORENCE / DISEMBARK**

Disembark and transfer to the Florence airport for flights home or begin the optional extension in Tuscany. (B)

Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat







Isle of Elba



Saint-Paul-de-Vence

## Trip Highlights

- ▶ Savor local flavors during gourmet meals ashore, including a dinner ashore in Portovenere, and a local lunch in Florence or Lucca.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Private welcome reception and dinner at the elegant Hotel Carlton Cannes, in a glorious setting overlooking the Mediterranean.
- ▶ 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.

Cobblestoned street of Saint-Paul-de-Vence



Bicycle scenic street scene



Pizza and salad at a street café



## POST-TOUR EXTENSION

### TUSCANY

Extend your stay with five days at Borgo Scopeto Wine & Country Relais, 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.*



Category 2 Cabin



Category 3 Cabin



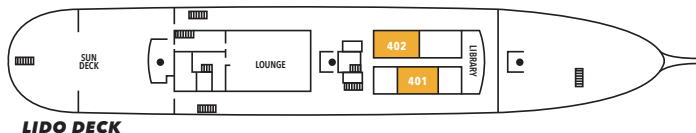
Category 6 Cabin

## SEA CLOUD II

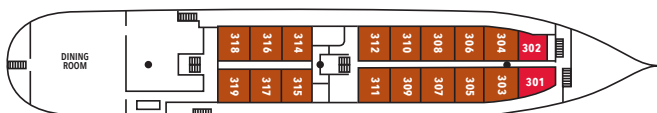
The iconic *Sea Cloud II* is perhaps the most luxurious three-masted sailing yacht on the seas today. Like Marjorie Merriweather Post's legendary *Sea Cloud*, she combines the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury. In the grand tradition of the world's finest 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)

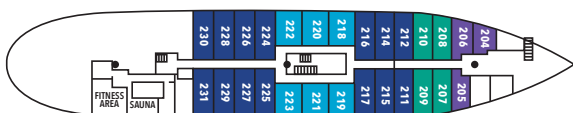
CATEGORY		DOUBLE	SINGLE
1	150 sq. ft., upper & lower single beds, two portholes, shower	\$6,990	\$10,490
2	204 sq. ft., forward, twins or queen bed, two portholes, shower	\$8,990	\$13,490
3	215 sq. ft., midship, twins or queen bed, two portholes, shower	\$9,990	\$14,990
4	226 sq. ft., queen bed, three portholes, shower	\$10,990	—
5	215 sq. ft., queen bed, panorama windows, shower	\$11,990	—
6	247 sq. ft., twins or queen bed, panorama windows, tub/shower	\$12,990	—
7	290 sq. ft., king bed, panorama windows, bathtub & shower	\$14,990	—



LIDO DECK



PROMENADE DECK



CABIN DECK

### 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 • Group 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 wine receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners • Filtered water for water bottles 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 three 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 SBMA or Criterion Travel, our tour operator; local staff; and host country laws.

#### GROUP SIZE

This program is limited to 78 participants.

#### PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers or airport transfers



outside of group arrival and departure days • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • 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. CFAR allows you to cancel your trip for ANY reason at all and be reimbursed up to 75% of your pre-paid, nonrefundable 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 23, 2024. For those who register on or after December 23, 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% nonrefundable. After final payment deadline on December 23, 2024 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 participant.

**ELIGIBILITY**

National Trust for Historic Preservation tours are open to members only. Membership dues for 2024/2025 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- 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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**RESERVATION FORM**

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.

**CONTACT INFORMATION** (please print)

NAME #1	BIRTHDATE
NAME #2	BIRTHDATE
MAILING ADDRESS	
CITY / STATE / POSTAL CODE	
HOME PHONE	MOBILE PHONE
EMAIL #1	
EMAIL #2	

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program?

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

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

Please charge my deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person) to my

VISA    MasterCard    American Express

NAME ON CREDIT CARD		
CREDIT CARD NUMBER	EXP. DATE	SECURITY CODE
CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE		

**ACCOMMODATIONS** (not guaranteed)

Cabin Category Preference: 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_

Bed Preference    King / Queen    Twins

**SINGLE TRAVELERS** (choose one)

I prefer to have single accommodations. (limited availability)

I plan to share accommodations with: \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to know about roommates.  
I am a    non-smoker    smoker

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of December 23, 2024 I will pay the single rate.

I/We have read the tour information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated therein.

SIGNATURE #1	DATE
SIGNATURE #2	DATE



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