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## **FRENCH & ITALIAN RIVIERAS**

### ***Aboard Sea Cloud II***

**May 1–9, 2021  
(9 days)**

Antibes...Monte Carlo...Cap Ferrat...Cinque Terre...Lucca...the Isle of Elba... These are names that conjure up images of medieval history, sun-drenched beaches, glamorous seaports, and rich masterpieces of art and architecture—in short, the quintessential Mediterranean journey. And how better 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?

We combine a three-night luxury hotel stay on the French Riviera with a relaxed four-night cruise aboard the *Sea Cloud II* from Nice to Rome, with port calls in Portovenere (for the Cinque Terre), Livorno (for choice of a day trip to Lucca or Florence), and the Isle of Elba. The short distances along this route allow for two half-days under sail, one at the start of the voyage and one at the end, to maximize the special experience of cruising aboard this majestic windjammer. Early May is the perfect time of year, with verdant gardens and landscapes awash with blossoms, and moderate temperatures; we avoid the May 1 and May 8 holidays in France, as well as the crowds of the Cannes Film Festival that starts May 12, 2021, and the Monaco Grand Prix at the end of May.

A journey aboard the 47-stateroom *Sea Cloud II* is an intimate and memorable experience on one of the most elegant and luxurious vessels afloat. 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. 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.

A post-tour extension will be offered to Tuscany, staying at either the Belmond Castello di Casole, a 10<sup>th</sup> century estate spread across 4,200 acres in the Tuscan countryside near Siena, or at the Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco in the heart of the Brunello di Montalcino wine-making region (in development; further details forthcoming).

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Private welcome reception and dinner at the elegant Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc**, in a glorious setting overlooking the Mediterranean.
- Most days feature a **choice of included tours**, allowing travelers to customize their experience according to their own interests.
- 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 not open to the general public**, including masterpieces of contemporary architecture such as the Fondation Hans Hartung in Antibes, the modernist Villa E-1027 designed by Eileen Gray and Le Cabanon designed by Le Corbusier, as well as a private garden in Grasse hosted by the artist owner.
- Try your hand at **making your own perfume** during a private workshop in Grasse, and visit a **private painting studio** in Monte Carlo.
- Experience the hillside towns that dot the Italian Riviera's **Cinque Terre** and the pastoral Tuscan countryside en route to the Renaissance gems of **Lucca** or **Florence**.
- Savor local flavors during **gourmet meals ashore**—a cheese- and wine-tasting at a small cellar located in a cobblestoned street of Saint-Paul-de-Vence, a dinner ashore in Portovenere, and a local lunch in Florence or Lucca.

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**ITINERARY OUTLINE**

DAY	OVERNIGHT	HOTEL	ACTIVITIES
May 1 Sat	Depart U.S.		Overnight flight to Nice, France
May 2 Sun	Antibes, Côte d'Azur, France	Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc	Arrive Nice; transfers to deluxe seaside hotel; Private welcome reception and dinner at the hotel RD
May 3 Mon	Antibes	Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc	Morning introductory lecture, followed by guided walking tour of Old Town of Antibes including its ramparts along the sea; afternoon at leisure BL
May 4 Tue	Antibes	Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc	Morning choice of (1) fortified village and artists' mecca of Saint-Paul-de-Vence plus modern art at Maeght Foundation and serene Chapelle du Rosaire, designed by Matisse, or (2) Molinard perfume factory in Grasse w/private perfume workshop & visit to private garden, hosted by its artist owner; each group enjoys local lunch with cheese- and wine-tasting; Afternoon visit to Picasso Museum; private visit to Fondation Hans Hartung in Antibes, former home & studios of 20 <sup>th</sup> c. abstract painters Hans Hartung & Anna-Eva Bergman, recognized as gem of contemporary architecture as well as for its collection of the artists' works & archives BL
May 5 Wed	Nice	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	Morning choice of (1) Monaco Old Town & Monte Carlo w/State Apartments of the Prince's Palace & private tour of Atelier Folon workshop; (2) private visits to gems of modern architecture—modernist Villa E-1027 designed by Eileen Gray and Le Cabanon designed by Le Corbusier; or (3) quaint village of Èze, perched on a rocky peak overlooking the Med; Afternoon choice of Nice art museum: (1) Marc Chagall or (2) Matisse; late afternoon embark <i>Sea Cloud II</i> in Nice BLD
May 6 Thu	Portovenere, Italy	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	Morning cruising with sails up weather permitting; Afternoon anchor off of Portovenere for Cinque Terre, with choice of (1) private cruise aboard local boat along the scenic coast, or (2) city walking tour in one of the five Ligurian villages of the Cinque Terre, looking out through vineyards above sheer cliffs plunging steeply into the sea; dinner ashore featuring local cuisine BLD

May 7 Fri	Livorno	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	Call at Livorno for a choice of full-day tours, each with local gourmet lunch – (1) Florence with guided city walk and Uffizi Gallery or (2) Lucca, birthplace of composer Giacomo Puccini & treasure chest of Tuscany’s ancient trade in silk; walk through central piazza with its medieval houses built on ruins of Roman amphitheater and visit 12-c Romanesque church BLD
May 8 Sat	Portoferraio (Elba)	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	Morning visit to Isle of Elba, following in Napoleon’s footsteps, with vineyard visit; Afternoon cruising with sails up weather permitting; Captain’s farewell reception and dinner BLD
May 9 Sun	Flights home from Rome		Disembarkation in Civitavecchia, fly home from Rome OR Begin Optional Extension to Tuscany B

R = Reception, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Program Fees:**

Category 1, Cabin Deck, Forward, Upper/Lower Berths, per person, sharing.....	\$4,990
Category 2, Cabin Deck, Forward, Deluxe, per person, sharing.....	\$6,990
Category 3, Cabin Deck, Deluxe, per person, sharing .....	\$7,990
Category 4, Cabin Deck, Midship, Deluxe per person, sharing.....	\$8,990
Category 5, Promenade Deck, Forward, Deluxe, per person, sharing.....	\$9,990
Category 6, Promenade Deck, Junior Suite, per person, sharing.....	\$10,990
Category 7, Lido Deck, Luxury Owner's Suite, per person, sharing .....	\$12,990

Category 1, Cabin Deck, Forward, Upper/Lower Berths, single occupancy.....	\$7,490
Category 2, Cabin Deck, Forward, Deluxe, single occupancy.....	\$10,490
Category 3, Cabin Deck, Deluxe, single occupancy .....	\$11,990

**Program Capacity:**

Maximum capacity: 80 passengers

**Fees Include:** Three luxury hotel nights and four nights aboard *Sea Cloud II* • All 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 wine receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group 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 or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure dates • Travel insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Airline baggage fees • 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