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ABOUT THE *SEA CLOUD II*

With an intimate ambiance, the world-class sailing yacht *Sea Cloud II* is perfect for exploring picturesque coastlines. This three-masted sailing yacht offers guests the rare opportunity to combine gracious service, world-class cuisine, and elegant accommodations with the experience of cruising under sail, as the skilled crew handsets nearly 32,000 square feet of canvas.

Built in 2001

Length: 384 feet

Draft: 18 feet

Cruising Speed: 12 knots under power

Main Mast Height: 187 ft. above deck

Maximum Passengers: 94

Crew Nationality: International

Gross Tonnage: 3,849 tons

Beam: 53 feet

Registry: Malta

Total sail area: 32,000 sq. feet

Number of Sails: 23

Crew Members: 65

Air Conditioning

The ship is air conditioned and cabin temperatures are individually adjustable.

Accounts On Board

Upon embarkation, a shipboard account is automatically opened for your convenience. Your personal expenditures on board will be charged to this account and settled at the end of the cruise. The euro (€) is the standard currency on board the *Sea Cloud II*, and all accounts are rendered in euros. Traveler's checks (euros or US\$), cash (euros or US\$), American Express, MasterCard, VISA and Diners Club are the only acceptable forms of payment for your account; personal checks are not accepted.

Baggage Storage

Baggage can be stored underneath the beds in your cabin. There are 10¹/₄ inches between the floor and the bed providing ample room for a standard-sized suitcase. Bags that are particularly large and do not fit under your bed can be set outside your stateroom for your cabin steward to store for you during the trip.

Bars

The Lido Bar and the Lounge Bar are located on the Lido deck and staffed from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. The bars are stocked with an international selection of liquors and alcohol as well as bottled beers. The ship carries a small but varied supply of fine American, French and local wines and champagnes. Soft drinks, coffee, tea and water are available free of charge; all other beverages consumed in the bars are at individual expense, and can be charged to your shipboard account.

Bridge Visits

During daylight hours, at the master's discretion, the bridge is open to passengers. In general the bridge is closed at night, and may also be closed to visitors during maneuvering operations, when anchoring, and during periods of inclement weather.

Cabins and Service

The ship has a total of 47 comfortable cabins. All passenger cabins have an ocean view with either Palladian-style windows or large portholes. The cabins have private bathrooms with shower (or

bathtub with shower for Category 6 or bathtub and separate shower for Category 7 cabins), toilet, marble sink, bathrobe, slippers, and hair dryer. Shampoo, soap and an assortment of toiletries are also provided. A small refrigerator contains a selection of complimentary non-alcoholic drinks, and each cabin is equipped with a desk, a small loveseat or armchair, small programmable safe, direct-dial telephone, television with integrated DVD player (PAL system), and radio with on-board programming.

Cabins are serviced every morning by your cabin attendant. They are straightened again in the evening when beds are turned down. If you require additional housekeeping service outside these visits, please advise the reception desk.

Communication

Email and Internet Access: The *Sea Cloud II* has an email address for use in contacting guests on board; this address will be provided to you approximately three weeks before departure. Messages are printed in the radio room and delivered to passenger cabins. Please instruct friends and family to include the recipient's (passenger's) name in the subject line for efficient identification and distribution purposes, and to send text-only messages without attachments. Incoming email messages up to a file size of 50 KB are free of charge; incoming mail larger than 50 KB will be blocked by the system.

The ship has a laptop in the library that guests may use to send emails from the ship's own email address free of charge, up to file size of 50 KB. Larger emails from the ship's laptop will be blocked. The laptop may also be used to access the internet or your own email account for a fee.

Satellite WiFi internet access is available in the library, lounge and outside deck (sundeck) but not in the staterooms. A WiFi access card for use with your own devices or the ship's laptop can be purchased at reception on your shipboard account. Current fees will be advised in your pre-departure mailing, sent approximately three weeks before departure. The internet connection may be very slow if many passengers are using devices at the same time, and service may be sporadic or unavailable at times due to ship location, conditions, or other interruptions in satellite communication.

Telephone: Each cabin has a telephone for making calls to Reception or other cabins, and for making and receiving international calls. The *Sea Cloud II* is equipped with both a Satcom B satellite system and a GSM (cellular) system.

Incoming calls are received at Reception and transferred to your stateroom; there is no charge to the passenger for receiving an incoming call. The ship's phone number will be included with your pre-departure mailing.

Outgoing calls through the satellite system cost 1 euro per minute and calls through the GSM (cellular) system cost 3 euros per minute. Outgoing telephone charges will be added to your shipboard account. As on any ship, availability of phone service depends upon location and weather, and there will be times when calls cannot be made or received.

Currency Exchange

Reception offers foreign exchange for small amounts of currency. Funds may be limited, so please plan ahead.

Daily Programs

The daily program is distributed to all cabins and posted in common areas every evening on board the ship. The program provides details of the cruising schedule, lectures, shore excursions and notes about interesting sights and other activities. Weather and other conditions may, of course,

alter the day's intended program. Your tour staff will notify you of any changes to the printed schedule.

Dietary Needs

Most food allergies and special dietary requests can be accommodated, except kosher cuisine, but we must be notified at least two months prior to departure in writing on the **Personal Information Form**.

Dining

Breakfast and dinner are served in the elegant dining room on the Promenade Deck. It accommodates all passengers in one seating, and all of our meals will be open seating. An Early Riser's light buffet breakfast is served in the Lounge and a buffet lunch is served in the Lido Bar on the Lido Deck, weather permitting.

Menus are typically classical continental fare, which is regionalized according to where the ship is traveling by adding hints and flavors of the local cuisine, and international specialties.

Lunches and dinners on board include wine (house brands of red and white), beer and soft drinks. A la carte wines are also available for purchase. Complimentary coffee, tea, soft drinks, and bottled water are available all day in the Lounge and Bar on the Lido Deck, weather permitting.

Electricity

Power on board the vessel is 220 volts/50 hertz (U.S. standard is 110 volts/60 hertz). There is a 110-volt/60-hertz outlet for electric razors in the bathroom, but this outlet does not have sufficient wattage for most appliances. If you plan to bring any electrical appliances that operate on 110 volts, you will need to bring an electrical converter. Note that most digital camera battery chargers and laptop computers can operate on a range of currents from 110-240 volts, in which case a converter is not necessary. Check the specifications of the electronic equipment you plan to bring with you and make sure this applies.

Regardless of your equipment's operating voltage, you will need an adaptor plug with two round pins, which can be plugged into a European-style recessed electrical outlet.



Elevator

There is no elevator on board the *Sea Cloud II*.

Exercise Facilities

The ship has a small fitness room located aft on the Cabin Deck. Current equipment consists of an elliptical machine, rowing machine, bike, treadmill, and free weights. There is also a sauna adjacent to the fitness room, which is heated upon request, and a swimming platform, which is deployed dependent on weather and sea conditions.

Gift Shop

A boutique stocked with gift items and toiletries is available adjacent to the restaurant on the Promenade Deck. There is a limited range of goods—mainly T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, souvenirs, film, and basic toiletries. Hours of operation are posted in the daily program, and purchases are debited to your shipboard account.

Gratuities

All gratuities for onboard staff and crew are included in the cost of the trip.

Hair Dryer

Each cabin is equipped with a hair dryer.

Hair Salon

There is no hairdresser or hair salon aboard the *Sea Cloud II*; however, the beauticians in the spa may be able to wash and blow dry hair, schedule-permitting.

Laundry

The laundry service on board can handle personal laundry and pressing. A laundry list with instructions and prices is available in each cabin. Dry cleaning is not available on the *Sea Cloud II*. Please note that laundry service is not available after 12:00 p.m. on the last full day of the voyage.

Library

There is a small library, located forward on the Lido Deck, which contains a selection of books and games for your use. The library also contains videos that may be borrowed for viewing in your cabin.

Mail

The reception desk handles the mailing of passengers' letters and postcards during the voyage. Postage rates are posted at Reception, and mail is sent when the ship is in port. Please indicate your cabin number and name (if you are sharing a cabin with someone with a different surname) in the corner to be occupied by the stamp. Postage fees are debited to your shipboard account, payable at the end of the voyage.

Medical Services

The ship's infirmary is located aft on the Cabin Deck with a fully licensed physician on board throughout the voyage. The ship's pharmacy has a limited supply of general medicines and seasickness medications. Any applicable fees for medications received on board are debited to your shipboard account, payable at the end of the voyage.

It is essential that persons with any medical problems or drug allergies inform us well before departure so that we may brief the ship's doctor accordingly. Please indicate these issues in writing on the **Personal Information Form**.

If you use a hearing aid that might be turned off at night or would otherwise require special assistance in case of an emergency, please advise the reception desk of this fact at the time of boarding.

News

Satellite news summaries are received on a daily basis, weather and satellite conditions permitting. The most recent communication is posted at reception.

Passports

All passports are collected by the purser upon embarkation and kept in the ship's safe throughout the cruise. Passports are necessary to facilitate immigration formalities for each stop on our itinerary and will be returned at the end of the voyage.

Pool

There is no pool aboard the *Sea Cloud II*.

Reception

Located on the Promenade deck, Reception is staffed from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Wake-up calls can be requested and Wi-Fi Internet access cards can be purchased at the desk.

Safety at Sea

Safety at sea is a major priority aboard the *Sea Cloud II*. The ship contains the latest in firefighting equipment and fully complies with the strict provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and International Maritime Organization 1983 amendments. All officers are trained in emergency procedures, and regular drills are held to instruct the crew in their emergency duties. For passengers, a lifeboat drill is held shortly after embarkation. Attendance at this drill is mandatory. All cabins are equipped with a personal floatation device (PFD) for each passenger.

Security and ID Cards

The security of passengers and crew is of the utmost importance aboard the *Sea Cloud II*. Current security precautions being taken include the following:

- Electronic cards are made for all passengers and must be scanned whenever embarking or disembarking the ship.
- A guard is posted at the entrance to the ship while the ship is in port.
- All items brought on the ship are inspected prior to delivery.
- Visitors must be announced prior to arrival and are required to produce identification at the gangway, receive a visitor's pass and be escorted to their destination on board.
- Oncoming passengers must present their ship tickets and passports upon initial embarkation and may be required to pass through a metal detector.
- All luggage is screened at the port facility/terminal.

All passenger cabin doors automatically lock from the outside when the door is closed and can only be opened with a card key, provided to you at the beginning of the cruise.

As mentioned above, electronic ID cards containing your name and a bar code will be provided for all participants. Upon embarkation, a digital photograph will be taken and matched to your bar-code number. This identification card becomes the only thing you need to leave and board the ship. When disembarking, your card must be scanned. Upon return to the ship, your card will be scanned again and your identity verified with the photograph on record. Passengers will not be allowed to embark the ship without a card.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not allowed inside the ship, only outside on deck in designated areas. During mealtime, smoking on the Lido deck is not permitted. Please use ashtrays for cigarette butts and used matches. Never throw cigarettes or cigars over the side of the ship as these may blow back onto the ship and cause a fire.

Storage

Each cabin has two wardrobe areas with hangers and several drawers for storing your clothing and other personal items. Categories 6 and 7 have walk-in closets with drawers, shelves and hanging space.

Safe

A combination safe, which you are encouraged to use, is provided in each cabin. Instructions for setting your personal combination are displayed next to the safe.

Tenders

The *Sea Cloud II* is equipped with tenders to transport passengers from the ship to shore in areas that might be otherwise inaccessible for a large sailing vessel. Access is via the gangway. There will be a safety briefing on board to explain the proper use of tenders and how one should embark and disembark these boats.

Umbrellas

Full-sized umbrellas are available in the cabins.

Water

The ship's water supply provides potable water of a high standard, but passengers are asked to practice conservation at all times. Complimentary bottled water is provided on board.