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SAILING THE GREEK ISLES

The Fabled Aegean Sea and Peloponnese Peninsula Aboard the Spectacular *Sea Cloud II*

**Jul 26—Aug 4, 2021
(10 days)**

Criterion Travel has chartered the iconic *Sea Cloud II* for this unique 7-night voyage to some of the smaller, lesser-known islands of the Aegean Sea as well as Delos and iconic sites on the Peloponnese Peninsula. There is no better way to visit this part of the world than aboard the *Sea Cloud II*, with an itinerary designed to allow ample time for sailing and a robust lecture program.

Known as the “Cradle of Western Civilization,” Athens, the Peloponnese, and small islands of the Aegean deliver an enticing blend of history, diverse cultural influences, stunning natural beauty, and archaeological gems. Spend a night in Athens at the venerable Hotel Grande Bretagne on Syntagma Square before embarking the *Sea Cloud II* in Piraeus for a seven-night private charter. We will of course visit Delos, mythological birthplace of Apollo and a major religious center. The isles of Naxos, Milos, and Hydra offer long sunny days, brilliant cerulean waters, and hidden gems waiting to be discovered. Visits to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Mystra and the beautiful and historic town of Nafplio on the Peloponnese Peninsula round out the program.

An optional pre-trip extension in Athens is offered to give first-time visitors the opportunity to explore the Acropolis, the Agora and the National Archaeological Museum.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy unparalleled luxury and world-class food and service while relaxing aboard the 47-cabin *Sea Cloud II*.
- Marvel at the ruins and stories of Delos, mythological birthplace of the Greek gods Artemis and Apollo and home to some of the Mediterranean’s most extensive archaeological excavations.
- Discover the striking beauty and rich histories of the less frequently visited Greek isles of Naxos, Milos, and Hydra.
- Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Mystras on the Peloponnese Peninsula, a fortified town near ancient Sparta.
- Learn about the fascinating history of Nafplio and visit the nearby ruins of Mycenae and the amazing theatre at Epidaurus.

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ITINERARY OUTLINE

DAY	OVERNIGHT	HOTEL	ACTIVITIES
July 26 Monday	Depart U.S.		Overnight flight to Athens, Greece.
July 27 Tuesday	Athens	Hotel Grande Bretagne	Arrive and transfer to your hotel located on Athens' famous Syntagma Square. Gather for an evening welcome orientation and reception. R
July 28 Wednesday	At Sea	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	Visit the private Goulandris Museum of Cycladic Art in Athens. Drive to the port of Piraeus and board the elegant <i>Sea Cloud II</i> . Enjoy the Captain's welcome reception and dinner while cruising to Delos. B,L,D
July 29 Thursday	Delos	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	Explore the sacred island of Delos, mythological birthplace of Apollo famous for its Terrace of the Lions. Afternoon water sports/swimming. B,L,D
July 30 Friday	Naxos	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	Walk the cobblestone streets of Apeiranthos village and see the Kouros statue in Melanes. Sails up this afternoon! B,L,D
July 31 Saturday	Milos	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	Learn about the island of Milos in the Cyclades, with its volcanic features and obsidian mines. B,L,D
August 1 Sunday	Mystras	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	From the port of Gytheon drive to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Mystras, a fortified town on the slopes of Mt. Taygetos near ancient Sparta. B,L,D
August 2 Monday	Nafplio (Mycenae)	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	Marvel at the impressive ruins of Mycenae, where Heinrich Schliemann unearthed the reputed mask of Agamemnon. At the World Heritage Site of Epidaurus, see the <i>asclepeion</i> and experience the marvelous acoustics in the 4 th century theater. At sunset sail along the eastern shoreline of the Peloponnese. B,L,D
August 3 Tuesday	Hydra	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	Stop at the Saronic Island of Hydra, where no cars are allowed, to see where Athenians go for a brief respite from the city. Captain's farewell dinner on board as the ship returns to Athens. B,L,D
August 4 Saturday	Piraeus / Home		Disembark for flights home. B

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Rates:

Category 1, Cabin Deck, Forward, Upper/Lower Berths, per person, sharing.....	\$5,995
Category 2, Cabin Deck, Forward, Deluxe, per person, sharing.....	\$7,995
Category 3, Cabin Deck, Deluxe, per person, sharing	\$9,495
Category 4, Cabin Deck, Midship, Deluxe, per person, sharing.....	\$10,995
Category 5, Promenade Deck, Forward, Deluxe, per person, sharing.....	\$11,995
Category 6, Promenade Deck, Junior Suite, per person, sharing.....	\$12,995
Category 7, Lido Deck, Luxury Owner's Suite, per person, sharing	\$15,995

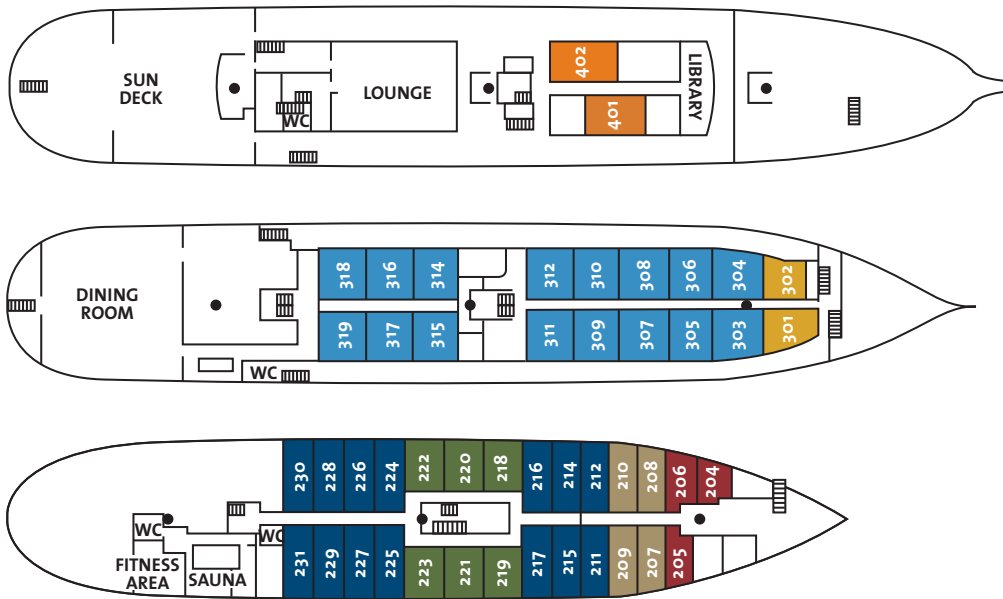
Category 1, Cabin Deck, Forward, Upper/Lower Berths, single occupancy.....	\$8,995
Category 2, Cabin Deck, Forward, Deluxe, single occupancy.....	\$11,995
Category 3, Cabin Deck, Deluxe, single occupancy	\$14,495

Program Capacity:

Maximum capacity: 78 passengers

Fees Include: One deluxe hotel night and seven 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 wine reception and farewell cocktail reception on board • 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 • 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



CATEGORY

1	Cabin Deck, 129 sq. ft., upper and lower twin beds, two portholes, shower
2	Cabin Deck, 172 sq. ft., forward, twin beds*, two portholes, shower
3	Cabin Deck, 172 sq. ft., midship, twin beds*, two portholes, shower
4	Cabin Deck, 204 sq. ft., twin beds*, two portholes, shower
5	Promenade Deck, 204 sq. ft., queen bed*, panorama windows, shower
6	Promenade Deck, 247 sq. ft., twin beds*, panorama windows, bathtub
7	Lido Deck, 290 sq. ft., king bed*, panorama windows, bathtub and shower

*In categories 2, 3, 4, and 6, twin beds can be kept separate or pushed together to form one larger bed, with the exception of cabins 224 and 226, where beds are fixed together as one larger bed. Note that queen and king beds in categories 5 and 7 are made up of two mattresses, side by side.