



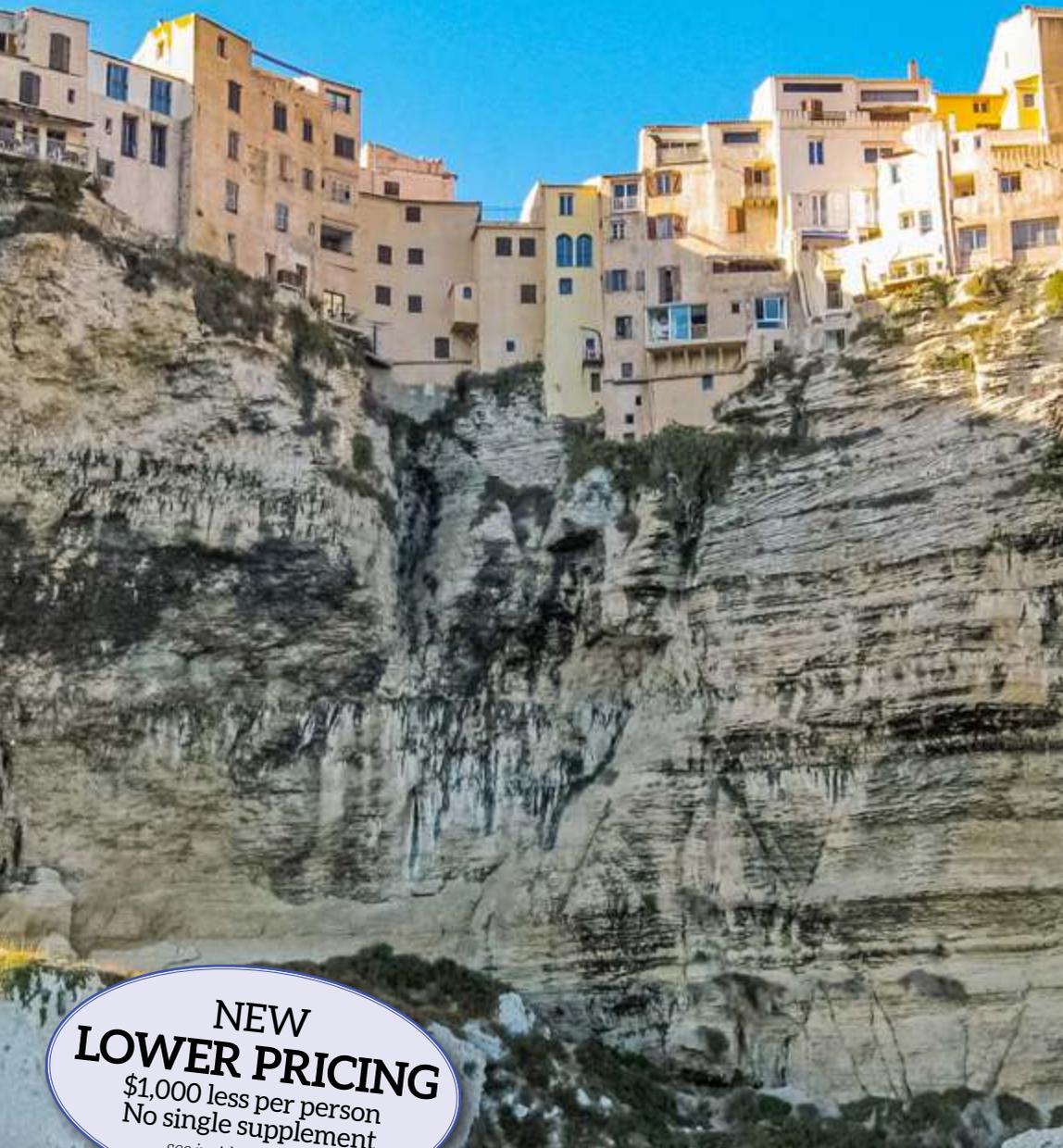
National Trust *for* Historic Preservation

National Trust Tours

SAILING the MEDITERRANEAN

ROME, SARDINIA, and CORSICA

aboard *Sea Cloud II* • May 14–22, 2023



**NEW
LOWER PRICING**
\$1,000 less per person
No single supplement
see inside for details



Dear National Trust Traveler,

Rome, Corsica, and Sardinia conjure up images of ancient history and rich masterpieces of art and architecture. Delight in this journey that begins with a three-night luxury hotel stay in Rome, the eternal city, then moves to the sea for a relaxed four-night cruise to Sardinia and Corsica aboard the incomparable *Sea Cloud II*.

May is the perfect time of year for a quintessential Mediterranean journey, with verdant gardens in full bloom and temperatures pleasantly moderate. Enjoy private events and access to sites not open to the general public, with special excursions curated by art historian Rocky Ruggiero focused on Ancient, Baroque, and Papal Rome. Savor delicious wines and local cuisine along the way, including a special gourmet lunch at La Posta Vecchia, a 17th-century villa overlooking the sea. On the islands, explore the atmospheric port cities of Sassari and Ajaccio; see ancient Bonifacio, impossibly perched atop dramatic white limestone cliffs; and find time to relax on pristine sandy beaches. Most days feature differing excursions to choose from, catering to your interests or style of travel.

A journey aboard the 47-stateroom *Sea Cloud II* is a memorable experience on one of the most elegant and luxurious vessels afloat, and our itinerary is custom-designed to allow ample time for experiencing the ship under sail, watching in awe from the deck as the crew hand-sets over 30,000 square feet of canvas and the wind carries us on to our next port of call.

This popular destination is sure to delight, so I encourage you to reserve your space now by calling our office at (888) 484-8785.

Sincerely,



Meg Annacone-Poretz
Director, National Trust Tours



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Study Leaders

Recognized as one of the leading scholars of baroque music, **Professor Wendy Heller** is the Scheide Professor of Music and Director of the Program in Italian Studies at Princeton. Heller, who served as the Music Department Chair from 2015-2022, has published widely on 17th- and 18th-century opera from interdisciplinary perspectives, with emphasis on gender and sexuality, art history, Italian literature, dance history and the classical tradition.

Joining us for the Rome portion of the program, **Rocky Ruggiero** has been a professor of Art and Architectural History since 1999. He received his BA from the College of the Holy Cross and a Master of Arts degree from Syracuse University, where he was awarded a prestigious Florence Fellowship in 1996. He furthered his art historical studies at the University of Exeter, UK, where he received a Ph.D. in Art History and Visual Culture.

Scholar **Gordon Turnbull** from Yale will offer lectures on Corsica's rich culture and turbulent history. Dr. Turnbull is the world's leading authority on James Boswell, the author whose landmark account of Corsica in 1768 first brought the island to global attention.





Highlights

- ◆ Spend **two full days** in the “Eternal City” with special excursions curated by art historian Rocky Ruggiero, focused on Ancient, Baroque, and Papal Rome.
 - ◆ Sail aboard the **magnificent, three-masted *Sea Cloud II***, a perfect marriage of the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with superior modern comforts and amenities.
 - ◆ Discover **masterpieces of legendary artists** during visits to Rome’s Borghese Gallery, Saint Peter’s Basilica, and Corsica’s Palais Fesch, a museum which houses France’s largest collection of Italian paintings outside mainland France, with works by Titian, Fra Bartolomeo, Veronese, Botticelli, and Bellini.
 - ◆ Visit **fascinating ancient sites** including the Etruscan city Cerveteri outside Rome and the Bronze Age settlement Nuraghe Palmavera on Sardinia.
 - ◆ Explore Corsica, known in France as *L’île de Beauté* (“The Island of Beauty”), with its dramatic coastlines, imposing mountainous backdrops, and beaches washed by crystal-clear Mediterranean waters.
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PANTHEON



CORTE



TREVI FOUNTAIN



AJACCIO



BONIFACIO

Itinerary

Sunday & Monday, May 14 & 15 DEPART U.S./ ROME, ITALY

Depart home on overnight flights to Rome, Italy. Arriving Monday, check into the lovely Baglioni Hotel Regina. Enjoy a restful afternoon at leisure, with optional walking tours from the hotel to Villa Borghese Park, then meet your fellow travelers at a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel.

BAGLIONI HOTEL REGINA (R,D)

Tuesday, May 16 ROME

Following breakfast and a welcome orientation, prepare to discover ancient Rome by visiting the Coliseum and the Roman Forum. Spend the afternoon at the Borghese Gallery and view its extraordinary art collection. This evening is at leisure to enjoy the amenities of the hotel or explore the neighborhood.

BAGLIONI HOTEL REGINA (B,L)

Wednesday, May 17 ROME

This morning delight in baroque Rome, including visits to the Piazza Navona, church of Sant'Agnese, the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. After lunch at a local culinary gem, continue to papal Rome, including the Castel Sant'Angelo, Via della Conciliazione, St. Peter's Square, and the Basilica of St. Peter. The evening is at leisure to

stroll the streets of Rome and dine independently.

BAGLIONI HOTEL REGINA (B,L)

Thursday, May 18 CERVETERI / EMBARK

Drive to the town of Cerveteri to see the impressive pre-Roman tombs and wall paintings. Savor local cuisine during a gourmet lunch at La Posta Vecchia, a stunning 17th-century villa overlooking the sea. Later this afternoon, embark the *Sea Cloud II* and sail toward Sardinia.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

Friday, May 19 PORTO TORRES, SARDINIA

Dock in Porto Torres this afternoon and join in one of three excursion options: 1) Visit the well-preserved and unique stone ruins of the Bronze Age at the Nuraghe Palmavera archaeological site, then enjoy a wine tasting. 2) Explore the neoclassical architecture of Sassari, followed by an artisan pastry workshop. 3) Marvel at Neptune's Grotto, one of Italy's largest marine caves, then stop for a pecorino cheese tasting.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

Saturday, May 20 AJACCIO, CORSICA

Anchor off the beautiful port city of Ajaccio this morning, and choose between three excursions: 1) Following in the footsteps of Napoleon, visit the Maison Bonaparte where Napoleon grew up,

then explore the Palais Fesch's extensive art collection. 2) Take a scenic drive through the Regional Natural Park of Corse to the city of Corte and its museum of Corsican culture. 3) Enjoy a gentle coastal walk with panoramic vistas followed a typical Corsican aperitif at a café in the old town center of Ajaccio. This afternoon, experience the thrill of cruising under sail (weather permitting).

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

Sunday, May 21 BONIFACIO, CORSICA

Dock near the white limestone cliffs topped by Bonifacio and choose between three full day adventures: 1) Explore the citadel and narrow streets of old town Bonifacio, built atop a Roman settlement and dating to medieval times. 2) Join a pleasant coastal hike with stunning views of the turquoise-hued beaches and visit an organic farm specializing in aromatic herbs and essential oils. 3) Explore Porto Vecchio's natural harbor and picturesque old town, followed by a visit to a nearby olive oil and cheese farm. This evening, enjoy a festive farewell reception and dinner.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

Monday, May 22 ROME/HOME

Disembark in Civitavecchia and transfer to the Rome airport for flights home. (B)

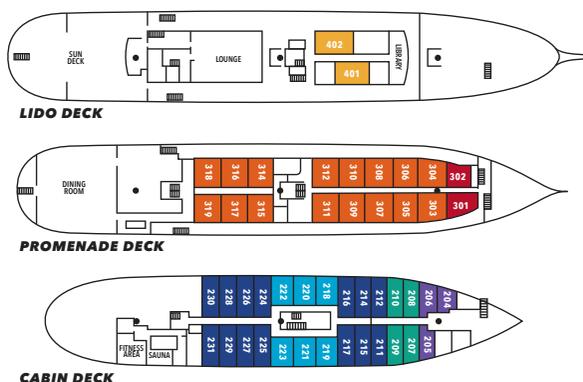
Sea Cloud II



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 \$6,990	\$5,990 \$10,490
2	204 sq. ft., forward, twins or queen bed, two portholes, shower	\$7,990 \$8,990	\$7,990 \$13,490
3	215 sq. ft., twins or queen bed, two portholes, shower	\$9,990 \$9,990	\$14,990 \$14,990
4	226 sq. ft., midship, queen bed, three portholes, shower	\$10,990 \$10,990	—
5	215 sq. ft., queen bed, panorama windows, shower	\$11,990 \$11,990	—
6	247 sq. ft., twins or queen bed, panorama windows, shower	\$12,990 \$12,990	—
7	290 sq. ft., king bed, panorama windows, bathtub & shower	\$13,990 \$14,990	—



General Information

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including **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 shipboard personnel, porters, wait staff, guides, and drivers 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.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The pace of this tour is moderately active, with considerable walking each day, often over rough, cobblestoned terrain. Participants should be in good health, physically fit, and capable of undertaking this level of activity without assistance from tour staff. By forwarding the deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants. SARS-COV-2 (COVID 19) vaccinations are required for all participants as well as tour staff and shipboard crew. Up-to-date COVID-related protocols and procedures will be communicated in pre-trip documents.

GROUP SIZE

This program is limited to 78 participants.

A NOTE ABOUT RATES

Tour rates are based upon current fuel prices, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

Terms & Conditions

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.

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare · Passport/visa expenses · Medical expenses, immunizations, and 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, Travel Delay, Baggage Delay, Baggage Loss, 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 70% of your pre-paid, non-refundable trip costs (conditions apply, see plan for details). For additional information, please contact National Trust Tours at (888) 484-8785.

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 15, 2023. For those who register on or after January 15, 2023, 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 January 15, 2023, 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 2022 and 2023 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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Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel) to reserve _____ place(s) on **Sailing the Mediterranean: Rome, Corsica, and Sardinia**

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 15, 2023, 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 _____

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