

SHORES OF IBERIA

Portugal & Spain Aboard the *Sea Cloud II*

April 13-22, 2026 (10 days)

Follow in the wake of the ancient Spanish and Portuguese mariners on this extraordinary cruise aboard the beautiful *Sea Cloud II*, soaking up the rich history of the Iberian Peninsula. Begin in Lisbon for a day and a half in port with a visit to charming Sintra. Then embark the *Sea Cloud II* for six nights aboard the *Sea Cloud II*, stopping for visits in Lagos, Seville and Gibraltar. The program finishes with a hotel night in Granada for an introduction to the region's Moorish heritage and a spectacular farewell with a private visit to the incomparable Alhambra Palace.

A journey aboard the *Sea Cloud II*, which carries only 94 passengers, is an intimate experience on one of the most elegant and luxurious vessels afloat. 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 experience this marvelous ship under sail, as the skilled crew hand-sets over 30,000 square feet of canvas.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the incomparable Alhambra Palace during a private evening opening. Wander the beautifully lit palace and gardens, devoid of the usual crowds.
- Sail aboard the magnificent, three-masted *Sea Cloud II*, combining the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury.
- Delight in private performances of flamenco in Seville, and fado in Lisbon.
- Savor local flavors during gourmet meals ashore—Andalusian specialties in Granada, a tapas lunch in Seville, and more
- An overnight in Lisbon allows ample time to explore this celebrated city, along with a visit to lovely Sintra.

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ITINERARY OUTLINE

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Apr 13 Mon	Depart U.S.		Overnight flights to Lisbon, Portugal
Apr 14 Tue	Lisbon, Portugal	Pousada Lisboa	Arrive Lisbon; complimentary transfer airport to hotel. Welcome orientation and reception. R
Apr 15 Wed	Lisbon & Sintra, Portugal	Sea Cloud II	Morning visit to Sintra, followed by the Jeronimos Monastery, the Tower of Belem and panoramic Lisbon. Embark <i>SCII</i> and enjoy dinner onboard. BLD
Apr 16 Thu	At Sea	Sea Cloud II	Lecture onboard; time under sail if weather permits. BLD
Apr 17 Fri	Portimao, Portugal	Sea Cloud II	Visit the seafaring town of Lagos: St. Anthony's Church; the old wall and customs house; the high sandstone cliffs of Ponta da Piedade. Return to the ship for lunch and cruise towards Spain. BLD
Apr 18 Sat	Seville, Spain	Sea Cloud II	From port of Cadiz visit Seville's Reales Alcazares, Cathedral, and Old Jewish Quarter, with authentic tapas dinner and private flamenco show at a local <i>tablao</i> . Remain docked overnight in Cadiz. BLD
Apr 19 Sun	Seville, Spain	Sea Cloud II	Morning walking tour of Cadiz with stops at medieval El Pópulo neighbourhood, Museo de Cadiz and the famous Central Market. Return to the SCII for lunch and depart for Gibraltar. BLD
Apr 20 Mon	Gibraltar, UK	Sea Cloud II	Visit St. Michael's Cave, views at the top of the Rock of the European and African coastlines, the Barbary Apes, the Great Siege Tunnels. Pending: Possible private visits to Eisenhower's Cave and the WWII Stay Behind Tunnels. BLD
Apr 21 Tue	Malaga, Spain	Alhambra Palace Hotel	Morning disembarkation. Visit to Picasso Museum or Dolmens in Antequera 'stone henge' en route to Granada. Walking tour of Old Granada and private evening visit to Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens for a festive farewell dinner. BLD
Apr 22 Wed	Return to U.S.		Board return flights to the U.S. B

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Retail	Program	Fees:
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Category 1, Cabin Deck, per person, sharing	\$8,990
Category 2, Cabin Deck, per person, sharing	
Category 3, Cabin Deck, per person, sharing	
Category 4, Cabin Deck, per person, sharing	
Category 5, Promenade Deck, per person, sharing	\$13,990
Category 6, Promenade Deck, per person, sharing	\$14,990
Category 7, Lido Deck, per person, sharing	\$16,990
Category 1, Cabin Deck, single	\$14,390
Category 2, Cabin Deck, single	
Category 3, Cabin Deck, single	\$19.190

Program Length, Capacity:

10 days roundtrip from the U.S. Minimum capacity: 50 passengers; Maximum capacity: 76 passengers

Fees Include: All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary • Comprehensive 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 receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all lunches and dinners • Filtered 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 transfers outside of group arrival and departure dates • 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, Internet and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature