



National Trust for Historic Preservation
National Trust Tours

SHORES OF IBERIA

Portugal and Spain



A Private Voyage aboard the 47-cabin luxury sailing yacht
Sea Cloud II with Study Leader **John Meffert**

APRIL 13-22, 2026





Dear National Trust Tours Traveler,

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 with a day and a half in port, including a visit to charming Sintra. Then embark on the *Sea Cloud II* for a six-night cruise, stopping for visits in Lagos, Seville, and Gibraltar. The program finishes with a hotel night in Granada, offering 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* is an intimate experience on one of the most elegant and luxurious vessels afloat. This magnificent three-masted barque 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 the *Sea Cloud II* under sail, as the skilled crew hand-sets over 30,000 square feet of canvas. With space for just 76 passengers, I encourage you to reserve your space now.

With kind regards,



Meg Annacone-Poretz
Director, National Trust Tours

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Ponta da Piedade,
Lagos

COVER INSETS:
Sintra (left)
and Seville.



Alhambra Palace



Bica tram, Lisbon

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.

Study Leader

JOHN MEFFERT, consultant on Heritage Conservation Services, has a long tradition with the National Trust. He has served as the Director for our Southern Office and was the director of the Preservation Society of Charleston, the oldest nonprofit organization in the United States, responsible for preserving the historic resources of Charleston, S.C. John has delighted many study tour groups with his lectures and insights on preservation, and receives rave reviews as study leader.





Reales Alcázares

ITINERARY

Monday-Tuesday, April 13-14

DEPART FROM THE U.S/ LISBON, PORTUGAL

Overnight flights to Lisbon, Portugal. Upon arrival, transfer to the Pestana Palace, a National Monument of Portugal and former residence of the marquesses. Enjoy an orientation and festive welcome reception, where you'll meet your fellow travelers.

Pestana Palace (R)

Wednesday, April 15

LISBON & SINTRA, PORTUGAL

Drive north along the Atlantic coast to Sintra, the summer residence of Portugal's royalty for four centuries and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This serene town of palaces and parks is nestled among forested hills. At the medieval National Palace of Sintra, see a marvelous collection of azulejos, or traditional painted tiles, and step into the spacious kitchens, whose massive conical chimneys define Sintra's skyline. Next, visit the Jerónimos Monastery, the Tower of Belém, and enjoy panoramic views of Lisbon. Embark the ship and settle into your cabin before dinner.

Sea Cloud II (B,L,D)

Thursday, April 16

AT SEA

Enjoy the pleasures of smooth sailing with time to hear from our esteemed onboard experts, take in the beautiful scenery while enjoying an alfresco lunch on the Lido Deck, and, weather permitting, experience this marvelous ship under sail as the skilled crew hand-sets more than 30,000 square feet of canvas.

Sea Cloud II (B,L,D)

Friday, April 17

LAGOS, PORTUGAL

Visit the historic seafaring town of Lagos, a key location in Portugal's Age of Discovery. Explore St. Anthony's Church, renowned for its intricate baroque architecture, and the old city walls, remnants of the town's 16th-century fortifications. Visit the customs house, once a bustling hub of trade. Marvel at the striking high sandstone cliffs of Ponta da Piedade, a stunning natural landmark shaped by centuries of coastal erosion. Afterward, return to the ship for lunch and cruise toward Spain.

Sea Cloud II (B,L,D)

Saturday, April 18

CÁDIZ & SEVILLE, SPAIN

The *Sea Cloud II* docks this morning in Cádiz for a full-day excursion to Seville. First established as a Roman

provincial capital, Seville flourished under the Moors during the Middle Ages and reached new heights of prosperity during the Age of Discovery. Visit the Reales Alcázares, a Mudejar palace and gardens built on the site of a former Moorish fortress. Stroll through the charming Santa Cruz Quarter, once the Jewish Quarter in the Middle Ages, and visit the Cathedral, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world and the burial site of Christopher Columbus. Enjoy a traditional tapas dinner followed by a private flamenco performance at a local tablao.

Sea Cloud II (B,L,D)

Sunday, April 19

CÁDIZ, SPAIN

Enjoy a morning walking tour of Cádiz, founded by the Phoenicians over 3,000 years ago. Explore the historic El Pópulo neighborhood, with its narrow streets and medieval architecture, and visit the Museo de Cádiz, home to impressive archaeological collections and artwork spanning centuries of history. Wander through the famous Central Market, a vibrant hub of local life and fresh produce, where you can savor the flavors of southern Spain. Return to the *Sea Cloud II* and depart for Gibraltar. *Sea Cloud II* (B,L,D)

Monday, April 20

AT SEA / GIBRALTAR

Enjoy a morning at sea and the continuation of the educational program. This afternoon, call at the iconic Rock of Gibraltar, a British Overseas Territory at the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea, named after Umayyad general Tariq ibn-Ziyad. ('Gibraltar' is the Spanish derivation of the Arabic name 'Jebel Tariq.') In the Gibraltar Nature Reserve atop the rock, enjoy panoramic views of the European and African coastlines, and observe the antics of the resident Barbary macaques, the only wild primate species in Europe. Also within the reserve, explore St. Michael's Cave, a network of limestone caves more than 980 feet above sea level. Visit the 18th-century Great Siege Tunnels, dug by British soldiers during the attempt by France and Spain to capture Gibraltar during the American Revolution. *Sea Cloud II* (B,L,D)

Tuesday, April 21

MALAGA, SPAIN

This morning, disembark in Málaga and choose between two distinctive experiences: 1) Visit the Picasso Museum, where 285 of the artist's works,

generously donated by his family, are on display, or 2) Visit the Dolmens in Antequera, often referred to as 'Spain's Stonehenge,' before continuing to Granada. Upon arrival in Granada, settle into the magnificent Alhambra Palace Hotel and enjoy a guided walking tour of Old Granada. See the Capilla Real (Royal Chapel), an opulent mausoleum built by Ferdinand and Isabella to commemorate their victory over the Moors, as well as the grand Cathedral, one of only two Renaissance churches in Spain. The day concludes with a private evening visit to the Alhambra Palace, one of the most impressive fortresses ever built. Constructed by the Nasrid kings in the 14th century, the Alhambra is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Spain's most visited attraction. Stroll through the exquisite Generalife Gardens, one of the oldest surviving Moorish gardens, before savoring a festive farewell dinner. *Alhambra Palace Hotel* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, April 22

MALAGA/DEPART FOR THE U.S.

Board return flights to the U.S. (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 with just 47 beautifully appointed cabins, gracious common areas, world-class service, and five-star dining. Four spacious outdoor decks and al fresco dining on the Lido Deck provide ample space for relaxation. Indoors, enjoy inviting spaces such as the sizable lounge and dining room, as well as a library, gym, and spa featuring a sauna and massage therapy.



Tower of Belém



GENERAL INFORMATION

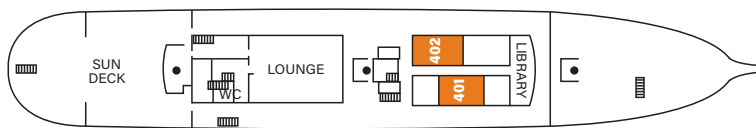
PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary including two hotel nights and six nights aboard *Sea Cloud II* ■ 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 group lunches and dinners ■ Filtered water on motorcoaches ■ Complete packet of pre-departure information ■ Professional tour manager throughout the program.

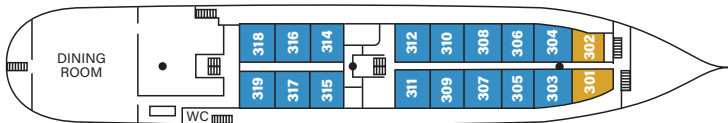
AIR ARRANGEMENTS U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at (877) 376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

WHAT TO EXPECT This is a moderately strenuous program, at times physically demanding and busy, with considerable walking at some sites. Daily activities can involve up to three miles of walking, often over cobblestones; elevators may not be available and stairs may not have handrails. The ship does not have an elevator, so you will need to navigate stairs, possibly while on choppy seas. Participants should be fit and in active good health. Limited medical facilities are available on board the *Sea Cloud II*. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the participant certifies that s/he does not have any physical or other limitation that would create a hazard for her/himself or other travelers. All participants will be required to follow safety protocols set forth by National Trust Tours or Criterion Travel, our tour operator; local staff; and host country laws.

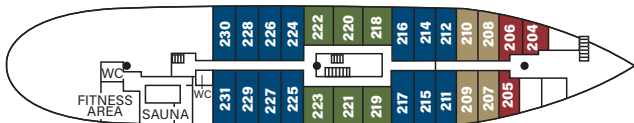
PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE U.S. domestic and international airfare ■ Passport/visa expenses ■ Medical expenses and immunizations ■ Private airport transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days ■ Travel and trip cancellation insurance ■ Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options ■ Airline baggage charges ■ Meals not specified



LIDO DECK Category 7



PROMENADE DECK Categories 5 & 6



CABIN DECK Categories 1-4

| | PROGRAM FEES (per person): | DOUBLE | SINGLE |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1 CABIN DECK | 150 sq ft upper & lower single beds, two portholes, shower | \$8,990 | \$14,390 |
| 2 CABIN DECK | 204 sq ft twins or queen bed, two portholes, shower | \$10,490 | \$16,790 |
| 3 CABIN DECK | 215 sq ft twins or queen bed, two portholes, shower | \$11,990 | \$19,190 |
| 4 CABIN DECK | 226 sq ft queen bed, three portholes, shower | \$12,900 | — |
| 5 PROMENADE DECK | 215 sq ft queen bed, panorama windows, shower | \$13,990 | — |
| 6 PROMENADE DECK | 247 sq ft twins or queen bed, panorama windows, tub/shower | \$14,990 | — |
| 7 LIDO DECK | 290 sq ft king bed, panorama windows, bathtub & shower | \$16,990 | — |

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in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted

- Laundry or dry cleaning
- Telephone and fax charges
- Room service
- Other items of a personal nature.

GROUP SIZE This program can accommodate 76 participants, including travelers from National Trust Tours, Harvard Alumni Travels, and Yale Alumni Academy.

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, 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 75% of your pre-paid, nonrefundable trip costs (conditions apply, see plan for details). To purchase travel insurance today, call: (800) 937-1387. For additional information, please contact National Trust Tours at (888) 484-8785. 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.

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 **December 15, 2025**. For those who register on or after December 15, 2025, 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 the final payment deadline on December 15, 2025, 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 nonrefundable 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 2024/2025 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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For more information or to register by phone (preferred method of registration), please call National Trust Tours at **(888) 484-8785**.

NAME #1 (as it appears on passport) _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

NAME #2 (as it appears on passport) _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

MOBILE PHONE _____

EMAIL #1 _____

EMAIL #2 _____

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel) for _____ place(s) on **SHORES OF IBERIA**.

Please charge my deposit of \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person) to my (*circle one*): VISA/MC/AMEX

NAME ON CREDIT CARD _____

CARD # _____ EXP. DATE / CVV SECURITY CODE _____

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ACCOMMODATIONS (not guaranteed)

Cabin category preference: 1st _____ 2nd _____

Bed Preference: One bed Two beds

SINGLE TRAVELERS (choose one)

I prefer single accommodations (*limited availability*)

I plan to share accommodations with: _____

I'd like to know about roommates. *I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of **December 15, 2025**, I will pay the single rate.*

I/We have read the tour information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated therein.

SIGNATURE #1 _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE #2 _____ DATE _____

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