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## **Adriatic Odyssey** Round-Trip Venice Aboard *Sea Cloud II*

September 19– 27, 2024



## CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

**JOIN** expert guides to explore the UNESCO-listed treasures of Ravenna, a town that rivals Istanbul in its Byzantine art, where expert guides will show you the world's most mesmerizing Byzantine and early Christian mosaics

**IMMERSE** yourself in some of Europe's finest Renaissance architecture on a guided tour of UNESCO-listed Dubrovnik, Croatia, and see a spectacular 16th-century masterpiece by Venetian painter Titian in one of the town's exquisite monasteries

**ATTEND** a private reception at Dubrovnik's 16th-century Sponza Palace, featuring a special concert of *klapa*, a traditional Croatian *a capella* singing style on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list

**EXPLORE** Hvar, "the world's most beautiful island," with expert-guided tours of its many historical treasures, including Croatia's oldest town, the UNESCO-listed Stari Grad, surrounded by fragrant lavender fields

**STEP** into Roman emperor Diocletian's UNESCO-listed palace complex in Split, a fourth-century marvel that fully encompasses the city's historical center, featuring the oldest Catholic cathedral still in its original structure

**DISCOVER** the eternal beauty of Zadar, home to one of the world's best-preserved ancient Roman city layouts, and delight in an expert-led inside look at significant Venetian Renaissance paintings at the 13th-century Cathedral of St. Anastasia

**DELVE** into the ancient Roman city of Pula's dramatic history and go behind the scenes of a massive, exceptionally well-preserved Roman amphitheater still used for concerts

**VISIT** the town of Cavtat and join a curator behind the scenes at the Vlaho Bukovac House, the home and studio of Croatia's beloved painter, whose works bear the influence of his training among the French Impressionists

**EXPERIENCE** the nautical elegance of *Sea Cloud II* on a seven-night voyage, traversing the Adriatic on this majestic three-masted sailing yacht adorned with mahogany paneling, 23 hand-trimmed sails, just 47 outside cabins, and modern amenities



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Dear National Trust Traveler,

In September 2024, join the National Trust as we sail the shimmering Adriatic Sea to visit timeless towns and archaeological sites in Italy and Croatia aboard the elegant *Sea Cloud II*. Step ashore in ports that once connected the ancient Roman and Venetian West to the Greek, Byzantine, and Ottoman East. Join expert guides to experience outstanding architectural marvels and UNESCO World Heritage Sites, treasures that emerged from this historical crossroads of cultures.

From the enchanting canals of Venice, set sail for Ravenna for guided looks at its shimmering, almost hypnotic Byzantine mosaics, which rival or surpass any of those found in Istanbul, inside the city's UNESCO-listed fifth- and sixth-century monuments. Across the Adriatic, discover UNESCO-listed Dubrovnik, home to some of Europe's finest Renaissance architecture and a history as compelling as an epic novel. Surrounded by the opulent architecture designed by its erstwhile Venetian rulers, uncover the secrets of its Franciscan and Dominican monasteries, including a 16th-century masterpiece by Venetian painter Titian.

Journey to Hvar, crowned "the world's most beautiful island," where fragrant lavender fields surround such gems as Croatia's oldest town, Stari Grad, UNESCO-recognized for maintaining its ancient Greek system of farming. In Split, join experts behind the scenes in Roman emperor Diocletian's UNESCO-listed retirement palace, a sprawling fourth-century complex that encloses the town's historical center, including the world's oldest Catholic cathedral still in its original structure.

Admire one of the best examples of a preserved Roman city layout in the town of Zadar, where an inside look at the Archaeological Museum's ancient Roman treasures will be a thrill. Accompany scholars to explore the ancient Roman city of Pula and its best-preserved ancient monuments, including its impressive, still-used ancient amphitheater.

Sail through the dramatic rock formations, craggy grottos, and reefs rich with marine life along Croatia's Adriatic coast before our return to Venice. Throughout this odyssey aboard *Sea Cloud II*, enjoy the classic atmosphere of a romantic tall ship. I hope you will join us on this spectacular voyage through the rich history and natural beauty of the Adriatic.

Sincerely,

Meg Annacone-Perez  
Director, National Trust Tours



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# Adriatic Odyssey

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Grand Canal, Venice, Italy



Dubrovnik, Croatia

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19: DEPARTURE

Depart for Venice on an overnight flight.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: VENICE, ITALY / EMBARK *SEA CLOUD II*

Arrive at Venice's Marco Polo International Airport, where you will be transferred to the vibrant Dorsoduro neighborhood, known for its ornate churches, picturesque squares, and canals. After lunch, embark *Sea Cloud II* and remain on deck as the ship sails out of the Grand Canal. L,D

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21: RAVENNA

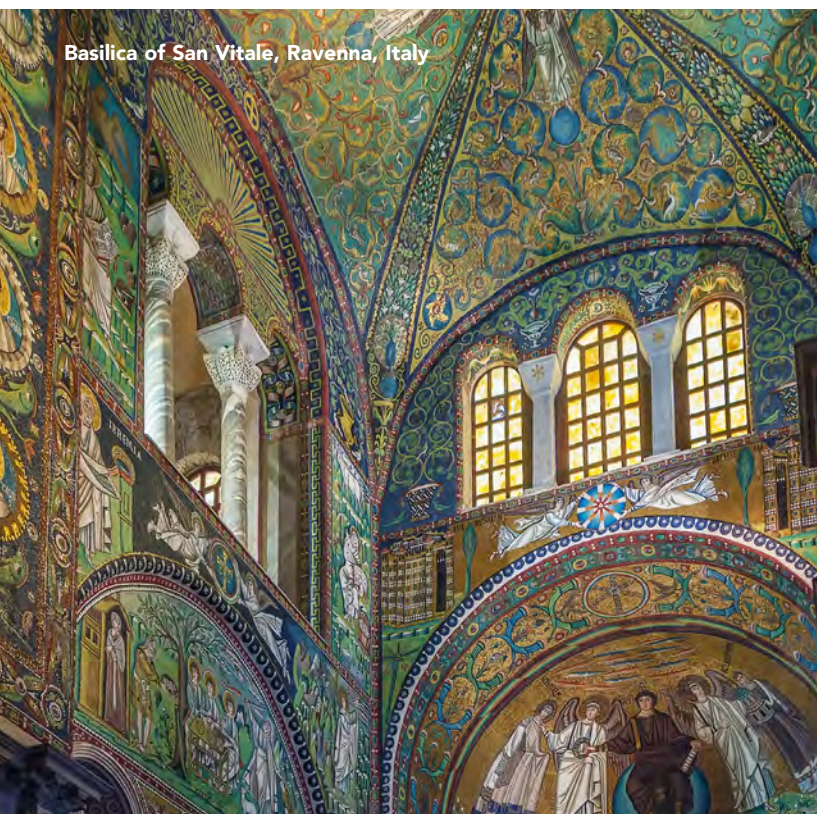
Step ashore in Ravenna, conquered by Justinian I in the sixth century, for an in-depth look at its UNESCO-listed collection of Byzantine and early Christian mosaics, shimmering and colorful artistic wonders. Explore Sant'Apollinare in Classe, with brilliant mosaics along its sixth-century apse, and the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, acclaimed for its fifth-century ceiling mosaic depicting a starry sky. Enjoy inside looks at the Basilica of San Vitale, famous for its sixth-century mosaics portraying the Court of Justinian and Theodora, and the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, with its celebrated mosaic procession of martyrs adorning its nave. This evening, gather for the captain's welcome reception and dinner. B,L,R,D

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: DAY AT SEA

Discover the thrill of sailing aboard the legendary *Sea Cloud II*, with ample time to savor its many amenities. Join our lecturers for fascinating presentations and discussions exploring the Adriatic region and its history, art, and many cultures. B,L,D

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: DUBROVNIK, CROATIA / CAVTAT

Arrive in the UNESCO-listed walled city of Dubrovnik, settled by Romans around 614 and later ruled by Byzantines and Venetians. Stroll down Placa, the city's main street, to discover splendid Venetian architecture, distinguished by elaborate carvings and Gothic-Renaissance style. Take expert-guided tours of Dubrovnik's medieval Franciscan monastery, with its numerous relics and ancient manuscripts, and the 16th-century Dominican Monastery, which holds Titian's 1550 painting *St. Mary Magdalene with St. Blaise*,



Basilica of San Vitale, Ravenna, Italy

the Archangel Raphael with Tobias and the Donor among its many treasures. Take an inside look at the Gothic-Renaissance-style Rector's Palace, built in the late 15th century.

Alternatively, visit the seaside town of Cavtat and its Church of St. Nicholas, admiring its well-preserved Baroque interior. Then join a curator at the Vlaho Bukovac House, the home and studio of "the father of Croatian painting," Vlaho Bukovac (1855–1922), whose style was influenced by French Impressionism. See some of his exceptional portraits and landscape paintings up close. Attend a private garden reception nearby before touring Cavtat's 15th-century Franciscan Monastery, which holds medieval treasures and a 16th-century triptych by artist Vicko Lovrin. Return to Dubrovnik to enjoy an exclusive concert of Croatian *klapa* music in the courtyard of the 16th-century Sponza Palace. B,L,D



Sponza Palace, Dubrovnik, Croatia

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: HVAR / STARI GRAD OR SPLIT

Sail to the lavender fields of Hvar, which Condé Nast Traveler readers twice voted "the world's most beautiful island." Here, discover Stari Grad, Croatia's oldest town. Once a Greek colony, Stari Grad has been UNESCO-listed for maintaining its ancient Greek system of farming. After free time, take in the views from 16th-century Venetian fortress, Španjola, perched 300 feet above Hvar. Then enjoy an expert-guided tour of Hvar's Gothic palaces and cloisters, Baroque cathedrals, and grand squares surrounded by 13th-century walls. Instead of Hvar and Stari Grad, you may opt to take a speed boat to Split for a tour of the UNESCO-listed, fourth-century palace of Roman emperor Diocletian, into which Split's historical center is uniquely integrated. Explore the seventh-century Cathedral of Saint Domnius, the oldest Catholic cathedral housed in its original structure, as well as 12th- and 13th-century Romanesque churches, 15th-century Gothic palaces and other treasures, all within the palace's environs. Transfer to Hvar and return to *Sea Cloud II*.

B,L,D



Church of St. Donatus, Zadar, Croatia

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: MORNING AT SEA / ZADAR

Admire dramatic rock formations as *Sea Cloud II* navigates Croatia's scenic waterways. Arrive in Zadar, a pristine city inhabited since prehistoric times and conquered throughout its history by the Romans, Venetians, and Turks, among other groups. On an expert-guided walking tour, see the fully preserved ancient city layout amid the ruins of the Roman Forum and behold frescoes and centuries of religious art inside the 13th-century Cathedral of St. Anastasia and the Monastery of St. Francis Assisi, respectively. Discover ancient Roman glass items amid the vast collections at the Archaeological Museum, housed in the Church of St. Donatus. Enjoy free time in this historic city before returning to the ship. B,L,D

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: PULA / AFTERNOON AT SEA

On Croatia's Istrian Peninsula, step ashore in the ancient Roman city of Pula. Join an expert to learn about its many rulers, including Axis forces during World War II. Encounter ancient treasures, including superb Roman remains, the most famous of which is the massive Pula Arena, a well-preserved Roman amphitheater from the first century A.D. that is still in use, seating 20,000 spectators. Return to the ship for lunch as it crosses the Adriatic back to Venice. Attend the captain's farewell reception and dinner this evening. B,L,D

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: VENICE, ITALY / DISEMBARK / RETURN

After disembarking in Venice this morning, transfer to the airport for flights home. B

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Titian, *St. Mary Magdalene with St. Blaise, the Archangel Raphael with Tobias and the Donor* (detail), 1550, Dominican Monastery, Dubrovnik, Croatia

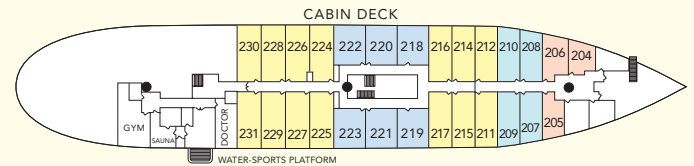
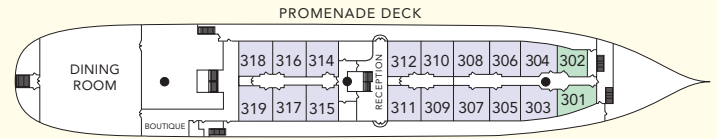
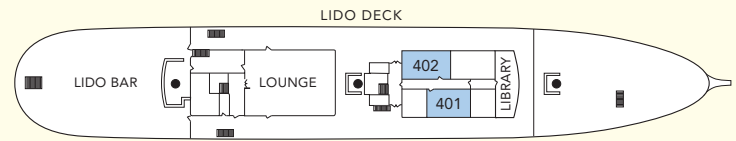


Saint Domnius Bell Tower, Split, Croatia



Tilework, Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, Ravenna, Italy

## SEA CLOUD II



## CRUISE RATES (Per Person)

Cabins	Decks	Double Rates	Single Rates
204 to 206 Upper/lower twin berths, shower	Cabin	\$7,999	\$9,599
207 to 210 Superior Cabins. Twin beds, shower	Cabin	\$10,999	\$16,499
211 to 217 & 224 to 231 Deluxe Cabins. Twin beds, shower	Cabin	\$13,499	\$20,499
218 to 223 Double bed (two separate mattresses), shower	Cabin	\$14,499	Inquire
301 & 302 Deluxe Cabins. Twin beds, shower	Promenade	\$15,499	Inquire
303 to 319 Junior Suites. Twin beds, bathtub with shower	Promenade	\$16,499	Inquire
401 & 402 Owner's Suites. Queen-size bed, bathtub, and separate shower	Lido	\$19,999	Inquire

## RATES INCLUDE

- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard *Sea Cloud II*
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; thoughtfully selected wine and beer with all lunches and dinners; complimentary open bar throughout the cruise aboard *Sea Cloud II* (including all standard spirits)
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities; taxes, service, and portage charges

**NOT INCLUDED IN RATES:** International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than as noted inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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# SEA CLOUD II

Cupola, Basilica of San Vitale, Ravenna. Italy



Sea Cloud II

Sea Cloud II is a three-masted sailing yacht steeped in the elegance of yesteryear and complemented with the most modern amenities. Sister ship of the legendary Sea Cloud, Sea Cloud II has 47 outside cabins and travels under 23 billowing sails trimmed by hand. From the mahogany-paneled library and gracious lounge to the gym and watersports platform, no detail has been overlooked. Praised by the world's most discerning travelers, Sea Cloud II receives consistently high rankings from Condé Nast Traveler. Passengers enjoy open seating at all meals and complimentary use of all water sports equipment. A doctor is on call 24 hours a day. Please note that there is no elevator on Sea Cloud II.

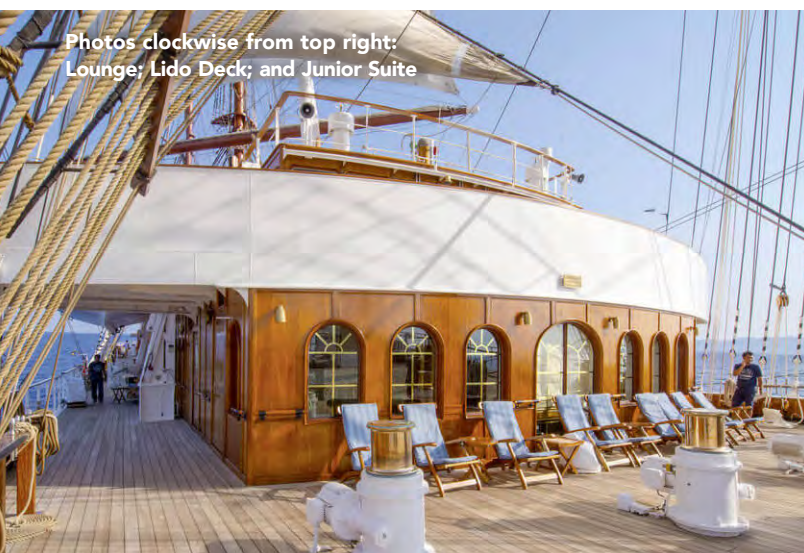
## RESERVATION INFORMATION

To secure your cabin, please call National Trust Tours at **888-484-8785**.

A deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees) is required.



Photos clockwise from top right: Lounge; Lido Deck; and Junior Suite



Klapa concert, Croatia

Cover: Dubrovnik, Croatia

Highlights page: Pula Arena, Pula, Croatia

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