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On this Balearic Sea adventure that combines a land program and an elegant cruise, experience the gems of Catalonia, starting with Girona, Northern Catalonia's largest city. Over three nights with accommodations at an elegant hotel, discover Girona's museums, galleries, and fine Romanesque and Gothic buildings, and visit the Museu d'Història dels Jueus, which highlights the contributions of Girona's once-flourishing Jewish community. Continue to Figueres, birthplace of Salvador Dalí and now home to his flamboyant theater-museum. Then, visit Cadaqués, where Dalí's otherworldly seaside home stands. In Barcelona, explore its kaleidoscope of remarkable architecture, and admire modernist works by Picasso, Miró, and Gaudí. Embark *Sea Cloud II* and head for the Balearic island of Mallorca. In its capital, Palma de Mallorca, tour La Seu, a spectacular sandstone cathedral that took 600 years to build. On the Catalan coast, visit Valencia, where architectural styles abound, including architect Santiago Calatrava's modern masterpieces. Conclude amid the Roman ruins of Tarragona, formerly Tarraco, the Iberian Peninsula's oldest Roman settlement, before returning to Barcelona for disembarkation.



Sea Cloud II Lido Deck (top); Map of the region (above)

### CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Set sail aboard the majestic three-masted *Sea Cloud II* on a journey into the culture, history, and cuisine of cities along the Catalan coast and the Balearic island of Mallorca
- Spend your first three nights exploring the marvelous Catalan town of Girona, and go behind the scenes at some of Spain's most exquisite Romanesque and Gothic structures, including the Catedral de Girona, which boasts the widest nave of any Gothic church in the world
- Enjoy a private look into the world of Salvador Dalí, discovering the 11th-century castle that he made his home in Púbol and the world's largest collection of his works at the Teatre-Museu Dalí in Figueres, the surrealist painter's hometown
- In Palma de Mallorca, visit the Rafael Moneo-designed museum housing thousands of artworks donated by Joan Miró, and walk through Miró's former home, studios, and gardens
- Visit treasures and towns on UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites—Antoni Gaudí's astonishing modernist achievements in Barcelona, including La Sagrada Família; Valencia's exquisite Gothic La Lonja de la Seda, a former silk exchange completed in the 16th century; Tarragona's extraordinary ancient Roman ruins; and the 12th-century Cistercian Monastery of Poblet
- Near Girona, dine at a Michelin-starred Catalan restaurant housed in a 16th-century farmhouse amid a village with landscaped gardens



Besalú en Girona, Girona

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18: DEPARTURE

Depart for Barcelona on an overnight flight.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19: BARCELONA, SPAIN / GIRONA

Upon arrival in Barcelona, gather for lunch, then head to the northeast coast of Catalonia to Girona. Check into the elegant Hotel Palau de Bellavista, your home for the next three nights. After settling in, join fellow travelers for a welcome cocktail reception this evening. R

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20: GIRONA

Spend the day exploring historic Girona, an ancient Roman fortified city that was later claimed by Muslims and Franks. A walking tour will uncover Girona's historic center, which offers evidence of the city's great wealth during the Middle Ages and boasts a sumptuous ensemble of Romanesque and Gothic buildings. Discover the Catedral de Girona, first constructed in the 12th century, then rebuilt in the 15th century as a late Gothic monument. Admire its nave, the widest of any Gothic church in the world, and view its Romanesque cloister. At the Museu d'Història dels Jueus, a museum of Jewish history, look at items that document the rich Jewish culture which flourished in Girona during medieval times. B,L,D

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 21: GIRONA / PÚBOL / FIGUERES / CADAQUÉS

Rise this morning for a tour of Púbol, a small village with ties to one of Spain's premier artists. Visit the Castell de Púbol, an 11th-century castle that Salvador Dalí restored as a gift for his wife, Gala. Filled with Dalí's furnishings, artworks, and other treasures, the Castell de Púbol is a superb example of the artist's unconventional taste. Continue to Figueres, Dalí's birthplace, and see the world's largest collection of his works at the Teatre-Museu Dalí, originally a theater. Afterwards, transfer to the Michelin-starred restaurant Mas Pou for lunch in a charming 16th-century farmhouse. This afternoon, return to Girona, driving via the coastal town of Cadaqués, and spend the remainder of the day and dinner at leisure. B,L

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22: GIRONA / BARCELONA / EMBARK SEA CLOUD II

Take a morning tour of the Museu d'Art de Girona, installed in the former Bishop's Palace and a handsome building in its own right. Peruse the museum's particularly rich collection of medieval illuminated manuscripts and paintings. Continue to the Banys Àrabs (Arab Baths) and the Monestir de Sant Pere de Galligants, a Benedictine monastery whose 12th-century buildings form one of Catalonia's most outstanding groupings of Romanesque architecture. After a lunch of Spanish specialties, embark the awaiting *Sea Cloud II* in Barcelona. B,L,D



Teatre-Museu Dalí, Figueres, photo by Stefano Merli



Fundació Pilar i Joan Miró a Mallorca, Palma de Mallorca

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23: MORNING AT SEA / PALMA DE MALLORCA**

As *Sea Cloud II* sails to Mallorca, attend a lecture during a morning at sea. An island with a rich history of conquest and occupation, Mallorca has long attracted artists, musicians, and writers, including Frédéric Chopin, Agatha Christie, and Jorge Luis Borges. In the afternoon, step ashore in the capital of Palma, where we hope to enjoy a special visit and drink at the Fundación Bartolomé March, the former residence of a wealthy banker that features a sculpture terrace, a music room, and an extensive collection of maps and manuscripts. Also, visit the splendid Catedral de Santa María de Palma de Mallorca (also known as “La Seu”) and the Basílica de San Francisco. Time permitting, visit the Fundació Pilar i Joan Miró a Mallorca, a museum designed by Rafael Moneo, featuring paintings, sculptures, and other treasures donated by Miró. Return to *Sea Cloud II* and set sail for Valencia. B,L,D

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24: VALENCIA**

Enjoy a day admiring the highlights of Valencia, the “City of Gold.” Discover the Old Town with its UNESCO-recognized Lonja de la Seda (Silk Exchange), a late Gothic masterpiece with its striking cross vaults and marble floors, which has been a commercial center since 1533. You will also visit the Mercado Central (Central Market) and the spectacular 14th- to 15th-century cathedral. Before returning to the ship, visit the Museo de Bellas Artes de Valencia or opt to admire the architecture of the Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias, Valencia-born architect Santiago Calatrava’s boldly futuristic City of Arts and Sciences complex. B,L,D



Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias, Valencia



Pont del Diable, Tarragona

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25: TARRAGONA / POBLET**

Discover Tarragona, an ancient Roman port city with an elegant medieval center. Upon arrival, explore the city’s incomparable history at the Museu Nacional Arqueològic de Tarragona, followed by visits to the impressive seaside Roman amphitheater and the medieval bridge Pont del Diable. Continue to the Cistercian monastery of Poblet, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where the kings and queens of Catalonia and Aragon are buried. This evening, gather for the captain’s farewell reception and dinner. B,L,D

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26: BARCELONA / DISEMBARK / RETURN**

Disembark *Sea Cloud II* this morning, and transfer to the airport for flights home. B



Lonja de la Seda, Valencia

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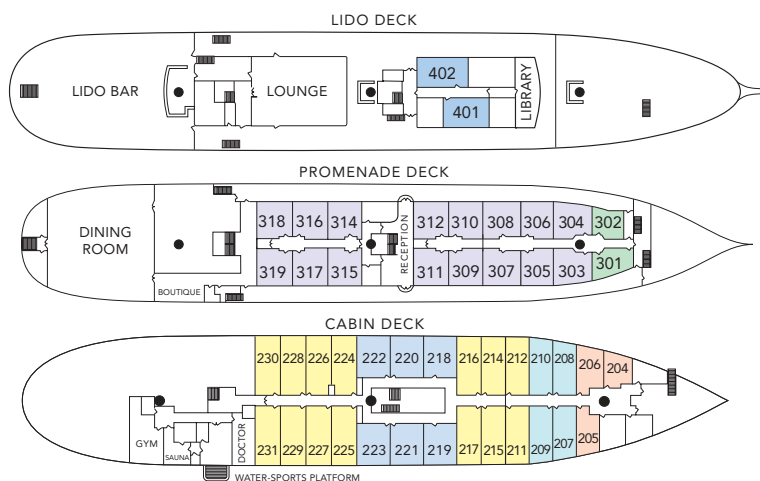
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## CRUISE RATES

Cabins	Decks	Double	Single
Cabins 204 to 206 Upper/lower twin berths, shower	Cabin	\$6,999	\$8,399
Superior Cabins 207 to 210 Twin beds, shower	Cabin	\$8,999	\$13,499
Deluxe Cabins 211 to 217 & 224 to 231 Twin beds, shower	Cabin	\$10,999	\$16,499
Deluxe Cabins 218 to 223 Twin beds, shower	Cabin	\$11,999	Inquire
Deluxe Cabins 301 & 302 Twin beds, shower	Promenade	\$12,999	Inquire
Junior Suites 303 to 319 Twin beds, bathtub with shower	Promenade	\$14,999	Inquire
Owner's Suites 401 & 402 Queen-size bed, bathtub, and separate shower	Lido	\$16,999	Inquire



## 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: there is no elevator on *Sea Cloud II*.



Sea Cloud II

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### Hotel Palau de Bellavista Girona by URH

This elegant hotel sits in a quiet corner next to Girona's Jewish quarter and Barri Vell (the historic old town). Combining chic design with impeccable service, the Hotel Palau de Bellavista features great views from the hotel's roof terrace as well as a bar and a pool.



Hotel Palau de Bellavista Girona by URH

**Call 888.484.8785 to Reserve**

## RATES INCLUDE

- Three nights hotel accommodations at the Hotel Palau de Bellavista Girona by URH
- Four nights cabin accommodations aboard *Sea Cloud II* as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated on 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 onboard lunches and dinners; complimentary open bar throughout the cruise
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/hotel/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

**NOT INCLUDED IN RATES** International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in 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.