



National Trust for Historic Preservation

National Trust Tours

Sailing the **FRENCH & ITALIAN RIVIERAS**

*Art,
Architecture,
& Antiquity*

Featuring
Architectural Historian
GRACE GARY

MAY 7-15, 2026

**Featuring the 47-Stateroom Luxury Sailing Yacht *Sea Cloud II*
and the Historic Carlton Cannes Hotel**



DEAR NATIONAL TRUST TOURS TRAVELER,

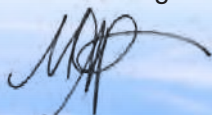
Cannes... Monaco... Cinque Terre... Lucca... the Isle of Elba... These are names that conjure up images of medieval history, sun-drenched beaches, glamorous seaports, and rich masterpieces of art and architecture—in short, the quintessential Mediterranean journey. And how better to experience the voyage than under sail aboard the incomparable *Sea Cloud II*, which combines the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury?

We combine a three-night luxury hotel stay on the French Riviera with a relaxed four-night cruise aboard the *Sea Cloud II* from Nice to Livorno, with port calls in Portovenere (for the Cinque Terre), the Isle of Elba, and Livorno (for choice of a day trip to Lucca or Florence). The short distances along this route allow for two half-days under sail, one at the start of the voyage and one at the end, to maximize the special experience of cruising aboard this majestic windjammer. May is the perfect time of year, with verdant gardens and landscapes awash with blossoms, and moderate temperatures.

A journey aboard the 47-stateroom *Sea Cloud II* is an incomparable experience on one of the most elegant and luxurious vessels afloat. 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. The ship's small size also allows us to moor centrally in the most scenic harbors, and anchor offshore of Portovenere for a visit to the Cinque Terre.

A post-tour extension will be offered to Tuscany, at the Castello di Spaltenna, a 5-star enchanting castle set in in the Tuscan countryside near Siena.

With kind regards,



Meg Annacone-Poretz
Director, National Trust Tours

Portovenere.
Cover insets: Lucca (left)
and Portoferraio.



Highlights

- ◆ Savor local flavors during **GOURMET MEALS ASHORE**—leisurely lunches along the French Riviera, a dinner ashore in Porto Venere, and a local lunch in Florence or Lucca.
- ◆ Luxuriate in a three-night stay including a private welcome reception and dinner at the **HOTEL CARLTON IN CANNES**, a historic French Riviera property boasting a central waterfront location along the glamorous Croisette, surrounded by restaurants, bars, and shopping.
- ◆ Most days feature **A CHOICE OF INCLUDED TOURS**, allowing travelers to customize their experience according to their own interests.
- ◆ Discover the masterpieces of legendary artists Picasso and Chagall during **VISITS TO LANDMARK MUSEUMS** dedicated to each artist; both spent many prime working years in the Côte d'Azur and were inspired by the region's special light and landscapes.
- ◆ Experience the **HILLSIDE TOWNS** that dot the Italian Riviera's Cinque Terre and the pastoral Tuscan countryside en route to the **RENAISSANCE GEMS** of Lucca or Florence.



Hotel Carlton
in Cannes



Côte d'Azur

STUDY LEADER

GRACE GARY's relationship with the National Trust began when, while in graduate school, she was chosen as a National Trust Maritime Intern. She's hard to pin down on how many years ago that was, but she admits to having served as a lecturer on more-than eighty Trust tours over a span of more-than thirty years. She is also the author of two titles in the Trust's "Information" series and served as director of the Trust's Mid-Atlantic Regional Office. She also served as executive director of Preservation Pennsylvania, Longue Vue House and Gardens, Colonial Williamsburg's Tourism Leadership Program, and Nemours Mansion and Gardens. While at Nemours she oversaw an \$80 million restoration program, which received the highest award from the AIA ever bestowed on a restoration project. She and fellow National Trust Tours lecturer Dwight Young also co-authored "Nemours: A Portrait of Alfred I. DuPont's Home," which was published by Rizzoli. She is a graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College and has a Master's in architectural history from the University of Virginia, where she had the privilege of living on the Range in one of the original, Thomas Jefferson-designed rooms.



FRANCE



Thursday-Friday, May 7-8

HOME / NICE, FRANCE

Depart home on overnight flights to Nice, France, arriving on Friday, May 8. Transfer to nearby Cannes and check in to the glamorous Hotel Carlton, an icon of the French Riviera since 1913. Meet your fellow travelers at a private welcome reception and dinner in the hotel's elegant dining room. CARLTON CANNES (B,L)

Saturday, May 9

CANNES / ANTIBES / SAINT-PAUL-DE-VENCE / GRASSE

Begin today with a welcome orientation before setting out with local guides on one of three excursion options:

1) Picasso Museum and Walking Tour of Old Town Antibes. In 1946, Picasso worked for two months in a studio at the Grimaldi Castle, now home to the Picasso Museum, which features several of his works. You will also have free time to explore the Old Town of Antibes. **2)** Saint-Paul-de-Vence, Matisse Chapel, and Maeght Foundation. Start at the Matisse Chapel, and continue to the fortified village of Saint-Paul-de-Vence, visiting the Maeght Foundation with its sculpture garden and collection of modern and contemporary art. **3)** Visit the gardens of Villa Fort France in Grasse and Domaine de Manon to learn about the cultivation of exceptional fragrant flowers, primarily

grown for the Christian Dior perfume house. Enjoy the evening at your leisure, with plenty of dining and entertainment options to choose from. CARLTON CANNES (B,L)

Sunday, May 10

CÔTE D'AZUR / MENTON / SAINT HONORAT ISLAND

Venture out for a day of discovery, traveling through scenic landscapes on the way to one of three distinct guided experiences. **1)** Biot and the Fernand Léger Museum. Visit the medieval hilltop village of Biot for a glassblowing demonstration. Continue to the Fernand Léger Museum, dedicated to the modern art pioneer who lived and worked in the village. **2)** On this day, visit two remarkable gardens in Menton: the Clos du Peyronnet and the Serre de la Madone. **3)** Travel by boat to the small Île Saint-Honorat, just off the coast from Cannes. Enjoy a wine tasting and time to explore the island by foot during a guided tour. The afternoon is at leisure to explore the area at your own pace, strolling along the Boulevard de la Croisette and taking in your last evening in Cannes. CARLTON CANNES (B,L)

Monday, May 11

NICE / MONACO / EMBARK

1) The Marc Chagall Museum: Visit the Marc Chagall National Museum in Nice, dedicated to the renowned Russian-French artist known for his vibrant,



dreamlike works. **2)** Monaco, including the Old Town. Witness the changing of the guard and visit the State Apartments of the Prince's Palace, where stunning Italian Renaissance frescoes await. **3)** Visit a garden featuring the award-winning designer James Basson's work, specializing in sustainable, ecological gardens. Late this afternoon, embark the *Sea Cloud II* in Nice and bid adieu to France as you sail toward Italy. Enjoy your first dinner aboard the elegant and iconic yacht. *Sea Cloud II* (B,L,D)

Tuesday, May 12

PORTO VENERE / CINQUE TERRE, ITALY

Anchor off Porto Venere and experience the Cinque Terre. Perched between steeply terraced vineyards and the Ligurian Sea, this UNESCO World Heritage Site and protected marine area is characterized by tiny villages and hidden coves. **1)** Visit the splendid Church of St. Peter, which towers from the promontory of the Bocche, and enjoy



the breathtaking view. Then, transfer to Manarola, the first of the five villages that make up the Cinque Terre, clinging to the cliffs above the Mediterranean. **2)** Enjoy an exclusive visit with the owner of the Caneva Gardens, a picturesque and serene green space located in the town of Sarzana. Continue to the Villa Marigola a historic villa offering stunning views of the Gulf of Poets. This evening, delight in dinner at a trattoria in Porto Venere to savor local dishes and wines. *Sea Cloud II* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, May 13
LIVORNO / FLORENCE OR LUCCA

After docking in Livorno, embark on a full day of exploration, with three exceptional touring options to choose from, each offering delightful trattoria gourmet lunch experiences. **1)** Drive to Florence and take a guided walking tour of the historic center. In Piazza della Repubblica, discover the city's origins as a Roman settlement. Continue to see the Duomo and the iconic Ponte Vecchio. **2)** Explore Lucca, the birthplace

of composer Giacomo Puccini and a treasure chest of Tuscany's ancient silk trade. Stroll around the elliptical central piazza. Visit a textile workshop where artisans use traditional tools to create intricate fabrics. **3)** Visit Villa Reale di Marlia, a magnificent historic villa located near Lucca. This grand estate, dating back to the 16th century, is renowned for its exquisite architecture, lush gardens, and rich history. *Sea Cloud II* (B,L,D)

Thursday, May 14
PORTOFERRAIO, ELBA

Follow in the footsteps of the Argonauts and Napoleon, call at the tropical Isle of Elba. Take a panoramic drive with superb views of the coastline, visit Napoleon's summer residence during his exile on the island, and stop for a wine tasting at a 17th-century country wine estate, with vineyards nestled among ancient olive trees. Return to the ship for a leisurely afternoon of cruising and a final opportunity to experience the ship under sail. Gather this evening for one final celebration at

the captain's farewell reception and dinner. *Sea Cloud II* (B,L,D)

Friday, May 15
LIVORNO / HOME

After breakfast, depart for the Florence airport for flights home or begin the optional extension in Tuscany. (B)

May 15-19, 2026
OPTIONAL POST-TOUR EXTENSION IN TUSCANY

Extend your stay in Tuscany with four luxurious nights at the Castello di Spaltenna, a 5-star enchanting oasis that stands out in a breathtaking panorama of lush vineyards. Excursions include a visit to the exclusive Marchesi di Antinori Estate, with a private visit of the cellars. Enjoy a truffle hunting experience followed by a cooking class, and explore Siena's cultural traditions and learn about the art of crystal engraving in Colle Val d'Elsa.

Further details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.



**Church of St. Peter
in Porto Venere**



Category 7



Category 6



Category 3

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including seven breakfasts, six lunches, five dinners, 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 porters, wait staff, guides, drivers and ship-board personnel 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 ■ 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. The ship does not have an elevator, so you will need to navigate stairs, possibly while on choppy seas. Daily activities can involve up to three miles of walking, often on cobbled streets and uneven terrain; elevators may not be available and stairs may not have handrails. Participants should be fit and in active good health. Limited medical facilities are available on board the *Sea Cloud II*. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Criterion Travel, local staff, and host country laws.

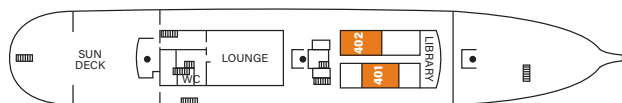
GROUP SIZE This program can accommodate 78 participants, including travelers from National Trust Tours, the American Horticultural Society, Carlton Alumni Adventures, and Dartmouth Alumni Travel.

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE U.S. domestic and international airfare ■ Passport/visa expenses ■ Medical expenses and immunizations ■ 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

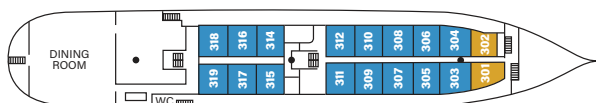
SEA CLOUD II is perhaps the most luxurious three-masted sailing yacht on the seas today. Like Marjorie Merriweather Post's legendary *Sea Cloud*, she combines the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury. In the grand tradition of the world's finest sailing vessels, 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 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 sauna and massage therapy.

PROGRAM FEES (per person):

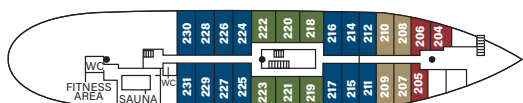
		DOUBLE	SINGLE
1 CABIN DECK	150 sq ft upper & lower single beds, two portholes, shower	\$6,990	\$10,990
2 CABIN DECK	204 sq ft twins or queen bed, two portholes, shower	\$8,990	\$13,990
3 CABIN DECK	215 sq ft twins or queen bed, two portholes, shower	\$9,990	\$14,990
4 CABIN DECK	226 sq ft queen bed, three portholes, shower	\$10,900	—
5 PROMENADE DECK	215 sq ft queen bed, panorama windows, shower	\$12,490	—
6 PROMENADE DECK	247 sq ft twins or queen bed, panorama windows, tub/shower	\$13,990	—
7 LIDO DECK	290 sq ft king bed, panorama windows, bathtub & shower	\$15,990	—



LIDO DECK
Category 7



PROMENADE DECK
Categories 5 & 6



CABIN DECK
Categories 1-4

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, 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 **January 7, 2026**. For those who register on or after January 7, 2026, full payment is due upon registration. Final payment may be made by check, bank transfer, or credit card (credit card payments will incur a 2% fee).

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 7, 2026, 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 2025/2026 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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RESERVATION FORM

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 **Sailing the French & Italian Rivas**.
☐ 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 **January 7, 2026**, 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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