



National Trust *for* Historic Preservation

**National Trust Tours**

## **SAILING THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN RIVIERAS**

### **Art, Architecture, and Antiquity featuring the 47-cabin *Sea Cloud II* and the historic Carlton Cannes Hotel**

**May 7–15, 2025  
(9 days)**

Cannes...Monte Carlo...Cap Ferrat...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. Late April and early 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 intimate and memorable 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 enchanted castle set in in the Tuscan countryside near Siena.



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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Private welcome reception and dinner at the elegant Hotel Carlton Cannes**, in a glorious setting overlooking the Mediterranean.
- 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; all spent many prime working years in the Côte d'Azur and were inspired by the region's special light and landscapes.
- Enjoy **private entrée to sites**, such as the lovely garden and architectural masterpiece of Villa Ephrussi in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat.
- 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**.
- Savor local flavors during **gourmet meals ashore**—a cheese- and wine-tasting at a small cellar located in a cobblestoned street of Saint-Paul-de-Vence, a dinner ashore in Portovenere, and a local lunch in Florence or Lucca.

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#### ITINERARY OUTLINE

DAY	OVERNIGHT	HOTEL	ACTIVITIES
May 7 Thu	Depart U.S.		Overnight flight to Nice, France
May 8 Fri	Cannes, Côte d'Azur, France	Carlton Cannes	Arrive Nice; transfers to deluxe seaside hotel. <b>Private welcome reception and dinner</b> at hotel. RD
May 9 Sat	Cannes	Carlton Cannes	AM intro lecture, followed by choice of 1) visit to the <b>Picasso Museum</b> and walking tour of <b>Old Town of Antibes</b> including its ramparts along the sea or (2) artists' mecca of <b>Saint-Paul-de-Vence</b> plus <b>Maeght Foundation</b> or (3) the <b>Musée des Femmes Artists</b> in Mougins. Afternoon at leisure. BL
May 10 Sun	Cannes	Carlton Cannes	Choice of (1) the <b>Musee Fernand Leger</b> in Biot, with a visit to a glassblower's workshop or (2) <b>Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, Villa Ephrussi</b> and the quaint <b>village of Villefranche-sur-Mer</b> or (e) <b>Monaco Old Town &amp; Monte Carlo</b> . Afternoon at leisure. BL
May 11 Mon	Nice	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	Choice of (1) the <b>Marc Chagall Museum</b> or (2) <b>Molinard perfume factory in Grasse</b> w/private perfume workshop & visit to private garden; Late afternoon embark <i>Sea Cloud II</i> in Nice. BLD
May 12 Tue	Portovenere, Italy	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	AM Cruising with <b>sailing opportunity</b> ; PM anchor off of Portovenere for <b>Cinque Terre</b> and <b>walking tour</b> of some of the five Ligurian villages, looking out through vineyards above sheer cliffs plunging steeply into the sea. Enjoy a delicious Italian dinner onshore this evening. BLD
May 13 Wed	Livorno	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	Call at Livorno for a choice of full-day tours, each with <b>local gourmet lunch</b> – (1) <b>Florence</b> with guided city walk with Duomo and a visit to the American cemetery or (2) <b>Lucca</b> , birthplace of composer Puccini & treasure chest of Tuscany's ancient trade in silk; walk through piazza w/its medieval houses built on ruins of Roman amphitheater and visit Romanesque church. BLD
May 14 Thu	Portoferraio (Elba)	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	AM <b>Isle of Elba</b> , following in Napoleon's footsteps, with vineyard visit; PM Cruising with <b>sailing opportunity</b> ; Captain's farewell reception and dinner BLD
May 15 Fri	Flights home from Florence		Disembarkation in Livorno, fly home from Florence OR begin Optional Extension to Tuscany B

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#### GENERAL INFORMATION

##### **Retail Program Fees:**

Category 1, Cabin Deck, Forward, Upper/Lower Berths, per person, sharing.....	\$6,990
Category 2, Cabin Deck, Forward, Deluxe, per person, sharing.....	\$8,990
Category 3, Cabin Deck, Deluxe, per person, sharing .....	\$9,990
Category 4, Cabin Deck, Midship, Deluxe per person, sharing.....	\$10,990
Category 5, Promenade Deck, Forward, Deluxe, per person, sharing.....	\$12,490
Category 6, Promenade Deck, Junior Suite, per person, sharing.....	\$13,990
Category 7, Lido Deck, Luxury Owner's Suite, per person, sharing.....	\$15,990
Category 1, Cabin Deck, Forward, Upper/Lower Berths, single occupancy.....	\$10,990
Category 2, Cabin Deck, Forward, Deluxe, single occupancy.....	\$13,990
Category 3, Cabin Deck, Deluxe, single occupancy .....	\$14,990

Fees and services are based on current exchange rates and are subject to change.

##### **Program Length, Capacity:**

9 days roundtrip from the U.S.

Minimum capacity: 56 passengers; Maximum capacity: 78 passengers (all sponsors).

**Fees Include:** Three luxury hotel nights and four nights aboard *Sea Cloud II* • All 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 wine receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners • Filtered water on motorcoaches • Criterion Tour Managers

**Fees 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 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