



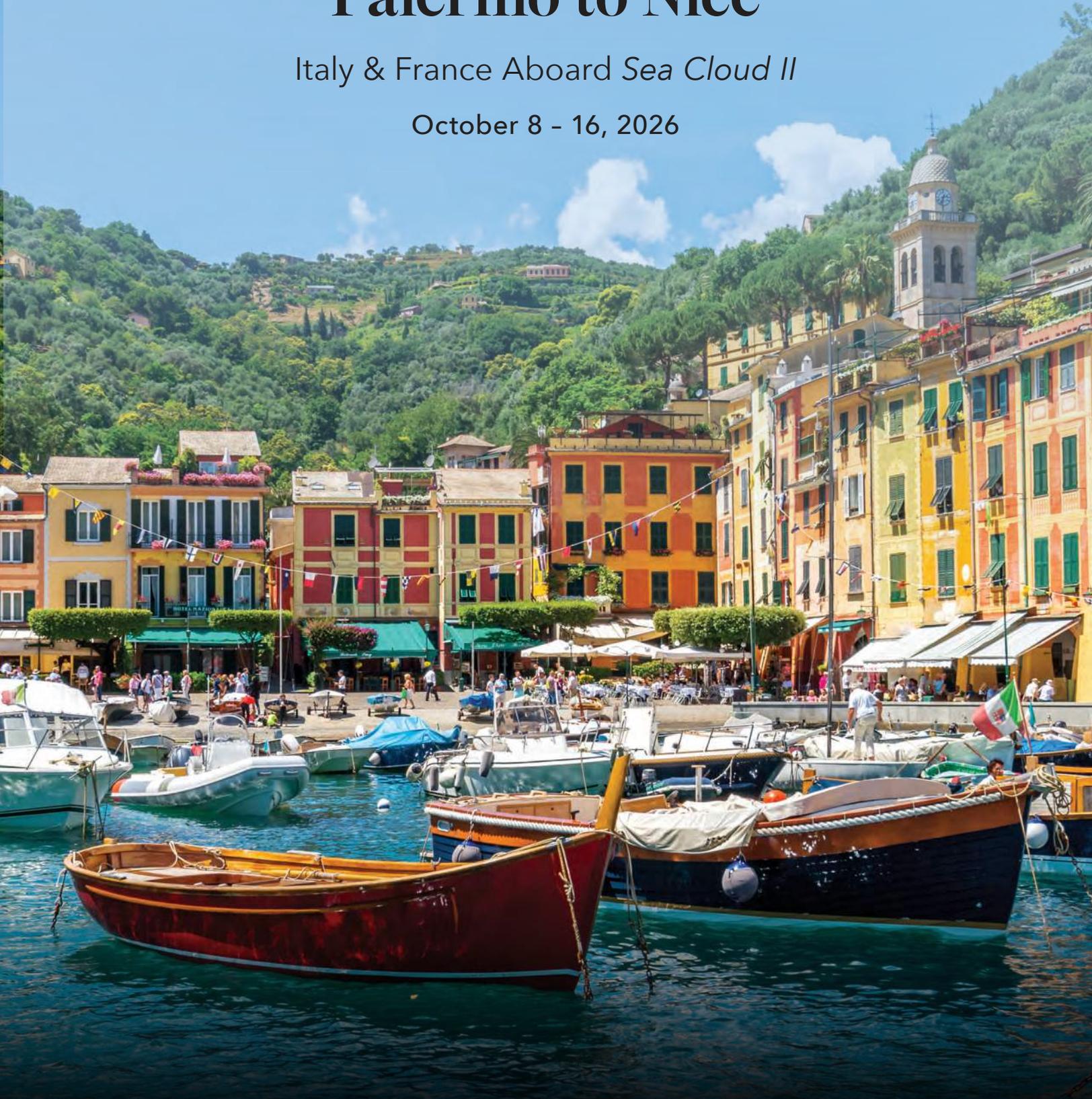
National Trust *for* Historic Preservation

National Trust Tours

Palermo to Nice

Italy & France Aboard *Sea Cloud II*

October 8 - 16, 2026



Cruise *Highlights*

Cruise aboard the elegant **Sea Cloud II**, a three-masted tall ship with 23 hand-trimmed sails, to **Sardinia, Corsica, Elba,** and **Genoa** on the Italian mainland.

Explore **Nora's** remarkably preserved Punic and Roman ruins on Sardinia with expert guides, including a second-century A.D. theater and intricate mosaic floors.

Experience a private, owner-guided tour of **Villa d'Orri**, Sardinia's only royal villa, built between 1799 and 1814 for the exiled Savoyard court, with tastings of Sardinian pastries in its elegant salons.

Witness the dramatic approach to **Bonifacio's** medieval citadel perched atop towering limestone cliffs on Corsica, then explore its 12th-century churches.

Tour **Villa San Martino**, Napoleon's exile residence on Elba, followed by a private tasting at **Tenuta La Chiusa**, the historic vineyard where the emperor once stayed.

Discover Genoa's Renaissance and Baroque treasures through guided visits, including 17th-century frescoes in the **Basilica della Santissima Annunziata del Vastato**.

Enjoy an inside look at Genoa's **Villa del Principe**, the grand *palazzo* of Admiral Andrea Doria.

Take a guided look at Genoa's UNESCO-recognized **Musei di Strada Nuova**, three palace museums housing paintings by Van Dyck, Caravaggio, and Rubens.



Bonifacio, Corsica

Dear National Trust Traveler,

Join an educational voyage through the Western Mediterranean's most historically significant islands aboard the elegant tall ship *Sea Cloud II*.

From **October 8 to 16, 2026**, sail to the Italian islands of **Sardinia** and **Elba**, as well as French **Corsica**, before arriving on the Italian mainland. Explore the imprints of successive cultures throughout the region, from the ancient Phoenicians and Romans to the Genoese and Napoleonic empires.

Begin in the Sardinian capital of **Cagliari**. Wandering the cobblestone streets of the medieval Castello district, you'll witness Pisan towers and Roman remains decked with mosaic details. Sail next to Corsica, **Napoleon's** birthplace. The approach to **Bonifacio** from the sea is a memorable event, with its medieval citadel perched atop towering white limestone cliffs.

On the island of Elba, visit Napoleon's summer residence in exile at **Villa San Martino** and sample wines at a private tasting overlooking the vineyard. *Sea Cloud II* calls next on the Italian mainland. Stroll the charming streets of Portofino on the **Italian Riviera** with its artisan shops, pastel-painted buildings, and Mediterranean view. In **Genoa**, meet local experts for guided looks at Renaissance and Baroque treasures.

To reserve your place on this special cruise, please call National Trust Tours at 888-484-8785. We hope you will join us for this journey through a deep and layered history.

Sincerely,



Meg Annacone-Poretz
Director, National Trust Tours



Map of the region

Activity Level:
Intermediate



Pace Level:
Moderato



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Thursday, October 8:

Departure

Depart for Palermo, Italy, on an overnight flight.

Friday, October 9:

Palermo, Sicily, Italy / Embark Sea Cloud II

Arrive in **Palermo** on the island of **Sicily**, where early-arriving guests can gather for lunch. This afternoon, transfer to the elegant **Sea Cloud II** for embarkation. After settling in, join fellow guests for dinner together on board. **L,D**

Saturday, October 10:

Day at Sea

As *Sea Cloud II* sets course for **Sardinia**, watch the crew trim the 23 billowing sails by hand. In addition to enjoying the start of the program's lecture series, you may also familiarize yourself with the vessel's many amenities, including its spa facilities. This evening, attend the captain's welcome reception and dinner. **B,L,R,D**



Castello, Cagliari, Sardinia



Nora, Sardinia

Sunday, October 11:

Cagliari, Sardinia / Nora / Afternoon at Sea

Step ashore in **Cagliari**, Sardinia's capital, positioned along the island's southern coast. Choose from three expert-led morning excursions before lunch aboard *Sea Cloud II* and an afternoon at sea:

Option 1: Join a walking tour through the maze-like streets of **Cagliari's Castello (Old Town)**. Visit the 13th-century **Duomo di Cagliari**, then enjoy a tour of the **National Pinacoteca of Cagliari**. Discover Italy's most cherished collection of Sardinian Gothic altarpieces, known as *retablos*.

Afterwards, a curator will welcome you to the **Archaeological Museum**, which hosts art and artifacts spanning Sardinia's history from Neolithic times through the Byzantine era.

Option 2: Enjoy a private, owner-guided tour of the Neoclassical **Villa d'Orri**, Sardinia's only royal villa, built during the Savoyard court's exile to Sardinia.

Option 3: Take a short transfer to **Nora**, Sardinia's first city, beautifully positioned on a promontory overlooking the sea. Explore remarkably preserved ruins from its Punic and Roman periods. **B,L,D**

Monday, October 12:

Morning at Sea / Bonifacio, Corsica, France

The lecture program continues during a relaxing morning at sea. After lunch, navigate the scenic, fjord-like waterway into **Corsica** and arrive at the port of **Bonifacio**, built atop white limestone cliffs rising over 200 feet from the sea. This afternoon, choose from two excursions.

Option 1: A walking tour takes you to two remarkable churches within the fortified citadel. First, visit the **Église Sainte-Marie-Majeure**, Bonifacio's oldest building, constructed by Pisan hands in the 12th century.

Explore the Gothic **Église Saint-Dominique de Bonifacio**, Corsica's largest church, built between 1270 and 1343 on ground once held by Templars.

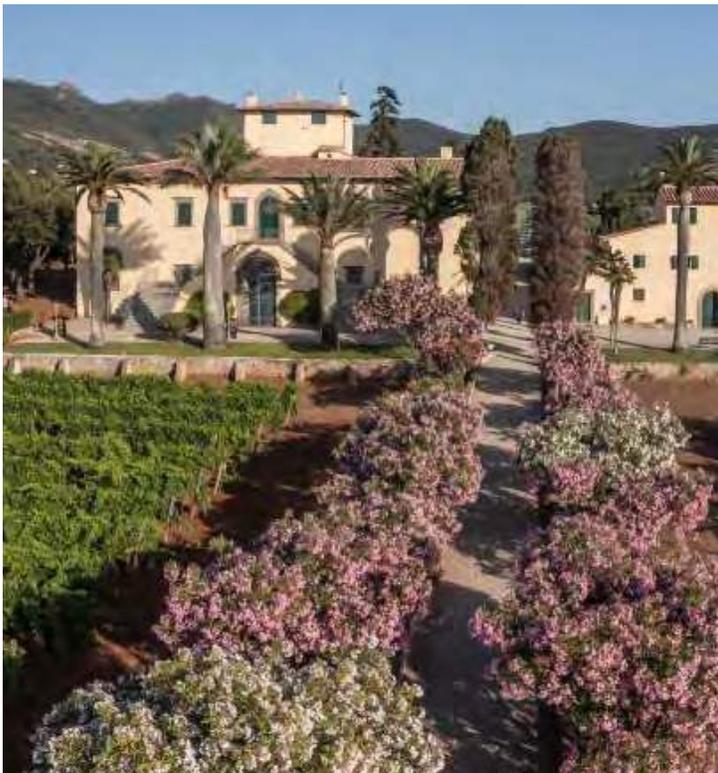
Option 2: Head outside Bonifacio for a viticultural experience at **Domaine Zuria**, an estate reviving Corsica's winemaking traditions through organic farming practices.

All guests will return to *Sea Cloud II* in Bonifacio. **B,L,D**

Tuesday, October 13:

Portoferraio, Elba, Italy / Porto Azzurro / Capo d'Enfola

Arrive on **Elba**, best known as Napoleon's island of exile from 1814 to 1815. From the capital of **Portoferraio**, choose from two excursions:



Tenuta La Chiusa, Elba



Portofino

Option 1: Your first stop is **Villa San Martino**, Napoleon Bonaparte's private summer villa during his exile, purchased in June 1814. See his period furnishings and the famous **Sala Egizia** (Egyptian Room) with frescoes celebrating his Egyptian campaign.

After time at leisure in the picturesque harbor town of **Porto Azzurro**, continue to **Tenuta La Chiusa**, an 18th-century vineyard estate, for a private tasting and tour.

Option 2: An e-bike tour takes you along scenic coastal roads from Portoferraio to **Capo d'Enfola**, a small peninsula. The cape holds the remains of a World War II coastal artillery battery built between 1935 and 1938 to control the sea channel between Elba and Corsica. After exploring, return to Portoferraio's historic center.

Enjoy lunch on board *Sea Cloud II*, which departs in the late afternoon. **B,L,D**

Wednesday, October 14:

Santa Margherita Ligure (Liguria) / Portofino

Sea Cloud II sails along the Italian Riviera to the port of **Santa Margherita Ligure**. Choose from three excursions:

Option 1: Transfer to the nearby village of **Portofino**, where hills and a verdant harbor have inspired generations of artists. A walking tour takes you through the **Piazza Martiri dell'Olivetta**, the picturesque center surrounded by artisan shops and pastel-painted buildings.

Visit the 12th-century Romanesque **Chiesa di San Martino**, whose origins date to Pisan rule, and admire the wooden sculptural group of the *Deposition of Christ* by Genoese Baroque sculptor Anton Maria Maragliano.

Option 2: Take a light hike along trails offering spectacular coastline views, including paths to the **Faro di Portofino** lighthouse and the historic **Castello Brown** fortress with origins dating to around 1000 A.D.

Option 3: Explore Santa Margherita Ligure, a jewel of the Ligurian coastline. Walk along the elegant waterfront promenade lined with palm trees and *Belle Époque* architecture before continuing into the historic town center.

Visit the magnificent Baroque Basilica of **Santa Margherita d'Antiochia**, with its dazzling interior of gilded stuccoes, colorful frescoes, and ornate marble altars. Stop at a local *bottega* for a chance to taste typical Ligurian specialties.

The afternoon is at leisure, with lunch on board. **B,L,D**

Thursday, October 15: Genoa

Dock in **Genoa**, Italy's busiest port. Choose from two guided excursions:

Option 1: Visit the **San Lorenzo Cathedral**, a masterpiece of Romanesque and Gothic architecture with its black-and-white striped façade and intricate portals. Inside, see the preserved World War II bomb that failed to detonate.



Interior, Basilica of Santa Margherita d'Antiochia, Santa Margherita Ligure



Palazzo Doria Tursi, Genoa

Continue to the Baroque splendor of the **Basilica della Santissima Annunziata del Vastato**, where 17th-century Genoese artists created a luminous wonderland of frescoes, gilded stuccoes, and inlaid marble.

After lunch, visit **Villa del Principe**, the grand *palazzo* of Andrea Doria, Genoa's powerful 16th-century admiral.

Option 2: Explore the UNESCO-recognized **Musei di Strada Nuova**, three palace museums. Visit the **Palazzo Rosso** and **Palazzo Bianco**, housing impressive collections of Renaissance and Baroque paintings by masters, including Van Dyck, Caravaggio, and Rubens. At the **Palazzo Doria Tursi**, Genoa's city hall, see Paganini's famed violin, the "Cannone," among an impressive collection of Old Master paintings.

Return to *Sea Cloud II* for the captain's farewell reception and dinner. **B,L,R,D**

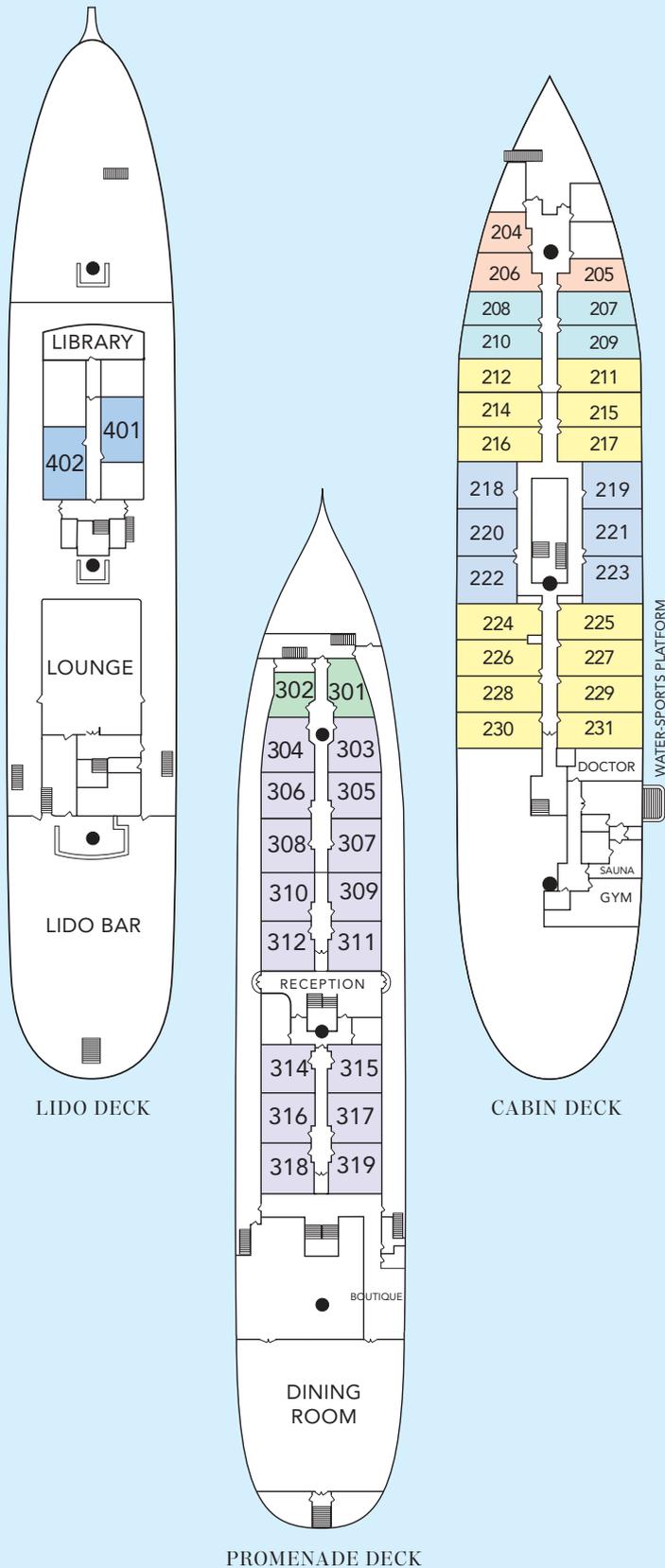
Friday, October 16: Nice, France / Disembark / Return

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

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Sea Cloud II



Cruise Rates

Cabins	Decks	Double	Single
204 to 206	Cabin	\$7,999	\$9,999
Upper/lower twin berths, shower			
207 to 210	Cabin	\$10,499	\$15,399
Superior Cabins. Twin beds, shower			
211 to 217 & 224 to 231	Cabin	\$12,499	\$18,799
Deluxe Cabins. Twin beds, shower			
218 to 223	Cabin	\$14,499	Inquire
Deluxe Cabins. Twin beds, shower			
301 & 302	Promenade	\$15,999	Inquire
Deluxe Cabins. Twin beds, shower			
303 to 312, 314 to 319	Promenade	\$18,999	Inquire
Junior Suites. Twin beds, bathtub with shower			
401 & 402	Lido	\$20,999	Inquire
Owner's Suites. Queen-size bed, bathtub, and separate shower			

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 beers at onboard lunches and dinners; complimentary open bar aboard *Sea Cloud II* throughout the cruise (including all standard spirits)
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES: International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than what is 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.

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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 water sports 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*.



On deck (top) and *Sea Cloud II* (above)



Portoferraio, Elba

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A deposit of \$2,000 per person
(of which \$1,000 is non-refundable for
administrative fees) is required.



Basilica della Santissima Annunziata del Vastato, Genoa



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Faro di Portofino, Italy (bottom).
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