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SICILY CIRCUMNAVIGATION **Sailing Around Sicily and Malta** **Aboard the 47-Stateroom *Sea Cloud II***

May 24–June 2, 2027
(10 days)

The program begins with one night in Valletta, the capital city of the island nation of Malta and one of the most concentrated historic areas in the world, before embarking the *Sea Cloud II* for a seven-night private charter that will take travelers on a circumnavigation of Sicily. The itinerary includes the first day on board at sea, under sail, before reaching the island's treasures with stops in Trapani, Palermo, Giardini Naxos (for Taormina and Mt. Etna), and Syracuse. This itinerary also spends a day in the Aeolian Islands, one of seven UNESCO sites visited, as well as a specially timed sailing through the Strait of Messina at sunset. Return to Malta and disembark at Valletta.

An optional pre trip extension is offered in Malta and Gozo.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Customize your experience with a **menu of excursion options** geared to different interests and mobility levels in nearly every port: Valletta, Trapani, Palermo, Lipari, and Giardini Naxos.
- Discover **SIX UNESCO World Heritage sites** – Monreale's Cathedral, the Aeolian Archipelago of which we visit Lipari, Mount Etna, as well as the historic centers of Valletta, Palermo, and Syracuse.
- Spend one night and two days in Valetta, Malta's historic capital, before sailing out from its magnificent harbor framed by honey-colored ramparts glowing in the sun.
- Marvel at archaeological and architectural wonders including ancient city of Segesta, riches of Palermo's Norman Castle, and Greek amphitheater of Taormina
- Sample the rich flavors of Marsala with a guided tasting of this famed Sicilian wine.
- Experience the lovely countryside and historic wonders of **Lipari**, one of the seven Aeolian Islands.
- Delight in a **private reception with a nobleman**, who welcomes us to his Baroquepalazzo, dating back to the Middle Ages.

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SEA CLOUD II - SHIP INFORMATION



Sea Cloud II blends the romance of a classic windjammer with the comforts of a modern boutique cruise ship. Built in 2001, this three-masted barque carries just 94 guests with 65 crew and offers a unique sailing experience with 23 hand-set sails, elegant accommodations, and a timeless nautical atmosphere.



Guests enjoy a panoramic lounge with full A/V capabilities for lectures, library, formal restaurant, and alfresco dining areas. Other onboard amenities: sauna, fitness room, massage treatments, and swim platform.



Elegant accommodations throughout from Owner's Suites with four-poster beds and marble bathrooms to Junior Suites and Outside Cabins, all with en-suite facilities, TV, minibar, desk, safe, & air conditioning.

Call 888.484.8785 to reserve

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ITINERARY MAP



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ITINERARY OUTLINE

DAY	OVERNIGHT	HOTEL	ACTIVITIES
May 24 Mon	Depart U.S.		Overnight flight to Valetta, Malta. Meals aloft
May 25 Tues	Arrive Malta	Grand Hotel Excelsior	Arrive Valletta and transfer to hotel; welcome orientation & dinner. D
May 26 Wed	Valletta, Malta	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	Morning lecture, then choice of full day excursion: 1) Malta Archaeology : National Archaeological Museum, Tarxien Temples, & Hypogeum; 2) Architecture Tour of Valletta with St John's Cathedral & Renzo Piano's new works. Board <i>Sea Cloud II</i> in the late afternoon and set sail for Sicily. BLD
May 27 Thu	At Sea	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	Full day under sail ; education program continues, tours of the ship are offered, and tenders are used to photograph the ship (weather permitting); Captain's welcome evening. BLD
May 28 Fri	Trapani	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	AM Greek Doric temple of Segesta , sitting high atop Mount Barbaro, followed by choice of tours: 1) the hilltop fortress of Erice ; or 2) wine tasting in Marsala . Afternoon at sea, with sailing opportunity (weather permitting) and continuation of lecture program. BLD
May 29 Sat	Palermo	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	AM visit to Palermo's Norman castle , Capella Palatina and Monreale's stunning UNESCO listed Cathedral followed by lunch in Old Town Palermo; PM choice of excursions : 1) Abatellis Art Museum; 2) Archaeological Museum. BLD
May 30 Sun	Lipari, Aeolian Islands	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	AM choice of walking tour with Archaeological Museum visit or a scenic drive with free time in town ; lunch onboard; PM swim, sailing, and lectures before cruising past Stromboli at sunset to witness its volcanic firework. BLD
May 31 Mon	Giardini Naxos	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	AM choice of tours : 1) Early departure for the slopes of Mt. Etna to see Silvestri Crater and ride the cable car to the summit; 2) Visit 3 rd c. B.C. Greco-Roman amphitheater of Taormina w/free time in town. BLD
June 1 Tues	Syracuse	<i>Sea Cloud II</i>	AM Syracuse Archaeological Park with guided walk of Ortygia Island including lively morning market & Cathedral Square. In a lovely private palazzo , enjoy wine tasting hosted by nobleman. Afternoon cruising to Malta. Captain's farewell reception and dinner cruising to Valletta. BLD
June 2 Wed	Valletta, Malta		Disembark for flights home. B

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Fees:

Per Person Sharing

Category 1 (Cabin Deck, 150 sq ft, upper & lower beds, 2 portholes, shower).....	\$7,990
Category 2 (Cabin Deck, 204 sq ft, twins or queen, 2 portholes, shower)	\$9,990
Category 3 (Cabin Deck, 215 sq ft, twins or queen, 2 portholes, shower).....	\$11,990
Category 4 (Cabin Deck, 226 sq ft, queen, 3 portholes, shower).....	\$12,990
Category 5 (Promenade Deck, 215 sq ft, queen, panorama windows, shower)	\$13,990
Category 6 (Promenade Deck, 247 sq ft, twins or queen, panorama windows, tub/shower.....	\$14,990
Category 7 (Lido Deck, 290 sq ft, king, panorama windows, bathtub & shower)	\$17,990

Single Occupancy

Category 1 single	\$12,990
Category 2 single.....	\$15,990
Category 3 single.....	\$18,990

Fees and services are based on exchange rates of August 2025 and are subject to change.

Program Length, Capacity:

10 days round-trip from the U.S.

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

Fees Include: One deluxe hotel night and seven nights aboard *Sea Cloud II* • Meals and excursions as specified in the itinerary • Comprehensive program of briefings and lectures • Shared airport transfers 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 cocktail receptions on board • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners • Professional tour manager throughout the program

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 dates • 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, Internet and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

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Malta Pre-Trip Extension

May 22–25, 2027

This two-night pre-trip extension offers the chance to experience the sites, stunning landscape and local charm of this island nation beyond its capital city, including a day trip to the idyllic island of Gozo to see the oldest megalithic temples on Earth. 2B/2L /2D

PRE-EXTENSION ITINERARY OUTLINE

DAY	OVERNIGHT	HOTEL	ACTIVITIES
May 22	Depart U.S.		Overnight flight to Valetta, Malta. Meals aloft
May 23 un	Arrive Valletta	Excelsior Hotel	Arrive Valletta and transfer to hotel; welcome dinner at the hotel D
May 24	Valletta	Excelsior Hotel	Explore Malta's south coast beginning with the megalithic complex of Hagar Qim. Continue to fishing village of Marsaxlokk. Enjoy dinner in the ancient walled city of M'dina. BLD
May 25	Valletta	Excelsior Hotel	Take ferry to Gozo for UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ggantija and the charming city of Victoria. Return to Valletta to begin main tour. BL

Extension Fee and Staffing:

Per person, sharing accommodations.....\$2,290

Single occupancy.....\$2,890

Above extension fee includes one Criterion tour manager but no organization staff. Fees and services are based on current exchange rates and are subject to change.

Extension Capacity:

Minimum capacity: 6; Maximum capacity: 20