



Coastal Gems of Croatia and Slovenia aboard Sea Cloud II

Under the billowing sails of a tall ship, voyage back in time to medieval walled cities like Hvar, a picturesque reminder of the great Venetian empire. Sail along idyllic archipelagos like the 80 forested islands of Kornati National Park, and from the ample decks of *Sea Cloud II*, take in the beauty of this storied coastline and the sparkling sapphire Adriatic Sea. Along Croatia’s scenic coast and in Slovenia’s lively capital Ljubljana, visit castles and monasteries, walk through the enchanting old towns of Korčula and Rovinj, and sample regional specialties such as *peka* (stew) and wine. Days will be balanced with guided explorations, time to relish our ship under sail, and free time to walk in charming seaside villages like Komiza.

From
\$ 12,771 / per person
Does not include flights

 DATES Aug and Sep	 DURATION 10 Days
 SHIPS <i>Sea Cloud II</i>	
 STARTS AT Venice, Italy	  ENDS AT Dubrovnik, Croatia

Highlights

- ★ Experience the splendors of the Golden Age of Sail aboard the gracious *Sea Cloud II*
- ★ Discover Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site in Split that dates to the 4th century
- ★ Explore the cobblestone streets and markets of medieval towns like Korčula and Trogir
- ★ Learn about the region's many chapters of history at sites like Predjama Castle and Tito's once-secret Cold War tunnels





Day by day

■ DAY 1

Venice, Italy / Embark Ship

Arrive in Venice and embark *Sea Cloud II* in the late afternoon. As the sun sets, we'll cast off for Rovinj and the ancient land of the Illyrians.

Arrival Time: Arrive before 4:00 p.m. local time.

Arrival City: Venice, Italy

Meals included: dinner

◇ DAY 2

At Sea / Rovinj, Croatia

Gather on deck for a play-by-play description of the crew in the rigging and the action of setting square sails, staysails, and jibs as *Sea Cloud II* shows her full glory. Relax with a book and enjoy delicious meals and complimentary drinks. Go ashore in Rovinj, once one of the most important cities in the Venetian Empire. Venture into Rovinj's charming old town set on a tiny peninsula that was an island until 1763. Walk the cobbled streets, peruse the local open-air market, and see sites that illustrate the city's close ties with Venice. Drive through olive groves and vineyards to the Meneghetti Wine Hotel and Winery, sample award-winning vintages, and hear tales of when the region was ruled by the Austro-Hungarian empire. Enjoy time at sea this afternoon as *Sea Cloud II* makes way for Slovenia.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 3

Piran, Slovenia / Ljubljana

Anchor off the gem-like harbor town of Piran, and drive through the tranquil countryside to charming

Ljubljana. Architect Jože Plečnik designed the city center when Ljubljana suddenly became a capital city after World War I, and his harmonious blending of old and new, linked by waterways and green spaces, recently earned the city designation as a UNESCO World Heritage site. On a walking tour, see the 15th-century town hall, admire the diverse architectural styles of Prešernov Trg square, and more. Cross Triple Bridge and stroll along the café-lined Ljubljanica River before a lunch of Slovenian specialties. En route back to the ship, stop for a visit to the 800-year-old Predjama Castle, nestled high on a cliff side.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 4

At Sea

Weather permitting, we spend the day with sails unfurled in the Adriatic, sailing across the Istrian Peninsula and many islands of northern Croatia.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 5

Zadar, Croatia / At Sea

Zadar is the oldest continuously inhabited city in Croatia. Explore its defensive walls, gates, and bastions, developed during the 16th century to thwart Ottoman incursions. Stroll the ruins of the ancient Roman Forum and visit St. Mary's Church, a Benedictine convent dating back to the 11th century. Here, we'll have an opportunity to meet some of the resident nuns who serve as caretakers of the church and the adjoining treasury, which houses priceless ecclesiastical artifacts of Byzantine and Venetian craftsmanship and an extension collection of relics. Weather permitting, we spend the afternoon with sails unfurled in the Adriatic, sailing along Croatia's Kornati National Park, an archipelago of more than

80 rugged islands.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 6

Komiža

One of the outermost of Croatia's many islands, Vis was ruled successively by the ancient Greeks, Romans, Venetians, Austrians, and Italians. It became a central Yugoslav military base during World War II, and only opened to tourists in 1990s, making it less developed and less populated than many of its neighbors. Set out on a walking tour of the fishing town of Komiža, and see the traditional sailing vessels called *falkušas*, which have been used here since the 16th century. Hear about age-old regattas originally designed to keep pirates at bay, take in expansive views from the rugged interior, and visit a family-owned winery for a tasting and traditional *peka* lunch. See the extensive tunnels where Yugoslav resistance leader Josip Broz Tito hid troops and weapons at the end of World War II and into the Cold War, and venture to hillside barracks and hidden bunkers.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 7

Hvar / At Sea

At the height of Venetian rule, Hvar was the region's most prosperous center. Set off on a walking tour along the waterfront and inside the delightful walled city. Visit the 15th-century Franciscan monastery, the arsenal, and Croatia's oldest active theater. If you choose, hike up to the citadel for spectacular views of the island and the azure Adriatic beyond. The afternoon at sea presents another opportunity to witness *Sea Cloud II's* sails aloft. Admire the passing scenery, and sip on complimentary drinks as you catch up on reading, sort photos, and learn from expedition staff presentations.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 8

Split / Trogir

Delve into the bustling port city of Split this morning, and discover the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Diocletian's Palace, more a small city than a single palace. Built by Emperor Diocletian as a sumptuous place to retire, this site is now a beguiling maze of marble streets, churches, and fortifications that tell the history of the city from the Romans and Byzantines to the modern day. It maintains a lively pulse of shops and street merchants to this day. An afternoon drive takes us along the Dalmatian coastline to medieval Trogir, a small island town also designated a UNESCO site, whose main square, cathedral, streets and alleyways invite exploration. Return to *Sea Cloud II* anchored off Trogir for an overnight sail.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 9

Korčula

Anchor at the island port of Korčula, one of the most beautiful medieval towns in the Balkans. Visit the town's sites and see the house some believe is Marco Polo's birthplace. Later, take some time to enjoy the waterfront. After exploring Korčula, enjoy the captain's farewell evening as *Sea Cloud II* makes her way to Dubrovnik.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

■ DAY 10

Dubrovnik / Disembark Ship

Arrive in Dubrovnik this morning. After breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Departure Time: Depart after 11:00 a.m. local time.

Departure City: Dubrovnik, Croatia

Meals included: breakfast

Southbound

Venice, Italy → Dubrovnik, Croatia

2024 Departure Dates

Aboard *Sea Cloud II*

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Alternative Routes

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2024 Departure Dates

24 Aug, 11 Sep



Sea Cloud II

Guests

88

Cabins

44

Sail in style aboard a unique vessel that's a perfect combination of nostalgic elegance and modern comfort

Sea Cloud II is an alluring sailing vessel perfectly suited to travel the scenic shores of Italy and Croatia, exploring little-seen archipelagos and anchoring in small coves. A romantic tall ship with every modern comfort, Sea Cloud II combines the spaciousness and welcome amenities of a contemporary vessel with the grace and elegance of a square rigger. Inspired by the legendary 1930s yacht Sea Cloud, Sea Cloud II embodies the Golden Age of Sail; yet, it is modernly built, reflecting today's standards of luxury. From marble bathrooms and elegant furnishings to televisions and climate controls, comfortable cabins have expected amenities.

Expansive outdoor decks and viewing areas provide ideal vantage points for appreciating the scenery of the Mediterranean and the Adriatic, and for savoring the romance of being under sail. Al fresco dining—accompanied by a pianist—is offered on the Lido Deck where shorts and deck shoes are the norm. While the ship's indoor spaces, like a sizeable dining room and lounge, are suitable for formality, there's a lighthearted delight in enjoying them in casual dress. Guests can also take advantage of the spa that offers a sauna, fitness area, and massage therapy.

Expect the hallmarks of a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic voyage, including expert field staff like historians and certified photo instructors (CPIs); top-quality dining that includes locally sourced ingredients and regional specialties; evening Recaps that review the day and set the stage for the next; experienced service; and an open Bridge policy that invites guests to observe the workings of a ship under sail.



Cabin Categories

Category 1S

Cabin Deck: #207-210

These 236 sq. ft. outside-facing cabins, located on the Cabin Deck, have a double bed (which can be separated into two single beds for cabin share program) and two portholes. Cabin features include a couch, television, small table, dressing table with mirror, a closet, two nightstands, minibar, safe, temperature controls, and telephone. The beautiful marble bathroom is equipped with a shower.



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Cabin Deck: #207-210

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Category 2

Cabin Deck: #211-212, 214-217, 224-231

These 247 sq. ft. outside-facing cabins, located on the Cabin Deck, have a double bed (which can be separated into two single beds) and two portholes. Cabin features include a couch, television, small table, dressing table with mirror, a closet, two nightstands, minibar, safe, temperature controls, and telephone. The beautiful marble bathroom is equipped with a shower. Note: Some Category 2 cabins have connecting doors.



Category 3

Cabin Deck: #218-223

These 258 sq. ft. outside-facing cabins, located on the Cabin Deck, have a double bed (which can be separated into two single beds) and three portholes. Cabin features include two chairs, a small table, television, dressing table with mirror, writing desk, two closets, two nightstands, minibar, safe, temperature controls, and telephone. The beautiful marble bathroom is equipped with a shower.



Category 4

Promenade Deck: #301, 302

These 249 sq. ft. outside-facing cabins, located on the Promenade Deck, have a double bed (which can be separated into two single beds) and three large panorama windows. Cabin features include two chairs, a small table, television, writing desk/dressing table with mirror, closets, two nightstands, minibar, safe, temperature controls, and telephone. The beautiful marble bathroom is equipped with a shower.



Category 5

Promenade Deck: #303, 304

These outside-facing suites, located on the Promenade Deck, have a double bed (which can be separated into two single beds) and three large panorama windows. #303 is 271 sq. ft. and #304 is 265 sq. ft. Suite features include an electric fireplace, separate sitting area with two large chairs and large table, walk-in closet, television, dressing table with mirror, two nightstands, minibar, safe, temperature controls, and telephone. The beautiful marble and gold-fitted bathroom is equipped with shower bathtub and marble washbasin.



Category 6

Promenade Deck: #305-312, 314-319

These 281 sq. ft. outside-facing suites, located on the Promenade Deck, have a double bed (which can be separated into two single beds) and three large panorama windows. Suite features include an electric fireplace, separate sitting area with two large chairs and large table, walk-in closet, television, dressing table with mirror, two nightstands, minibar, safe, temperature controls, and telephone. The beautiful marble and gold-fitted bathroom is equipped with shower bathtub and marble washbasin.



Category 7

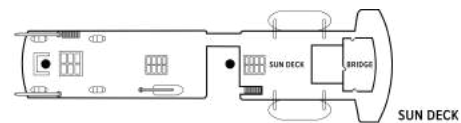
Lido Deck: #401, 402

These 335 sq. ft. outside-facing suites, located on the Lido Deck, have a double four-poster bed and four large panorama windows. Cabin features include an electric fireplace, separate sitting area with a couch, two large chairs and large table, walk-in closet with four large wardrobes, television, dressing table with mirror, two nightstands, minibar, safe, temperature controls, and telephone. The large, beautiful marble and gold-fitted bathroom is equipped with separate shower and bathtub, and marble washbasin.



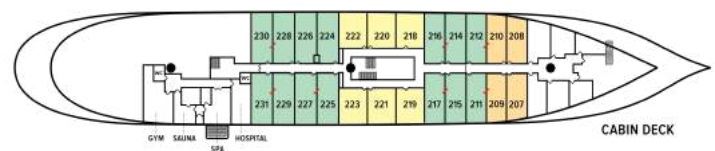
Deck Plans

Sun Deck



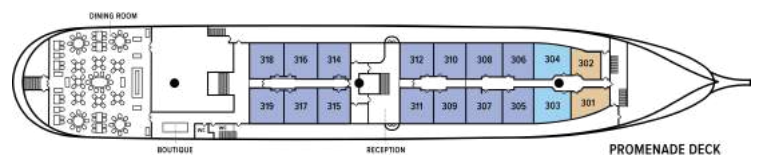
Cabin Deck

- Category 1S
- Category 1
- Category 2
- Category 3



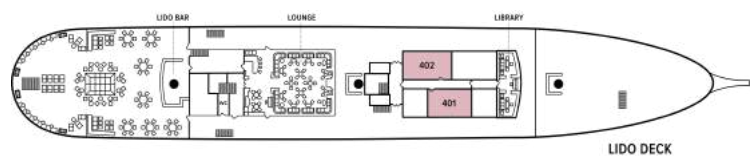
Promenade Deck

- Category 4
- Category 5
- Category 6



Lido Deck

- Category 7



Ship amenities

Well-Appointed Cabins

All cabins are outside-facing and have portholes or windows, a marble bathroom, minibar, ample storage space, and period furnishings. Some include special features like a separate sitting area, walk-in dressing area, canopy bed, or electric fireplace.

The Thrill of Being Under Sail

A three-masted barque with 23 sails, Sea Cloud II is sailed by hand as often as conditions permit, starting with a full description of the sailing process the first morning on board and then as much as possible during the voyage. This tradition carried out by a skilled crew is an art form that contributes to the romance of being at sea.



Welcome Wellness Amenities

Unwind in the spa with a sauna or massage. A fitness room includes a treadmill, stationary bicycle, rowing machine, elliptical trainer, and weights.

A Choice of Indoor Public Spaces

An elegant lounge is a perfect venue for a nightly cocktail while the light-filled library is a lovely spot to sit down with a book about the region. Guests are welcome on the Bridge (conditions permitting) to learn how Sea Cloud II is navigated and sailed.



Inviting Outdoor Spaces

Outdoor spaces like the Lido and Promenade Decks invite relaxation in the open air. Feel the balmy breezes as idyllic scenery passes. Stretch out in a recliner and enjoy the ease of travel under sail; or enjoy a refreshment under the shade of a canopy.

Quality Dining

Dinners are served in single seating in the spacious restaurant, where breakfasts are also served buffet style, with eggs to order. Lunches, afternoon tea, and some special meals are more "at leisure" on the Lido Deck. All food and drink on board focus on Continental cuisine and local specialties.

Noteworthy Features

The ship's interiors have the nostalgic feel of a luxurious 1930s yacht but boast contemporary features such as a helpful reception desk, wide passageways, and a central staircase. During your voyage, we will cover your bar tab aboard the ship (excluding certain super-premium brands).

Special Offers

CELEBRATE LIFE'S MILESTONES

Celebrate a milestone with a group of eight or more and enjoy a special amenity package including: 5% savings on voyage fares, custom group photo, US\$150 shipboard credit for the group, and other special gifts. Milestone celebration to be communicated at time of booking. Valid for new bookings only on select departures, subject to availability, not applicable on airfare or extensions, and may not be combined with other offers. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Call for details.

SAVE 5% TRAVELING AS A GROUP

Save 5% when traveling as a group of eight or more people. Valid on voyage fares only and not applicable on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

10% OFF BACK-TO-BACK VOYAGES

Save 10% on consecutive departures, applicable on voyage fares only and not valid on extensions or airfare. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

COMBINING OFFERS

Certain offers may be combinable, up to two savings opportunities, except where noted otherwise. For example, travel with a group of 8 or more on back-to-back expeditions, and take advantage of both savings.

Included in price

All accommodations aboard ship per itinerary; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore; beer, wine, cocktails, and spirits aboard the ship (except certain super premium brands which are available for purchase); hors d'oeuvres, 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages, and filtered water; excursions and airport transfers to and from recommended flights, as indicated in the itinerary; crew gratuities; guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; assistance by the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor; presentations by expedition staff and expert guest speakers; complimentary reusable water bottle; services of a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or paramedic; 24-hour access to exercise equipment; 24-hour access to lounge, library, and other shared spaces; park and site entrance fees, special access permits, and port taxes. Unused services or items included in our programs are non-refundable.

Not included in price

Airfare (except flights when indicated as included); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights (except when indicated as included); private transfers; laundry, spa treatments, Wi-Fi, and phone services (except when indicated as included); travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

Travel protection plan

We strongly recommend our guests to take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, damage or loss of baggage, medical assistance, and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date, Travel Protection premiums are non-refundable once plan is purchased. Learn more about our Travel Protection "Plus" Plan: <https://www.expeditions.com/terms-conditions/travel-protection-plan/>

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