



Mediterranean, New and Noteworthy & Europe
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Navigating Southern Italy and Coastal Croatia aboard Sea Cloud II

The transcendent beauty of the Amalfi Coast, Sicily's storied shores, and Croatia's lost-in-time walled old towns seduce like the sirens that entranced Odysseus on his voyages in this region. Wind god Aeolus will fill the many square sails of our magnificent barque as we explore the volcanic Aeolian Islands and journey around the foot of Italy's boot. As the Tyrrhenian Sea flows into the Ionian and then the Adriatic, discover castles and walled cities, picturesque waterfronts and intricately ornamented churches. There will be ample time at leisure to enjoy the amenities of *Sea Cloud II* and to stroll along the cobblestone streets of UNESCO-designated old towns.

From
\$ 14,191 / per person
Does not include flights

 DATES Aug	 DURATION 11 Days
 SHIPS <i>Sea Cloud II</i>	
 STARTS AT Naples, Italy	→  ENDS AT Dubrovnik, Croatia

Highlights

- ★ Stand in Taormina’s Greco-Roman Theater, built into a cliff in the third century and still in use today
- ★ Unwind aboard the elegant *Sea Cloud II*, a romantic tall ship with every modern comfort
- ★ Spend a day in picturesque Amalfi where pastel cliff-top villas have never-ending views of the Tyrrhenian Sea
- ★ Discover the living history of UNESCO-designated Diocletian’s Palace, an extraordinary complex in Split that has been consistently occupied for nearly two millennia





Day by day

■ DAY 1

Naples, Italy / Embark Ship

Arrive in Naples and embark *Sea Cloud II* in the late afternoon.

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

Arrival City: Naples, Italy

Meals included: dinner

◇ DAY 2

At Sea / Amalfi

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 on deck, and enjoy delicious meals and complimentary drinks. After lunch, anchor off Amalfi. This storied town, part of the Amalfi Coast UNESCO World Heritage site, is known for its pastel-hued houses that cling to the steep-sided mountains of this indented stretch of coastline. Stroll the waterfront with its marina and boutiques, visit the ornate cathedral with bronze doors dating to 1066, and wander the winding streets and alleyways to make your own discoveries. After exploring Amalfi, enjoy the captain's welcome gathering this evening as *Sea Cloud II* makes her way to the Aeolian Islands.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 3

At Sea / Lipari / Stromboli

The Aeolian Islands are famous not only for the winds of the god Aeolus, but also for some of the best-known classical volcanoes, recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage site. Set sail in the morning with the islands of Vulcano and

Stromboli in view, anchoring for the afternoon at Lipari. Go ashore for a drive around the perimeter of the entire island, with spectacular views of the other Aeolian volcanoes. Back in Lipari, visit the small but surprising archeological museum that has an extensive collection of Neolithic artifacts made from local obsidian—the foundation of the island's prosperity during the Greco-Roman era. This evening, have dinner on deck as *Sea Cloud II* cruises the 25 miles to Stromboli; and perhaps witness some of this active volcano's pyrotechnics.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 4

Taormina

In the early hours of the morning, pass through the narrow Strait of Messina that separates Sicily from the "boot" of Italy. It's the purported location of Homer's monsters Scylla and Charybdis, the rock and the hard place through which Odysseus sailed. Begin your day with a drive up to intoxicatingly beautiful Taormina, perched 250 meters above the azure Ionian Sea. With views of Mount Etna to the south, this stunning medieval town boasts the fashionable pedestrian Corso Umberto. Lined with exquisite architecture, it ends at the Greco-Roman Theater. This unforgettable theater was built right into the cliffside, overlooking the vast sea below, in the third century BC. Our special lunch today is at a privately owned villa, the Castello degli Schiavi, the setting for many scenes in The Godfather films. Meet the owners of this phenomenal 18th-century home and have time to explore it and its beautiful grounds. Return to *Sea Cloud II*, which has been at anchor under the watchful gaze of Mount Etna.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 5

At Sea

Weather permitting, spend the day with sails unfurled in the Ionian Sea, sailing across the southern part of Italy's "boot" toward the Adriatic Sea.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 6

Otranto / Lecce

Stop at the picturesque Adriatic town of Otranto, whose idyllic seaside appearance contrasts with its turbulent past. Explore the cathedral, which has a large, intricate, fanciful 12th-century mosaic floor depicting real and mythological animals, a tree of life, historical figures, and biblical scenes. The cathedral is also noted for a chapel displaying the skulls and bones of more than 800 martyrs of the Turkish invasion of 1480. A stroll along the town's medieval walls offers panoramic views of the Aragonese Castle, the town, and the sea. Continue to Lecce, the "Florence of the South," to explore its remarkable 17th-century baroque architecture, narrow pedestrian streets, and grand plazas on a walking excursion. Some of the greatest architectural masters of the time competed to see who could create the most beautiful buildings, and the resulting ornamented style was named "Lecce Baroque." Our walking tour of Lecce takes us to the Basilica di Santa Croce and the adjacent Palazzo del Governo; the extraordinary Piazza del Duomo, with its cathedral and the Palazzo Vescovile; and the second-century Roman amphitheater. After visiting Lecce, return to our ship in time to witness the orange sun sinking into the Adriatic Sea.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 7

At Sea

With *Sea Cloud II*'s sails aloft, relax and take advantage of the ship's amenities. Enjoy

complimentary drinks, catch up on reading, sort photos, and learn from expedition staff presentations.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 8

Split, Croatia / Trogir

In the bustling port city of Split this morning, 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*, docked in Split, for an overnight sail to the island of Vis.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 9

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, resulting in it now being less developed and less populated than many of its neighbors. On a walking tour of the fishing town of Komiža, see the traditional sailing vessels called falkušas, which have been used here since the 16th century, and 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 10

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 around 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. This afternoon, take to the seas on our final sail and enjoy the captain's farewell evening.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

■ DAY 11

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

Expedition

Naples, Italy → Dubrovnik, Croatia

2024 Departure Dates

Aboard *Sea Cloud II*

14 Aug		
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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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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

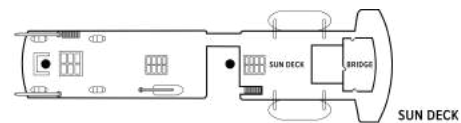
Lido Deck: #401, 402

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.



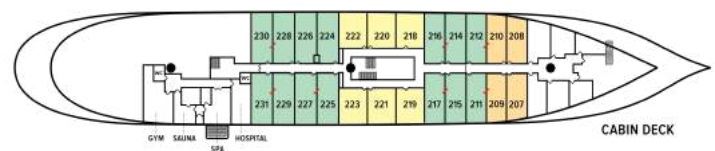
Deck Plans

Sun Deck



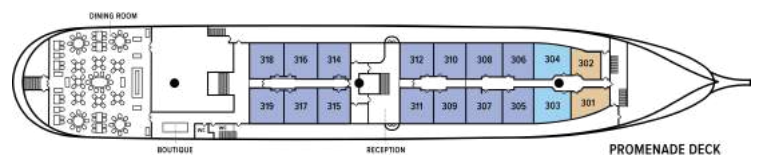
Cabin Deck

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



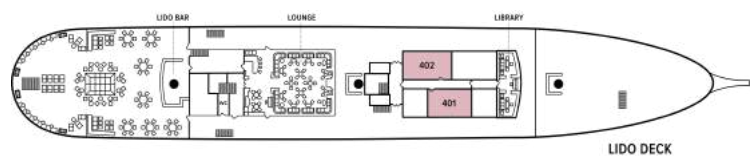
Promenade Deck

- 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/>

Cancellation policy

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