








# Northern Italy Under Sail: Genoa, Pisa, and the Amalfi Coast aboard Sea Cloud II

Shipbuilders, explorers, merchants, and fishermen—the people of the northern Italian coast have been intricately linked to the sea for many generations. Ligurian cities like Genoa, an important port and birthplace of Christopher Columbus; and Camogli, known as The City of a Thousand Sails for its impressive shipbuilding history, proudly display their maritime heritage. We will visit maritime museums, stroll along beautiful harbor fronts, and explore well-preserved waterfront old towns as we travel between Nice and Naples. Pisa and Elba have many offerings beyond the famous leaning tower and sites related to Napoleon, and Amalfi does not disappoint with its legendary villa-covered hills overlooking the azure Tyrrhenian Sea.

From  
**\$ 9,266** / per person  
Does not include flights

 <b>DATES</b> May	 <b>DURATION</b> 8 Days
 <b>SHIPS</b> <i>Sea Cloud II</i>	
 <b>STARTS AT</b> Naples, Italy	 <b>ENDS AT</b> Nice, France

## Highlights

- ★ In Pisa, see the iconic Leaning Tower, part of a complex of medieval architectural masterpieces
- ★ Bask under the billowing sails of the square-rigger *Sea Cloud II* along the coast of Northern Italy
- ★ Discover Genoa's cultural treasures like the Strada Nuova and the stunning Cathedral of San Lorenzo, believed to hold the relics of St. John the Baptist
- ★ On Elba Island explore the fortified town of Portoferraio and Napoleon's villa







# 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 this morning 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. After lunch, explore the storied town of Amalfi, part of the Amalfi Coast UNESCO World Heritage site, known for its pastel-hued houses that cling to steep-sided mountains. Stroll the waterfront, with its marina and shops; visit the ornate cathedral, with bronze doors dating from 1066; and wander the winding streets and alleyways to make your own discoveries. Return to *Sea Cloud II* for the captain's welcome evening.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 3

## At Sea

Enjoy a day at sea today. Join our expedition staff for discussions and presentations as the captain takes advantage of the prevailing winds. As *Sea Cloud II* cuts through the surf, relax with a book on deck, and enjoy complimentary drinks and delicious meals featuring local delicacies.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 4

## Portoferraio

Portoferraio is the main town on Elba Island, and its complex history is matched only by the labyrinth of small alleys and monuments to the passing ages found in its city center. The town was founded by the Romans (with the name of Fabricia) on a pre-existing Tuscan settlement. After the fall of Rome, it was destroyed by buccaneers and rebuilt in the 7th century under the name of Ferraia. In 1442 the Saracens destroyed it, and in the 16th century, the Grand Duke of Tuscany, Cosimo I of the Medici family, ordered the construction of imposing fortifications. The town was named Cosmopoli after him. Napoleon, after his forced abdication following the Treaty of Fontainebleau, was exiled to Elba Island, a time during which he enacted several reforms to improve the quality of life of the island's residents. Finally, under the reign of the Lorena Family, the name Ferraia was reestablished and then changed into the present name of Portoferraio. Pay a visit to Villa dei Mulini (literally "Villa of the Mills"), Napoleon's primary residence on the island. After visiting of the town, stop in a wine bar along the promenade for a tasting of typical Elban dishes paired with local wines.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 5

## Viareggio / Pisa / Pietrasanta

The leaning tower—a UNESCO World Heritage site—has long been the best-known attraction in the town of Pisa, due to its uncanny stature as a result of the sandy base on which it was built. However, the tower is just a single component of a city with unmatched beauty and historical significance at its very core—a core that would have been as stunning to a medieval traveler as it is today. Nowhere else in Italy are a city's key buildings aligned with such

precision and nowhere else is there so beautiful a contrast of stonework and surrounding meadow. The Campo dei Miracoli (Field of Miracles), Duomo, Baptistery, and Camposanto complete an unrivaled quartet of medieval masterpieces. These—along with a dozen or so churches and palazzos scattered about the town—belong to Pisa’s “Golden Age,” from the 11th century to the 13th century, when the city, then still a port, was one of the maritime powers of the Mediterranean.

After your time in Pisa, head to Pietrasanta, which grew to importance during the 15th century, mainly due to its connection with marble. Michelangelo was the first sculptor to recognize the beauty of the local stone. Today’s artists and sculptors from all over the world are drawn to the city, known as “little Athens,” due to its marble studios. Their studios mingle with small, elegant shops among the wooden shutters and ochre washed buildings in the deep alleyways that radiate from Piazza del Duomo. Pietrasanta is correctly considered as the number one place in the world for marble working and you’ll visit local artists and shops to see how the craft is done. Return to *Sea Cloud II* to enjoy onboard presentations, free time to enjoy sailing, and more as you make your way north along the coast of Italy.

**Meals included:** breakfast, lunch, dinner

## ◇ DAY 6

### At Sea / Genoa

An afternoon at sea presents another opportunity to witness *Sea Cloud II*’s sails aloft. Enjoy the ship plying the surf and sip on complimentary drinks as you catch up on reading, sort your photos, and learn from expedition staff presentations. After lunch, begin your exploration of La Superba (Genoa’s nickname meaning “the proud one”)—its old city center designated UNESCO World Heritage site. See the old port (Porto Antico) as well as the Arco della Vittoria, a monument to fallen soldiers of WWI. You can’t miss the dramatic Cathedral of

San Lorenzo, built originally as a Romanesque Basilica in the 1100s, remodeled in Gothic style in 1307, and finished off with a Renaissance dome in 1557. Inside, the large 15th-century Cappella San Giovanni Battista is the earliest example of Renaissance architecture in Genoa, built to hold what are believed to be the remains of St. John the Baptist. Explore Plaza Ferrari and pay a visit to Palazzo Ducale, or “Doge Palace.” Doges were chief magistrates during medieval times and the renaissance, found particularly in Venice and Genoa. Originally constructed in 1298 the palace is now the cultural center of Genoa. Here you’ll enjoy a tasting of some local delights such as gelato, Genoa’s famous pesto, extra virgin olive oil, and—of course—wine.

**Meals included:** breakfast, lunch, dinner

## ◇ DAY 7

### Camogli / At Sea

Take a drive along the stunning Italian coast to the town of Camogli—once one of the Mediterranean’s most powerful naval ports nicknamed “city of a thousand white ships,” and inhabited since pre-historic times. Today, Camogli is one of the Italian riviera’s most picture-perfect villages with stunning panoramas, a charming harbor, narrow lanes lined with towering pastelcolored buildings, a lovely cathedral, and a ruined castle. Learn about 12th-century Castle Dragone’s varied and amazing history and pay a visit to the Camogli Maritime Museum to learn more about the city’s maritime prowess and traditions. The basilica Santa Maria Sunta is the town’s largest church, elegantly decorated with art and gold left by many of the town’s seamen after they died. During your visit, enjoy a taste of Camogli’s specialty: focaccia al formaggio, a staple street food in the region. This afternoon, return to *Sea Cloud II* and enjoy the captain’s farewell evening.

**Meals included:** breakfast, lunch, dinner

## ■ DAY 8

### Nice, France / Disembark Ship

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

**Departure Time:** Depart after 12:00 p.m. local time.

**Departure City:** Nice, France

**Meals included:** breakfast

**Northbound**

Naples, Italy → Nice, France

**2024 Departure Dates**

Aboard *Sea Cloud II*

22 May		
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**Alternative Routes**

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**2024 Departure Dates**

15 May, 29 May
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## Sea Cloud II

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Guests

88

Cabins

44

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**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**

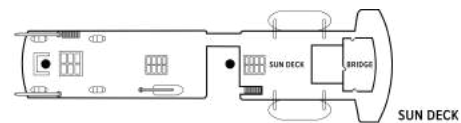
These 335 sq. ft. outside-facing suites, located on the Lido Deck, have a double four-poster bed and four large panorama windows. Cabin features include an electric fireplace, separate sitting area with a couch, two large chairs and large table, walk-in closet with four large wardrobes, television, dressing 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.





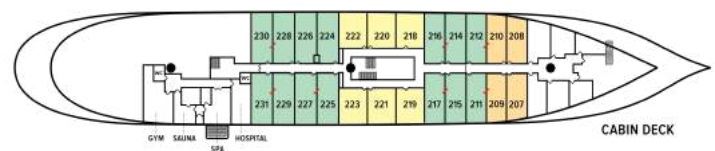
# Deck Plans

## Sun Deck



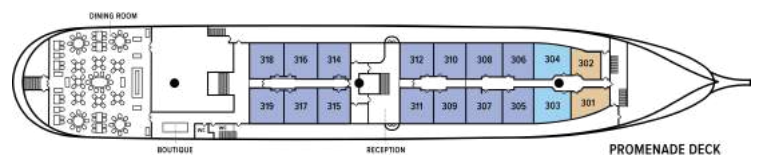
## Cabin Deck

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



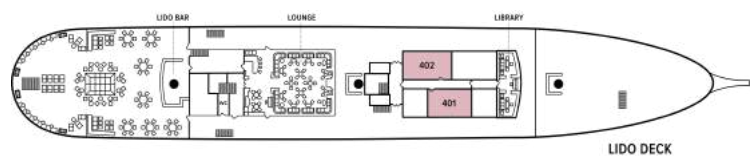
## Promenade Deck

- 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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## 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.

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## 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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