








## Isles of Antiquity: Malta, Sardinia, and the Balearic Sea aboard Sea Cloud

Discover seven vibrant Mediterranean islands the way they were meant to be seen—aboard a spectacular tall-masted sailing ship. As we ply the turquoise waters, taking time to enjoy life at full sail, wake up in a new picturesque port every day, stroll through lively harbors and charming old towns, and climb the bastions of hilltop castles for sweeping Mediterranean views. This region is rich in ancient history—from Sicily's Valley of the Temples to Gozo's ancient temples of Ġgantija—and our experts will contextualize the prehistoric structures which provide insight into the ways of life of the Romans, Carthaginians, Byzantines, and other populations that have seen their civilizations rise and fall here.

From  
**\$ 30,252** / per person  
Does not include flights

 <b>DATES</b> Apr	 <b>DURATION</b> 15 Days
 <b>SHIPS</b> <i>Sea Cloud</i>	
 <b>STARTS AT</b> Valencia, Spain	→  <b>ENDS AT</b> Valletta, Malta



## Highlights

- ★ Sail aboard the historic *Sea Cloud* and discover the romance of tall ship sailing as you effortlessly visit major islands of the Mediterranean like Sicily, Malta, and Corsica
- ★ Encounter multiple UNESCO World Heritage sites—including Sardinia's Su Nuraxi di Barumini and the city of Valletta—brought to life by expert historians and archaeologists
- ★ Explore Menorca's Bronze Age village of Torralba d'en Salord and see the characteristic T-shaped stone monuments left by the Talayotic peoples
- ★ Savor celebrated culinary specialties on visits to markets and vineyards, and meander around some of the Mediterranean's most picturesque towns







## Day by day

### ■ DAY 1

#### Valencia, Spain / Embark Ship

Arrive in Valencia and embark *Sea Cloud* in the late afternoon. Settle in and enjoy the first night onboard.

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

**Arrival City:** Valencia, Spain

Meals included: dinner

### ◇ DAY 2

#### At Sea

There will be time today to fully appreciate the amenities and workings of our elegant ship, which has hosted royalty and sailed the world. Stand on deck as *Sea Cloud* gently glides through the Mediterranean Sea, watching as the crew goes aloft in the web of riggings to hand-set her 30 sails. Enjoy the ocean breeze aboard one of the largest, most opulent private sailing yachts ever built. Gather to hear expedition staff discuss the intriguing places we will visit, dine on exceptional cuisine, and meet your fellow travelers as we set a course for Mallorca.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### ◇ DAY 3

#### Palma, Mallorca

Wake in Mallorca's beautiful capital to views of a yacht-filled port lined with palm trees. Visit the monumental cathedral, La Seu, and marvel at the inspiring architecture of this iconic landmark constructed over several centuries. Learn about Antoni Gaudí's modernist work as we identify the creative flair that the renowned Catalan architect

added to the cathedral's gothic, baroque, and classical elements in the early 20th century. Our day in La Ciutat, as Mallorquines affectionately call Palma, affords time to visit Believer Castle, an elegant hilltop fortress near the capital's historic center.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### ◇ DAY 4

#### At Sea / Mahón, Menorca

Menorca may be small, but its low-key sandy shores and pastoral hilly inland landscapes hold several millennia of fascinating stories. The prehistoric Talayotic people left behind intriguing rock mounds and megalithic monuments that date back some 4,000 years. Walk through the Bronze Age village of Torralba d'en Salord to see the characteristic T-shaped stone monuments, and learn about the influence of the Vandals, Moors, and British on this remarkable little island.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### ◇ DAY 5

#### At Sea

A relaxing day at sea provides the perfect opportunity to discover the romance of tall ship sailing. Sit back in a lounge chair on deck and bask in the incomparable experience of sailing aboard this legendary four-masted barque. Watch the crew aloft in the riggings, running out and reefing sails. Listen to a talk about our next two islands, Corsica and Sardinia, whose histories share many threads. Fiercely independent, both have maintained identities separate from their governing nations of France and Italy, respectively.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### ◇ DAY 6

## Bonifacio, Corsica, France

Overlooking the deep blue Mediterranean from atop steep limestone cliffs, Bonifacio is full of character and history. Awake in the stunning setting of the narrow harbor and spend the morning exploring this lovely town, beginning with the magnificent medieval clifftop citadel established by the powerful margraves of Tuscany. In the afternoon, we will drive inland to see some of the 4,000-year-old *menhir* standing stone alignments and megaliths of the Sartène region.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### ◇ DAY 7

## Alghero, Sardinia, Italy

Referred to as “Barceloneta” for its still-palpable Catalan colonial influence, Alghero is a lovely resort town with a historic center and sea walls that are a joy to explore. After a walking tour of the Old Town, travel to the nearby Ledà d’Ittiri estate for a wine tasting and tour. An afternoon excursion on a local boat traces the dramatic Cap Caccia peninsula to the otherworldly Neptune’s Grotto, a limestone cave filled with stalactites and stalagmites. Return to *Sea Cloud* and sail for Cagliari in the golden light of sunset.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### ◇ DAY 8

## At Sea

Take time to relax, record your thoughts, sort your photos, and simply enjoy the open sea as *Sea Cloud* plies her way to Cagliari.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### ◇ DAY 9

## Cagliari, Sardinia

From the Sardinian capital of Cagliari, we will drive to the archaeological site of Su Nuraxi di

Barumini, a UNESCO-listed showcase of Bronze Age defensive structures called *nuraghi* that are unique to Sardinia. The site was inhabited by an enigmatic civilization for thousands of years, ending in the third century. Back in Cagliari, visit the renowned National Archaeological Museum in the medieval hilltop Castello followed by a walking tour of the Old Town.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### ◇ DAY 10

## At Sea

Enjoy a full day at sea. Join our expedition staff on the Lido Deck for discussions and presentations as the captain takes advantage of the prevailing winds. Savor fine wines and meals featuring local delicacies as we sail to Sicily.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### ◇ DAY 11

## Erice and Marsala, Sicily

From our port in Trapani, we will travel to nearby Mount Erice, on top of which sits the intriguing medieval walled town of Erice and its castle. Explore with a local guide and have time to wander at leisure, perhaps to enjoy the celebrated handmade cannolis at Pasticceria Maria Grammatico. Take in the panoramic views from a half mile above Sicily’s western coast and then travel to nearby Marsala, famous for its fortified wines. After seeing Roman and Punic antiquities in a museum dedicated to the area’s Carthaginian history, we end our day at one of Marsala’s wonderful wineries. Enjoy a tasting before returning to *Sea Cloud*.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### ◇ DAY 12

## At Sea / Agrigento

Sail along Sicily's southern shore to arrive in Agrigento, home to some of antiquity's most magnificent Greco-Roman temples in the UNESCO-listed Valley of the Temples. Founded by the Greeks in the sixth century BCE, the site was a prominent Magna Graecia city before later being ruled by Carthaginians, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, and Normans. Walk alongside the valley's grand row of Doric temples devoted to the likes of Zeus and Heracles before returning to *Sea Cloud* in Porto Empedocle and setting sail for Malta.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### ◇ DAY 13

### Gozo, Malta / At Sea

Our day begins on Gozo, a smaller island on the northern edge of the Maltese archipelago. Here, our focus will be on the ancient megalithic temple complex Ġgantija, which is older than both the Pyramids of Giza and Stonehenge. Walk around the giant stone structures on a plateau surrounded by palm trees and learn what these two temples tell us about how they were used. Later, we will visit the artfully restored medieval windmill of Ta Kola, erected by the Order of the Knights of Malta.

A final afternoon at sea gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect upon our epic adventure. Sort photos to be shared with loved ones back home. Relax on a favorite deck chair. Indulge in a good book, or simply close your eyes and listen to the sounds of *Sea Cloud* parting the surf as we sail to Valletta.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### ◇ DAY 14

### Valletta

Be on deck this morning with cameras ready as we enter one of the most attractive harbors in the Mediterranean. Malta's capital city of Valletta is a UNESCO World Heritage site surrounded by

16th-century bastions, walls, and towers. Drive to the city's highest point, the Upper Barracca Gardens, and take in the sweeping view. Tour St. John's Co-Cathedral with its elaborate inlaid marble tombstones and monumental artwork, and visit the old capital of Mdina. Walk along the ancient city walls and marvel at the feat of engineering undertaken to build the Rotunda of Mosta, one of the largest unsupported domes in the world.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### ■ DAY 15

### Valletta / Disembark Ship

This morning after breakfast, disembark in the port of Valletta and transfer to the airport for flights home.

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

**Departure City:** Valletta, Malta

Meals included: breakfast

## 2024 Expedition

Valencia, Spain → Valletta, Malta

## 2024 Departure Dates

Aboard *Sea Cloud*

25 Apr		
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## Sea Cloud

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Guests

58

Cabins

30

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**The historic Marjorie Merriweather Post sailing yacht, the latest tall ship in private hands, was built in 1931 and carries 30 sails measuring a total of 32,000 Sq. ft.**

Traveling aboard *Sea Cloud*, a historic four-masted barque, is an overall multisensory experience of the rarest kind—and this is true wherever you choose to explore. *Sea Cloud* in the Caribbean is idyllic because little competes with the sensual pleasure of the balmy air and the constant trade winds that invite everyone out on deck. And *Sea Cloud* in the Mediterranean is quintessential because it provides nonstop opportunities to set off from our anchorages or ports—where *Sea Cloud* is invariably the most beautiful ship—to explore the extraordinary beauty and charm of coastal towns and linger among antiquities and sites "sacred" to Western civilization.



The sheer opulence—antique furnishings, marble fireplaces, gold fixtures, exquisite accoutrements—of *Sea Cloud* is a testament to the efforts of the ship's original owners, businesswoman and socialite heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post and finance tycoon E.F. Hutton, who spared no expense in tasteful decoration. Supposedly they never asked the price of a single item while outfitting her.

Whether you're passively watching the athletic young crew scrambling high in the rigging, lolling in what Marjorie Merriweather Post called the "Blue Lagoon," or learning to capture the sun on the sails with your Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, life aboard *Sea Cloud* is either the point or the perfect interlude between explorations. And remember, another rarity we offer is *Sea Cloud* elegance, enjoyed with Lindblad Expeditions' signature informality—pack your deck shoes and shorts, please!

Return to the golden age of sail aboard this hand-sailed, four-masted ship. Built in 1931 by Wall Street businessman E.F. Hutton for his wife, Marjorie Merriweather Post, *Sea Cloud* carries 30 sails measuring a total of 32,000 square feet.



# Cabin Categories

## Category 1

**Promenade Deck: #28-29**

These cabins have two single beds and a large panorama window. Cabin features include telephones, temperature controls, a minibar, closet, dressing table, small safe, and a beautiful bathroom with marble sink and gold-plated fixtures.



## Category 2

**Promenade Deck: #18-25**

These cabins have two single beds, panorama window, dressing table, and efficient bathrooms with showers, marble sink, and gold-plated fixtures. They have telephones, temperature controls, a minibar, and a small safe.



## Category 3

**Lido Deck: #32-37**

These cabins have two single beds (which can be pushed together to make a queen-size bed, with one side against the wall), a writing desk and chair, panorama window, bathrooms with a marble sink, and gold-plated fixtures. They have telephones, temperature controls, a minibar, and a small safe.



## Category 4

**Lido Deck: #30-31**

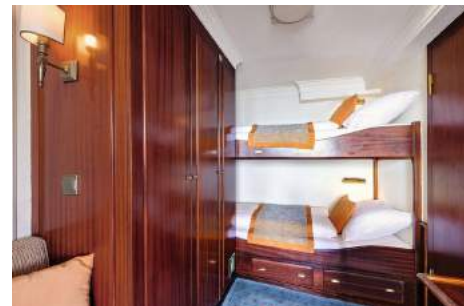
Cabins have a queen-size bed, a forward-facing panorama window and a side-facing window, walk-in closet, a writing desk and chair, and bathrooms with a marble sink, and gold-plated fixtures. They have telephones, temperature controls, a minibar, and a small safe.



## Category A Solo

**Promenade Deck: #16-17**

These solo cabins feature single beds and a window; they once housed the ship's officers. They are equipped with temperature controls and a minibar. Ice is delivered twice daily. Each cabin is equipped with a telephone, small sofa, and small safe. Bathrooms feature marble sinks and gold-plated fixtures.



## Category DB

**Main Deck: Deluxe B Original and deluxe cabins #5, 6, 9, 10**

Located on the Main Deck, these very large cabins, originally occupied by guests (and the nannies, #9-10) of the owner, have a mix of bed types and decorative motifs. All have portholes, one chair, table, two nightstands, dressing table with mirror, walk-in closet and small safe. Bathrooms are well appointed with a marble sink and gold-plated fixtures.



## Category DA

**Main Deck: Deluxe A Original and deluxe cabins #3, 4, 7, 8**

These very spacious cabins, originally occupied by guests of the Posts, have a mix of bed types and decorative motifs. These wood-paneled rooms feature various armchairs, marble fireplaces, and antique furnishings. All have two portholes, two chairs, an antique nightstand, antique secretary, decorative marble fireplace, antique desk, and small safe. Bathrooms are well appointment with a marble sink and gold-plated fixtures. These cabins offer different bed configurations (call for details).



## Category OS

**Main Deck: Owners Suite #1-2**

These incomparable suites were occupied by Marjorie Merriweather Post (#1) and E.F. Hutton (#2). They have king-size beds and grand marble bathrooms. They remain a testament to Marjorie Merriweather Post's indulgence in luxury with their large marble baths, fireplaces, overstuffed armchairs, and walk-in closets. Both have portholes, two armchairs, two antique nightstands, antique secretary, decorative marble fireplace, walk-in closet, and small safe.

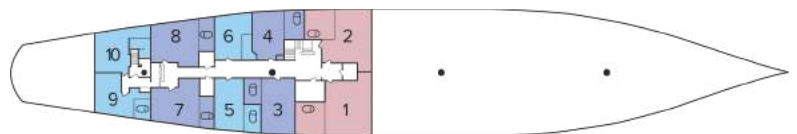




# Deck Plans

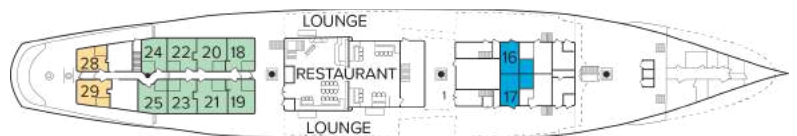
## Main Deck

- Category OS
- Category DA
- Category DB



## Promenade Deck

- Category 1
- Category 2
- Category A Solo



## Lido Deck

- Category 3
- Category 4



# Ship amenities

## Public Areas

The covered lido bar is a superb place to congregate and enjoy the outdoors. The open-air “Blue Lagoon” is a wonderful place to relax. There is a sumptuous lounge and guests are welcome on the “open bridge” to learn how *Sea Cloud* is navigated and sailed.



## Meals

Meals are served in single seatings and in a casual setting and focus on local and Continental cuisine. Wines are included at lunch and dinner. Refreshments are always available.



## Cabins

30 outside cabins. All cabins face outside with windows or portholes. Cabins are equipped with a safe, hairdryers, and an outlet for razor. Bathrooms are well appointed with marble sinks and gold-plated fixtures.

## Expedition Equipment

Zodiacs make for quick landings and shoreline exploration, and in the Caribbean explore the vibrant undersea by snorkeling.

## Special Features

Internet connectivity and laundry services are available. A doctor is available 24 hours a day free of charge. Enjoy black-tie amenities in shorts and deck shoes. While the ship's spaces are suitable for formality, you'll find a certain lighthearted delight in enjoying it in casual dress.



# 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.

## BRINGING THE KIDS

We believe sharing an expedition with children is a life-enhancing experience. Take \$500 off for each child under the age of 18 on any departure. Not applicable on extensions or airfare. 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 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, 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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## Cancellation policy

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