

Under Sail in the Adriatic

Aboard the luxurious *Sea Cloud II*
16th to 27th September 2012



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We have chartered the magnificent Sea Cloud II for a late summer cruise from Malta to Venice. If you have sailed on her before you need no recommendation from us, however, if you are considering such a journey for the first time then let us tell you something about this most unique vessel.



The luxurious Sea Cloud II was built as a traditional windjammer with 30,000 square feet of sails, but with auxiliary engines and modern navigational systems and equipment. Built to accommodate 96 passengers in five star luxury, she offers a range of beautifully appointed suites and cabins which are furnished with great style.

To be on deck when the sails are fully extended as we navigate through the Adriatic is a marvellous experience. The forces of nature and ingenuity of man combining in the most natural of ways allows us to experience the thrill of sailing and a form of transport that has existed since the earliest of times. This is a journey that will appeal to those who enjoy being at sea, particularly under sail. In addition to two complete days at sea, most other days will be split between the port of call and time at sea.

We have selected the ideal time of year and what we believe to be one of the most perfect regions for sailing. The beauty of the Adriatic and coastal Dalmatia is indisputable. However, to experience a journey through its amazingly clear waters aboard a vessel of the character and pedigree as Sea Cloud II makes it very special. There could not be a more fitting place to start our sea journey than from the magnificence of Valletta's Grand Harbour, and no better ending than to sail into Venice, a breathtaking experience at the best of times, but on Sea Cloud II quite unforgettable.



On deck

Hotel Phoenicia

Prior to the cruise we will spend two days in Malta at the luxurious five-star Hotel Phoenicia which was opened in 1947 by Lady Margaret Strickland. Situated just outside the city walls of Valletta and overlooking the Grand Harbour, the hotel's architectural beauty is a sight of the city itself and it is set amidst 7.5 acres of lush sub tropical gardens. The hotel has played a key role in Malta's social and cultural history; stars, socialites and the crowned heads of Europe have enjoyed this luxury hotel for over 60 years.

All rooms combine contemporary elegance with a sense of history and charm. Most rooms have a view of the Grand Harbour and all have all modern comforts you would expect from a hotel of this standard including air-conditioning, en-suite facilities with separate bath and shower, bathrobes, tea and coffee making facilities, hairdryer, cable television, telephone, minibar, high speed internet access and 24 hour room service.

The award winning Phoenix Restaurant (double award winner at the Definitive Good Guide Awards 2010), boasts inventive cuisine served on the terrace, and the Palm Court Lounge is



perfect for coffee and afternoon snacks and also has WIFI. The extensive gardens are a delightful place to stroll and here you will also find a freshwater pool and the Bastion Pool Bar and Restaurant, serving light meals throughout the day. For further relaxation the hotel has a spa which offers a variety of holistic treatments.





Dubrovnik



On deck

The Itinerary

Day 1 London Heathrow to Malta. Fly by scheduled flight. Upon arrival, drive to the Hotel Phoenicia for a two night stay. The remainder of the day is free. Perhaps take a walk in the delightful hotel gardens or take a stroll into Valletta.

Day 2 Malta. After breakfast depart on an island tour which will include the highlights of Valletta with its stunning views across the harbour, and Mdina, a wonderfully restored former capital with some of the most beautiful buildings to be found anywhere in the Mediterranean. The visit to the city is made even more enjoyable because of the lack of vehicles, earning it the name of the 'Silent City'.

Day 3 Malta. Morning free. In the afternoon transfer to Sea Cloud II, moored in the Grand Harbour. Early risers may have seen her sail into the harbour this morning. Embark and sail in the late afternoon. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner this evening.

Day 4 At sea. Enjoy your first day at sea, observing the crew as they go about their sailing duties.

Day 5 Otranto, Italy. After a morning at sea we are in Puglia and the small but historic town of Otranto. There is much of interest here with a history influenced by the Byzantines, Normans, Crusaders and Turkish. Join our organised excursion to the city of Lecce, famous for its

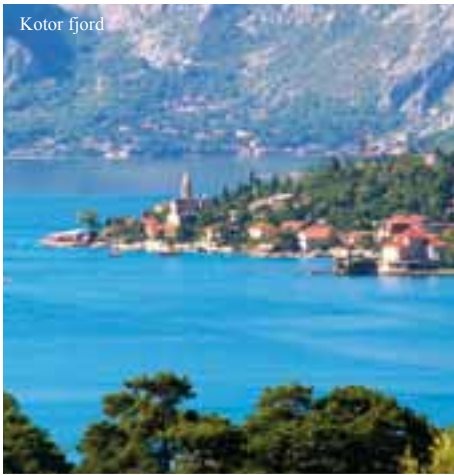
flowery style of Baroque architecture. See the Piazza Sant'Oronzo, the Anfiteatro Romano which probably dates back to Hadrian and some of the incredibly ornate churches, the best of which is Basilica di Santa Croce.

Day 6 At sea. A full day of relaxation onboard as we sail to Croatia.

Day 7 Kotor, Montenegro & Dubrovnik, Croatia. In the early morning we will enter the stunningly beautiful Kotor Fjord in Montenegro. Be on deck to enjoy this lovely spot as we make our way up the fjord past towering mountains to the town of Kotor which appears Lilliputian nestling under mountains that rise to over 5000 feet. Enjoy a morning guided walk through the little courts and squares faced with Renaissance buildings to the 12th century cathedral of St Tryphon. Sail at lunchtime for nearby Dubrovnik, arriving this evening. Dubrovnik is a breathtaking sight and its many historic and cultural treasures have earned it the designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We have timed our visit to arrive just as the large cruise ships are departing so we can enjoy an evening ashore in this open-air, living museum. During the day the city is often over run with tourists making it impossible to enjoy its splendour. Our evening excursion will include the major sights such as the Rectors Palace, the Romanesque-Gothic Dominican and Franciscan Monasteries and the Sponza Palace.



Day 8 Korcula. We have the day on this lovely island. During the morning there will be a guided walk along Korcula's crooked medieval streets to the elegant squares which are flanked by palaces of the old nobility, one of which is reputed to be the birthplace of Marco Polo. There will also be the opportunity to take a scenic drive across the island to admire its splendid untouched scenery. In the afternoon, sail from Korcula with its round-towered fortifications rising from the water's edge.



Kotor fjord



St Mark's Square, Venice



Hvar, Croatia

Day 9 Hvar. Sailing into the harbour at Hvar, you are greeted by an impressive sight with the town's elegant Renaissance churches and old stone buildings forming three sides of a picturesque harbour. On a guided tour explore the old town, starting in the main square which is the largest piazza in Dalmatia, the cathedral and the palatial quarter of Grad and the more humble residential area of Burg. Afternoon at sea sailing north by the breathtaking Kornati National Park, better known as the 'Thousand Islands'.

Day 10 Piran, Slovenia. After a morning at sea we enter the waters of Slovenia. Sitting pretty at the tip of a narrow peninsula,

Piran is everyone's favourite spot on the Slovenian coast. It is a gem of a place with Venetian Gothic architecture and tiny narrow streets. Join the guided tour through the old town including the Venetian House and the Baroque and Renaissance St Georges Church. With your free time call into the excellent Maritime Museum or the beautiful Franciscan monastery.

Day 11 Venice, Italy to London. Rise early this morning to witness our arrival in Venice, a sight not to be missed. Disembark after breakfast and return to London by scheduled flight. Alternatively, stay on in Venice for our specially arranged two-night hotel stay.

Optional: Post-Cruise Hotel Stay in Venice

For those who wish to extend their stay in Venice, we have arranged a two night stay in 'La Serenissima'.

The Itinerary

Day 12 Venice. Disembark Sea Cloud II and transfer to a four-star hotel for a two-night stay. Join the afternoon guided tour to Piazza San Marco and the magnificent Ducal Palace. See the Chapel and the grand rooms of state, as well as the Treasury which contains much Byzantine gold-enamel work pillaged from Constantinople during the 4th Crusade in 1204. Relax this afternoon in the lovely surroundings of the hotel, situated on an island in the lagoon. A shuttle launch to St Mark's Square operates a 24 hour service. Meet this evening for drinks and dinner.

Day 13 Murano, Burano & Venice. Optional morning tour to Murano, famous over the centuries for its glass making. Continue to Burano, an island known for its lace-making and pretty pastel coloured houses. Those wishing for a more leisurely morning may prefer to take themselves to the Accademia, home to some of the finest Venetian paintings. The afternoon is free for individual exploration. Perhaps spend an hour or two exploring the enchanting winding streets that radiate out from the Grand Canal and later, enjoy some of the modern delights of the Peggy Guggenheim Collection at the Palazzo Venier dei Leoni on the Grand Canal.

Day 14 Venice to London. Depart by scheduled flight for London.

Price per person	Twin £395	Single £595
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Price includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Venice on bed and breakfast basis, guided excursion of Venice, dinner on day 12, transfers from the vessel to the hotel and from the hotel to the airport. **Not included:** Travel insurance, gratuities, optional excursions, meals other than those stated.

Prices per person Based on double occupancy. Tour Code: SCSC216091

Occupancy	Category					
	F Stateroom	E Stateroom	D Deluxe	C Deluxe	B Deluxe	A Owner's suite
Double	£4645	£5045	£5845	£6345	£6845	£7345
Sole	£6145	£7545	£8745	-	-	-

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Price includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, two nights hotel accommodation in Malta on breakfast only basis, 8 nights aboard Sea Cloud II on full board basis, wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner, shore excursions, services of a cruise director, tour manager, guest speaker, transfers, port taxes, airport taxes. **Not included:** Travel insurance, gratuities. *NB. Ports subject to change.*

Sea Cloud II

Launched in 2001, Sea Cloud II is a stunning vessel, built along traditional lines, but offering deluxe accommodation. She combines timeless elegance of sailing ships of the past with the highest safety standards and the luxurious comfort of modern cruise ships. Just like her legendary sister ship Sea Cloud, the 29,600 square feet of sails is set by hand which is a truly magical sight. Built to accommodate 96 passengers in five star luxury, she offers a range of beautifully appointed suites and cabins which are furnished with great style. All accommodations have outside views and the bathrooms, in light marble, are unusually spacious and extremely comfortable. The finest, carefully chosen fabrics, combined with leather, rattan and other materials, brass and gold, precious woods and marble together create an impressive ensemble.

No expense has been spared to create a sympathetic ambience in both the accommodations and public areas and this is reflected throughout the vessel. Public areas include an elegant lounge, library, fitness centre, boutique, lido bar and hospital. The single sitting dining room is airy and modern and the quality of the cuisine and service will be to the highest of standards, as one would expect on a Sea Cloud II cruise. Relax on the Lido deck and experience the natural grandeur of travelling under sail, rekindling memories of a bygone age.



Restaurant

Spa

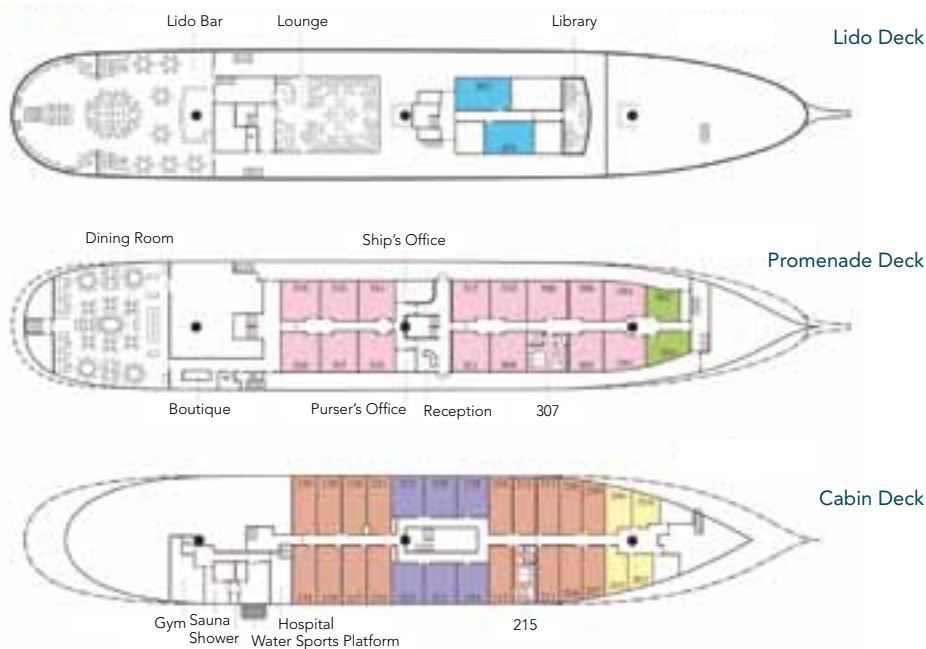
Under Sail in Great Style

Our association with Sea Cloud Cruises dates back almost twenty years and during this time they have proven to be a company of the most exacting standards. Not only do they operate the most exquisite vessels, they do so in a fitting style offering the very best of intelligent service and superb cuisine. Whilst there are many large sailing ships offering passages around the world there are few if any that can compare in terms of luxury to Sea Cloud II. Standing on the dock and looking up at the vessel you cannot help but be impressed by the sheer majesty of the vessel. Walk up the gangway and on to the deck and it is even more impressive. And, the splendour does not end here; below deck is a sumptuous world of traditional maritime influences with 21st century luxuries. Well appointed cabins and public areas create a restful atmosphere totally in keeping with the overall grandeur of the vessel.



Cat A

Deck Plan



Please note that category F cabins have one lower and one upper berth bed

- Cat A
- Cat B
- Cat C
- Cat D
- Cat E
- Cat F



Cat B



Cat C



Cat D

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