



MUSEUM
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Adriatic Odyssey
Venice to Valletta Aboard *Sea Cloud*
October 15-24, 2017



Dear MTA Traveler:

Please join us in October of 2017 for a cruise from Venice to Valletta aboard the four-masted sailing yacht *Sea Cloud*. This will be an unforgettable journey through the Adriatic, Ionian, and Mediterranean Seas, navigating the Dalmatian Coast and the "boot" of Italy. Explore historic towns and impressive archaeological sites, where Greek, Carthaginian, Roman, Byzantine, Arab, and Norman civilizations have all left their mark.

The Museum Travel Alliance (MTA) provides museums with the opportunity to offer their members and patrons high-end educational travel programming. This trip is available exclusively through MTA members and co-sponsoring non-profit institutions. Individuals traveling on this cruise will enjoy leisurely hours of sailing in the congenial company of members of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

We are delighted to be accompanied by Peter Jonathan Bell, Assistant Curator in the Department of European Sculpture and Decorative Arts at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Throughout our voyage, he will offer insights into remarkable works of art and architecture.

Call at Ravenna to view extraordinary mosaics. Highlights in Dubrovnik include a reception and concert in the courtyard of the 16th-century Palazzo Sponza. In Split, at the gallery of renowned sculptor Ivan Mestrovic, admire a collection of his works in marble, bronze, and wood. Visit Lecce, known for

its well-preserved Baroque buildings.

Continue to Sicily to discover the natural beauty, azure seas, and diverse history that characterize this region before disembarking in Valletta, Malta.

Built in 1931 for heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post, *Sea Cloud* has been described as "a work of art on water." The ship has hosted royalty, served her country during World War II, and sailed the world. Some of her cabins are exquisitely decorated with antique furnishing and treasures from around the globe. I hope you will join us for a memorable journey aboard this legendary ship.

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

EXPERIENCE the thrill of sailing aboard the elegant *Sea Cloud* while admiring the passing panorama of the Three Seas

JOURNEY to Split, whose ancient palace was built by the Roman emperor Diocletian at the turn of the 4th century A.D. and now forms most of the city's old town and historic center

VISIT palaces and houses in Lecce, carved from the honey-colored local stone, a perfectly preserved Baroque city with exuberantly ornamented churches

SEE Syracuse, one of the most important cities of antiquity, with its cathedral built upon the ruins of the Temple of Athena

Sincerely,

Jim Friedlander
Managing Director

P.S. An optional prelude in Venice and an optional postlude in Malta are offered.

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An optional two-night prelude in Venice is offered from October 13-16

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15: U.S. DEPARTURE

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Venice.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16: VENICE, ITALY / *SEA CLOUD*

Arrive in Venice and continue for lunch at the Hotel Europa & Regina, overlooking the Grand Canal. A canal cruise brings us to *Sea Cloud*. Enjoy a glass of champagne on deck as we sail past the Doge's Palace and out of the Venetian Lagoon. L, D

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17: RAVENNA, ITALY

Ravenna, once the capital of the Western Roman Empire, is home to stunning mosaics, which we will see in the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia and Theodoric's two great churches, San Vitale and Sant'Apollinare Nuovo. This evening attend the captain's welcome reception and dinner. B, L, R, D

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18: AT SEA

Experience the thrill of sailing and enjoy the amenities of *Sea Cloud* as she carries us through the gentle waters of the Adriatic. B, L, D

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19: SPLIT, CROATIA

The colorful town of Split dates from the 3rd century. Visit the gallery of sculptor Ivan Mestrovic to see his works in marble, bronze, and wood; and Kastelet, the chapel he purchased to house a set of wooden reliefs. Marvel at Diocletian's Palace, a vast complex featuring luminous stone from Brac, Italian marble, and Egyptian sphinxes. B, L, D

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20: DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Discover why George Bernard Shaw called this UNESCO World Heritage Site "paradise on earth." Admire the Venetian buildings of Dubrovnik's main artery, La Placa; view ancient manuscripts at the Franciscan Library and paintings in the Dominican and Franciscan Monasteries and the Rector's Palace. Enjoy an exclusive reception and concert in the courtyard of the 16th-century Palazzo Sponza, one of the few buildings that survived the 1667 earthquake. B, L, D

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21: BRINDISI / LECCE, ITALY

From Brindisi drive to Lecce, an unspoiled Baroque city of exuberant churches, palaces, and houses carved from the honey-colored local stone. Visit the restored cathedral and adjoining Archbishop's Palace, seminary, and Church of Santa Croce. B, L, D



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22: AT SEA

During a relaxing day at sea attend lectures, watch as the ship's crew trims the sails by hand, or perhaps settle into a comfortable deck chair with a favorite book. B, L, D

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23: SYRACUSE, ITALY

Explore Syracuse, one of the most important cities in antiquity. Discover the ancient Greek and Roman theaters in the Archaeological Zone, and see the cathedral in the Old Town, built upon the ruins of the Temple of Athena. We are also invited for a private visit to the Palazzo Beneventano del Bosco. Tonight toast a memorable voyage at the captain's farewell dinner. B, L, D

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24: VALLETTA, MALTA / U.S. RETURN

Disembark and transfer to the airport for flights home, or continue on the optional postlude. B

An optional two-night postlude in Valletta is offered from October 24-26

DISCLAIMER: *The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of The Museum Travel Alliance and Academic Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.*

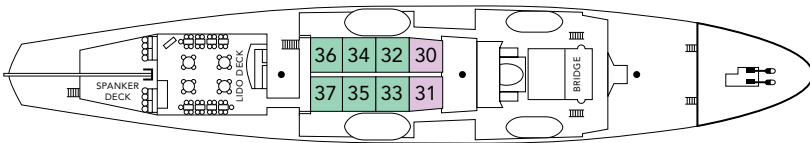
RATES INCLUDE

- Eight nights cabin accommodations aboard *Sea Cloud*
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; wine and beer with lunches and dinners; complimentary open bar throughout the cruise
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities
- Taxes, service charges, and portorage

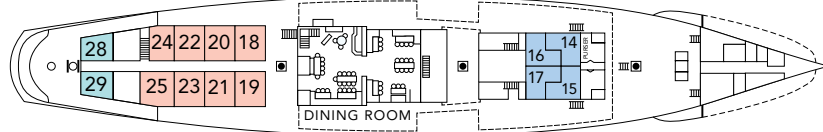
NOT INCLUDED IN RATES International airfare; passport fees; meals not specified; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on suggested flights; trip insurance; optional Venice prelude and Malta postlude.

SEA CLOUD

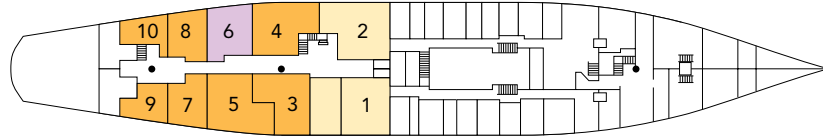
CAPTAIN'S AND LIDO DECK



PROMENADE DECK



MAIN DECK



Owner's Suite (top), Original Cabin (bottom), Main Deck

CRUISE RATES

Cabins	Decks	Double Rates	Single Rates
Cabins 14 to 17 Upper and lower twin beds, shower.	Promenade Deck	\$9,995	\$14,995
Cabins 28 & 29 Twin beds, shower.	Promenade Deck	\$10,995	\$16,495
Cabins 18 to 25 Twin beds, shower.	Promenade Deck	\$11,995	\$17,995
Cabins 32 to 37 Twin beds, shower.	Lido Deck	\$12,995	\$19,495
Cabins 6, 30 & 31 Queen-size bed, shower.	Main & Lido Decks	\$13,995	\$24,490
Cabins 3 to 5 & 7 to 10 Queen-size or twin bed(s), marble fireplace, and bath.	Main Deck	\$15,995	\$27,990
Cabins 1 & 2 Original Owner's Suites. King-size bed, bathtub, marble fireplace, and bath.	Main Deck	\$17,995	\$35,990



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RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a place, please call the Museum Travel Alliance at 212-302-3251 or 855-533-0033, or return this form along with your deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$350 is non-refundable for administrative fees) payable to *The Museum Travel Alliance*, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10018-3721.

Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print.

Address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (home) _____ (business) _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

ACCOMMODATIONS

Sea Cloud cabin preference (1) _____ (2) _____

I wish to share a cabin with _____

OPTIONAL PRELUDE & POSTLUDE

- I/We would like to join the optional prelude in Venice
- I/We would like to join the optional postlude in Malta
- Hotel Room Preference One bed Two beds Single

MTA MUSEUM AFFILIATION _____

FORM OF PAYMENT

- Enclosed is my check (payable to *The Museum Travel Alliance*)
- Debit card
- Credit card

Name on debit/credit card _____ Debit/credit card number _____

3- or 4-digit security code _____ Expiration date _____

I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the *Terms & Conditions* of this Program (see www.museumtravelalliance.com/terms.php to review or call for a copy). I/We agree to full payment by check, wire transfer, debit card or credit card 120 days prior to departure. Each participant must sign below.

Signature (required) _____ Date _____

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