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## NAPLES TO CATANIA - 8 DAY SICILY SAILING CRUISE

Embark on an unforgettable 8-day Sicily cruise, exploring the beauty and history of this captivating region. The journey begins in Naples, Italy, and takes you to Ponza, a picturesque island known for its stunning cliffs and crystal-clear waters. Enjoy a day beneath full sails, allowing you to relax and soak in the peacefulness of the open sea. Explore the enchanting Lipari in the Aeolian Islands, with its charming streets and volcanic landscapes. Discover the historical city of Trapani in Sicily, known for its beautiful architecture and rich cultural heritage. Visit Agrigento, home to the impressive Valley of the Temples, and immerse yourself in the ancient wonders. The cruise concludes in Syracuse, another Sicilian gem, where you can explore its fascinating history and visit architectural marvels like the Greek Theater. Finally, you'll arrive in Catania, where you can experience the vibrant atmosphere and indulge in the delicious Sicilian cuisine. This Sicily cruise promises a remarkable blend of natural beauty, cultural immersion, and historical treasures.



### ITINERARY

DAY 1, Naples/Italy

Departure 07.00 pm Naples rises from the sea around a huge bay and extends up into the hills like an amphitheatre. From the Castello Sant' Elmo on the Vomero you can enjoy a fantastic view over the sea of houses, the port and the Gulf. The pretty center of this chaotic Campanian city is the old town, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its huge

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fortresses, dignified churches and monasteries, splendid squares and palaces, and maze of winding streets.

## DAY 2, Ponza/Italy

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.00 pm Spend the day sunbathing, enjoy the fresh wind breeze, and relax into the day!

## DAY 3, Day beneath full sails

Climbing the rigging, untying ropes, setting sails - today is all about sailing. Time to lean back and relax in the deck chair and watch the passionate crew hoisting the sails by hand.

## DAY 4, Lipari/Aeolian Islands

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm Lipari is a tranquil little spot and the largest of the Aeolian Islands, with a cultural heritage stretching back over 6,000 years. Right from first glance you can see its volcanic heritage, with some of the rock formations resembling sculptures, and the entire group of islands is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Aeolian Museum is set on the castle hill and holds an impressive collection of prehistoric and ancient artefacts from this volcanic group of islands. You will find the southern Italian way of life in this little port infectious.

## DAY 5, Trapani/Sicily

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 02.00 pm The old town and port of Trapani lies on a picturesque crescent-shaped headland at the foot of Monte Erice. You will discover many little treasures browsing through the beautiful town center. For the last 1,000 years, fine black and red coral jewellery has been made here. The mountain town of Erice is a real architectural gem. Not far from Tapani, this idyllic little town is tucked away in a picturesque hilltop setting overlooking the countryside and the sea. Protected defiantly by a wall, the town retains its splendid medieval atmosphere.

## DAY 6, Agrigento (Porto Empedocle)/Sicily

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm

## DAY 7, Syracuse/Sicily

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 02.00 pm The municipal area of Syracuse boasts relics from cultural history going back more than three millennia. In ancient times, the city was the most powerful in the known world and was famed for its splendour. The island of Ortigia, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was where Syracuse began its rise as an ancient city. The huge cathedral is at the heart of the old town, magnificent palaces line the Piazza and wide promenades invite you to take a stroll. The archaeological park brings Greek and Roman history back to life. Yet Syracuse exudes southern Italian charm, with washing drying outside the windows.

## DAY 8, Catania/Sicily



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Arrival 08.00 am Goethe wrote, "Do you know the land where the lemon trees bloom and oranges glow from the leaves' dark gloom." Sicily and the picture-perfect Baroque town of Catania, set right at the foot of Mount Etna, were genuine inspirations for him on his travels around Italy. On the fertile volcanic soil around Catania, orange and lemon trees try to out-glow each other, and you will be tempted to enjoy the coastline with its wonderful sandy beaches and impressive rock formations. The town was destroyed by a volcanic eruption and earthquake in the 17th century and, in the 18th century, a masterpiece of Roman Baroque emerged which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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## YOUR SHIP: SEA CLOUD

**YOUR SHIP:** Sea Cloud

**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

Sea Cloud is a ship with a soul, imbued by the original owners, Marjorie Merriweather Post and her husband E.F. Hutton in the 1930's. The ship has played host to royalty, known service in wartime, and sailed the world over. She is a vessel of incomparable grace that harks back to the golden age of ship travel. Once you've been on Sea Cloud under full sail, you'll begin your own love affair. Welcome aboard a legend Sea Cloud accommodates 58 guests in 28 outside cabins including two original owner's suites that still feature original marble baths and fireplaces. At 360 feet she is an expansive ship with extensive public spaces on the top deck, where we luxuriate in deck chairs and watch the crew of 18 go aloft in the web of riggings to hand-set her 30 sails. Her dining room is hung with marine oil paintings of the period and accommodates all guests at once for a single seating. We'll gather in the lounge each evening for Recap. Life aboard is a uniquely pleasing mix of elegance and informality--a return to the golden age of sailing in shorts and deck shoes. You'll find all shipboard services impeccable. Discover the romance of tall ship sailing Experience something many people don't know exists in the 21st century--the romance of life under square sails. Discover the

thrill of standing on deck as Sea Cloud gently glides through the water, her crew aloft in the riggings, running out and reefing sails. Settle in to your favorite areas on the top deck and bask in the incomparable experience of traveling aboard the finest tall ship to ever sail the seas. Lose yourself in an adventure that, in this day and age, is almost



unimaginable.

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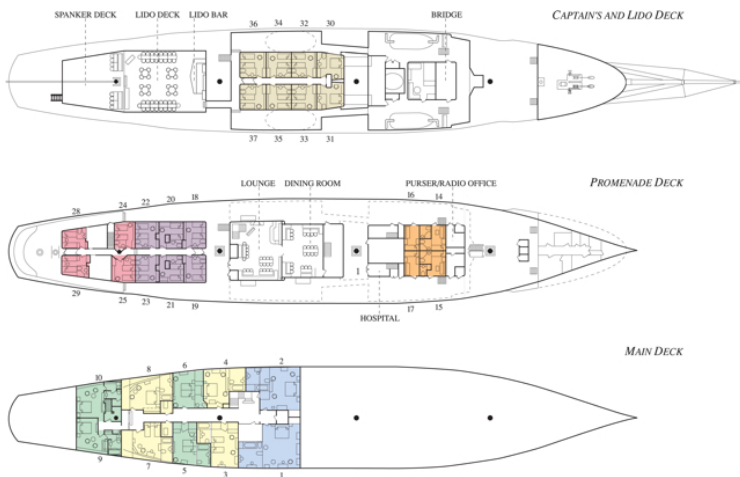
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