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## SAILING THE ANCIENT SHORES OF SICILY AND MALTA ABOARD SEA CLOUD II

Set sail aboard the majestic tall ship Sea Cloud II to explore the culture, history, and cuisine of Sicily and Malta. Step into the past in cities and temples left behind by the Romans, Greeks, Carthaginians, and prehistoric peoples. Visit three UNESCO World Heritage sites: Agrigento, Valletta, and Gozo island's megalithic temples--and enjoy views of a fourth: Mount Etna. Plus, discover the unique flavors of the region, including the renowned Marsala wines.



### ITINERARY

Day 1 Valletta, Malta / Embark Ship

Arrive in Valletta, Malta's capital city and UNESCO World Heritage, surrounded by daunting limestone fortifications that date back to the 16th century. Embark Sea Cloud II in the late afternoon, settle in, and enjoy the first night onboard.

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

Arrival City: Valletta, Malta

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 4 Erice / Marsala

Day 2 At Sea

Join our expedition leader for a play-by-play description of the crew in the rigging and the action of the setting of square sails, staysails, and jibs as Sea Cloud II shows her full glory. Bask in the comfort and intrigue of this distinctive square-rigger—enjoy delicious meals, complimentary drinks, and talks by the expedition staff as we sail north toward Sicily.

After Sea Cloud II docks in Trapani this morning, depart on an excursion to the nearby medieval town of Erice. Perched 750 meters (about 2,461 feet) above Sicily's western coast, the panoramic views from the walled town are spectacular. Explore Erice with local guides and take time to wander on your own. Perhaps stop in at the renowned Pasticceria Maria Grammatico, or one of the many other local favorites, before continuing to the town of Marsala. Famous for its fortified wines, this port city also houses an excellent museum devoted to its Punic (Carthaginian) history, as well as an excavated Punic warship and a recently opened excavated Roman merchant vessel. Finish with a visit and tasting at a winery before returning to Sea Cloud II in Trapani.

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Day 3 Agrigento, Sicily, Italy / At Sea

Day 5 At Sea

Dock in Porto Empedocle this morning for the next call: Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage site that is a collection of some of antiquity's most magnificent Greco-Roman temples. Founded by the Greeks in the 6th century B.C., the site served as a prominent city in Magna Graecia before eventually changing hands between the Carthaginians, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, and Normans. Explore the valley's grand row of Doric temples devoted to the likes of Zeus and Heracles. Return to Sea Cloud II and cast off for a relaxing afternoon under sail.

Grab your favorite deck chair, indulge in a delightful book, and listen to the ship part the surf as we sail along Sicily's northern coast. Weather permitting, stand on deck and watch the orchestrated frenzy of crew members go aloft in the web of Sea Cloud II's riggings to handset her sails. Or attend a presentation

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by our historian or cultural expert about the region's rich history.

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### Day 6 Taormina

Disembark Sea Cloud II in Messina and drive up to the beautiful town of Taormina, which spills across the slopes at the foot of Mount Etna, dominating to the south. This medieval town boasts the pedestrian-friendly Corso Umberto, lined with exquisite buildings, and one of the world's most interesting cultural sites: the Greco-Roman Theater. This remarkable theater was built right into the cliffside, overlooking the vast sea below, in the third century B.C. From Taormina, continue to the Castello degli Schiavi, an 18th-century privately owned villa, for a special private lunch. Meet members of the family that still owns the villa and explore the extensive buildings and grounds that served as the setting for many scenes in The Godfather films. Return to Sea Cloud II, anchored off the town of Giardini Naxos, and enjoy happy hour and dinner as we sail to our next destination.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 7 Siracusa / At Sea

Wake this morning to Siracusa, a city that once rivaled Athens in cultural and economic wealth. Explore the archaeological park, which showcases one of the world's largest theaters of antiquity,

a 15,000-seat arena hewn from bedrock, which is still in use today. Visit the nearby limestone quarry, the cave of "Dionysus' Ear," and the Roman amphitheater before returning to Sea Cloud II for lunch. This afternoon, enjoy a break from the action-packed voyage by taking time to reflect and relax as we sail to Gozo. Join our expedition staff for talks, sample a collection of Sicilian wines, or simply enjoy the thrill of an extended sail on this remarkable square-rigged tall ship.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 8 Gozo, Malta

This morning, we visit Malta's "second island," Gozo, focusing on the ancient megalithic temples ofgantija, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Older than both the Pyramids of Giza and Stonehenge, the giant structures of gantija were built by civilizations that thrived here more than 5,000 years ago. Visit the restored medieval windmill of Ta Kola--one of the many structures built by the Order of the Knights of Malta, who ruled the Maltese islands for centuries--before returning to Sea Cloud II. This evening, as we sail toward Valletta, celebrate our voyage with the captain's farewell cocktail party and dinner at sunset.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 9 Valletta

Be on deck this morning with cameras ready as we enter one of

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the most attractive harbors in the Mediterranean by tall ship. Disembark and 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. After lunch onboard, opt for free time in Valletta or continue your exploration with a 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. Enjoy a final dinner aboard Sea Cloud II this evening.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 Valletta / Disembark Ship

Disembark in the port of Valletta this morning and transfer to the airport for your flights home.

Departure Time: Anytime

Departure City: Valletta, Malta

Meals Included: Breakfast

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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## YOUR SHIP: SEA CLOUD II

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>Sea Cloud II</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Tall Ship (Sailing)</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>105 metres</b>
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>2001</b>

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 cruise. Relax on the Lido deck and experience the natural

grandeur of travelling under sail, rekindling memories of a



bygone age.

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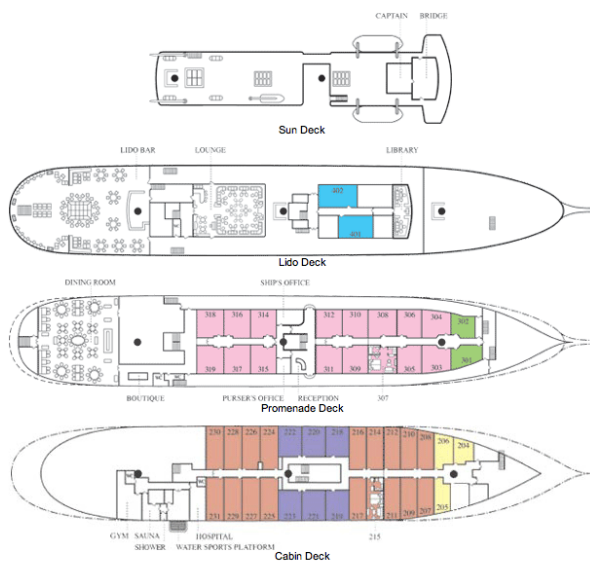
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Cabin. From



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

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| <span style="color: purple;">■</span> Cat D | <span style="color: orange;">■</span> Cat E | <span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Cat F |

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## PRICING

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**29-May-2026 to 08-Jun-2026**

<b>Cabin. From</b>	<b>£10259 GBP pp</b>
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**07-Jun-2026 to 17-Jun-2026**

<b>Cabin. From</b>	<b>£10259 GBP pp</b>
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**16-Jun-2026 to 26-Jun-2026**

<b>Cabin. From</b>	<b>£10115 GBP pp</b>
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