

Cornell University

# *Sailing the French & Italian Rivieras*

ART, ARCHITECTURE,  
AND ANTIQUITY

FEATURING THE **SEA CLOUD II** AND  
THE HISTORIC **CARLTON CANNES HOTEL**

**APRIL 25–MAY 3, 2025**





Lucca, Tuscany

## DEAR CAU FRIENDS,

CAU recommends Sailing the French & Italian Riviera, because it is produced by one of CAU's trusted partners and features esteemed faculty from Cornell's peers. In other words, it's an opportunity we didn't want you to miss!

Nice, Monte Carlo, Cannes, Cinque Terre, Lucca, Florence. These are names that conjure up images of glamorous seaports, sun-drenched beaches, rich masterpieces of art and architecture, picturesque villages, and medieval history—in short, the quintessential Mediterranean journey. Late April and early May are the perfect times of the year, with verdant gardens and landscapes awash with blossoms, and moderate temperatures.

Delight a three-night luxury hotel stay on the French Riviera with a relaxed four-night cruise aboard the *Sea Cloud II* from Nice to Livorno, with port calls in Portovenere (for the Cinque Terre), the Isle of Elba, and Livorno (for a choice of a day trip to Lucca or Florence). There is no better way to experience the voyage than under sail aboard the incomparable *Sea Cloud II*, which combines the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury. The ship's small size also allows us to moor centrally in the most scenic harbors and anchor offshore of Portovenere for a visit to the Cinque Terre. In the grand tradition of the world's finest sailing vessels, guests experience this marvelous ship under sail, as the skilled crew hand-sets over 30,000 square feet of canvas.

A post-tour extension will be offered to Tuscany, at the Borgo Scopeto Wine & Country Relais, a 5-star enchanted estate set in lush vineyards and olive groves in the Tuscan countryside near Siena.

This program is co-sponsored with other organizations including Cornell's Adult University, National Trust Tours, and Yale Alumni Academy. With only 47 cabins, I urge you to reserve space today.



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Warmly,

CAU (Cornell's Adult University)  
Alumni Affairs

## STUDY LEADERS



**National Trust Tours**  
**lecturer John Meffert** will  
share insights on historic  
preservation.



**Santa Barbara Museum of Art**  
**lecturer Charles Wylie** shares  
his perspective while serving  
as Curator of Photography and  
New Media.

Together, they will provide a series of engaging presentations and discussions for travelers.



Cannes building architecture

## Itinerary

FRIDAY, APRIL 25–

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

### HOME / NICE, FRANCE

Depart home on overnight flights to Nice, France, arriving April 26. Transfer to nearby Cannes and check in to Hotel Carlton. Enjoy a restful afternoon at leisure, then meet your fellow travelers at a private welcome reception and dinner at the hotel.

HOTEL CARLTON (R,D)

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

### CANNES / ANTIBES / SAINT-PAUL DE-VENCE

This morning, choose between two guided excursions: 1) The nearby Picasso Museum and a walking tour of Old Town Antibes, including its ramparts along the sea; 2) The fortified village and artists' mecca of Saint-Paul-de-Vence, followed by the the Maeght Foundation and its impressive sculpture garden and collection of modern and contemporary art. Following lunch at the hotel, enjoy a welcome orientation and introductory lecture. The afternoon is at leisure to explore the area around the hotel or the rest of the Côte d'Azur on your own.

HOTEL CARLTON (B,L)

MONDAY, APRIL 28

### CANNES / CÔTE D'AZUR / MONACO

This morning, choose between two excursions: 1) Scenic Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, a picture-perfect village jutting into the sea atop a small peninsula highlighted by the lovely garden and architectural masterpiece of Villa Ephrussi, followed by the quaint village of Èze, perched on a rocky peak overlooking the Mediterranean; 2) Monaco,

including the Old Town with the State Apartments of the Prince's Palace, followed by free time in Monte Carlo.

HOTEL CARLTON (B,L)

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

### NICE / EMBARK SEA CLOUD II

After a morning at leisure, drive to Nice and choose between two excursions: 1) Marc Chagall Museum, which curiously opened during his lifetime, and 2) Matisse Museum, housing a large number of his works as well as pieces from his private collection that inspired some of his most famous paintings and sculptures. Late this afternoon, embark the *Sea Cloud II* in Nice and bid adieu to France as you sail toward Italy.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

### PORTO VENERE / CINQUE TERRE, ITALY

Enjoy the thrilling experience of cruising under sail (weather permitting), then anchor off Porto Venere and experience the Cinque Terre. Perched between steeply terraced vineyards and the Ligurian Sea, this UNESCO World Heritage Site and protected marine area is characterized by tiny villages and hidden coves. Enjoy a wine tasting and dinner at a local trattoria.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, MAY 1

### LIVORNO / FLORENCE OR LUCCA

Dock in Livorno for a choice of full-day tours, each featuring a gourmet local lunch:

1) Florence, with a guided city walk to see the iconic landmarks of the historic center as well as the Duomo complex and a visit to the Florence American Cemetery 2) Lucca, birthplace of composer Giacomo Puccini and





Italian villas



Manarola, Cinque Terre

treasure chest of Tuscany's ancient trade in silk, with a stroll around the elliptical central piazza made up of medieval buildings outlining the ruins of a Roman amphitheater, as well as time to stroll around sections of the ancient city walls, now a park- like promenade. Return to the *Sea Cloud II* in the evening for dinner on board.

*SEA CLOUD II* (B,L,D)

**FRIDAY, MAY 2**

### **PORTOFERRAIO / ELBA**

This morning, following in the footsteps of the Argonauts and Napoleon, call at the tropicaesque Isle of Elba. Take a panoramic drive with superb views over the coastline, visit Napoleon's summer residence during his exile on the island from 1814 to 1815, and stop for a wine tasting at a 17th-century country wine estate, with vineyards nestled among ancient olive trees. Return to the ship for lunch,

with a leisurely afternoon of cruising and final opportunity to experience the ship under sail. Gather this evening for the captain's farewell reception and dinner.

*SEA CLOUD II* (B,L,R,D)

**SATURDAY, MAY 3**

### **LIVORNO / DISEMBARK**

Disembark and transfer to the Livorno airport for flights home or begin the optional extension in Tuscany. (B)

Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat





Isle of Elba



Saint-Paul-de-Vence

## POST-TOUR EXTENSION

### TUSCANY

Extend your stay with five days at Borgo Scopeto Wine & Country Relais, a 10th-century estate spread across 4,200 acres in the Tuscan countryside near Siena.

Excursions include a visit to the exclusive Marchesi di Antinori Estate, with a private visit of the cellars. Enjoy a truffle hunting experience followed by a cooking class, and explore Torre Campatelli in San Gimignano during a private, after-hours visit.

*Further details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.*

## Trip Highlights

- Savor local flavors during gourmet meals ashore, including a dinner ashore in Portovenere, and a local lunch in Florence or Lucca.
- Luxuriate in a three-night stay at the Hotel Carlton in Cannes, a historic French Riviera property boasting a central waterfront location along the glamorous Croisette, surrounded by restaurants, bars, and shopping.
- Private welcome reception and dinner at the elegant Hotel Carlton Cannes, in a glorious setting overlooking the Mediterranean.
- Discover the masterpieces of legendary artists Picasso, Matisse, and Chagall during visits to landmark museums dedicated to each artist; all spent many prime working years in the Côte d'Azur and were inspired by the region's special light and landscapes.
- Enjoy private entrée to sites, such as the lovely garden and architectural masterpiece of Villa Ephrussi in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat.

Cobblestoned street of Saint-Paul-de-Vence



Bicycle scenic street scene



Pizza and salad at a street café







Category 2 Cabin



Category 3 Cabin



Category 6 Cabin

# SEA CLOUD II

The iconic *Sea Cloud II* is perhaps the most luxurious three-masted sailing yacht on the seas today. Like Marjorie Merriweather Post’s legendary *Sea Cloud*, she combines the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury. In the grand tradition of the world’s finest sailing vessels, guests can experience this marvelous ship under sail as the skilled crew hand-sets over 30,000 square feet of canvas. The *Sea Cloud II* offers an intimate setting of just 47 beautifully appointed cabins, gracious common areas, world-class service, and 5-star dining.

## PROGRAM RATES (PER PERSON)

CATEGORY		DOUBLE	SINGLE
1	150 sq. ft., upper & lower single beds, two portholes, shower	\$6,990	\$10,490
2	204 sq. ft., forward, twins or queen bed, two portholes, shower	\$8,990	\$13,490
3	215 sq. ft., midship, twins or queen bed, two portholes, shower	\$9,990	\$14,990
4	226 sq. ft., queen bed, three portholes, shower	\$10,990	—
5	215 sq. ft., queen bed, panorama windows, shower	\$11,990	—
6	247 sq. ft., twins or queen bed, panorama windows, tub/shower	\$12,990	—
7	290 sq. ft., king bed, panorama windows, bathtub & shower	\$14,990	—

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including seven breakfasts, six lunches, five dinners, three hotel nights and four nights aboard *Sea Cloud II* • Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures and presentations • Group transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers • Gratuities to shipboard personnel • Port charges • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners • Filtered water for water bottles on motorcoaches • Complete packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout the program

### AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

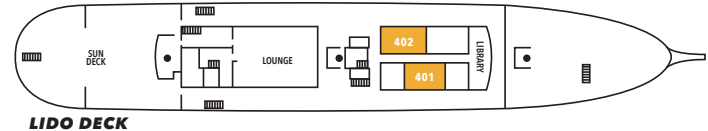
This is a moderately strenuous program, at times physically demanding and busy, with considerable walking at some sites. The ship does not have an elevator, so you will need to navigate stairs, possibly while on choppy seas. Daily activities can involve three miles of walking, often on cobbled streets and uneven terrain; elevators may not be available, and stairs may not have handrails. Participants should be fit and in active good health. Limited medical facilities are available on board the *Sea Cloud II*. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by CAUor Criterion Travel, our tour operator; local staff; and host country laws.

### GROUP SIZE

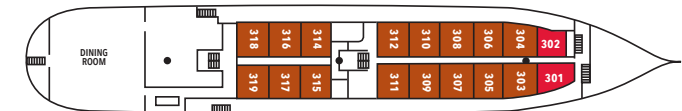
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### PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

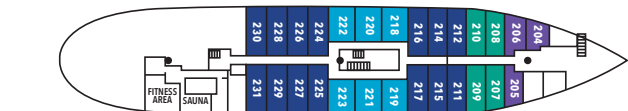
U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and



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PROMENADE DECK



CABIN DECK

immunizations • Private airport transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax, internet, and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

HEALTH

All participants should be in good health and capable of keeping up with an active group of travelers. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the passenger certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers.

A NOTE ABOUT RATES

Tour rates are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed rates, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed “Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause” is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. To register using a credit card, please call (888) 328-2089 or email [res@criteriontravel.com](mailto:res@criteriontravel.com). Final payment deadline is December 23, 2024. For those who register after December 23, 2024, full payment is due upon registration. Final payment must be made by check or bank transfer.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Upon payment of the \$1,000 per person deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation

provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be in effect until they are received in writing and confirmed by Criterion Travel. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person admin fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of booking; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. For cancellations after final payment deadline: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. NOTE: Neither Cornell University nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of non-refundable tickets.

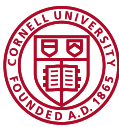
TRAVEL SAFETY POLICY

While Cornell is pleased to facilitate travel opportunities for its alumni and friends with tour operators that specialize in high-quality educational travel, please be aware that Cornell does not conduct, manage, or operate these travel experiences, or act as an agent for travelers interested in tours. Tour operators and travelers are responsible for making their own safety decisions concerning this travel, and, as a facilitator between travelers and the tour operators with whom travelers make arrangements for completing travel, Cornell's role and liability are strictly limited. Specific tour operator and national health and safety protocols will apply to each trip, and travelers should review all protocols and trip terms and conditions, including terms and conditions regarding cancellations, refunds, health and safety, and insurance prior to making a reservation. Cornell is not responsible for changes to trips or travel arrangements or for losses, expenses, damages, or injuries resulting from travel.

ITINERARY CHANGES

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Cornell University and Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Cornell University and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

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For more information or to reserve by phone, please call: (888) 328-2089 or (650) 328-2089; or by email: [res@criteriontravel.com](mailto:res@criteriontravel.com). You may also complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel, to: Criterion Travel, 4250 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005.



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PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person, **payable to Criterion Travel**), for \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on *Sailing the French and Italian Rivas*.

*I/we understand that final payment is due December 23, 2024, 120 days prior to departure. After December 23, 2024: full payment is due at registration.*

NAME #1 (AS ON PASSPORT) DATE OF BIRTH

NAME #2 (AS ON PASSPORT) DATE OF BIRTH

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CITY / STATE ZIP / POSTAL CODE

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SINGLE TRAVELERS

☐ I prefer to have single accommodations.  
☐ I plan to share accommodations with:

☐ I'd like to know about roommates.

I am a ☐ non-smoker ☐ smoker

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of December 23, 2024, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin category preference:

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Bed Preference (not guaranteed) ☐ One bed ☐ Two beds

*I/We have read the tour information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated therein.*

SIGNATURE

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