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ADRIATIC ODYSSEY
Venice to Catania Aboard Sea Cloud II
With Harvard Study Leader Lino Pertile
October 4–12, 2020
The Adriatic’s gorgeous coastlines have been home to ancient Greeks and Romans as well as Byzantines and Venetians. Embark Sea Cloud II to uncover a remarkable confluence of historic cultures. Under the billowing sails of this luxurious three-masted ship, travel to timeless towns and archaeological sites in Italy, Croatia, and fascinating but little-visited Montenegro and Albania.

Starting in the lustrous canals of Venice, journey to Ravenna, former capital of the Western Roman Empire, to marvel at the 5th- and 6th-century mosaics of its early Christian churches and the elegant Mausoleum of Galla Placidia. Across the Adriatic in the former Roman province of Dalmatia, call at Split, Croatia, to explore the ruined 4th-century palace of the emperor Diocletian. In nearby Trogir, discover its Hellenistic street layout, 15th-century castle, and Renaissance and Baroque churches. In the stunning walled city of Dubrovnik, highlights include exquisite manuscripts and paintings in its medieval monasteries.

In Montenegro and Albania, enjoy access to often-overlooked wonders. Discover the well-preserved medieval fortified city of Kotor and the ancient Albanian site of Butrint, whose Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Venetian rulers have left indelible marks. Then, delight in a beautiful day at sea as you cruise to Catania, Sicily. An optional prelude to further explore Venice is available, while a postlude in the charming hilltop town of Taormina, Sicily is also offered.

Why not spend another week savoring the pleasures of Sea Cloud II? When you book this program and also join “Sicily by Sail: Catania to Naples Aboard Sea Cloud II” from October 11 to 19, receive a special savings of $1,250 per person, per cruise.

Activity Level 3:

WHAT TO EXPECT
This is an active program that involves extensive walking. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation. Please note that Sea Cloud II does not have an elevator. At certain ports of call, Sea Cloud II may not be able to dock at a pier for disembarkation. In these cases, a tender service such as a Zodiac inflatable boat will be employed as a transfer from Sea Cloud II to shore. Sea Cloud II staff will be there to assist you in transferring to and from the tenders/Zodias. Comfortable walking shoes are essential.

Activity Level 3:
Schedule by Day

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**

**Departure**

Depart for Venice on an overnight flight.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5**

**Venice, Italy**

Arrive in Venice and continue for lunch at a Venetian hotel. A canal cruise brings you to Sea Cloud II. Gather on deck for a champagne toast as you sail past the Doge’s Palace and out of the Venetian Lagoon.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6**

**Ravenna**

Ravenna, once the capital of the Western Roman Empire, is home to stunning mosaics, which you will see in the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia and Theodoric’s two great basilicas, San Vitale and Sant’Apollinare Nuovo. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at sea.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7**

**Split, Croatia**

After a morning at sea, dock in Split and drive to the enchanting town of Trogir to see its many Romanesque and Renaissance buildings, which contributed to its World Heritage status.

Admire the Cathedral of St. Lawrence, with its remarkable portal. Return to Split to discover Diocletian’s Palace, an extraordinary example of late classical architecture that incorporates modern offices, restaurants, and residences within its ancient footprint.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8**

**Dubrovnik**

Arrive after lunch in this UNESCO-listed walled city to discover the influence of the Venetian architects in its main street, Placa. View ancient manuscripts at the Franciscan Library and paintings in the Franciscan and Dominican Monasteries, as well as the Rector’s Palace. Alternatively, join an excursion to the colorful seaside town of Cavtat. Explore the waterfront Church of St. Nicholas; the home and studio of the eclectic 19th-to 20th-century Croatian painter Vlaho Bukovac; and the 15th-century Franciscan Monastery. There will be time at leisure to browse the village’s small shops, market, and cafés before returning to Dubrovnik. This evening, enjoy an exclusive reception and concert by a folkloric a capella choir in the courtyard of 16th-century Sponza Palace.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9**

**Kotor, Montenegro / Perast**

Montenegro, for centuries a nest of brigands where Lord Byron was once kidnapped, is today both peaceful and scenic. Kotor is still girded by its original walls. Its monuments date back to the Middle Ages and Renaissance, while its churches are perfect examples of simple but majestic Romanesque style. Join a small boat excursion to visit Our Lady of the Rocks Church, with its 17th-century frescoes, located on a small island off the coast of Perast.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
Saranda, Albania / Butrint
Albania, for a long time closed to the rest of the world, can now be seen in its untamed beauty. Situated on the Straits of Corfu, UNESCO-listed Butrint was once the site of a Greek colony, a Roman city, a Byzantine bishopric, and a Venetian trading post. B,L,D

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
Day At Sea
Experience the thrill of sailing during a day at sea. As Sea Cloud II heads south, observe as the crew practices the art of trimming the sails by hand. B,L,D

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
Catania, Italy / Return
Disembark in Catania for flights home, or continue on the optional postlude. B
Ship Details

The sailing yacht Sea Cloud II is a three-masted barque steeped in the elegance of yesteryear and complemented with the most modern amenities. Sister ship of the legendary Sea Cloud, Sea Cloud II has 47 outside cabins and travels under 23 billowing sails trimmed by hand. From her mahogany-paneled library and gracious lounge to the fitness area and water sports platform, no detail has been overlooked. Praised by the world’s most discerning travelers, Sea Cloud II consistently receives high rankings from Condé Nast Traveler.

**Rates Per Person**

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Registration Form

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To register, please fill out this form and return it to Harvard Alumni Travels with your deposit of $1,000 per person (of which $500 is non-refundable).

Please return this form by mail to:
Harvard Alumni Travels
124 Mount Auburn Street, 6th Floor, Cambridge, MA 02138
Or by FAX: 617-496-4011

Please call with any questions:
800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806

How did you hear about this trip?

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Terms & Conditions

TOUR COST INCLUSIONS
Seven nights’ accommodations aboard Sea Cloud II; meals as per the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; thoughtfully selected wines and beer with onboard lunches and dinners; complimentary open bar during the cruise; airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights; escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits; enrichment program of lectures and talks; gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities; taxes, service, and portage charges; $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance (to nearest hospital).

NOT INCLUDED IN COST
International airfare; passport fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than as noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; excess baggage; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; trip insurance: optional prelude in Venice; optional postlude in Taormina; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENT
To reserve your space on this program, a $1,000 deposit per person is required. Please either call us at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806 or fill out and mail or fax the registration form. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. Your final payment is due 120 days before departure.

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Arrangements Abroad will be pleased to assist with air travel arrangements for this program, including suggested flights or individual requests for a processing fee of $40 per person. Complete details will be provided in your welcome packet.

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Sant’Apollinare in Classe, Ravenna, photo by Daniele Marzocchi

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Alice DeLana

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Susan Suleiman

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MAY 30–JUN 15
Richard Wrangham & Elizabeth Ross

HMSC Native American Voices
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Philip Deloria

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Peter Machinist

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Alexandra Vacroux

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James Simpson

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Ted Gilman

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Hopi Hoekstra & James Mallet

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Gavin H. Whitelaw

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Philip Deloria