Enjoy a Baltic cruise aboard the luxury barque Sea Cloud II during the region’s loveliest season. Retrace the maritime trade routes of the Hanseatic League, an alliance of merchant towns that dominated the Baltic from the 13th through the 15th centuries. Admire exquisite homes and relics that proliferated during this era of prosperity, which contributed to Europe’s Renaissance.

Explore vibrant Helsinki and sail to medieval Turku, the former Finnish capital, to discover its ancient castle and cathedral. Experience the rare delight of sailing into the Stockholm archipelago in the morning, wending through hundreds of small islands dotted with 19th-century homes and stately villas. In Stockholm, gain exclusive access to the city’s finest museums.

Visit the wonderfully well-preserved medieval city of Visby, Sweden, and call at historic Gdańsk, a Polish seaport with iconic rows of tall, multicolored Gothic façades. In Germany, wander Hamburg and the whimsical Hanseatic port of Lübeck, with its gabled mansions of wealthy merchants.

An optional prelude in St. Petersburg is also available.

WHAT TO EXPECT
This is an active program that involves extensive walking and standing during visits to museums and historic sites. 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, and/or 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 getting in and out of the tenders/Zodiacs. Temperatures during your stay here should range from the mid-50s to low 70s °F. We suggest you bring a warm sweater and jacket for chilly mornings and evenings as well as a lined raincoat and folding umbrella for potential light rain.

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TOUR DATES
May 25 – June 1
June 25 – July 1
July 25 – August 1
August 25 – September 1
September 25 – October 1

ACTIVITY LEVEL
Activity Level 3:

Study Leaders

Timothy Colton
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Schedule by Day
B=Breakfast, L= Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner

SATURDAY, JUNE 27
Departure
Depart for Helsinki on an overnight flight.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28
Helsinki, Finland
Arrive in Finland’s capital and transfer to the hotel before gathering for a welcome reception and dinner. R,D

MONDAY, JUNE 29
Helsinki / Embark Sea Cloud II
Following breakfast, explore the bustling market, Eliel Saarinen’s striking train station, the unique Rock Church, and the great cathedral on Neoclassical Senate Square. See Finland’s finest collection of national and foreign art during a tour of the Ateneum. In the afternoon, enjoy lunch and time at leisure before embarking the ship. Set sail for Turku in the early evening. B,L,D

TUESDAY, JUNE 30
Turku, Finland
This afternoon, arrive in Turku, Finland’s former capital and oldest city, dating back over 800 years. Visit the medieval castle and the cathedral, which is almost as old as the city. Then, stop at the Aboa Vetus and Ars Art Museum before setting sail for Stockholm. Join the captain this evening for a festive welcome reception and dinner. B,L,R,D

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1
Stockholm, Sweden
After a morning lecture, gather on deck and revel in the natural beauty of the calm Baltic waters as Sea Cloud II navigates a vast archipelago on its approach to Stockholm. Disembark in Stockholm this afternoon and enjoy a private reception at the Vasa Museum to admire the magnificent 17th-century warship that was recovered from the bottom of Stockholm’s harbor. Later, you may wish to dine ashore as Sea Cloud II remains docked in Stockholm overnight. B,L,D

THURSDAY, JULY 2
Stockholm, Sweden
Join a morning walking tour through Gamla Stan, Stockholm’s charming Old Town, followed by a special tour of the recently renovated Royal Armory, the oldest museum in Sweden, which contains artifacts of Swedish military and political history. Then visit City Hall, home to the annual Nobel Prize banquet, and discover its lofty square tower bearing the golden Three Crowns, the symbol of Sweden. This afternoon, tour the sculpture garden at Millesgården. In the evening Sea Cloud II sets sail, cruising past colorful summer homes and watercraft. B,L,D

FRIDAY, JULY 3
Visby, Sweden
This afternoon, arrive in Visby, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Towers, gabled mansions, the Visborg Castle, and ruins of medieval churches recall this walled town’s fascinating Hanseatic history. See the 800-year-old cathedral, walk in the botanical garden, and visit the Gotlands Museum before setting sail in the evening. B,L,D

SATURDAY, JULY 4
Day at Sea
Today, sail aboard the magnificent Sea Cloud II while she crosses the Baltic Sea to Poland. Observe the ship’s crew as they practice the ancient art of trimming the sails by hand. Gather in the lounge for a lively discussion from your traveling experts. Attend an Independence Day barbecue on deck this evening. B,L,D

SUNDAY, JULY 5
Gdańsk, Poland
Call in Gdańsk, one of Poland’s oldest cities. Pass through the Highland Gate, the official start of the “Royal Route.” With a curator, visit the National Museum, whose collection includes The Last Judgment by Hans Memling. Explore enchanting St. Mary’s Street, which leads from St. Mary’s Church to the Long Embankment, to discover richly ornamented houses once owned by prosperous merchants. B,L,D
Day at Sea

Enjoy the rare privilege of being under sail aboard Sea Cloud II as you cruise toward the German coast. You may wish to spend this day at sea attending lectures, walking the deck, or reading a good book in the bright light of the Baltic summer. B,L,D

Lübeck / Hamburg, Germany

Today, take a full-day excursion to Hamburg. You will have the opportunity to see the architecturally striking, glass-enclosed Elbphilharmonie, one of the largest and most technologically advanced music halls in the world. Other highlights will include a walking tour of the UNESCO-designated Speicherstadt, a historic assortment of ornately designed brick structures built in the late 19th century and the world’s largest integrated complex of warehouses. Return to Sea Cloud II and remain in Lübeck for the night. B,L,D

Lübeck, Germany

Explore the medieval city of Lübeck, once the “Queen City” of the Hanseatic League and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the gabled houses of the rich merchant class and a marzipan shop. Explore the center of the medieval town at St. Mary’s Church and the Market Square, where signs of heavy bombing during World War II can still be seen. Rejoin the ship in Lübeck and sail for Denmark. This evening the captain hosts a farewell dinner. B,L,D

Copenhagen, Denmark / Disembark

Disembark Sea Cloud II this morning in Copenhagen and transfer to the airport for flights home. B

Optional Prelude

St. Petersburg, Russia

JUNE 23–28, 2020

Depart for St. Petersburg, Russia on an overnight flight.

Arrive this morning and transfer to the Rocco Forte Astoria Hotel. Guests opting for the suggested flights will be met at the airport and take the group transfer to the hotel. Spend the remainder of the afternoon at leisure prior to joining fellow travelers for a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel. R,D

This morning, take a relaxing canal cruise on the Neva River, where we will disembark at the Peter and Paul Fortress. During our time at this historic landmark we will also be treated to a private choir performance. Upon returning to town, we will visit the Hermitage Museum, where we will have a private tour of the collections and a special champagne reception. B,L,R

Today, travel the short distance to Pushkin for a visit to Catherine’s Palace and Park, which was the summer residence of the Russian Tsars. A local expert on the Romanovs will give a talk on the art and history of the family. Later today, visit the Fabergé Museum, displaying art, jewelry, and Fabergé eggs made for the Russian Emperors. After dinner, enjoya performance (pending confirmation) at the Mariinsky Theatre, a historic theater of opera and ballet that opened in 1860 and became the preeminent music theater of late 19th-century Russia. B,L,D

Depart the hotel today for Peterhof. Upon arrival, tour the Lower Park. Then, you may choose a visit to Peter the Great’s retreat at Monplaisir Palace, with its collections of 17th-century art, or the Bathhouse, which offers insight into the domestic lives of the tsars. Take a hydrofoil back to St. Petersburg before going to the Russian Museum and the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, the kaleidoscopic, five-domed church built in memory of the assassinated Alexander II or the Rimsky-Korsokov Memorial Apartment Museum and a private concert in the afternoon. Enjoy a farewell to Russia dinner this evening. B,L

After breakfast, transfer to the train station for the cross-country train journey to Helsinki. Upon arrival in Helsinki, have time on your own before meeting up with the rest of the group. B

Additional details and pricing for the optional extensions will be sent to confirmed participants.
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.

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Lido Deck on Sea Cloud II

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One night hotel accommodation and ten nights cabin accommodations aboard Sea Cloud II. Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; thoughtfully selected 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 special events. Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits. Gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities. Taxes, service, and portage charges. $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance (to nearest hospital).

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International airfare; passport fees; meals not specified; personal items and expenses; excess baggage; airport transfers other than those on suggested flights; optional St. Petersburg prelude; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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Sea Cloud II Cabin Preference

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I wish to share a cabin with

Optional Prelude

I wish to join the optional Prelude in St. Petersburg

Hotel Room Preference

One Bed

Two Beds

Single
Trip Sampling

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Journey in Greece for Students & Alumni
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Keith Stone

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Jeffrey Quilter

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Alice DeLana

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Lisa M. Wong

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Peter Machinist

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Alexandra Vacroux

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Susan G. Miller

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Catherine McKenna

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