SICILY BY SAIL
Valletta to Catania Aboard Sea Cloud II
With Harvard Study Leaders Leo Damrosch & Joyce Van Dyke
October 3–11, 2019
Seductive Sicily, stepping stone between Europe and Africa, bears traces of the many civilizations that have conquered her, from the Phoenicians to the Romans to the Normans, and more. Autumn is the perfect time to circumnavigate this stunning island, stepping ashore to discover her pearls of antiquity. Begin in Valletta, either with an optional prelude, or by arriving to transfer to the luxury barque Sea Cloud II. At Syracuse, explore a cathedral built on the ruins of the Temple of Athena and visit a Baroque palazzo whose owner will welcome you for a tour. Marvel at the seven temples of Agrigento, and from Trapani, view the Greek temple of Segesta before choosing an excursion to medieval Erice or to Mazara del Vallo, home to a spectacular ancient bronze statue known as The Dancing Satyr. Explore Sicily’s capital city of Palermo, rich with extraordinary Norman-Arab-Byzantine influences, and visit a 12th-century Palatine chapel, renowned for its glittering golden mosaics. The tour concludes in Catania. An optional prelude in Valletta is offered.

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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. The temperatures during your stay in Sicily should range from the mid-50s to low 70s °F. As rain showers are not uncommon in October, we suggest that you bring a lined raincoat and a folding umbrella. We also recommend you pack a hat, sunblock, and insect repellent. Casual dress is appropriate most of the time, and the emphasis is on layered clothing. Comfortable walking shoes are essential! For welcome and farewell dinners aboard Sea Cloud II, Smart casual clothing is suggested for other dinners aboard Sea Cloud II.
Schedule by Day
B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
Departure
Depart on an overnight flight to Malta.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
Valletta, Malta / Sea Cloud II
Arrive in Valletta and gather for lunch. Transfer to the awaiting Sea Cloud II and enjoy a bon voyage toast on deck as you sail out of Valletta’s historic harbor. L,D

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
Syracuse (Sicily), Italy
Today explore Syracuse, one of the most important cities in antiquity. On beautiful Ortygia Island, see the cathedral built on the ruins of the Temple of Athena. By special invitation you will visit the Baroque palazzo of Barone Beneventano, where he will welcome you for a tour and light refreshments. This afternoon discover the well-preserved Greek and Roman theaters of the Archeological Zone. Gather in the evening for the captain’s welcome reception and dinner. B,L,R,D

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
Pozzallo / Noto
This morning arrive in Pozzallo and drive to the exquisitely preserved town of Noto. This Baroque jewel is situated on a plateau surrounded by olive and almond groves. In the beautiful historic center, see Corso Vittorio Emanuele, an elegantly manicured walkway flanked by buildings of golden sandstone, where every façade is embellished with sculptures of gods, mythical beasts, saints, and angels. Spend the afternoon at sea as you sail to Porto Empedocle. B,L,D

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7
Porto Empedocle
Step ashore at Porto Empedocle for a drive to Agrigento, which Pindar called “the most beautiful city built by mortal men.” Tour the Valley of the Temples, with some of the finest Greek ruins in the world. Return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon at sea. B,L,D

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8
Trapani / Segesta
Arrive at the port of Trapani and depart on a morning excursion to Segesta to view its splendid Greek temple and theater. Following lunch, you may wish to visit the medieval hilltop town of Erice. Alternatively, drive to the village of Mazara del Vallo to see its spectacular seven-foot bronze statue, retrieved from the sea by local fishermen. With his flying hair and goat ears, the 2,400-year-old figure was quickly dubbed The Dancing Satyr. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9
Palermo
Dock in the Sicilian capital of Palermo for a morning visit to...
the 12th-century Palatine Chapel in the Palace of the Norman Kings. Described by Guy de Maupassant as “the most surprising religious jewel ever dreamt of,” the chapel is known for its extraordinary golden mosaics. This afternoon drive to Monreale to discover the magnificent Norman cathedral, whose brilliantly colored mosaics depict scenes from the Old and New Testaments. Return to Palermo for a special reception at Teatro Massimo. This evening gather for the captain’s farewell reception and dinner. B,L,R,D

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

At Sea

Today enjoy the thrill of sailing aboard the legendary Sea Cloud II. As she carries you through the Strait of Messina under a full set of billowing white sails, experience the grace and romance of a bygone era of travel. B,L,D

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Catania / Return

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

Optional Prelude in Valletta

OCTOBER 1–4, 2019

Spend two nights in Valletta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At St. John’s Co-Cathedral, view Caravaggio’s The Beheading of St. John the Baptist. Admire tapestries and armor at the Palace of the Grand Masters. Visit the medieval walled city of Mdina. In quaint Rabat, explore St. Paul’s Catacombs, the earliest archaeological evidence of Christianity in Malta, and see the Domus Romana, a first-century B.C. Roman house with exquisite mosaics. Discover the Neolithic Temple of Hagar Qim, one of the oldest freestanding temples in the world. A highlight will be a private reception at a 16th-century palazzo. Accommodations are at the landmark Phoenicia Hotel in Valletta’s historic center.

Prelude rate per person:
$1,499 double occupancy
$1,999 single rate
Rate includes: Two nights accommodations at the Phoenicia Hotel; breakfast daily; one lunch, one reception, and one dinner; sightseeing as per itinerary.
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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Terms & Conditions

TOUR COST INCLUSIONS
Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard Sea Cloud II. Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, 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. Escort 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).

NOT INCLUDED IN COST
International airfare; passport fees; meals not specified; personal items and expenses; excess baggage; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; optional Valletta prelude; 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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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

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How did you hear about this trip?

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SEA CLOUD II CABIN PREFERENCE

☐ ONE BED ☐ TWO BEDS ☐ SINGLE

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