

# BETWEEN THE PELOPONNESE AND THE ADRIATIC - A LUXURY SAILING FROM ATHENS TO VENICE

Embark on a captivating Mediterranean voyage beginning in the historic port of Athens (Piraeus), Greece. Journey through the sun-soaked islands of Poros and Milos, reveling in their crystal-clear waters and timeless charm. Sail under full sails to the Ionian beauty of Fiscardo on Kefalonia and the Iush landscapes of Corfu. Cross into Italy with a visit to the historic town of Otranto before exploring the walled city of Dubrovnik and the picturesque island of Kor ula in Croatia. Conclude your adventure in the romantic waterways of Venice, Italy, blending history, culture, and breathtaking scenery at every turn.





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# Day 1 | Athens (Piraeus), Greece

#### Departure 7:00 pm

"A ship will come...", declared the singer Melina Mercouri to the port of Piraeus. Later, as Greek Minister for Culture, she made Athens the first European Capital of Culture in 1985. The city is considered the birthplace of Europe, of philosophy and of democracy, and is the embodiment of the Olympic ideal. World-famous and a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1987, its landmark is the magnificent Parthenon temple, lying high up on the Acropolis in all its glory. At the foot of the Acropolis hill is the Plaka, the oldest quarter of Athens, and the world's most modern archaeological museum, the new Acropolis Museum, has been here since 2009.

Day 2 | Poros, Peloponnese

#### Arrival 8:00 am, Departure 1:30 pm

Poros, a picturesque Greek harbor in the Saronic Gulf, charms visitors with its quaint old town, narrow streets, and traditional tavernas. Known for its historic clock tower and vibrant waterfront, it's a favorite spot for sailors. Surrounded by lush hills and crystal-clear waters, Poros offers a serene atmosphere that appeals to both those seeking relaxation and lovers of culture.

# Day 3 | Milos, Cyclades

#### Arrival 8:00 am, Departure 1:30 pm

The unique character of Milos' landscape was formed by volcanic activity. Hot springs, spectacular cliffs and distinctive rock formations give the various beaches their own individual character. The colors of Milos are most obvious where the water meets the stone and forms the coastline. Minerals have colored the sand and stones and each rock along the coastline seems to glow in a different color. Plaka, the picturesque old capital with its typical dazzling-white houses, is overlooked by a mighty castle which offers a superb view over Adamos Bay and the surrounding islands.

## Day 4 | Day under full sails

Climbing the rigging, untying ropes, setting sails - today is all about sailing. Time to lean back and relax in the deck chair and watch the passionate crew hoisting the sails by hand.

# Day 5 | Fiscardo, Kefalonia

### Arrival 1:30 pm, Departure 10:00 pm

The largest, greenest, most picturesque of the Ionian Islands - while Kefalonia is bursting with superlatives, it remains a well-kept secret. This is good for us because the island in the middle of the Gulf of Patras has so much to offer-from its 1,600 meter-high black Mount Ainos to the depths of the Melissani lake in a legendary stalactite cave. The cliffs on Kefalonia's coastline offer fantastic views of clear waters and bright pebble beaches. And if you just want to relax, then nab a quiet spot in the idyllic fishing village of Fiskardo amidst colorful flowers and bright window shutters, and just take it easy.

Day 6 | Kerkyra, Corfu





Arrival 1:30 pm, Departure 7:00 pm

Greeks, Romans, Venetians and Ottomans were former rulers of the island, which rivalled the trading powers of Venice and Dubrovnik in its medieval heyday. The rich cultural heritage of the picturesque old town of Kerkyra is protected by UNESCO. Island life unfolds against a seemingly aristocratic backdrop. At the end of the 19th century, when Corfu was a Mediterranean destination where the aristocracy and moneyed classes longed to go, the Empress "Sisi" of Austria also discovered the island. She had an old Venetian villa renovated for herself and this became her Achilleion - named after her favourite hero, the legendary Greek Achilles.

# Day 7 | Otranto, Italy

Arrival 8:00 am, Departure 6:00 pm

Otranto is the most easterly port in Italy and, due to its geographic location in the Adriatic, has had an extremely eventful history over the centuries. Not far away is Lecce, one of the most beautiful and affluent cities in southern Italy whose heyday was immortalised in stone over 200 years. The Baroque cityscape, in the idiosyncratic "barocco leccese" style, is characterised by a marble-like stone known as Lecce stone. The numerous palaces and the Basilica di Santa Croce have profusely decorated facades and art feels right at home here. There is good reason why people are proud of its evocative nickname, the Florence of the South.

## Day 8 | Dubrovnik, Croatia

Arrival 4:00 pm, Departure 11:00 pm

When Venice still ruled the Adriatic, Dubrovnik was an important maritime republic and the floating city's chief rival. Dubrovnik proudly calls itself the "Pearl of the Adriatic" and its fortress is one of the best preserved in Europe. As you walk around the imposing walls of the old town, you can look out across two seas - the deep blue Adriatic and a sea of red roof shingles. The old town, with its beautiful squares, magnificent boulevards and narrow winding alleyways, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Day 9 | Korcula, Croatia

Arrival 8:00 am, Departure 1:30 pm

The Adriatic island of Korcula is one of the greenest in the region. Vineyards and olive groves stretch across rolling hills. The island's main town of the same name is protected by a city wall. It is one of the best-preserved medieval Mediterranean towns. Some buildings evoke the time when the maritime power of Venice ruled. Tintoretto is immortalised in the cathedral, and in one of the narrow streets you can search for the house where Marco Polo was born.

## Day 10 | Day under full sails

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# Day 11 | Venice, Italy

Arrival 7:00 am

The floating city of Venice sits on millions of wooden piles and more than 400 bridges cross 150 canals. No other city possesses such an abundance of stunningly beautiful churches, monasteries, palaces and artistic treasures, and nowhere else has plaster that crumbles so elegantly. Venice is a unique work of art and, with its lagoon, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The gateway to the city is probably the most magical of any in the world. Slowly and majestically you glide past the proud palaces along the Grand Canal and the Basilica di Santa Maria della Salute, giving you a long look at the fairytale setting of St Mark's Square with the Doge's Palace and Campanile.

# Please note:

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# YOUR SHIP: SEA CLOUD II

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VESSEL TYPE: Tall Ship (Sailing)

LENGTH: 105 metres

PASSENGER CAPACITY: 88

BUILT/REFURBISHED: 2001

Sea Cloud II is a romantic tall ship that masterfully blends the elegance of classic sailing with the comfort and convenience of modern luxury. Inspired by her legendary predecessor from the 1930s, this three-masted barque is fitted with 23 sails and is hand-sailed whenever possible, adding a sense of theatre and tradition to every voyage. With 44 cabins accommodating just 88 guests, the atmosphere aboard remains intimate and relaxed, while the interiors evoke the charm of a bygone era--polished wood, sweeping staircases, and vintage nautical style--all paired with the contemporary standards of a premium expedition ship.

Guests aboard Sea Cloud II enjoy spacious decks for sun-soaked sailing days, al fresco dining on the Lido Deck, and a wellness area featuring a sauna, massage therapy, and fitness facilities. The ship's welcoming indoor spaces include an elegant dining room and a comfortable lounge for evening Recaps hosted by expert field staff such as historians and photo instructors. Meals focus on locally sourced ingredients and regional cuisine, served in an informal yet refined setting. With an open Bridge policy and wide, accessible passageways, Sea Cloud II invites guests not just to relax, but to immerse

themselves fully in the experience of life under sail.

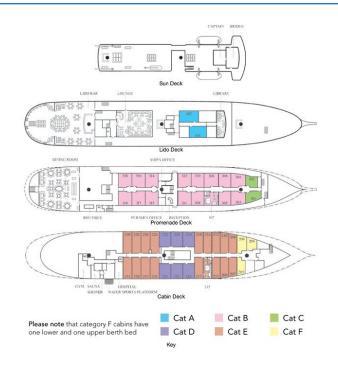


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