



# Spain's Mediterranean Coast

*aboard the legendary Sea Cloud*

October 25–November 4, 2015

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# DISCOVER THE MAGIC

of a cruise in the Mediterranean aboard the incomparable four-masted *Sea Cloud*. Whether soaking up the sunshine on deck, enjoying elegant meals served in the intimate, wood-paneled dining room, or marveling at the acrobatic skills of the crew as they hand set the billowing white sails that sweep the *Sea Cloud* toward the horizon, you will feel as special as the world statesmen, film celebrities, and financial barons who have trod her polished teak decks before you.

This program begins with two nights in Barcelona, where you will marvel at Antoni Gaudí's unique architectural creations and delight in the lively art scene and ancient Roman and medieval history of this Catalan metropolis. Then embark *Sea Cloud* for a seven-night cruise along Spain's eastern Mediterranean coast, calling at a variety of ports for excursions to an intriguing mix of impressive Roman ruins and ground-breaking contemporary architecture. Sample olive oil at a charming estate and indulge in the excellent local cuisine during meals ashore in Barcelona, Tarragona, and Granada. End this memorable experience with a visit to Granada's iconic Alhambra, the crown jewel of Moorish architecture, before disembarking in Malaga.



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Sail aboard the magnificent, four-masted *Sea Cloud*, a wedding gift from financier E.F. Hutton to cereal heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post in 1931, and renowned today for its incomparable service, deluxe amenities, and five-star cuisine.
- Discover some of Spain's remarkable architectural accomplishments, from the evocative roman ruins of Tarragona and the Moorish gem, the Alhambra, to Antoni Gaudí's Sagrada Familia and Parc Guell in Barcelona and Santiago Calatrava's City of Arts and Sciences in Valencia.
- Taste gourmet olive oils at an award-winning estate and, for food enthusiasts, sample dates freshly picked from palm trees in Europe's largest palm forest, and enjoy the nougat sweets known as *turrón*, a christmastime favorite, in Jijona.
- Enjoy a private visit, hosted by the owner's grandson, at a 15th-century mansion in Valencia with lavishly decorated interiors and an impressive library filled with antique books.

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# DAILY ITINERARY

SUNDAY-MONDAY, OCTOBER 25-26

## Home / Barcelona, Spain

Depart home on an overnight flight to Barcelona. Upon arrival, check in to the Palace Hotel for two nights. Meet fellow participants and the study leader team at a welcome reception and dinner.

PALACE HOTEL (R,D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

## Barcelona

This morning explore the intriguing works of Catalonia's arguably most famous son, Antoni Gaudí. An architect and the best-known practitioner of Catalan Modernism, Gaudí incorporated a highly individualized and distinctive style into his creations, most of which are located in Barcelona. Visit his magnum opus, the as-yet-uncompleted Sagrada Familia basilica, and Parc Guell, a garden complex with architectural elements—both are included in the “Works of Antoni Gaudí” UNESCO World Heritage Site. This afternoon enjoy free time to explore the city on your own.

PALACE HOTEL (B,L)



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

## Barcelona (Embark) / Cruising

Explore the labyrinthine streets of Barcelona's Gothic Quarter (*Barri Gòtic*) in the center of the old city, including El Call, the medieval Jewish quarter where the Jewish community lived between the 12th and the 14th centuries. Venture underground at the City History Museum, where extensive remains from the ancient Roman settlement of Barcino, discovered beneath one of the old town squares in the 1930s, are now displayed in situ. Also visit the Museu Picasso, which houses the most complete collection of the works of 20th-century Spanish artist Pablo Picasso in five contiguous medieval stone mansions. Although this collection concentrates on Picasso's formative years, his versatility and ingenuity, so marked in subsequent periods, still shine through. In the afternoon embark the *Sea Cloud* and begin your seven-night cruise.

SEA CLOUD (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

## Tarragona

Dock in the port city of Tarragona for a visit to the ancient Roman ruins, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The remains of Roman buildings include walls, a citadel, an amphitheater, a circus (circular plaza), towers, and a necropolis. Enjoy a private visit to an olive oil estate in the countryside for a tasting, traditional lunch, and a chance to observe the mill in operation after the harvest. Then reboard the *Sea Cloud* and continue southward under sail (weather permitting).

SEA CLOUD (B,LD)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

## Valencia

After a morning of cruising, arrive in Valencia for an afternoon's visit. A particularly fine and large historic center, spectacular coastal views, and award-winning modern architecture are trademarks of Spain's third-largest city. Explore the futuristic City of Arts and Sciences complex, designed primarily by Valencia native Santiago Calatrava; and, for contrast, the Gothic Silk Exchange market, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the Barrio del Carmen, with buildings dating back to Roman and Arabic times. Valencia is also renowned for its gastronomy, in particular as the origin of both paella, the iconic rice dish embellished with seafood, chicken, or wild

game, and *horchata*, a cold beverage made from tigernuts, water, and sugar. Enjoy a private visit and horchata tasting at a historic 15th-century mansion.

SEA CLOUD (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

## Alicante

Call at Alicante for your choice of afternoon visits. Explore the Castle of Santa Barbara, one of the largest medieval fortresses in Spain, built in the 9th century by the Moors and perched high above the city; and the Archaeological Museum of Alicante, which won the European Museum of the Year Award in 2004. Alternatively, travel outside Alicante to Elche and Jijona. Elche is home to the largest palm grove in Europe, declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2000. Accompanied by a botanist guest lecturer, sample the dates and observe the workers harvesting the fruit. In Jijona, visit a *turrón* factory to observe the production of this almond nougat confection.

SEA CLOUD (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

## Cartagena

Cartagena is a major naval station on the southeastern coast of Spain. Visit ARQUA, the National Museum of Underwater Archaeology, whose mission is to showcase the underwater cultural history of Spain and promote its conservation. Its two permanent exhibitions are dedicated to naval construction and navigation, and to the shipwrecks and ports of the Mediterranean; a highlight is a reconstructed Roman galley. The Naval Museum, a prison in the 1700s and a naval training site until 1999, houses comprehensive displays dealing with the logistics of marine life, from the construction of vessels, nautical sciences, and navigation to uniforms and

flags, naval art, submarines, and diving in the Spanish navy. This afternoon begin cruising toward Motril.

SEA CLOUD (B,L,D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

## Cruising

Relax aboard ship and enjoy the lecture program while experiencing the *Sea Cloud* under sail (weather permitting). Marvel at the skill of the crew members as they nimbly move among the masts and sails high above the deck.

SEA CLOUD (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

## Motril / Granada

Arrive in Motril and disembark for an excursion to Granada. Moorish architecture in Spain reached its zenith at the Alhambra, one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built. This 14th-century hilltop palace complex, built by the Nasrid kings, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Spain's most visited attraction. Explore the refined, elegant Nasrid Palaces, built around the Courtyard of the Lions, and the splendid Generalife Gardens, one of the world's oldest surviving Moorish gardens. Its Court of the Water Channel, framed by flowerbeds, fountains, colonnades, and pavilions, is considered a superior example of a medieval Persian garden. Return to the ship and cruise overnight to Malaga.

SEA CLOUD (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

## Malaga / Home

Disembark in Malaga and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)



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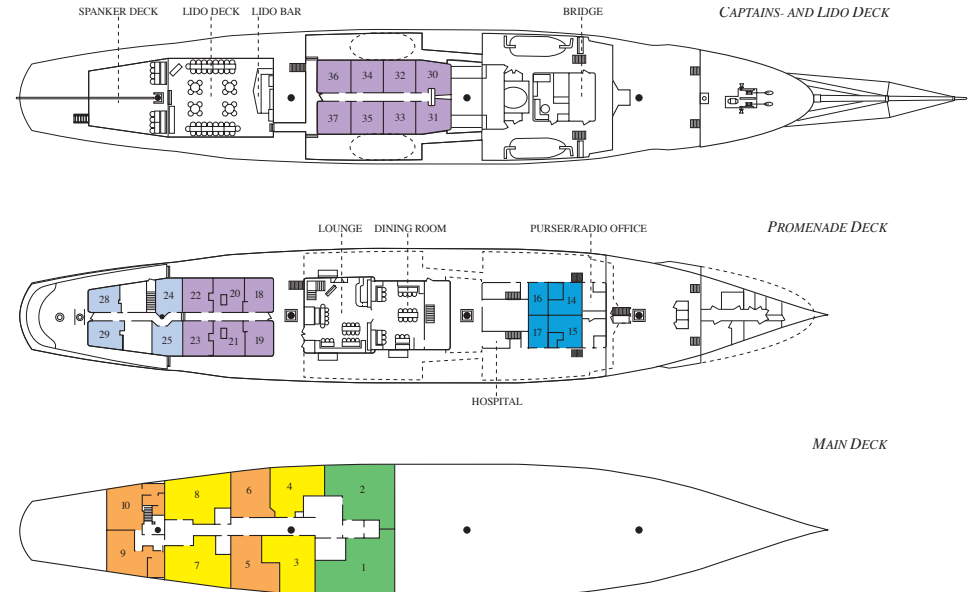
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## SEA CLOUD

A journey aboard the *Sea Cloud*, which carries only 64 passengers, is an intimate experience on one of the most elegant and luxurious vessels afloat. Her snow-white hull, warm teak superstructure, and gleaming brass fittings define her rich tradition and heritage. Although she is equipped with auxiliary diesel engines, sails are the essence of this cruise experience and they are unfurled as often as possible. Built during a time when the greatest attention was paid to detail and fine craftsmanship, the *Sea Cloud* is decorated with original oil paintings, antique furniture, rich wood paneling, and brass and bronze fixtures. On the main deck, original staterooms are beautifully appointed in their individual styles, some with fireplaces (Staterooms 1-8), and each with a private marble bath with a tub and/or shower. Lunch and dinner include fine wine and beer; there is one seating at dinner. The ship's technical equipment includes the latest in radar, satellite navigational aids and satellite communications; there is also an onboard doctor.



## RATES

	Double	Single
CATEGORY A	\$8,995	\$12,995
CATEGORY B	\$10,495	
CATEGORY C	\$11,995	\$15,995
CATEGORY D	\$14,995	
CATEGORY E	\$15,995	
CATEGORY F	\$18,995	

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program cost. In order to give you as much flexibility as possible with the variety of air travel options available, you are free to make your own air arrangements for this program.

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Program Rates Include

Comprehensive educational program by study leaders, on-site experts, and local guides • All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary • Airport transfers for all participants on program arrival date, and two scheduled group transfers on program departure date • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers, and shipboard personnel for all group activities • Port charges • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • Wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners • Bottled water on excursions • Professional tour manager

## Program Rates Do Not Include

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Accident/baggage/cancellation insurance • Passport or visa fees • Individual transfers, optional excursions, or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess baggage charges • Immunizations and medical expenses • Meals not specified in the itinerary; food and beverages not part of included meals • Gratuities for non-group services • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, email, or fax charges • Room service • Other items of a purely personal nature or not specified as included

## What to Expect

This is a moderately active trip for travelers who are flexible, comfortable traveling with a group, and can handle the vagaries of travel with good humor. Navigating uneven terrain at archaeological sites and ancient palace and castle complexes, walking on cobblestone pavement in historic city centers, and standing for up to two hours in museums or other sites are the most strenuous activities. Some locations may have stairs without handrails. Daytime temperatures during the trip will generally average in the mid-60s to mid-70s F, with occasional rain.

## Group Size

This program is limited to 52 participants, including travelers from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Archaeological Institute of America, and Harvard.

## Insurance

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended, and we hope that you will obtain it for this expedition. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Please be sure to carry the details of your travel insurance coverage with you on the program. Travelers are free to purchase the travel insurance of their choice. It is recommended that travelers clearly understand the difference between “primary” and “secondary” insurance.

## Reservations and Deposits

To reserve space, please complete the reservation form and mail it with your check or credit card information to the address at the top of the form. You may also fax the form to (650) 560-6400 and your reservation will be held for five working days pending receipt of your check or credit card information. If you have questions, please call (888) 328-2089 or email [res@criteriontravel.com](mailto:res@criteriontravel.com). Final payment deadline is June 29, 2015, 120 days prior to departure.

## Cancellations and Refunds

Upon payment of a \$1,000 deposit per person, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by the Criterion Travel. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. Final payment is due June 29, 2015 (120 days prior to departure). Cancellations within 120 days of departure are 100% nonrefundable. For this reason we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If the program is cancelled by the Criterion Travel, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate. Note: Criterion Travel does not accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

## Itinerary Changes

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by 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, Criterion Travel reserves 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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## PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person), to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on **Spain's Mediterranean Coast**

OR ☐ Charge the deposit to my credit card (circle one):

VISA

MC

AMEX

Diners Club

Discover

NAME ON CREDIT CARD

CARD #

EXP. DATE

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DATE

## CATEGORY PREFERENCE

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

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

## SINGLE TRAVELERS

☐ I prefer to have single accommodations.

OR ☐ I plan to share accommodations with: \_\_\_\_\_

OR ☐ 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 June 29, 2015, I will pay the single rate.*

☐ I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein.

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