

# UNDER SAIL: GREECE TO THE DALMATIAN COAST

12 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD *SEA CLOUD*

PRICES FROM: \$9,990 to \$23,620 (See pages 26-27 for complete prices.)

From the ancient temples of Olympia to the medieval walled city of Hvar, immerse yourself in the history and culture of some of Europe's most spectacular places on board the legendary four-masted *Sea Cloud*. Discover the remarkable sites of Albania, cut off from the modern world for decades, and explore Montenegro, Corfu, and incomparable Dubrovnik.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Ply the waters of the Aegean, Ionian, and Adriatic Seas aboard the magnificent *Sea Cloud*.
- ▶ Step back in history at five UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the ancient ruins of the Achilleion Palace in Corfu's old town, Albania's historic city of Butrint, and more.
- ▶ Skim across Montenegro's Gulf of Kotor to Our Lady of the Rocks, a tiny islet created over centuries by local fishermen.
- ▶ Spend a day among the marble-paved lanes and ramparts of Dubrovnik.

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

**20+**  
YEARS  
EXPERIENCE

Lindblad Expeditions first sailed aboard *Sea Cloud* in the 1980s, and over the years has developed unparalleled expertise in

operating expedition-style journeys aboard this superlative vessel. In addition to an expedition leader, you'll be joined by a naturalist/Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a ranking expert on the cultures of the region and a team of local guides.

*Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.*



*Encircled by medieval battlements, the terra-cotta roofs of Dubrovnik shimmer in the Adriatic light.*

## DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./ATHENS, GREECE/ PIRAEUS

Depart on an overnight flight to Athens, arriving the next morning. This afternoon, transfer to Piraeus and settle into your cabin aboard the elegant *Sea Cloud*. (L,D)

## DAY 3: AT SEA

Round the southern coast of the Peloponnese peninsula, enjoying a full day of sailing. Watch the crew hoist *Sea Cloud's* many sails by hand. Relax with a book on deck, photograph our yacht, and attend talks by our expedition team. (B,L,D)



Sea Cloud under full sail.

## DAY 4: OLYMPIA

Dock in Katákolon and travel to the ancient site of Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games. Visit the legendary ruins of this UNESCO World Heritage site, the Olympic Stadium, and the superb Archaeological Museum. (B,L,D)

## DAY 5: CORFU

Arrive in Corfu, or Kérkira, the largest of the Ionian islands. Visit the Achilleion Palace, built in 1890 by Empress Elisabeth of Austria, and later owned by Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany. Then venture into the lovely old city of Kérkira, a UNESCO World Heritage site. (B,L,D)

## DAY 6: SARANDË AND BUTRINT, ALBANIA

Cut off from the world for 50 years by its Stalinist dictator, Albania is now feeling its way into the 21st century. Explore the ancient

city of Butrint, a UNESCO World Heritage site, return to Sarandë for local refreshments at Lekuris Castle, looking down on the bay of Sarandë and Corfu. (B,L,D)

## DAY 7: TIRANA

Dock in Durrës, drive to the ancient capital of Kruje, and visit the medieval market and Ethnographic Museum. Continue to the contemporary capital, Tirana, scattered with the vestiges of one of the longest dictatorships in Eastern Europe. (B,L,D)

## DAY 8: PERAST AND KOTOR, MONTENEGRO

Sail into Montenegro via the magnificent Gulf of Kotor. Stop at the historic town of Perast before taking a local boat to the islet of Gospa od Škrpjela, or Our Lady of the Rocks. Steeped in lore, the tiny islet was created by fishermen dropping rocks from their row-boats. Explore medieval Kotor this afternoon, or drive up 27 serpentine switchbacks to the top of the fjord. (B,L,D)

## DAY 9: DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Known as the “pearl of the Adriatic,” Dubrovnik is regarded as one of the best preserved medieval towns in the world. Spend the day exploring the marvelous old town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and enjoy a private performance of traditional Croatian *klapa* music. (B,L,D)

## DAY 10: KORČULA

Anchor at the island port of Korčula, one of the most beautiful medieval towns in the Balkans. Visit the town's sites, and see the house believed by some to be Marco Polo's birthplace. This evening, attend a private traditional *Moreška* sword dance. (B,L,D)

## DAY 11: HVAR

At the height of Venetian rule, Hvar was the region's most prosperous center. Take a tour inside the delightful walled city. Visit the arsenal and Croatia's oldest active theater, and if you choose, hike up to the dramatically located citadel. (B,L,D)

## DAY 12: DUBROVNIK/U.S.

Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)



## EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES:** 2013 Aug. 29; Sep. 8\*

\*This departure travels from Dubrovnik to Athens.

## SPECIAL OFFER

Travel aboard *Sea Cloud* on any 2013 Mediterranean departure and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew. Also, enjoy a complimentary night's stay at the Electra Palace Hotel in Athens. See page 28 for details.



## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a two-day pre-trip extension to **Athens** or a three-day post-trip extension to **Mostar, Trogir & Split**. Visit our website or call for details.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Grace Fielder is an expert on the history and cultures along the Dalmatian coast. She has studied the local lore, music, and cuisine of this region, and has even moonlighted as a lavender harvester on the island of Hvar. Join her on the Sep. 8, 2013 departure.



Use your smartphone to watch our *Sea Cloud* Mediterranean video.



*“...This is not a cruise. This is an historical adventure—through history, with experts.”* — Guest, 2012 departure

## A mosaic of natural splendor and history—the perfect mix of food, wine, culture, & physical beauty.

Sailors have plied the waters along the coasts of Greece, Albania, Montenegro, and Croatia for millennia, and our expedition will follow in their paths as we explore regions with long, rich histories while enjoying special access and insights. Sail to Olympia, Greece, and along the incredible Dalmatian Coast, a region of incredible beauty with sparkling cities and tiny medieval sites.

You'll experience the culture of southern Albania up close, including through our guides, who share the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Butrint with us. Discover the true beauty in their stories and perspectives on the real-life transitions of Albania in the last 20 years, from a closed and isolated communist country to today, through a shocking period of capitalist naïveté and Ponzi-scheme collapse, into the slow and steady rebuilding process today.

In Montenegro you'll sail into the dramatic Kotor Fjord and explore the picturesque walled town nestled at its head. The old town lies at the foot of a mountain, with winding cobbled lanes that lead from ancient churches to small town squares.

In Dubrovnik, you'll see the *klapa*, a traditional a capella group and one of the most powerful and emotional experiences in the Mediterranean, with the award-winning group Klapa Ostro performing privately for us in the cloister of Dubrovnik's Dominican monastery.