



Under Sail: Greece to the Dalmatian Coast aboard the Sea Cloud

12 days

Itinerary Overview

Get a sense of life under sail



Unique, immersive style of travel

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—aboard a legendary tall ship. The 58-guest Sea Cloud is an extraordinary, historic yacht that will enable you to:

- Ply the waters of the Aegean, Ionian and Adriatic seas under sail like the ancients
- Step back in history at four UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the evocative ruins of Olympia, Greece and Albania's historic city of Butrint
- Skim across Montenegro's Gulf of Kotor to our Lady of The Rocks, a tiny islet formed of sunken fishing boats
- Spend a day among the marble-paved lanes and ramparts of Dubrovnik's Old Town

Perfect symmetry: tall ship sailing in historic waters

Experience something many people don't know exists in the 21st century—the thrill of life under sail—in a region where the ancients sailed millennia ago. With the winds filling Sea Cloud's sails, you'll have ample opportunities to stand on deck and watch the orchestrated frenzy of 16 crew members going aloft in the web of riggings to hand-set 30 sails.

Experience culture & ancient wonders from Greece to the Dalmatian Coast

This is an encompassing expedition in the Aegean, Ionian, and Adriatic seas; and our beautiful sailing ship is one of the most exhilarating ways to explore the region. Discover Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic games and an important sanctuary of ancient Greece. Wander the medieval market in Kruje, Albania's ancient capital. Drive to the top of Montenegro's fjord for staggering views. In Croatia, explore Dubrovnik's Old Town and enjoy a private performance of klapa music, a traditional form of a

cappella singing. At Korčula we stroll the waterfront cafes and see a traditional sword performance. Hvar is a stunning coastal town, backed by lavender fields and pine-covered hills. A walking tour with our guides leisurely reveals key sites; or you can choose a more vigorous hike up to Hvar's Citadel. Learn first-hand about contemporary life along these historic shores. Active daily outings are balanced with restorative time on the Lido deck or in the Blue Lagoon of our magnificent tall ship.

Every day is active and engaging

Each day offers half- or full-day explorations on land, as well as time aboard ship. Our historian, naturalist and local guides ensure you gain an insider's perspective and insight into the fascinating places we visit. Scenic drives, hikes on hilly terrain, market visits, cruises along idyllic shores, and free time to walk in charming seaside villages are the ways you'll pass the time. And you may choose to stay aboard Sea Cloud, for some relaxation and glorious views. The point is, you can do as much, or as little as you like.

Travel in excellent company

Explore under the sure guidance of a veteran expedition leader, a historian, and a naturalist who will also serve as your Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor. Their knowledge and passion for the unique marvels of Greece and the Dalmatian Coast is the key to your once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Day by Day Itinerary

Each expedition aboard Sea Cloud is crafted to offer the authentic experience of sailing a true square-rigger among must-see and seldom-seen locales. Flexibility is the hallmark of a Lindblad-National Geographic expedition, and our daily itineraries will often adjust to take advantage of wind or exploration opportunities.

DAY 1: Fly Overnight To Athens, Greece

DAY 2: Athens/Piraeus/Embark

Arrive in Athens and make your way to the Electra Palace Hotel, board Sea Cloud in Piraeus and sail into the Aegean. (D)

DAY 3: Sailing Aboard Sea Cloud

Everyone's sure to be on deck as Sea Cloud's sails are hoisted the old-fashioned way: by hand. Sail around the Peloponnesian Peninsula. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: Katakolon/Olympia

Explore the ancient site of Olympia, home of the Panhellenic Festival held here beginning in 776 BC. Return to the ship and sail northward. (B,L,D)



DAY 5: Ithaka

We spend the morning sailing toward the Ionian Islands. Few names elicit the intrigue and sense of adventure as Odysseus's home of Ithaka. Today, the island remains off the beaten track, with gems of small Ionian villages. We'll drive around the island to explore the sites that link it to the era described by Homer. In the evening we continue north to Albania. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: Sarandë And Butrint, Albania

Visit the ancient city of Butrint, a World Heritage Site. Continue to intriguing Sarandë. In the afternoon we stop for a swim and walk along Albania's coastline. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: Tiranë, Albania

From Durrës, drive to Albania's capital Tiranë. Visit Skanderbeg Square and the National History Museum, and meet with a local luminary. We unfurl Sea Cloud's sails as we head northward. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: Kotor, Montenegro

Sail into the Gulf of Kotor. Visit Perast, then take a boat to the islet of Gospa od Skrpjela. See medieval Kotor, and drive up the 27 serpentine switchbacks to the top of the fjord for an unrivaled view. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: Dubrovnik, Croatia**

We anchor off Dubrovnik's city walls and land in the heart of Old Town. Stroll marble-paved streets and walk on the ramparts. There's a private performance of traditional klapa music. Opt for an after-dinner stroll through town. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: Korcula

Sail in the morning, then explore beautiful Korcula. Visit the house believed to be Marco Polo's birthplace; enjoy free time at Korcula's cafés and waterfront; see a private performance of the traditional Moreska sword dance. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: Hvar/At Sea

In Hvar, one of the most attractive and lively of Croatia's historic towns, a walking tour shows us key sites. You may also hike up to the Citadel. Head southward for a final afternoon's sailing. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: Dubrovnik/Disembark

Disembark for flights home, or to join the optional extension to Mostar and Split. (B)