



Portugal & Northern Spain

aboard *Sea Cloud II*

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Program Highlights

- ❖ **SAIL** aboard the magnificent, three-masted *Sea Cloud II*, a perfect marriage of the seafaring elegance of a bygone era and superior modern comforts and amenities.
- ❖ **EXPLORE** the celebrated city of Lisbon and enjoy a gala reception and welcome dinner, including a private *fado* performance.
- ❖ **IMMERSE YOURSELF** in Portuguese charm with a full day tour to lovely Sintra, the Regaleira Gardens and the traditional fishing village of Cascais.
- ❖ **SAVOR** local flavors during gourmet meals ashore: A tasting at a historic port lodge in Porto; a private lunch at a grand parador in Santiago de Compostela; and tapas in Bilbao.
- ❖ **TRACE** Spain's 1,000-year-old pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela, including the great cathedral dedicated to St. James.
- ❖ **MARVEL** at one of Europe's newer architectural landmarks, the iconic Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao.

Sea Cloud II

Christened in 2001, the *Sea Cloud II* is perhaps the most luxurious three-masted sailing yacht on the seas today. Like Marjorie Merriweather Post's legendary *Sea Cloud*, the *Sea Cloud II* combines the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury. In the grand tradition of the world's finest sailing vessels, guests experience this marvelous ship under sail (weather permitting), as the skilled crew hand-sets more than 30,000 square feet of canvas. The *Sea Cloud II* offers an intimate setting of just 47 beautifully appointed cabins, gracious common areas, world-class service, and five-star dining.





Soak up the rich history of Portugal and Northern Spain on this extraordinary cruise aboard the beautiful and elegant *Sea Cloud II*. with three hotel nights, including a welcome reception, a private *fado* performance, and an in-depth exploration of Lisbon and nearby Sintra. Drive to historic Porto for lunch and wine tasting before embarking *Sea Cloud II*. Cruise to Islas Cíes National Park, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Santiago de Compostela, and the lively seaside city of Santander. The program finishes with a hotel night in Bilbao to allow the opportunity for a gala farewell lunch and a visit to Frank Gehry's renowned Guggenheim Museum.

A journey aboard the *Sea Cloud II*, with only 47 staterooms, is an intimate experience on one of the most elegant and luxurious vessels afloat. Like Marjorie Merriweather Post's historic *Sea Cloud*, she combines the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury. In the grand tradition of the world's finest sailing vessels, guests can experience this marvelous ship under full sail, as the skilled crew hand-sets over 30,000 square feet of canvas.



TOUR COST:

\$6,990–\$14,990 per person
double occupancy

\$10,990–\$15,990 per person
single occupancy

INCLUDED:

five-night cruise • four hotel nights • meals as shown in itinerary • house wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners • entrance fees and port charges • gratuities for all services • group airport transfers on arrival and departure days • pre-departure information • tour manager throughout

NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare to destination • private transfers • travel insurance • deviations from the scheduled tour • other items of a personal nature

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