

# CASTLES & CAMPAIGNS

**HONFLEUR TO HAMBURG**

aboard *Sea Cloud II* • June 10–18, 2016

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## Explore major historical events that swept across

the map of Northern Europe from the 19th century to World War II, and discuss the cultural climate that gave them context, aboard the *Sea Cloud II*, one of the most elegant and luxurious vessels afloat. Excursion options allow travelers to focus on their personal area of interest, whether it is the political, military, and human drama of historic battle sites or renowned country estates and world-class art collections.

After arriving in Paris, embark the *Sea Cloud II* in the picturesque Seine River port of Honfleur and sail across the English Channel to Portsmouth and Dover, where excursion choices include 17th-century Petworth house, famous for its extensive art collection; Portsmouth's award-winning D-Day Museum and historic dockyards; Dover Castle's secret war tunnels; and impressive Leeds Castle. Continue to the Low Countries of Belgium—for a day in gorgeous medieval Bruges or an excursion to Ypres, strategically important in WWI—and the Netherlands, where the cultural and horticultural treasures of Amsterdam, Aalsmeer, and Haarlem vie for your attention. Disembark in Hamburg for return flights home. A pre-trip optional extension in Normandy includes an opportunity to see the incomparable Bayeux Tapestry and visits to sites related to D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

Enjoy **seven nights aboard the beautiful three-masted *Sea Cloud II***, which offers the seafaring elegance of a bygone era combined with the highest modern standards of luxury.

**Customize your time ashore** with a choice of excursions in each port by selecting a theme—military history, or culture and art—and the excursions that focus on that theme.

**Visit 17th-century Petworth House**, whose extensive art collections include paintings by Turner and Van Dyck and carvings by Grinling Gibbons and Ben Harms.





## ITINERARY

**Friday & Saturday, June 10 & 11**

### HOME / PARIS, FRANCE / HONFLEUR

Depart on an overnight flight to Paris and transfer to Honfleur, where the Sea Cloud II is docked. Embark and enjoy a welcome reception and dinner.

SEA CLOUD II (R,D)

**Sunday, June 12**

### PORTSMOUTH, U.K.

option 1: Enjoy a guided tour of Petworth House, a 17th-century country estate renowned for its art collection and expansive park, landscaped by Capability Brown and home to the largest herd of fallow deer in England.

option 2: Delve into Portsmouth's fascinating military history, with an early entry to the award-winning D-Day Museum, an exclusive visit to the historic map room at Southwick Park (Gen. Eisenhower's D-Day headquarters), and free time to explore the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard (featuring the Royal Naval Museum and some of the most iconic ships in British maritime history—the Mary Rose, the HMS Victory, and the HMS Warrior).

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

**Monday, June 13**

### DOVER

option 1: Visit Leeds Castle, one of England's most picturesque and historic castles,

situated on a raised island in the middle of a lake formed by the River Len, and used by Henry VIII as a residence for his first wife, Catherine of Aragon. option 2: Explore the secret war tunnels at Dover Castle, where the World War II Dunkirk evacuation was planned. An afternoon at sea provides your first opportunity, weather permitting, to experience the Sea Cloud II under sail.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

**Tuesday, June 14**

### OSTEND, BELGIUM

Dock in Ostend for a full-day in either Bruges or Dunkirk and Ypres.

option 1: Bruges, capital of the province of West Flanders, is renowned for the beautiful medieval architecture of its historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site. A walking tour of this charming area includes the art treasures of the Church of Our Lady and the small but prized Groeninge and Memling museums (those who prefer can instead participate in a chocolate-making workshop in Bruges at an additional cost of \$70 per person).

option 2: Visit the museums, cemeteries, and battle sites around Dunkirk, where Allied troops were evacuated as part of Operation Dynamo during World War II, and Ypres, immortalized in the poem "In Flanders Fields." Written during World War I by Canadian physician Lt. Col. John McCrae, the poem honors the memory of McCrae's friend and fellow soldier Alexis

Helmer, who died in the Second Battle of Ypres.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

**Wednesday, June 15**

### AT SEA / AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

After a morning of cruising, arrive in Amsterdam for an afternoon visit to the Rijksmuseum, a Netherlands national museum dedicated to arts and history, including masterpieces by Rembrandt, Frans Hals, and Johannes Vermeer. In the early evening, enjoy a private cruise along Amsterdam's medieval and colonial-age canals, the result of conscious city planning in the 17th century.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

**Thursday, June 16**

### AMSTERDAM

option 1: Visit the Van Gogh Museum and the Anne Frank House (including a special guest speaker from the Anne Frank Foundation), with lunch included on board and an afternoon at leisure in Amsterdam. option 2: At an additional cost of \$110 per person, enjoy a full-day excursion to the ower auction in Aalsmeer and the Frans Hals and Teylers museums in Haarlem, with a private tour of the drawings collections not open to the public at the latter, and lunch at a local restaurant in Haarlem.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)



Friday, June 17

## AT SEA

After a full day of cruising to Hamburg (weather permitting, a portion of the cruise will be under sail), this evening enjoy a farewell reception and dinner on board.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

Saturday, June 18

## HAMBURG, GERMANY / HOME

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

### OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

June 6–11, 2016

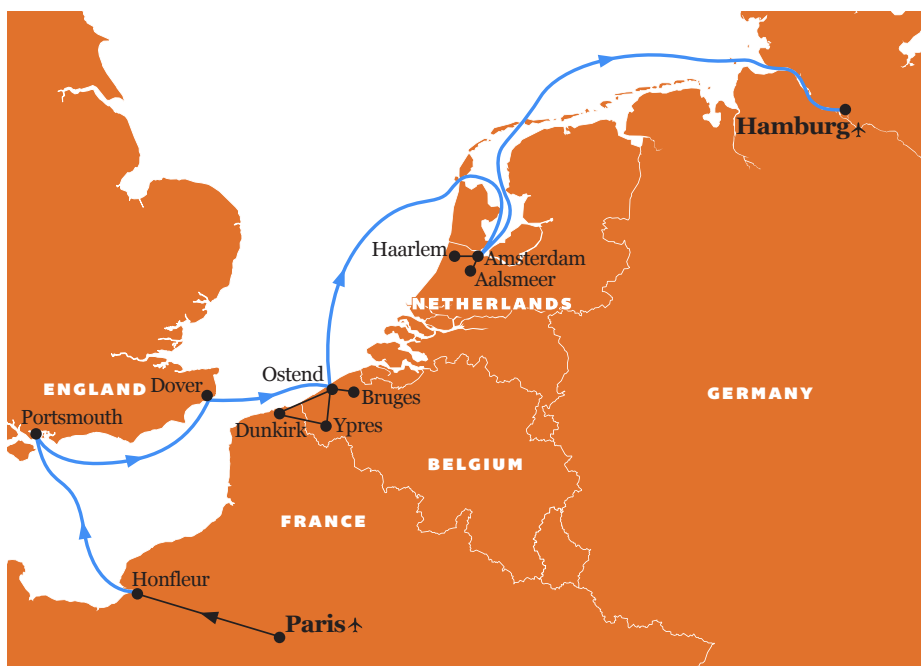
## NORMANDY

Visit sites where some of the most decisive and fiercely contested battles of World War II took place. After one night in Paris, transfer to the charming Château d'Audrieu near Bayeux, Normandy. Activities include the Peace Memorial Museum in Caen; the Airborne Museum in Ste-Mère-Eglise; Pointe du Hoc, a strategic promontory overlooking the English Channel that Allied troops captured from the Germans; the American Military Cemetery at St-Laurent-sur-Mer overlooking Omaha Beach; a memorial flag ceremony; the D-Day Landing Museum in Arromanches; and the Bayeux Tapestry Museum. (4B,4L,4D)

Rates:

\$3,490 per person, double occupancy

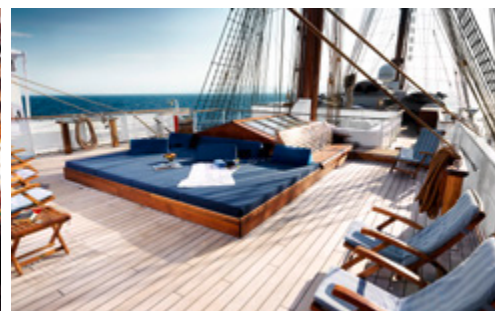
\$4,490 per person, single occupancy



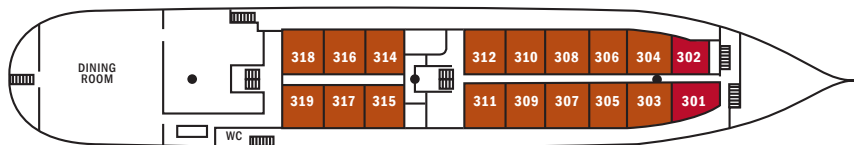


# SEA CLOUD II

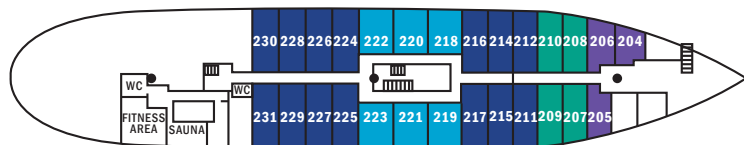
Christened in 2001, the *Sea Cloud II* is perhaps the most luxurious three-masted sailing yacht on the seas today. The sister ship of Marjorie Merriweather Post's legendary *Sea Cloud*, she combines the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury. In the grand tradition of the world's nest 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.



LIDO DECK



PROMENADE DECK



CABIN DECK

## PROGRAM RATES (per person)

Category	DOUBLE	SINGLE
<b>1</b>	<b>\$5,995</b>	<b>\$8,995</b>
129 sq. ft., upper & lower twin beds, 2 portholes, shower		
<b>2</b>	<b>\$7,995</b>	<b>\$11,995</b>
172 sq. ft., forward, twin beds*, 2 portholes, shower		
<b>3</b>	<b>\$8,995</b>	<b>\$13,495</b>
172 sq. ft., midship, twin beds*, 2 portholes, shower		
<b>4</b>	<b>\$9,995</b>	—
204 sq. ft., twin beds*, 2 portholes, shower		
<b>5</b>	<b>\$10,995</b>	—
204 sq. ft., queen bed*, panorama windows, shower		
<b>6</b>	<b>\$12,995</b>	—
247 sq. ft., twin beds*, panorama window, bathtub/shower combo		
<b>7</b>	<b>\$14,995</b>	—
290 sq. ft., king bed*, panorama window, bathtub, separate shower		

\*In categories 2, 3, 4, and 6, twin beds can be kept separate or pushed together to form one larger bed, with the exception of cabins 224 and 226, where beds are fixed together as one larger bed. Note that queen and king beds in categories 5 and 7 are made up of two mattresses, side-by-side.

### Program Rates Include

All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • All excursions as specified in the itinerary • Full program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • Individual or group transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure days • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers, and shipboard personnel • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • Wine, beer, and soft drinks with group lunches and dinners and aboard *Sea Cloud II* • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Professional tour manager



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Travel insurance • Cost of chocolate-making workshop on June 14 (\$70 per person) and Aalsmeer/ Haarlem excursion on June 16 (\$110 per person) • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Private or independent transfers between the airport and hotel/ship other than arranged group transfers • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, email, and fax charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

### AIRFARE

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Information about making flight arrangements will be sent to all participants.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

This is a moderately strenuous program, at times physically demanding and busy, with considerable walking at some sites. Daily activities can involve up to two miles of walking, often on cobbled streets and uneven terrain, or up and down hills, and

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

### 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@critteriontravel.com](mailto:res@critteriontravel.com). Final payment deadline is February 11, 2016, 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 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 February 11, 2016 (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 Criterion Travel, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part.

may include extended periods of standing in museums and churches. Often elevators are unavailable and stairs may not have handrails. Participants should be fit and in active good health. Limited medical facilities are available on board the *Sea Cloud II*. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the participant certifies that s/he does not have any physical or other limitation that would create a hazard for her/himself or other travelers.

### GROUP SIZE

This program is limited to 76 participants, including travelers from Yale, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Princeton, and the Santa Barbara Museum of Art.

### 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" travel insurance.

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 **Castles & Campaigns**  
OR ☐ Charge the deposit to my credit card (circle one):

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## 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 February 11, 2016, 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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