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Catalan Interlude Featuring Valencia, Ibiza & Mallorca
Aboard *Sea Cloud II*
with Rika Burnham, Lecturer



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Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

On an extraordinary adventure by land and by sea, join me in Catalonia, a beautiful, less-explored region of Mediterranean Spain, unique in its strong cultural identity, language, and art heritage that gave us Dalí's surrealism, Miró's dreamscapes, and Gaudí's architectural exuberance. This program features three nights on land in the evocative, historic city of Girona, and four nights at sea aboard the graceful *Sea Cloud II*.

As a museum educator with a passion for looking closely at great art, I am eager to share with you an uncommon journey into a region abundant with art and unspoiled cultural wonders, connecting a legacy of intermingling ancient civilizations, from the Phoenicians and Romans to the Visigoths and Muslims, to the comprehensive collections of The Met.

In Girona, we will visit the Museu d'Art de Girona and the Catedral de Girona, which is home to the world's widest Gothic nave and the 11th-century *Tapestry of Creation*, a surviving landmark of Romanesque textile artworks. At the excellent Museu d'Història dels Jueus, housed in a 14th-century synagogue, we'll have a private look at the treasures of Girona's thriving medieval Jewish community. Nearby, we'll take an inside look at an 11th-century fortress that Salvador Dalí reimagined as a gift to his wife, Gala, and in Dalí's hometown of Figueres, we will behold the world's largest collection of his works inside the museum Dalí designed himself.

In Spain's oldest Roman city, Tarragona, expert guides will invite us to explore its UNESCO-listed ancient ruins, including its grand seaside amphitheater. Aboard *Sea Cloud II*, we sail for Valencia and explore its opulent cathedral and revered relics, including what is said to be Christ's chalice from the Last Supper. We will behold great artworks by Velázquez, Goya, and Valencia's own Joaquín Sorolla at the Museo de Bellas Artes. In picturesque Ibiza, we will uncover the island's little-known ancient history, including a vast Phoenician necropolis. In Mallorca, we'll enjoy a private reception in a renowned historic mansion, enjoying a stunning private art collection and a sculpture terrace with breathtaking views.

Savor many delights along the way, including spectacular coastlines, architectural masterpieces by Santiago Calatrava, close looks at great works of art, and Michelin-starred Catalan cuisine. I hope you will join me on this extraordinary exploration of Catalonia and beautiful Spanish islands aboard *Sea Cloud II*.

Sincerely,

Rika Burnham

Lecturer & Educator

The Metropolitan Museum of Art



Traveling with You

Rika Burnham

Rika Burnham is a leading theorist and practitioner of art museum gallery teaching. Author of *Teaching in the Art Museum: Interpretation as Experience*, and lecturer at Columbia University, she has served as Head of Education at The Frick Collection, Museum Educator at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Project Director for TIME/Teaching Institute in Museum Education at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and was appointed Getty Research Institute Museum Scholar in 2002 and 2018. She holds a degree in art history from Harvard University and was awarded the degree of Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts from Massachusetts College of Art and Design in 2014.

Trip Highlights

- Over three nights in **Girona**, join expert guides to trace the legacy of Catalonia's medieval Jewish community at the **Museu d'Història dels Jueus**, encounter the region's art heritage at the **Museu d'Art de Girona**, and explore the **Catedral de Girona**, featuring the world's widest Gothic nave and the 11th-century *Tapestry of Creation*
- Witness Dalí's genius firsthand during an expert-guided tour of his self-designed **Teatre-Museu Dalí**, home to the largest collection of his works and his final resting place, in his hometown of **Figueres**
- Dig into **Tarragona's** ancient Roman past on an expert-guided visit to **MNAT**, housing 25,000 artifacts, and go behind the scenes of UNESCO-listed ruins, including the seaside **Tarragona Amphitheater**
- At the 13th-century **Valencia Cathedral**, delight in a private look at sacred Christian relics, including the purported Holy Grail, an 11th-century white-marble altar, and some of Europe's most extraordinary religious art
- Sail **Sea Cloud II** to the gorgeous islands of **Ibiza** and **Mallorca**, discovering their little-known ancient wonders on expert-led museum tours, and enjoy a special reception at a historic mansion in **Palma de Mallorca** with art by Moore, Hepworth, Consagra, Rodin, Chillida, and Dalí



Teatre-Museu Dalí, Figueres, © Stefano Merli



Photos clockwise from top right: Regional map; Museu d'Història dels Jueus, Girona; Lonja de la Seda, Valencia; Teatre-Museu Dalí, Figueres; Mercado Central, Valencia; Poblet Monastery, Poblet. Front cover: Catedral de Santa Maria de Palma de Mallorca, Palma de Mallorca. Back cover: *Sea Cloud II* (top); Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias, Valencia (bottom).

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Girona

Departure

Friday, October 18

Depart for Barcelona on an overnight flight.

Barcelona, Spain / Girona

Saturday, October 19

Gather for lunch upon arrival in Barcelona, then travel by motor coach northeast to Girona, set in the Pyrenees foothills. Check into the elegant Hotel Palau de Bellavista Girona, your home for three nights prior to the cruise. Mingle at a welcome cocktail reception this evening.

L, R

Girona / Palau-Sator / Púbol / Figueres

Sunday, October 20

Start your day with a guided walking tour of Girona, an ancient Roman stronghold, admiring its opulent Romanesque and Gothic architecture. Then take a privately guided tour of the Museu d'Art de Girona, housed in the former Episcopal Palace. Discover more about Girona's history through the museum's collections of precious liturgical relics and artworks.

Savor lunch at Mas Pou, a Michelin-starred restaurant in the medieval village of Palau-Sator. Housed within a 16th-century stone farmhouse, this family-run establishment presents Catalan cuisine with locally sourced, seasonal ingredients.

Later, explore the quaint village of Púbol and encounter a surreal homage to love and creativity at the Castell de Púbol. Salvador Dalí refurbished this 11th-century fortress as a gift for his wife, Gala. Go behind the scenes in the castle's museum and its unconventional collection of Dalí's art and furnishings. Continue to Figueres, Dalí's birthplace, where you will gain privately guided access to the Teatre-Museu Dalí, designed by the artist himself. Take a guided look at the world's largest collection of Dalí's works, showcasing over 1,500 creations, and even see the crypt where Dalí rests. Conclude your day back in Girona at the welcome dinner.

B, L, D

Girona

Monday, October 21

Enjoy an enriching morning lecture, followed by a guided visit to the Museu d'Història dels Jueus. Housed within a medieval synagogue, the museum displays a vast array of artifacts representing the daily lives and traditions of medieval Catalan Jews, many of whom lived in Girona's thriving Jewish quarter. After lunch, venture to the 12th-century Banys Àrabs (Arab Baths), a rare surviving example of Romanesque public baths. These baths also served as a *mikveh*, a sacred ritual bath, for Girona's Jewish community during the 14th century.

Enjoy a private look at the Catedral de Girona, which boasts the world's widest Gothic nave. Built over centuries, the church seamlessly blends Romanesque, Baroque, and Gothic elements. Inside, behold the *Tapestry of Creation*, a remarkable Romanesque artwork depicting scenes from the Garden of Eden, and admire an 11th-century white-marble high altar. Conclude your day with an afternoon and evening at leisure.

B, L

Girona / Tarragona or Poblet / Embark *Sea Cloud II*

Tuesday, October 22

After checking out of the hotel, transfer to Tarragona (Tarraco), Spain's earliest Roman stronghold, dating back to 218 B.C. In this city of stunningly well-preserved Roman remains, take a guided tour of the Museu Nacional Arqueològic de Tarragona (MNAT), the region's oldest archaeological repository, housing more than 25,000 Roman treasures. Then an expert guide will lead you through the 14,000-seat seaside Tarragona Amphitheater, erected in the second century A.D. Pause at the Gothic-style medieval Pont del Diable (Devil's Bridge), which spans the river Llobregat atop original Roman foundations, crowned by a stone chapel.

Alternatively, opt for a visit to the UNESCO-listed 12th-century Poblet Monastery, a pristine Cistercian abbey of immense proportions, which includes a Gothic church and tranquil cloisters. Within its crypts lie the Catalan and Aragonese kings, alongside other illustrious nobility. In the late afternoon, board the awaiting *Sea Cloud II* in Tarragona.

B, L, D



Tapestry of Creation, Catedral de Girona, Girona



Dalt Vila, Ibiza Town

Morning at Sea / Valencia

Wednesday, October 23

After a morning lecture, arrive in Valencia, one of Spain's oldest cities, founded as a Roman colony in 138 B.C. Join an expert guide to meander through the Old Town, where colorful houses are adorned with ornate ceramic tiles and intricate iron balconies. Stop for an inside look at the UNESCO-listed Lonja de la Seda—the Silk Exchange—a late Valencian Gothic marvel erected between 1482 and 1533.

You will also visit the Mercado Central (Central Market), an exemplary showcase of Valencian Art Nouveau, where more than 300 stalls overflow with local delights. See the spectacular Gothic Valencia Cathedral, whose architecture ranges from Romanesque to Neoclassical. Within, visit the Chapel of the Holy Chalice, housing a first-century A.D. cup believed to have touched Christ's lips during the Last Supper. Before returning to the ship, discover the Museo de Bellas Artes de Valencia, Spain's second-largest

art gallery, whose collection includes treasures by Velázquez, Goya, and Sorolla. Alternatively, marvel at the futuristic Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias, designed by Valencia-born architect Santiago Calatrava, with its six magnificent structures and a distinctive bridge. B, L, D

Morning at Sea / Ibiza Town (Ibiza)

Thursday, October 24

As we approach Ibiza, an island whose strategic importance lured the Phoenicians, Romans, Arabs, and Spaniards, take in the island's pristine beaches and hills dotted with fig and olive trees. In Ibiza Town's historical center of Dalt Vila—a UNESCO World Heritage Site with Phoenician foundations built in 650 B.C.—travel with an expert guide through its narrow cobblestone streets within its ancient walls. Join an expert guide for an inside look at the Museo Arqueológico de Ibiza y Formentera, which showcases Carthaginian figurines of the goddess Tanit, the Phoenician-Punic necropolis of Puig des Molins (the region's largest of its kind), Roman statues, and prehistoric relics. B, L, D

Palma de Mallorca (Mallorca)

Friday, October 25

Step ashore on Mallorca, an island beloved by artists like Chopin and Borges. In the capital of Palma de Mallorca, we hope to enjoy a special visit with refreshments at the Fundación Bartolomé March, a wealthy banker's former residence that features a sculpture terrace with magnificent views and art by Moore, Hepworth, Consagra, Rodin, Chillida, and Dalí.

Then join an expert guide at the splendid La Seu, also known as the Catedral de Santa María de Palma de Mallorca, a Gothic Roman Catholic cathedral constructed from 1229 to the 17th century. Highlights include Gaudí's striking interior and the 45-foot-wide "Gothic eye" rose window. If time allows, visit the Fundació Pilar i Joan Miró a Mallorca, a museum featuring more than 6,000 paintings, sculptures, and other treasures donated by Miró, including his oldest surviving oil painting. Return to *Sea Cloud II* for lunch and gather this evening for the captain's farewell dinner. B,L,R,D

Tarragona / Disembark / Barcelona / Return

Saturday, October 26

Disembark *Sea Cloud II* upon return to Tarragona this morning and transfer to the Barcelona airport for your flights home. B

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Fundació Pilar i Joan Miró a Mallorca, Mallorca

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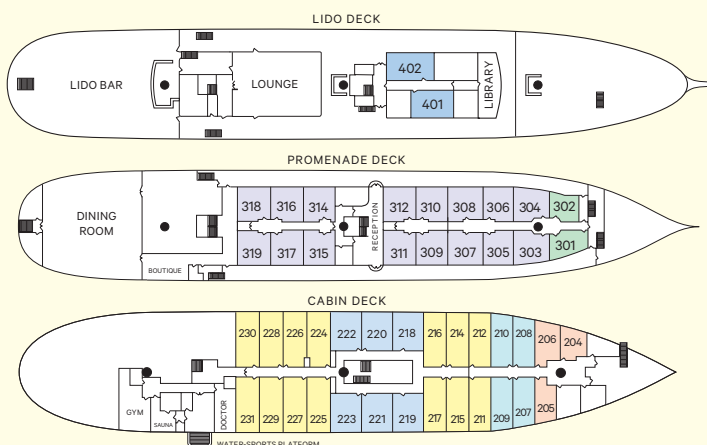
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Sea Cloud II



Sea Cloud II is a three-masted sailing yacht steeped in the elegance of yesteryear and complemented with the most modern amenities. Sister ship of the legendary *Sea Cloud*, *Sea Cloud II* has 47 outside cabins and travels under 23 billowing sails trimmed by hand. From the mahogany-paneled library and gracious lounge to the gym and water sports platform, no detail has been overlooked. Praised by the world's most discerning travelers, *Sea Cloud II* receives consistently high rankings from *Condé Nast Traveler*. Passengers enjoy open seating at all meals and complimentary use of all water sports equipment. A doctor is on call 24 hours a day. Please note that there is no elevator on *Sea Cloud II*.

Program Rates

Categories	Cabin Numbers	Decks	Double Rates	Single Rates
Cabins	204 to 206	Cabin	\$6,999	\$8,399
	Upper/lower twin berths, shower.			
Superior Cabins	207 to 210	Cabin	\$8,999	\$13,499
	Twin beds, shower.			
Deluxe Cabins	211 to 217 & 224 to 231	Cabin	\$10,999	\$16,499
	Twin beds, shower.			
Deluxe Cabins	218 to 223	Cabin	\$11,999	Inquire
	Twin beds, shower.			
Deluxe Cabins	301 & 302	Promenade	\$12,999	Inquire
	Twin beds, shower.			
Junior Suites	303 to 319	Promenade	\$14,999	Inquire
	Twin beds, bathtub with shower.			
Owner's Suites	401 & 402	Lido	\$16,999	Inquire
	Queen-size bed, bathtub, and separate shower.			

Rates Include

- Three nights hotel accommodations at the Hotel Palau de Bellavista Girona; four nights cabin accommodations aboard *Sea Cloud II*
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; thoughtfully selected wine and beer with lunches and dinners; complimentary open bar aboard *Sea Cloud II* throughout the cruise (including all standard spirits)
- Airport/hotel/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities

Not included in rates

International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than as noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Accommodations

Hotel Palau de Bellavista Girona

This elegant hotel sits in a quiet corner next to Girona's Barri Vell (the historic old town). Combining chic design with impeccable service, the Hotel Palau de Bellavista features great views from the hotel's roof terrace as well as a bar and a pool.



Hotel Palau de Bellavista Girona



Sea Cloud II's Lido Deck (top) and Junior Suite (above)

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