Travel with The Met

The Alluring Aegean: Enchanting Greek Islands Aboard Sea Cloud
with Seán Hemingway, Curator of Greek and Roman Art

June 24–July 2, 2018
Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

Homer called it “the wine-dark sea,” but the original name for the Aegean was *Archipelagos*, the word now used to refer to its islands—and by extension, any chain of islands. Next summer, please join me aboard the incomparable *Sea Cloud* to explore these enchanting Greek isles. Immerse yourself in sun-drenched scenery and ancient marvels as our privately chartered vessel slips into small harbors and shallow bays to visit some of the most important sites of antiquity. This is Greece as it was meant to be seen—traveling from island to island aboard an authentic sailing ship.

As an archaeologist and curator of Greek and Roman art, I am delighted to escort you to my favorite country, which I visit every year to conduct fieldwork. I am especially excited to view the Cycladic marble figures in the Naxos museum that had such a powerful influence on Picasso and other modern artists.

From Piraeus, cross the Aegean to call at Delos, mythical birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. Roam its extensive ruins, then refresh with an afternoon espresso or *apéritif* on nearby Mykonos. Step ashore on Naxos for a tour of its small, excellent antiquities museum, and in the lesser-visited Peloponnese, stroll the narrow streets of Monemvasia, known as “Greece’s Gibraltar.” In Mycenae, legendary city of Agamemnon, view archaeological monuments unearthed by Heinrich Schliemann. Stop on tiny Hydra, haven for artists and writers.

With her billowing sails, rich mahogany, and gleaming brass, the classic barque *Sea Cloud* has been setting the standard for luxury sailing since 1931. Her elegant appointments, fine dining, impeccable service, and intimate size make her the ideal ship for this splendid itinerary. Weather permitting, there may be an opportunity to swim in the azure waters of the Aegean.

Don’t miss the opportunity to experience the thrill of traveling to legendary islands aboard this remarkable ship, in the congenial company of members of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the alumni associations of Yale and Vanderbilt universities.

Sincerely,
Seán Hemingway
Curator of Greek and Roman Art

**Traveling with you**
Seán Hemingway

Seán Hemingway, Curator in the Department of Greek and Roman Art at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, is a seasoned archaeologist who has excavated prehistoric, classical, and Roman sites in Greece and Spain. He received his doctorate from Bryn Mawr College and studied at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens as a Fulbright Scholar. He was a visiting curator at the American Academy in Rome in 2003 and in 2012. Seán’s particular specialty is Greek and Roman bronzes and he is the author of numerous scholarly publications including a book on Hellenistic bronze sculpture, which appeared in 2004. His first novel, *The Tomb of Alexander*, was published in 2012. He was also the editor of the Hemingway Library edition of his grandfather’s first novel, *The Sun Also Rises*, published in 2014.

**Trip Highlights**

— Explore three UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the archaeological ruins on Delos, the ancient shrine of Asclepios at Epidaurus, and the fortress of Mycenae

— Follow in the wake of ancient Greek mariners aboard an authentic sailing ship

— Visit remote, picturesque Folegandros and delightful Hydra, a haven for artists and writers

— Enjoy the expertise of archaeologist Seán Hemingway, Curator of Greek and Roman Art, and other esteemed lecturers

— Spend seven nights aboard *Sea Cloud*, a four-masted beauty that has hosted royalty, served during wartime, and sailed the world over
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Anoptional two-night prelude is offered in Athens from June 22-25.

U.S. Departure
Sunday, June 24
Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Athens, Greece.

Athens, Greece / Sea Cloud
Monday, June 25
Arrive in Athens and transfer to the nearby port of Piraeus, where Sea Cloud awaits. Be on deck this afternoon as the ship sails past the Temple of Poseidon, a dazzling landmark poised atop Cape Sounion.

Delos / Mykonos
Tuesday, June 26
Cross the Aegean to call at the pristine island of Delos, mythical birthplace of twin gods Apollo and Artemis. On a walking tour, explore the extensive ruins of this UNESCO-listed island, now uninhabited. See the main shrines of Apollo and Artemis, the startlingly detailed mosaics found in excavated estates, and the iconic Terrace of the Lions. Continue to Mykonos in the afternoon for some leisure time in its cafés and lively tavernas. Gather tonight for our welcome dinner aboard Sea Cloud.

Naxos
Wednesday, June 27
Step ashore this afternoon in Naxos, whose dramatic Temple of Apollo defines the harbor. At the Archaeological Museum, marvel at Cycladic marble figures like those that inspired Brancusi and other modern sculptors. Discover the ancient marble quarry of Flerio, where two 18-foot kouroi (statues of young men) lie mysteriously unfinished.

Fonteigandros
Thursday, June 28
Arrive this morning on unsnpoiled Folegandros to visit the village of Chora, whose ancient whitewashed walls stand atop sheer cliffs overlooking the Aegean. Explore its unique center, comprised of three squares, and view the Kastro, an 8th-century Venetian fortress. The island’s largest church, the hilltop Church of Panagia, was built on the ruins of an ancient sanctuary of Artemis and offers panoramic views.

Monemvasia
Friday, June 29
On the Peloponnese, stomping ground of the gods, discover Monemvasia, known as “Greece’s Gibraltar.” This Byzantine town clings to the side of a 1,200-foot rock, connected to the Peloponnese mainland only by a narrow causeway. Wander its zigzag Warren of lanes clustered with citadels, churches, ramparts, and charming squares.

Nauplion / Epidaurus / Mycenae
Saturday, June 30
Savor a final morning at sea as we navigate the Argolis peninsula, seat of the mighty Mycenaean, From Nauplion, drive to Epidaurus, the ancient shrine of Asklepios, god of medicine. This enchanting site is dominated by its fourth-century theater, one of the best-preserved classical structures in Greece. Continue to Mycenae, legendary city of Agamemnon. Pass through the massive lion Gate to see the remains of the palace, royal tombs, and defensive walls. Visit the Archaeological Museum and see the nearby Treasury of Atreus, a huge stone beehive tomb, built about 1,300 B.C.

Hydra
Sunday, July 1
Travel by tender to Hydra, the only developed Greek island closed to motor traffic. Stroll its delightful harbor, ringed with cafés and art galleries, and admire its 18th- and 19th-century stone mansions, built by wealthy merchants and sea captains and restored by artists and writers. In the afternoon Sea Cloud sails back to Piraeus. This evening join the captain at our farewell dinner.

Piraeus / U.S. Return
Monday, July 2
Disembark Sea Cloud this morning in Piraeus and transfer to the Athens airport for flights home.

This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.

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Original Owner’s Suites. King-size bed, marble fireplace, and bath.

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**Sea Cloud**

With her rich mahogany and gleaming brass, the legendary Sea Cloud travels under 30 billowing sails trimmed by hand. Her original owners, heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post and financier E. F. Hutton, desired a craft like no other. They spared no expense to create the largest private sailing ship ever built and in 1931, Sea Cloud was launched. In the ‘30s and ‘40s, as she sailed the world, the four-masted beauty was host to leaders including the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Sweden’s King Gustavus V. Now carefully restored by a team of master craftspeople, this great lady continues to offer elegant quarters, fine dining, and impeccable service. Praised by the world’s most discerning travelers, Sea Cloud receives consistently high rankings from Condé Nast Traveler.

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**Not included in rates**

- International airfare; passport fees; meals not specified; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; trip insurance; optional Athens prelude; luggage in excess of one suitcase; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.
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