
Travel with The Met

July 10–21, 2018

**In the Wake of the Vikings:
Copenhagen to Edinburgh Aboard *Sea Cloud II*
with Melanie Holcomb**



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Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

More than twelve centuries ago, the Vikings crossed the North Sea to the British Isles. This was the dawn of the Viking Age, and its 250-year span left an indelible mark on the cultures of Scotland, England, and beyond. I invite you to join me as we sail in the wake of these brave explorers aboard the elegant *Sea Cloud II*, navigating channels and firths as did the great Viking ships.

My talks on the arts and culture of the Middle Ages will be complemented by lectures from a Harvard professor of Celtic languages and literature, and from a Yale professor and specialist in global business and international relations.

Under midsummer skies, sail to Scandinavian and Scottish cities, with their marvelous mix of medieval and modern. Embarking in Copenhagen, call at Oslo and Stavanger, and view masterpieces at the Bergen Art Museum. Navigate the picturesque Shetland Islands, and step ashore at Kirkwall to visit a Neolithic tomb and fishing village. Spend a day in the lively university city of Aberdeen, to visit 16th-century Crathes Castle, with its remarkable gardens, and the fascinating Maritime Museum. Disembark in Edinburgh.

I hope to welcome you aboard for this North Sea adventure.

Sincerely,
Melanie Holcomb
Curator, The Metropolitan Museum of Art

P.S. We are offering a special enticement to join our "Sailing the Baltic's Amber Coast" voyage, immediately preceding this program, from June 29 to July 11. Guests who book both cruises will receive back-to-back incentives of \$1,250 per person per cruise, a savings of \$5,000 per couple.* This offer includes a private car and driver for a half day in Copenhagen. For more information please call 844-TRVLMET (844-878-5638) or visit metmuseum.org/travel.

* Single travelers, please inquire.



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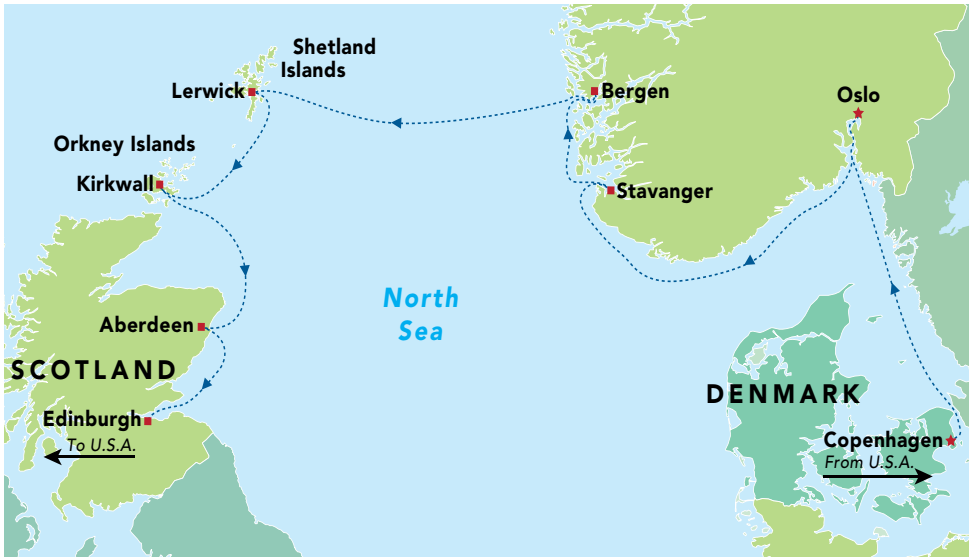
Melanie Holcomb, a curator at The Metropolitan Museum of Art since 1999, is a specialist in the luxury arts of the Middle Ages. She has a particular interest in travel, trade, and other means of cultural exchange among medieval patrons and artists. An alumna of Smith College and the University of Michigan, Dr. Holcomb was curator of *Pen and Parchment: Drawing in the Middle Ages* in 2009 and was co-curator of the exhibition series, *Medieval Jewish Art in Context*. With her colleague Barbara Boehm she co-curated *Jerusalem in the Middle Ages*, in 2016. An engaging teacher and lecturer, Dr. Holcomb was a featured speaker at TEDxMet, and has accompanied several Travel with The Met groups in the past.

Trip Highlights

- Spend a morning in Oslo and stroll in the charming Old Town of Stavanger
- Attend a private recital surrounded by fragrant gardens at Trolldhaugen, Edvard Grieg's summer villa
- See the Arboretum at Milde on a director's tour, at a time when the rose gardens are near their peak
- Marvel at Stone and Bronze Age settlements in the Shetland and Orkney Islands
- Visit Crathes Castle in the university city of Aberdeen and the cliff-top fortress Dunnottar Castle



Jarlshof, Shetland Islands, photo by ExpeditionTrips



Photos clockwise from top right: Dunnottar Castle; pulpit, Stavanger Cathedral; puffin in the Shetland Islands; Norwegian Petroleum Museum, photo by Bjarne Stokke; Crathes Castle; regional map. Front cover: Stones of Stennes, Kirkwall. Back cover: Sea Cloud II (top). Bryggen, Bergen (bottom).

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An optional two-night prelude is offered in Copenhagen from July 8–10, 2018.

U.S. Departure

Tuesday, July 10

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, Denmark

Wednesday, July 11

Arrive in Copenhagen and transfer to *Sea Cloud II* in the late afternoon, stopping en route at Langelinie to see *The Little Mermaid*. L, D

At Sea

Thursday, July 12

Enjoy a day at sea aboard the majestic *Sea Cloud II* as she crosses the North Sea to Norway. Observe the ship's crew as they practice the ancient art of trimming the sails by hand. Gather in the lounge for lectures in preparation for upcoming visits. This evening join the captain for a festive welcome reception and dinner. B, L, R, D

Oslo, Norway

Friday, July 13

Sail into Oslo this morning and view the dramatic Opera House, located right at the harbor. With a white, angled exterior it appears to rise from the water, inviting visitors to climb to the slanted roof and enjoy panoramic views. At the Viking Ship Museum see the vessels and artifacts used by these ancient Nordic sailors. Return to *Sea Cloud II* for lunch on board and an afternoon at sea. B, L, D

At Sea / Stavanger, Norway

Saturday, July 14

Relax during a day at sea as we cruise along the Norwegian coast to Stavanger. B, L, D

Stavanger

Sunday, July 15

Following a relaxed morning at sea, step ashore in Stavanger. Tour the Norwegian Petroleum Museum to learn of the technological advances in the petroleum industry, and how they have affected Norway. Walk in the picturesque Old Town and visit the cathedral before returning to *Sea Cloud II*. B, L, D

Bergen, Norway

Monday, July 16

Discover Bryggen, Bergen's UNESCO-listed old wharf, with its meticulously preserved 14th-century warehouses. At the Bergen Art Museum, view works including Edvard Munch masterpieces. In the afternoon visit Troidhaugen, the charming Swiss-style summer villa of Edvard Grieg, for a private piano recital. Conclude with a director's tour of the Arboretum at Milde, whose rose gardens will be near their peak. B, L, D

At Sea

Tuesday, July 17

Spend a leisurely day at sea as *Sea Cloud II* wends her way to Scotland's Shetland Islands. Enjoy the amenities of our fine ship as we sail under the bright northern light of summer. B, L, D

Lerwick, Shetland Islands, Scotland

Wednesday, July 18

Arrive this morning in Lerwick, capital of the Shetland Islands, and travel to the end of the main island where the farms meet a rocky and beautiful coast. Be on the lookout for puffins and seals, as well as the famous ponies and sheep. In this remote setting discover the Bronze Age settlement of Jarlshof, which was in continuous use until the 17th century. See the well-preserved wheelhouses built around a Neolithic *broch* and the Norse longhouses. B, L, D

Kirkwall, Orkney Islands, Scotland

Thursday, July 19

Early risers will be rewarded with the first views of the rocky and verdant Orkney

Islands. Step ashore in the town of Kirkwall and visit the Stones of Stenness and Europe's most impressive Neolithic chambered tomb, Maes Howe, dating from 3,000 B.C. Then continue to Skara Brae, a small fishing and farming village from the same period, complete with stone furniture. Return to *Sea Cloud II* for an afternoon departure. B, L, D

Aberdeen, Scotland

Friday, July 20

In the lively university city of Aberdeen, visit Crathes Castle, renowned for its turrets, dormers, and gargoyles as well as exquisite painted ceilings. The extensive gardens are a series of interconnected "rooms" with yew hedges, some dating back 200 years. Continue to the Maritime Museum and the unique Tolbooth Museum. Alternatively, you may wish to explore Dunnottar Castle, a dramatic cliff-top fortress overlooking the sea. Join the captain this evening for a farewell dinner as we sail toward Cromarty Firth. B, L, D

Edinburgh, Scotland / U.S. Return

Saturday, July 21

Disembark in the port of Leith this morning and transfer to the Edinburgh Airport for flights home, or remain in the city for the optional postlude program. B, L, D

An optional three-night postlude is offered in Edinburgh from July 21–24, 2018.

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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Holland & Belgium by Barge Aboard *Magnifique II* April 15–23, 2018

The Enchanting Douro River Aboard *AmaVida* April 16–24, 2018

For details please go to metmuseum.org/travel

Program Rates

Cabin Categories	Cabin Numbers	Decks	Double Rates	Single Rates
State Rooms Upper/lower twin berths, shower.	204 to 206	Cabin Deck	\$7,999	\$7,999
Superior Cabins Twin beds, shower.	207 to 210	Cabin Deck	\$9,999	\$14,999
Deluxe Cabins Twin beds, shower.	211 to 217 & 224 to 231	Cabin Deck	\$11,999	\$17,999
Deluxe Cabins Twin beds, shower.	218 to 223	Cabin Deck	\$13,999	\$20,999
Deluxe Cabins Twin beds, shower.	301 & 302	Promenade Deck	\$15,999	Inquire
Junior Suites Twin beds, bathtub with shower.	303 to 319	Promenade Deck	\$17,999	Inquire
Owner's Suites Queen-size bed, bathtub, and separate shower.	401 & 402	Lido Deck	\$19,999	Inquire

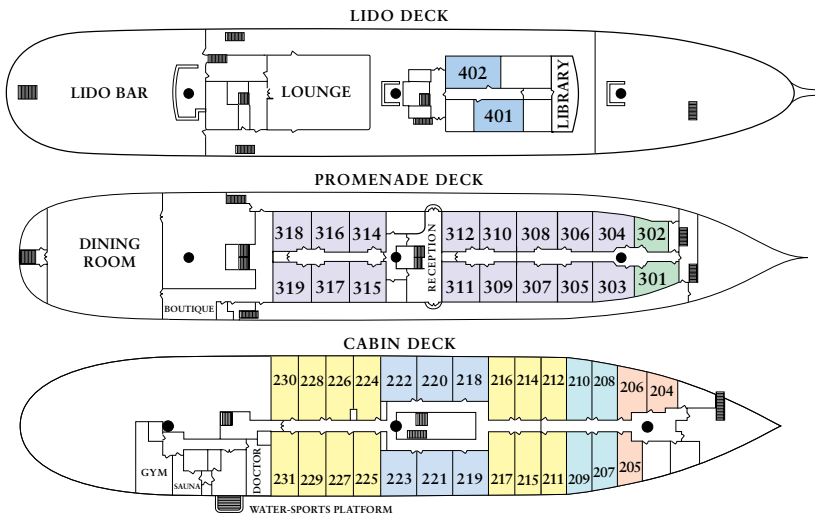
Rates Include

- Ten nights cabin accommodations aboard *Sea Cloud II*
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); wine with lunches and dinners; a complimentary open bar will be available throughout the cruise, in addition to soft drinks, water, and coffee/tea
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- Escorted sightseeing by private motorcoach; entrance fees for included visits
- Customary shipboard gratuities
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

Not included in rates

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

Sea Cloud II



Sea Cloud II Owner's Suite (left) and lounge (right)

The sailing yacht *Sea Cloud II* is a three-masted barque 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 her mahogany-paneled library and gracious lounge to the fitness area and water sports platform, no detail has been overlooked. Praised by the world's most discerning travelers, *Sea Cloud II* receives consistent high rankings from *Condé Nast Traveler*. She celebrated her 15th anniversary in 2016.

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Reservation Form

To secure your reservation, please call Academic Arrangements Abroad at 844-TRVLMET (844-878-5638); or complete this form and return it with your deposit of \$1,000 (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees), to be paid by debit card, credit card, wire transfer, or check payable to *Academic Arrangements Abroad*. Mail to: Academic Arrangements Abroad, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10018-3721.

Names in full as on passports. Please print.

Address

City State Zip

Telephone (home) (business)

Fax Email

Accommodations

Sea Cloud II cabin preference (1) _____ (2) _____

I wish to share a cabin with _____

Optional Prelude

I/We wish to join the optional prelude in Copenhagen

Optional Postlude

I/We wish to join the optional postlude in Edinburgh

Hotel Room Preference One bed Two beds Single

Form of Payment

Enclosed is my check (payable to *Academic Arrangements Abroad*) Debit card Credit card

Name on debit/credit card

Debit/credit card number

3- or 4-digit security code

Expiration date

Each participant must sign below. I/We have read, understand and agree to the Terms & Conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms and detailed in forthcoming program documents. I/We agree to full payment 120 days prior to departure.

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