Travel with The Met

Sicily by Sail: Catania to Naples
Aboard Sea Cloud II
with Adriana Rizzo
Research Scientist,
Department of Scientific Research

October 10–18, 2019
Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

Irresistible Sicily, that stepping stone between Europe and Africa, bears traces of the many civilizations that have conquered her, from the Phoenicians, Greeks, and Romans to the Arabs, Normans, and more. Please join me in October to circumnavigate this stunning island aboard Sea Cloud II.

As a native of Italy, I’m looking forward to accompanying you on a cruise to discover Sicily’s pearls of antiquity and the artistic achievements created in the context of its multicultural past. Throughout my career, I’ve combined my passion for chemistry and art by studying the materials of works of art, for an understanding of manufacturing techniques, function, materials choice and trade, as well as for their preservation. During our Sicilian journey, I will share my insights into the production and conservation of the stunning art objects that we will see.

We will board Sea Cloud II in Catania, Sicily and set sail for Syracuse, once Athens’ rival in wealth and culture. There, we will visit a Baroque palazzo, whose owner will welcome us for a tour. In Agrigento, the Valley of the Temples is a special highlight. From Trapani, you may choose an excursion to the medieval hilltop town of Erice or to Mazara del Vallo, home to the 2,400-year-old Dancing Satyr, a spectacular seven-foot bronze statue. We will explore Palermo, Sicily’s capital city, and visit the 12th-century Palatine Chapel. In Naples, you may wish to continue on an optional postlude to Sorrento. An optional prelude in Taormina is also offered.

The elegant appointments of Sea Cloud II make her the ideal ship for this splendid itinerary. We will travel under billowing sails and enjoy fine dining and impeccable service. This cruise is co-sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia and the alumni associations of Yale and Brown Universities.

I hope you will join me on this unforgettable voyage to discover the fascinating history and spectacular beauty of Sicily.

Sincerely,
Adriana Rizzo
Research Scientist,
Department of Scientific Research
The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Why not spend another week savoring the pleasures of Sicily aboard Sea Cloud II? When you book this program, you can also join the preceding voyage, “Sicily by Sail: Valletta to Catania,” from October 3 to 11, and receive $2,500 per person off the combined fare for the two trips.

Trip Highlights

— Experience the thrill of sailing aboard the elegant Sea Cloud II as you voyage to ancient towns that were once centers of the Greco-Roman, Carthaginian, and Byzantine worlds

— Discover a stunning cathedral in Syracuse, built on the ruins of a 2,500-year-old Greek temple

— Enjoy an exclusive and private tour with the owner of a Baroque palazzo in Syracuse

— Visit Agrigento, whose Valley of the Temples contains some of the finest Greek ruins in the world

— Explore the capital city of Palermo, dotted with Baroque churches, Arab mosques, and Byzantine mosaics

Valley of the Temples, Agrigento, photo by Francesca Gallina
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An optional prelude in Taormina is offered from October 7 to 11, 2019.

Departure
Thursday, October 10
Depart on an overnight flight to Catania.

Catania (Sicily), Italy / Sea Cloud II
Friday, October 11
Arrive in Catania and transfer to the awaiting Sea Cloud II. Enjoy a bon voyage toast on deck as we sail out of Catania.

Syracuse (Sicily), Italy
Saturday, October 12
Today we explore Syracuse, one of the most important cities in antiquity. On beautiful Ortygia Island, see the cathedral built on the ruins of the Temple of Athena. By special invitation we will visit the Baroque palazzo of a Sicilian baron, where he will welcome us for a tour and light refreshments. This afternoon discover the well-preserved Greek and Roman theaters of the Archaeological Park. Gather in the evening for the captain’s welcome reception and dinner.

Pozzallo / Noto
Sunday, October 13
This morning, arrive in Pozzallo and drive to the exquisitely preserved Baroque town of Noto. This Baroque jewel is situated on a plateau surrounded by olive and almond groves. In the beautiful historic center, see Corso Vittorio Emanuele, an elegantly manicured walkway flanked by buildings of golden sandstone. On the buildings, every facade is embellished with sculptures of gods, mythical beasts, saints, and angels. Spend the afternoon at sea as we sail to Porto Empedocle.

Porto Empedocle
Monday, October 14
Step ashore at Porto Empedocle for a drive to Agrigento, which the Ancient Greek poet Pindar called “the most beautiful city built by mortal men.” Tour the Valley of the Temples, with some of the finest Greek ruins in the world. Return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon at sea.

Trapani / Segesta
Tuesday, October 15
Arrive at the port of Trapani and depart on a morning excursion to Segesta to view its splendid Greek temple and theater. Following lunch, you may wish to visit the medieval hilltop town of Erice. Alternatively, drive to the village of Mazara del Vallo to see its spectacular seven-foot bronze statue, rediscovered and retrieved from the sea by local fishermen. With his flying hair and goat ears, the 2,400-year-old figure was quickly dubbed The Dancing Satyr.

Palermo
Wednesday, October 16
Dock in the Sicilian capital of Palermo for a morning visit to the 12th-century Palatine Chapel in the Palace of the Norman Kings. Described by iconic French writer Guy de Maupassant as “the most surprising religious jewel ever dreamt of,” the chapel is known for its extraordinary golden mosaics. Continue with a tour of a palazzo followed by a private reception. After lunch onboard, drive to Monreale to discover its magnificent namesake Norman cathedral, whose brilliantly colored mosaics depict scenes from the Old and New Testaments.

Lipari (Aeolian Islands)
Thursday, October 17
This morning arrive in Lipari, with its distinctive pumice slopes. One of the seven islands of the Aeolian Archipelago, Lipari is the mythological home of Aeolus, god of the winds. Dominating the town is a 16th-century Norman castle built on the site of an ancient acropolis. Now an Archaeological Museum, it houses one of the world’s most outstanding Neolithic collections. Experience the thrill of sailing aboard the legendary Sea Cloud II during an afternoon at sea. Attend the captain’s farewell reception and dinner this evening.

Naples / Return
Friday, October 18
Disembark Sea Cloud II in Naples this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home.

An optional postlude in Sorrento is offered from October 18 to 20, 2019.

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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Sea Cloud II

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 celebrated her 15th anniversary in 2016. From her 47 outside cabins, 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 consistently receives high rankings from Condé Nast Traveler and is a destination unto herself.

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**Reservation Form**

To secure your reservation, please call 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 Arrangements Abroad. Mail to: Arrangements Abroad, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10018-3721

Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print.

Address

City State Zip

Telephone (home) (business)

Fax Email

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

I wish to share a room/cabin with

Optional Prelude & Postlude

☐ I/We wish to join the optional prelude in Taormina
☐ I/We wish to join the optional postlude in Sorrento

Hotel Room Preference ☐ One bed ☐ Two beds ☐ Single

Form of Payment

☐ Enclosed is my check (payable to 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 program documents. I/We agree to full payment 120 days prior to departure.

Signature (required) Date

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**Rates Include**

- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard Sea Cloud II
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); thoughtfully selected wines and beer with lunches and dinners; a complimentary open bar will be available throughout the cruise, in addition to soft drinks, water, and coffee/tea
- Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- 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; excess baggage; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; optional Taormina prelude; optional Sorrento postlude; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.
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