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Sicily by Sail

Round-trip Valletta Aboard *Sea Cloud II*

October 11–19, 2017

With Daniel Weiss, President of The Metropolitan Museum of Art
and Johns Hopkins Alumnus

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

SPEND seven nights aboard *Sea Cloud II*, enjoying gourmet cuisine and fine amenities as you sail to ancient towns that were once centers of the Greco-Roman, Carthaginian, and Byzantine worlds

EXPLORE the capital city of Palermo, once the intellectual capital of southern Europe

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

SEE the cathedral built on the ruins of the Temple of Athena in Syracuse, once Athens' rival in wealth and culture

STROLL in Taormina, a romantic hilltop town laden with shops and art galleries, and tour an ancient Greek theater still used for plays and concerts

View from Taormina





Dear Johns Hopkins Alumni, Parents, and Friends:

Some of the world's most extraordinary Greek temples grace the rugged landscape of the entrancing island of Sicily. Please join us next fall to discover these pearls of antiquity as we circumnavigate the largest island in the Mediterranean for seven nights aboard the storied *Sea Cloud II*. Traveling with us will be Daniel Weiss, President of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and alumnus of Johns Hopkins. We will also be joined by a curator from The Met, a Harvard University historian, and other distinguished experts.

Embark in Malta and then step ashore in Italy, first to admire the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento. One after the other, marvels follow, from Palermo's mesmerizing Palatine Chapel in the Palace of the Norman Kings, to the Greek amphitheater in lovely Taormina, and of course the well-preserved vestiges of one of the world's most important cities of antiquity, Syracuse.

Throughout our week together we will be privileged to be received in the dazzling private *palazzi* of local nobility and to visit Palermo's excellent art museum. Sicily will reveal her rich and unique culture as we walk in cities that were once centers of the Greco-Roman, Carthaginian, and Byzantine worlds.

I hope you will join us on this voyage to discover the fascinating history and stunning beauty of Sicily, co-sponsored with Smithsonian Journeys, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Harvard Alumni Association, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marguerite Jones".

Marguerite Jones, A&S '74, Bus '88
Travel Program Director

Traveling With You



Daniel Weiss became the fifth president of The Metropolitan Museum of Art on July 1, 2015. As president, he serves as Chief Operating Officer of the Museum and as an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees. Previously Weiss served as the 14th president of Haverford College, 16th president of Lafayette College, and Dean of the Krieger School of Arts & Sciences at the Johns Hopkins University, where he also served as Professor and Chair of the History of Art Department. He earned an MA and PhD in art history from Johns Hopkins and holds a BA from The George Washington University and an MBA from the Yale School of Management.

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An optional two-night prelude in Valletta, Malta is offered from October 9–12.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11: U.S. DEPARTURE

Depart on an overnight flight from the U.S. to Malta.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12: VALLETTA, MALTA / SEA CLOUD II

Arrive mid-morning in Malta and transfer to the Hotel Phoenicia for lunch. Then-Princess Elizabeth stayed in this Art Deco landmark in 1949, when Malta was still a British Crown Colony. Embark *Sea Cloud II* this afternoon. L,D

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13: PORTO EMPEDOCLE / AGRIGENTO, SICILY

Pindar called Agrigento “the most beautiful city built by mortal men” and the nearby ruins of the Valley of the Temples demonstrate why. The Temple of Concord, perhaps the best-preserved Greek temple in the world, inspired UNESCO’s logo. Tonight the captain hosts a welcome reception and dinner. B,L,R,D

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14: TRAPANI / SEGESTA

Explore Segesta’s splendid Doric temple, strangely unfinished, whose columns are said to produce organ-like tones on windy days. Later you may visit either Erice—a hilltop medieval town whose Norman castle sits atop the ruins of a temple of Venus—or Mazara del Vallo. The latter’s highlight is its 2,400-year-old, seven-foot bronze statue called *The Dancing Satyr*, rescued from the sea by fishermen in 1998. B,L,D

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15: PALERMO

Sicily’s capital was the envy of Europe under the Normans, whose enlightened rule produced the golden mosaics seen in the 12th-century Palatine Chapel. At the Regional Gallery, behold the chilling, plague-inspired fresco, *The Triumph of Death*; and admire the brilliant mosaics in the nearby Norman cathedral in Monreale. Enjoy a special reception at the Palazzo Gangi, where the ballroom scene in *The Leopard* was filmed. B,L,R,D

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16: AT SEA

Experience the thrill of sailing aboard *Sea Cloud II*, attending lectures, and delighting in the grace and romance of a bygone era of travel. B,L,D



Mosaics in the Palatine Chapel, Palermo



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17: TAORMINA

A morning walk through charming Taormina, with views of the dramatic, snow-capped cone of Mount Etna in the distance, takes us past shops and art galleries on our way to the ancient Greek theater, still used for plays and concerts. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18: SYRACUSE

Splendid Syracuse, at one time the largest city in the ancient world, was a formidable rival to Athens. Discover its well-preserved theaters (where Aeschylus' plays were performed), and the cathedral built on the ruins of the Temple of Athena. By special invitation, Barone Beneventano will welcome us to his Baroque *palazzo* for a tour and refreshments. This evening gather for the captain's farewell dinner. B,L,D

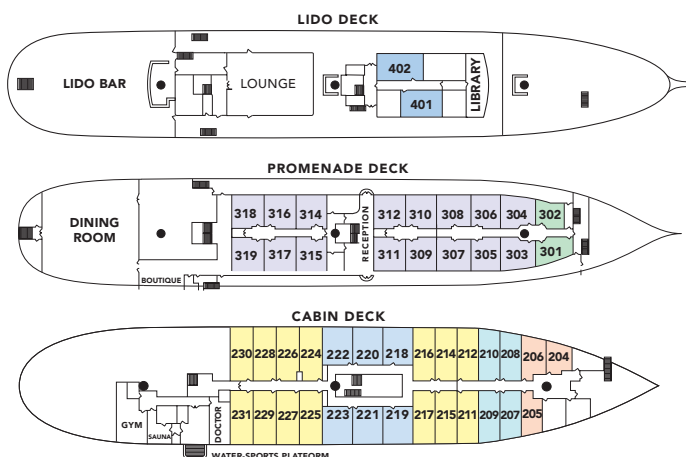
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19: VALLETTA / U.S. RETURN

Disembark and transfer to the airport for the flights home. B

DISCLAIMER: *The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.*



SEA CLOUD II



Owner's suite (top) and a Deluxe cabin (above)

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 fitness area and watersports 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*. Passengers enjoy open seating at all meals and complimentary use of all water sports equipment. A doctor is on call 24 hours a day. ■

CRUISE RATES

Cabins	Decks	Double Rates	Single Rates
Cabins 204 to 206 State Rooms. Upper/lower twin berths, shower.	Cabin Deck	\$6,995	\$9,095
Cabins 207 to 210 Superior Cabins. Twin beds, shower.	Cabin Deck	\$7,995	\$10,395
Cabins 211 to 217 & 224 to 231 Deluxe Cabins. Twin beds, shower.	Cabin Deck	\$9,995	\$13,995
Cabins 218 to 223 Deluxe Cabins. Twin beds, shower.	Cabin Deck	\$10,995	\$16,495
Cabins 301 & 302 Deluxe Cabins. Twin beds, shower.	Promenade Deck	\$10,995	\$16,495
Cabins 303 to 319 Junior Suites. Twin beds, bathtub with shower.	Promenade Deck	\$12,995	\$22,750
Cabins 401 & 402 Owner's Suites. Queen-size bed, bathtub, and separate shower.	Lido Deck	\$14,995	\$29,990

RATES INCLUDE

- Seven nights aboard *Sea Cloud II*
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; wine with lunches and dinners. Complimentary open bar throughout the cruise
- Guided sightseeing by private motorcoach; entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/pier/airport group transfer for all participants on suggested flights
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities
- Taxes, service charges, and portage

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES International airfare; passport fees; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on suggested flights; baggage in excess of one suitcase; trip insurance; optional prelude in Valletta; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



Valley of the Temples, Agrigento

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RESERVATION FORM

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Address

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ACCOMMODATIONS

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

I wish to share a cabin with _____

OPTIONAL PRELUDE

I/We would like to join the optional prelude in Valletta, Malta
Hotel Room Preference One bed Two beds Single

FORM OF PAYMENT

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

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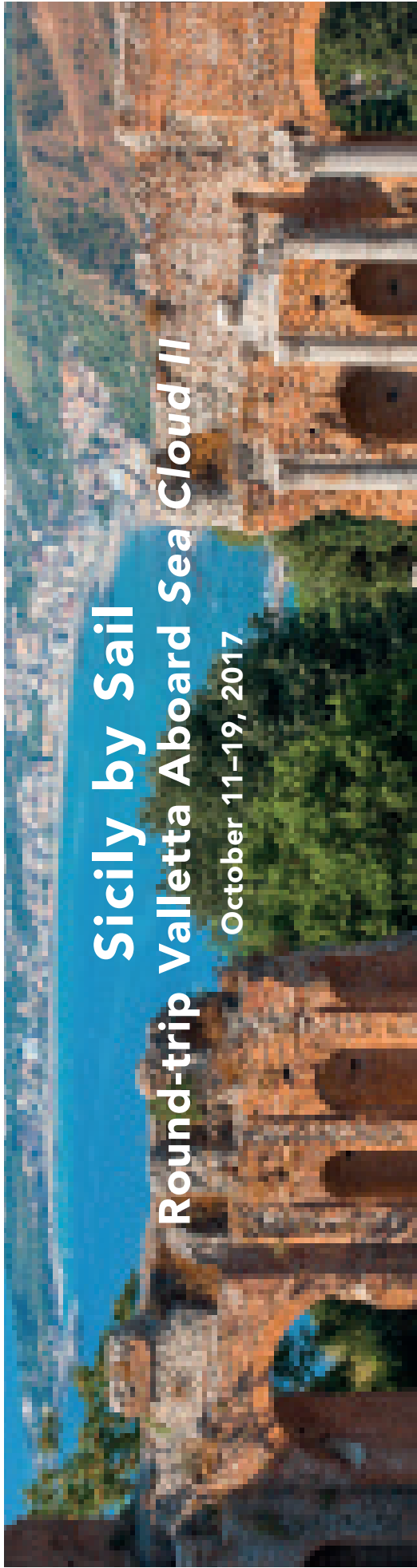
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One member of the traveling party is required to make a sustaining financial contribution of \$50 or more to the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association within the fiscal year. Please visit www.alumni.jh.edu/support.

Note: A small portion of the cost of your trip supports the Johns Hopkins Alumni Travel Program.

On the front cover: Syracuse cathedral. On the back cover: Greek amphitheater, Taormina



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