

Brooklyn College



Sicily By Sail

Valletta to Catania Aboard *Sea Cloud II*

October 3–11, 2019

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Dear Brooklyn College Alumni and Friends,

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 Brooklyn College in October on a journey that is part of our new travel program to circumnavigate this stunning island aboard *Sea Cloud II*. Autumn, when the heat and crowds of summer are gone, is the perfect time to discover Sicily's pearls of antiquity aboard this stately sailing ship.

Begin in Valletta, either with an optional prelude, or by arriving to transfer to the luxury barque *Sea Cloud II*. At Syracuse, explore a cathedral built on the ruins of the Temple of Athena and visit a Baroque *palazzo*, whose owner will welcome us for a tour. Marvel at the seven temples of Agrigento. From Trapani, view the Greek temple of Segesta before choosing an excursion to medieval Erice or to Mazara del Vallo. Explore Sicily's capital city of Palermo, rich with extraordinary Norman-Arab-Byzantine influences, before disembarking in Catania.

The elegant appointments of *Sea Cloud II* make her the ideal ship for this splendid itinerary. Travel under billowing sails, and enjoy fine dining and impeccable service. This voyage is co-sponsored by The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Harvard Alumni Association.

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

Sincerely,



Todd Michael Galitz
Vice President
for Institutional Advancement,
Brooklyn College



HIGHLIGHTS

EXPERIENCE the thrill of sailing aboard *Sea Cloud II* to ancient towns that were once centers of the Greco-Roman, Carthaginian, and Byzantine worlds

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

TAKE a private tour of a Baroque *palazzo* in Syracuse with the owner

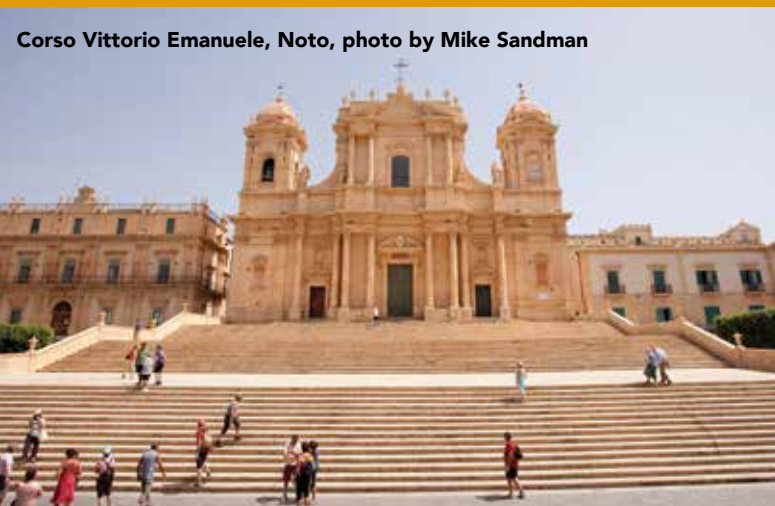
VISIT Agrigento, whose Valley of the Temples contains some of the finest Greek ruins in the world

EXPLORE the capital city of Palermo, where we will enjoy a special reception at Teatro Massimo

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Corso Vittorio Emanuele, Noto, photo by Mike Sandman

An optional prelude in Valletta is offered from October 1 to 4, 2019.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3: DEPARTURE

Depart on an overnight flight to Malta.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4: VALLETTA, MALTA / SEA CLOUD II

Arrive in Valletta and gather for lunch. Transfer to the awaiting *Sea Cloud II* and enjoy a bon voyage toast on deck as we sail out of Valletta's historic harbor. L,D

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5: SYRACUSE (SICILY), ITALY

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 Barone Beneventano, where he will welcome us for a tour and light refreshments. This afternoon discover the well-preserved Greek and Roman theaters of the Archaeological Zone. Gather in the evening for the captain's welcome reception and dinner. B,L,R,D

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6: POZZALLO / NOTO

This morning arrive in Pozzallo and drive to the exquisitely preserved 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, where every façade is embellished with sculptures of gods, mythical beasts, saints, and angels. Spend the afternoon at sea as we sail to Porto Empedocle. B,L,D

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7: PORTO EMPEDOCLE

Step ashore at Porto Empedocle for a drive to Agrigento, which Pindar called "the most beautiful city built by mortal men." Tour the Valley of the Temples, which has some of the finest Greek ruins in the world. Return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon at sea. B,L,D

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8: TRAPANI / SEGESTA

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, 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*. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9: PALERMO

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 Guy de Maupassant as "the most surprising religious jewel ever dreamt of," the chapel is known for its extraordinary golden mosaics. This afternoon, drive to Monreale to discover the magnificent Norman cathedral, whose brilliantly colored mosaics depict scenes from the Old and New Testaments. Return to Palermo for a special reception at Teatro Massimo. B,L,R,D



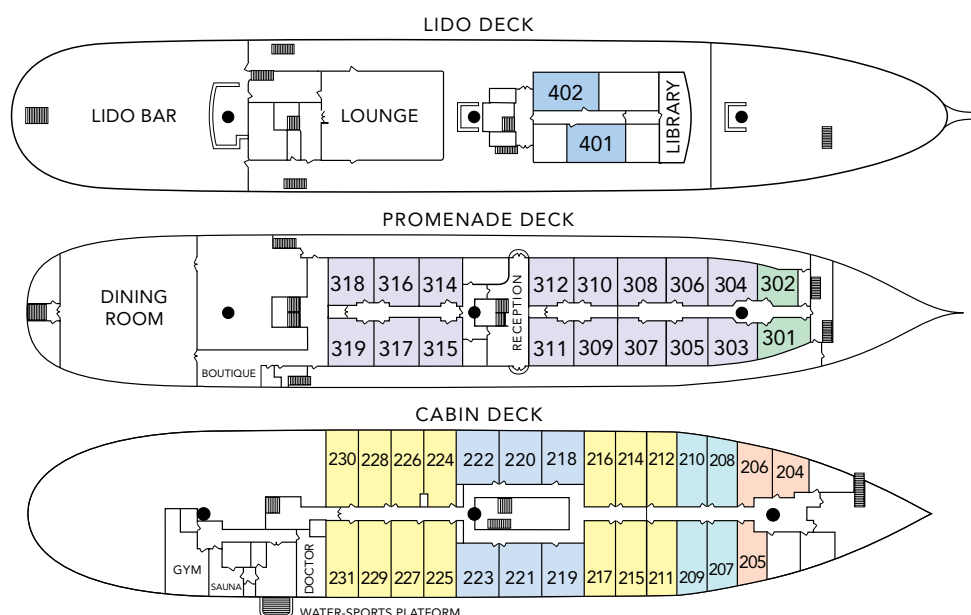
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10: AT SEA

Today enjoy the thrill of sailing aboard the legendary *Sea Cloud II*. As she carries us through the Strait of Messina under a full set of billowing white sails, experience the grace and romance of a bygone era of travel. This evening gather for the captain's farewell reception and dinner. B,L,R,D

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11: CATANIA / RETURN

Disembark *Sea Cloud II* in Catania this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home. B

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

**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* 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* consistently receives high rankings from *Condé Nast Traveler*. ■



Sea Cloud II lounge

CRUISE RATES

Cabin	Decks	Double Rates	Single Rates
State Rooms 204 to 206 Upper/lower twin berths, shower.	Cabin Deck	\$7,999	\$9,999
Superior Cabins 207 to 210 Twin beds, shower.	Cabin Deck	\$8,999	\$13,999
Deluxe Cabins 211 to 217 & 224 to 231 Twin beds, shower.	Cabin Deck	\$10,999	\$16,499
Deluxe Cabins 218 to 223 Twin beds, shower.	Cabin Deck	\$12,999	\$19,499
Deluxe Cabins 301 to 302 Twin beds, shower.	Promenade Deck	\$13,999	Inquire
Junior Suites 303 to 319 Twin beds, bathtub with shower.	Promenade Deck	\$14,999	Inquire
Owner's Suites 401 & 402 Queen-size bed, bathtub, and separate shower.	Lido Deck	\$15,999	Inquire

RATES INCLUDE

- Seven nights cabin accommodations 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; thoughtfully selected wine and beer with lunches and dinners; complimentary open bar throughout the cruise
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities
- Taxes, service, and portage charges

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 Valletta prelude; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



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RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a place, please call Arrangements Abroad at phone: 212-514-8921 or 800-221-1944, fax: 212-344-7493; or complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees) 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

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Telephone (home)

(business)

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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

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 credit card

Credit card number

3- or 4-digit security code

Expiration date

I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the *Terms & Conditions* of this Program (see www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms to review or call for a copy). I/We agree to full payment 120 days prior to departure. Each participant must sign below.

Signature (required)

Date

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