



**Carolina
Alumni**



Adriatic Odyssey
Round-Trip Venice Aboard *Sea Cloud II*

September 19 – 27, 2024



Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,

Aboard the elegant *Sea Cloud II*, join fellow Tar Heels and friends as you sail the Adriatic Sea's shimmering blue-green waters to timeless towns in Italy and Croatia. Step ashore in ports that once connected the ancient Roman and Venetian West to the Greek, Byzantine, and Ottoman East. Join expert guides to experience outstanding millennia-old marvels and UNESCO World Heritage Sites, treasures that emerged from this historical crossroads of cultures.

From the enchanting canals of Venice, cruise to nearby Ravenna for guided tours inside the city's fifth- and sixth-century monuments, home to mesmerizing Byzantine mosaics, which rival or surpass any found in Istanbul. Sail across the Adriatic to the exquisite walled city of Dubrovnik, Croatia, which has a history as compelling as an epic novel. Surrounded by the opulent architecture designed by its erstwhile Venetian rulers, uncover the secrets of its Franciscan and Dominican monasteries, including a 16th-century masterpiece by Venetian master painter Titian.

Step ashore amid the fragrant lavender fields of Hvar, crowned "the world's most beautiful island," where you'll find such gems as Stari Grad, Croatia's oldest town, recognized for maintaining its ancient Greek system of farming. In Split, join experts behind the scenes in Roman emperor Diocletian's retirement palace, a sprawling fourth-century complex that encloses the town's historical center, including the world's oldest Catholic cathedral still in its original structure.

Admire one of the best examples of a preserved Roman city layout in Zadar, where a tour of its Archaeological Museum will reveal ancient treasures excavated in this port town. Accompany scholars to explore the ancient Roman city of Pula and its best-preserved ancient monuments, including its impressive, still-used Roman amphitheater.

Sail by dramatic rock formations, craggy grottoes, and teeming reefs along Croatia's Adriatic coast before you return to Venice. Throughout this odyssey aboard *Sea Cloud II*, savor the classic atmosphere and elegant stylings of a romantic tall ship. We hope you can join this spectacular voyage and enjoy the rich history and natural beauty of the Adriatic.

Go Heels and travel the world,

Audrey, Catherine and Douglas

Audrey Liles '13, Catherine Nichols '89 and Douglass Payne '04
Carolina Alumni Travel Office



Sea Cloud II

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

JOIN expert guides to explore the UNESCO-listed treasures of Ravenna, a town that rivals Istanbul in its Byzantine art, where expert guides will show you the world's most mesmerizing Byzantine and early Christian mosaics

IMMERSE yourself in some of Europe's finest Renaissance architecture on a guided tour of UNESCO-listed Dubrovnik and see a spectacular 16th-century masterpiece by Venetian painter Titian in one of the town's exquisite monasteries

ATTEND a private reception at Dubrovnik's 16th-century Sponza Palace, featuring a special concert of *klapa*, a traditional Croatian *cappella* singing style on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list

EXPLORE Hvar, "the world's most beautiful island," with expert-guided tours of its many historical treasures, including Croatia's oldest town, the UNESCO-listed Stari Grad, surrounded by fragrant lavender fields

STEP into Roman emperor Diocletian's UNESCO-listed palace complex in Split, a fourth-century marvel that fully encompasses the city's historical center, featuring the oldest Catholic cathedral still in its original structure

DISCOVER the eternal beauty of Zadar, home to one of the world's best-preserved ancient Roman city layouts, and delight in an expert-led inside look at significant Venetian Renaissance paintings at the 13th-century Cathedral of St. Anastasia

DELVE into the ancient Roman city of Pula's dramatic history and go behind the scenes of a massive, exceptionally well-preserved Roman amphitheater still used for concerts

VISIT the town of Cavtat and join a curator behind the scenes at the Vlaho Bukovac House, the home and studio of Croatia's beloved painter

EXPERIENCE the nautical elegance of *Sea Cloud II* on a seven-night voyage, traversing the Adriatic on this majestic three-masted sailing yacht adorned with mahogany paneling, 23 hand-trimmed sails, just 47 outside cabins, and modern amenities

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Grand Canal, Venice, Italy



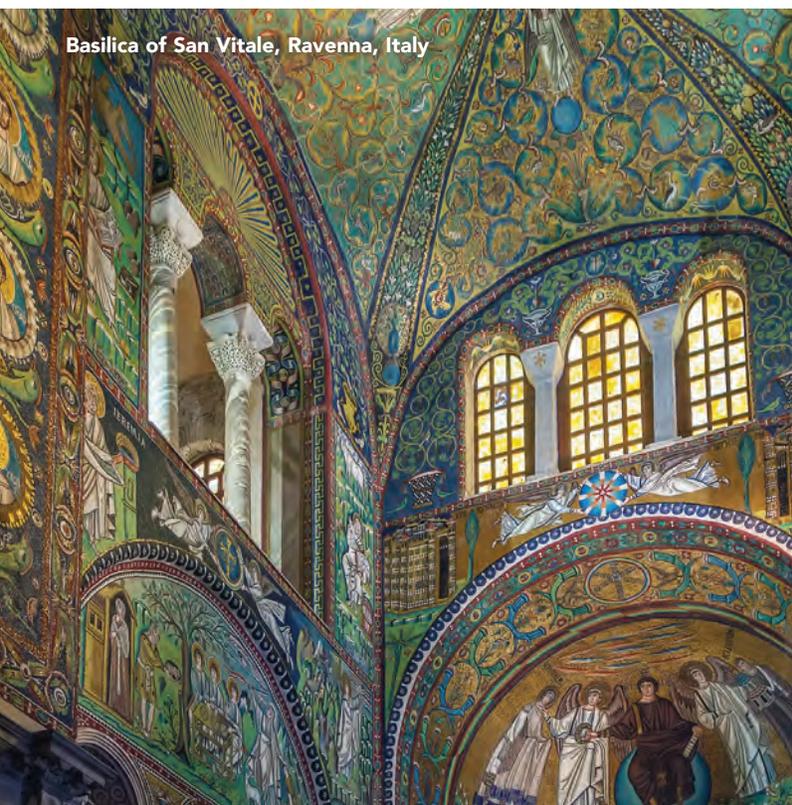
Titian, *St. Mary Magdalene with St. Blaise, the Archangel Raphael with Tobias and the Donor* (detail), 1550, Dominican Monastery, Dubrovnik, Croatia

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19: DEPARTURE

Depart for Venice on an overnight flight.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: VENICE, ITALY / EMBARK *SEA CLOUD II*

Arrive at Venice's Marco Polo International Airport, where you will be transferred to the vibrant Dorsoduro neighborhood, known for its ornate churches, picturesque squares, and canals. After lunch, embark *Sea Cloud II* and remain on deck as the ship sails out of the Grand Canal. L,D



Basilica of San Vitale, Ravenna, Italy

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21: RAVENNA

Step ashore in Ravenna, conquered by Justinian I in the sixth century, for an in-depth look at its UNESCO-listed collection of Byzantine and early Christian mosaics, shimmering and colorful artistic wonders. Explore Sant'Apollinare in Classe, with brilliant mosaics along its sixth-century apse, and the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, acclaimed for its fifth-century ceiling mosaic depicting a starry sky. Enjoy inside looks at the Basilica of San Vitale, famous for its sixth-century mosaics portraying the Court of Justinian and Theodora, and the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, with its celebrated mosaic procession of martyrs adorning its nave. This evening, gather for the captain's welcome reception and dinner. B,L,R,D

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: DAY AT SEA

Discover the thrill of sailing aboard the legendary *Sea Cloud II*, with ample time to savor its many amenities. Join our lecturers for fascinating presentations and discussions exploring the Adriatic region and its history, art, and many cultures. B,L,D

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: DUBROVNIK, CROATIA / CAVTAT

Arrive in the UNESCO-listed walled city of Dubrovnik, settled by Romans around 614 and later ruled by Byzantines and Venetians. Stroll down Placa, the city's main street, to discover splendid Venetian architecture, distinguished by elaborate carvings and Gothic-Renaissance style. Take expert-guided tours of Dubrovnik's medieval Franciscan monastery, with its numerous relics and ancient manuscripts, and the 16th-century Dominican Monastery, which holds Titian's 1550 painting *St. Mary Magdalene with St. Blaise, the Archangel*

Raphael with Tobias and the Donor among its many treasures. Take an inside look at the Gothic-Renaissance-style Rector's Palace, built in the late 15th century.

Alternatively, visit the seaside town of Cavtat and its Church of St. Nicholas, admiring its well-preserved Baroque interior. Then join a curator at the Vlaho Bukovac House, the home and studio of "the father of Croatian painting," Vlaho Bukovac (1855–1922), whose style was influenced by French Impressionism. See some of his exceptional portraits and landscape paintings up close. Attend a private garden reception nearby before touring Cavtat's 15th-century Franciscan Monastery, which holds medieval treasures and a 16th-century triptych by artist Vicko Lovrin. Return to Dubrovnik to enjoy an exclusive concert of Croatian *klapa* music in the courtyard of the 16th-century Sponza Palace. B,L,D

Sponza Palace, Dubrovnik, Croatia



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: HVAR / STARI GRAD OR SPLIT

Sail to the lavender fields of Hvar, which *Condé Nast Traveler* readers twice voted "the world's most beautiful island." Here, discover Stari Grad, Croatia's oldest town. Once a Greek colony, Stari Grad has been UNESCO-listed for maintaining its ancient Greek system of farming. After free time, take in the views from 16th-century Venetian fortress Španjola, perched 300 feet above Hvar. Then enjoy an expert-guided tour of Hvar's Gothic palaces and cloisters, Baroque cathedrals, and grand squares surrounded by 13th-century walls. Instead of Hvar and Stari Grad, you may opt to take a speed boat to Split for a tour of the UNESCO-listed, fourth-century palace of Roman emperor Diocletian, into which Split's historical center is uniquely integrated. Explore the seventh-century Cathedral of Saint Domnius, the oldest Catholic cathedral housed in its original structure, as well as 12th- and 13th-century Romanesque churches, 15th-century Gothic palaces and other treasures, all within the palace's environs. Transfer to Hvar after lunch and return to *Sea Cloud II*. B,L,D

Church of St. Donatus, Zadar, Croatia



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: MORNING AT SEA / ZADAR

Admire dramatic rock formations as *Sea Cloud II* navigates Croatia's scenic waterways. Arrive in Zadar, a pristine city inhabited since prehistoric times and conquered throughout its history by the Romans, Venetians, and Turks, among other groups. On an expert-guided walking tour, see the fully preserved ancient city layout amid the ruins of the Roman Forum and behold frescoes and centuries of religious art inside the 13th-century Cathedral of St. Anastasia and the Monastery of St. Francis Assisi. Discover ancient Roman glass items amid the vast collections at the Archaeological Museum, housed in the Church of St. Donatus. Enjoy free time in this historic city before returning to the ship. B,L,D

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: PULA / AFTERNOON AT SEA

On Croatia's Istrian Peninsula, step ashore in the ancient Roman city of Pula. Join an expert to learn about its many occupiers, including Axis forces during World War II. Encounter ancient treasures, including superb Roman remains, the most famous of which is the massive Pula Arena, a well-preserved Roman amphitheater from the first century A.D. that is still in use, seating 20,000 spectators. Return to the ship for lunch as it crosses the Adriatic back to Venice. Attend the captain's farewell reception and dinner this evening. B,L,R,D

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: VENICE, ITALY / DISEMBARK / RETURN

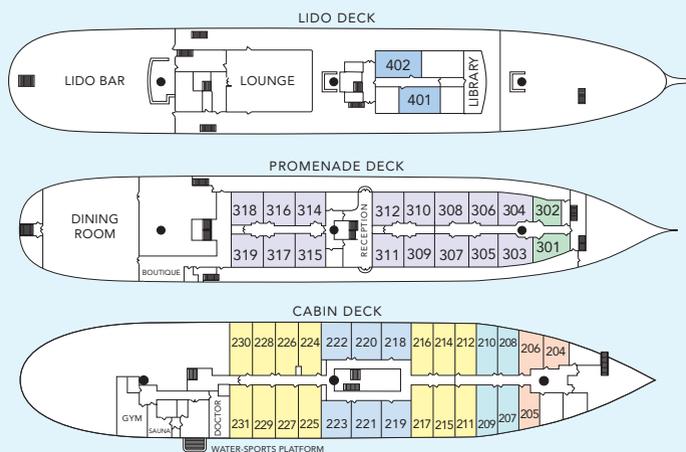
After disembarking in Venice this morning, transfer to the airport for flights home. B

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SEA CLOUD II



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 gym and watersports platform, no detail has been overlooked. Praised by the world's most discerning travelers, Sea Cloud II receives consistently 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. Please note that there is no elevator on Sea Cloud II.

CRUISE RATES

(Per Person)

Cabins	Decks	Double Rates	Single Rates
204 to 206 Upper/lower twin berths, shower	Cabin	\$7,999	\$9,599
207 to 210 Superior Cabins. Twin beds, shower	Cabin	\$10,999	\$16,499
211 to 217 & 224 to 231 Deluxe Cabins. Twin beds, shower	Cabin	\$13,499	\$20,499
218 to 223 Double bed (two separate mattresses), shower	Cabin	\$14,499	Inquire
301 & 302 Deluxe Cabins. Twin beds, shower	Promenade	\$15,499	Inquire
303 to 319 Junior Suites. Twin beds, bathtub with shower	Promenade	\$16,499	Inquire
401 & 402 Owner's Suites. Queen-size bed, bathtub, and separate shower	Lido	\$19,999	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, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; thoughtfully selected wine and beer with lunches and dinners; complimentary open bar aboard Sea Cloud II throughout the cruise (including all standard spirits)
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- 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/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than as noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

INSURANCE: Optional insurance to cover trip cancellation, trip interruption or medical coverage is available. Information for USI Travel Insurance Services, Carolina Alumni's trip insurance partner, will be shared with you after you make your reservation.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Arrangements Abroad (AA) must strictly adhere to its cancellation policy to offset costs incurred prior to the commencement of The Program, which may include but are not limited to: advance payments to land operators; ship/train charters; communication expenses; itinerary development, client services, brochure production and promotional expenses, and/or the loss of time that might have permitted resale of reserved space. All cancellations must be made in writing to the offices of AA and are subject to a \$500 per traveler administrative fee. No refunds are given for cancellation on or after the day of departure, or for unused portions of the tour, for any reason. Any refunds which may be issued are limited to amounts actually received by AA.

This policy also applies to any prelude, postlude, or pre and/or any extra arrangements confirmed on your behalf, which are a part of The Program or extend your trip.

At the time AA receives written notification of cancellation, the following cancellation charges will apply:

119 to 91 days prior to departure:

20% of The Program cost is non-refundable

90 to 61 days before departure:

50% of The Program cost is non-refundable

60 days or less before departure:

100% of The Program cost is non-refundable

To reserve your space on The Program, a \$1,000 deposit is required per participant. Final payment by cash, check, ACH, wire transfer, or American Express card only, is due no later than 120 days prior to the date of departure. If full payment is not received by AA 120 days prior to the departure date, participant reservations may be canceled without notice.

NOTE: Neither AA nor the Sponsor shall be liable for any costs, other than for The Program, including airline cancellation fees incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable ticket. In the case of a cancellation due to a shortage of participants, AA will attempt to notify all participants at least 45 days prior to departure and will refund all payments made for The Program. However, AA has no obligation or duty to cancel any program for any reason whatsoever, including cases of force majeure and/or government action. Neither a postponement nor a withdrawal of sponsorship by a Sponsor constitutes a cancellation by AA. Should AA cancel The Program prior to departure for any reason, other than a shortage of participants, reimbursement of refundable costs as determined by AA shall constitute full settlement with the participant.

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RESERVATION FORM**

To request space, please visit: alumni.unc.edu/reserve; call the Carolina Alumni Travel Office at (877) 962-3980; or email: enrichment@unc.edu. If you wish to make your deposit via check, please call or email the travel office. A deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees) is needed to secure your cabin.

For deposits to be paid using a credit card, the Carolina Alumni Travel Office will forward your reservation form to Arrangements Abroad and a member of their Client Services team will contact you to collect your payment.

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

Class Year

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Telephone (mobile) (alternate)

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Name/s (as they should appear on name badges)

ROOM/CABIN ARRANGEMENTS

Sea Cloud II cabin preference 1. _____ 2. _____

I wish to share a cabin with _____

- Single accommodations, please, if available.
- I am traveling alone but would like a roommate. If a roommate is not available, I understand that I must pay the cost of a single supplement.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

- I/We will need assistance with connecting flights.

Departing from _____

Date _____

Returning to _____

Date _____

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT: Participation in this tour is a Carolina Alumni member benefit. Join or renew today at alumni.unc.edu/join. (\$50 for individuals, \$60 for couples). The Carolina Alumni Travel Office may be reached at (877) 962-3980 or enrichment@unc.edu.

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 understand that reservations will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. I accept the conditions as stated in this brochure and submit my reservation(s) as indicated. **I understand that the balance is due May 22, 2024, 120 days before departure.**

Signature (required) Date

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