

RamsayTravels

Northern Italy Under Sail: Maritime Heritage & Cultural Treasures

ABOARD SEA CLOUD II

MAY 29 - JUNE 5, 2024

TRAVEL WITH BOB RAMSAY & JEAN MARMOREO



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- ✓ Bask under the billowing sails of the square-rigger *Sea Cloud II* along the coast of Northern Italy.
- ✓ Discover Genoa's cultural treasures like the Strada Nuova and the stunning Cathedral of San Lorenzo, believed to hold the relics of St. John the Baptist.
- ✓ In Pisa, see the iconic Leaning Tower, part of a complex of medieval architectural masterpieces.
- ✓ On Elba Island explore the fortified town of Portoferraio and Napoleon's villa.
- ✓ Spend time in Amalfi, the crown gem of the storied Amalfi Coast.



Bob Ramsay, a writer and world traveller, and his wife Jean Marmoreo, a doctor, writer, and athlete, have shared a love for travel and adventure since the early days of their marriage, when they would go to wild and extreme places, including hiking 1,000 miles of the Appalachian Trail. In 2019 they circumnavigated Manhattan by kayak.

For the past 15 years, Bob and Jean have led friends old and new on trips to places they likely wouldn't have explored. As Bob says: "We do group travel for people who don't do group travel."

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

NICE, FRANCE/EMBARK

Arrive in Nice and embark *Sea Cloud II* in the late afternoon. (D)

DAY 2

AT SEA/GENOA, ITALY

Gather on deck for a play-by-play description of the crew in the rigging and the action of setting square sails, staysails, and jibs as *Sea Cloud II* shows her full glory. Relax with a book on deck, and enjoy delicious meals and complimentary drinks. After lunch, begin your exploration of La Superba (Genoa's nickname meaning "The Proud One"). See its old city center, designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, the old port (Porto Antico) and the Arco della Vittoria, a monument to fallen soldiers of WWI. You can't miss the dramatic Cathedral of San Lorenzo, built originally as a Romanesque Basilica in the 1100s, remodeled in the Gothic style in 1307, and topped with a Renaissance dome in 1557. Inside, the large 15th-century Cappella San Giovanni Battista is the earliest example of Renaissance architecture in Genoa, built to hold what are believed to be the remains of St. John the Baptist. Explore Plaza Ferrari and pay a visit to Palazzo Ducale, or "Doge's Palace." Doges were chief magistrates during medieval times and the Renaissance, found particularly in Venice and Genoa. Originally constructed in 1298, the palace is now the cultural center of Genoa. Here you'll enjoy a tasting of some local delights such as gelato, Genoa's famous pesto, extra virgin olive oil, and—of course—wine. Return to *Sea Cloud II* for the captain's welcome evening and an overnight docked in Genoa. (B,L,D)

DAY 3

CAMOGLI/AT SEA

Take a drive along the stunning Italian coast to the town of Camogli—once one of the Mediterranean's most powerful naval ports, Nicknamed "City of a Thousand White Ships" and inhabited since pre-historic times, today, Camogli is one of the Italian Riviera's most picture-perfect villages. Take in its stunning panoramas, a charming harbor, narrow lanes lined with towering pastel-colored buildings, lovely cathedral, and ruined castle. Hear about 12th-century Castle Dragone's fascinating history and visit the Camogli Maritime Museum to learn about the city's maritime prowess and traditions. The basilica Santa Maria Sunta is the town's largest church, elegantly decorated with art and gold left by many of the town's seamen after they died. During your visit, enjoy a taste of Camogli's specialty: focaccia al formaggio, a staple street food in the region. Return to *Sea Cloud II* to enjoy onboard presentations, free time to enjoy sailing, and more, as she sails south along the picturesque coast of Italy. (B,L,D)

DAY 4

VIAREGGIO/PISA/PIETRASANTA

The leaning tower—a UNESCO World Heritage site—has long been the best-known attraction in the town of Pisa due to its uncanny stature as a result of the sandy base on which it was built. However, the tower is just a single component of a city with many notable architectural and historical achievements. Nowhere else in Italy are a city's key buildings aligned with such precision and or is there so beautiful a contrast of stonework and surrounding meadow. The Campo dei Miracoli (Field of Miracles), Duomo, Baptistery, and Camposanto complete an unrivalled quartet of medieval masterpieces. These—along with more than a dozen churches and palazzos—belong to Pisa's "Golden Age," from the 11th to the 13th

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century, when the city, then still a port, was one of the leading maritime powers of the Mediterranean. After time in Pisa, head to Pietrasanta, which grew to importance during the 15th century, mainly due to its connection with marble. Michelangelo was the first sculptor to recognize the beauty of the local stone. Today, artists and sculptors from all over the world are drawn to the city, known as "Little Athens" due to its marble studios. These studios mingle with small, elegant shops in the long alleyways lined with ochre-washed buildings with wooden shutters that radiate from Piazza del Duomo. Pietrasanta is the foremost place in the world for marble work, and you'll visit local artists and shops to see this time-honored artisanry in action. (B,L,D)

DAY 5

AT SEA/PORTOFERRAIO

Portoferraio is the main town on Elba Island, and its complex history is matched only by the labyrinth of small alleys and monuments to the passing ages found in its city center. The town was founded by the Romans (with the name of Fabricia) on a pre-existing Tuscan settlement. After the fall of Rome, it was destroyed by buccaneers and rebuilt in the 7th century under the name of Ferraia. In 1442 the Saracens destroyed it, and in the 16th century, the Grand Duke of Tuscany, Cosimo I of the Medici family, ordered the construction of imposing fortifications. The town was named Cosmopoli after him. Napoleon, after his forced abdication following the Treaty of Fontainebleau, was exiled to Elba Island, a time during which he enacted several reforms to improve the quality of life for its residents. Finally, under the reign of the Lorena family, the name Ferraia was reestablished and then changed into the present name of Portoferraio. Pay a visit to Villa dei Mulini (literally "Villa of the Mills"), Napoleon's primary residence on the island. After visiting the town, you will stop in a wine bar along the promenade to taste typical Elban dishes paired with local wines. (B,L,D)

DAY 6

AT SEA

A day at sea presents another opportunity to witness *Sea Cloud II's* sails aloft. Enjoy the ship plying the surf and sip on complimentary drinks as you catch up on reading, sort your photos, and learn from expedition staff presentations. (B,L,D)

DAY 7

AMALFI/AT SEA

Sea Cloud II anchors off Amalfi this morning. This storied town, part of the UNESCO World Heritage site that comprises the entire Amalfi Coast, is known for pastel-hued houses that cling to steep sided mountains. Stroll the waterfront, with its marina and shops; visit the ornate cathedral, with bronze doors dating from 1066; and wander the winding streets and alleyways to make your own discoveries. After exploring Amalfi, enjoy the captain's farewell evening as *Sea Cloud II* makes her way to Naples. (B,L,D)

DAY 8

NAPLES/DISEMBARK

Arrive in Naples this morning. After breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

OPTIONAL EXTENSION:

Naples & Pompeii, Post-voyage, 4 days



Sea Cloud II

CAPACITY: 88 guests in 44 cabins.

REGISTRY: Malta. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 384 feet.

A romantic tall ship with every modern comfort, *Sea Cloud II* combines the spaciousness and welcome amenities of a contemporary vessel with the grace and elegance of a square rigger. Inspired by the legendary 1930s yacht *Sea Cloud*, she embodies the Golden Age of Sail yet is modernly built, reflecting today's standards of luxury.

PUBLIC AREAS: Outdoor spaces like the Lido and Promenade Decks invite relaxation in the open air, where guests can stretch out in a recliner or enjoy a refreshment under the shade of a canopy. The elegant lounge is perfect for nightly cocktails, and a light-filled library is a lovely spot to read. Guests are welcome on the Bridge when conditions permit.

MEALS: Dinners are served in single seating in the spacious restaurant, where breakfasts are also served buffet style, with eggs to order. Lunches, afternoon tea, and some special meals are more "at leisure" on the Lido Deck. All food and drink on board focus on Continental cuisine and local specialties. During your voyage, we will cover your bar tab aboard the ship (excluding certain super-premium brands).

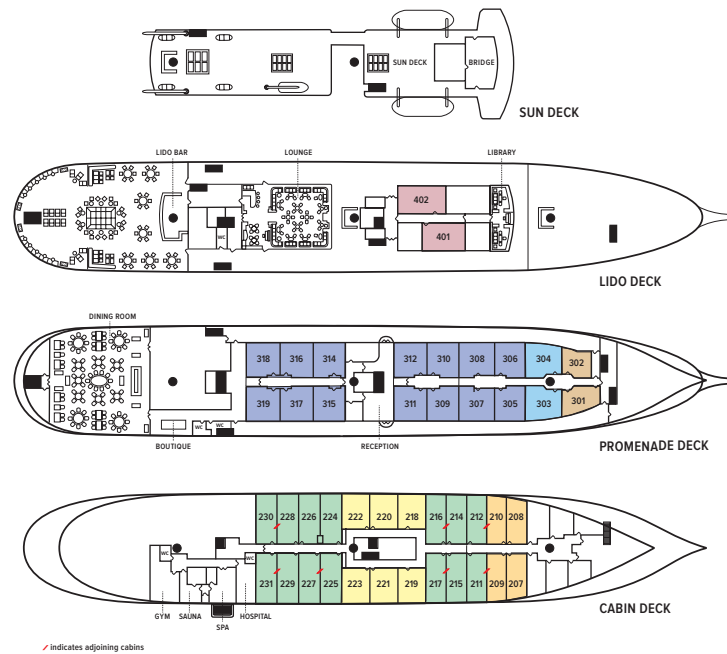
CABINS: All cabins are outside-facing and have portholes or windows, a marble bathroom, television, and period furnishings. Some include special features like a separate sitting area, walk-in dressing area, canopy bed, and electric fireplace.

WELLNESS: Unwind in the spa with a sauna or massage. The fitness room includes a treadmill, stationary bicycle, rowing machine, elliptical trainer, and weights.



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Sea Cloud II



CATEGORY 1

Cabin Deck #207-210–236 sq. ft. cabins with a double bed (which can be separated into two single beds), portholes and shower.

CATEGORY 2

Cabin Deck #211-212, 214-217, 224-231–247 sq. ft. cabins with a double bed (which can be separated into two single beds), portholes and shower.

CATEGORY 3

Cabin Deck #218-223–258 sq. ft. cabins with a double bed (which can be separated into two single beds), portholes and shower.

CATEGORY 4

Promenade Deck #301-302–249 sq. ft. cabins with a double bed (which can be separated into two single beds), three large panorama windows and shower.

CATEGORY 5

Promenade Deck #303-304–271 and 265 sq. ft. suites with a double bed (which can be separated into two single beds), three large panorama windows, electric fireplace, walk-in closet and shower bathtub.

CATEGORY 6

Promenade Deck #305-312, #314-319–281 sq. ft. suites with a double bed (which can be separated into two single beds), three large panorama windows, electric fireplace, walk-in closet and shower bathtub.

CATEGORY 7

Lido Deck #401-402–335 sq. ft. suites with a double bed, four large panorama windows, electric fireplace, walk-in closet with wardrobes and separate shower and bathtub.

NOTE: Solo occupancy cabins are available in Category 1 only. Some Category 2 cabins have connecting doors.



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VOYAGE DATES	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5 SUITE	CAT. 6 SUITE	CAT. 7 SUITE	CAT. 1 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT
May 29 - June 5, 2024	\$8,990	\$9,410	\$9,830	\$10,820	\$12,450	\$13,330	\$16,670	\$13,490	15% of the cabin fare, per person

All rates noted are in U.S. dollars

Special Offer

SPECIAL SAVINGS FOR RAMSAY TRAVELS: Save 5% on voyage rates above (i.e., Cat. 1 pp cost = \$8,540.50) when traveling as a group of 8 or more. This is applicable to voyage fares only and is not valid on extensions or airfare. May not be combinable with other offers.

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Terms and Conditions

PRICING: Prices are in USD, per person based on double occupancy, subject to availability, and are accurate at time of printing.

COST INCLUDES: Accommodations aboard ship; all meals as indicated in the itinerary; non-alcoholic beverages; beer, wine, cocktails, and spirits, with super premium wines and liquors available for purchase; all shore excursions, sightseeing, special access permits, and entrance fees; transfers to/from airport if traveling on recommended group flights; taxes, and service charges; services of Lindblad Expeditions' staff, ship physician and local guides; gratuities to the ship's crew. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; meals not indicated; extensions; passport and visa fees; travel protection plan; items of a personal nature such as certain super premium brands of alcohol, Wi-Fi, and laundry.

AIRFARE: Airfare is an additional cost. Lindblad Expeditions will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a \$50 per person service fee.

RESERVATIONS: To confirm your place, an advance payment of 15% of the cabin fare, per person is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover or cheque. Receipt of advance payment indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due no later than 120 days prior to departure. Lindblad Expeditions reserves the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: Travel and medical insurance are recommended.

ENTRY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: Guests are advised to verify travel documents (passport/transit visa/entry visa) for the country(s) through which they are transiting and/or entering. Reliable and most current information regarding international travel can be found by contacting the consulate/embassy of the country(s) you are visiting or transiting through. We will not be responsible if you are denied entry or transit into a country if you are unable to provide valid documents as per the country's requirement.

SMOKING AND VAPING POLICY: Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS: Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions' and National Geographic Expeditions' (a division of National Geographic Partners, LLC) liability for loss of property, injury, illness, or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship's ticket sent prior to departure or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

NOTE: Itineraries and prices listed in this brochure are as of publication date and are subject to change. Under normal conditions the total expedition price is guaranteed at the time of booking. However, our expedition pricing is determined far in advance of initial departure on the basis of then-existing projections of fuel and other costs. In the event of increases in those costs, including but not limited to increases in the price of fuel, currency fluctuations, increases in government taxes or levies, or increased security costs, we reserve the right to adjust the price of your expedition or add a surcharge to cover such unexpected increases. We will always provide an explanation of the reason for increase in costs.

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CANCELLATION POLICY	
Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	No penalty: Advance Payment will be credited toward your next expedition**
119-90 days	50% of trip cost***
89-0 days	100% of trip cost***
<p>**Advance payments will be credited in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate, valid for 12 months from the date of cancellation, and which may only be applied towards final payment on any future booking. ***Trip cost is total price paid including extensions, charter airfare and other additional services.</p> <p>We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.</p>	

RESERVATION FORM:
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**TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION
OR FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT:**

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PASSENGER INFORMATION

Please reserve ____ place(s) on the May 29 - June 5, 2024, Northern Italy expedition with RamsayTravels. Note your voyage routing is Nice, France to Naples, Italy.

Passport Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Preferred name for name badge: _____

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Street Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home or Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Accommodations: Double Single Twin share with a friend

Share with roommate assigned by tour operator.

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:

1st choice: _____ 2nd choice _____

Please send information on the extension to **Naples and Pompeii**.

Enclosed is my deposit cheque of 15% of the cabin fare (per person), payable to:
Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.

If paying by credit card or wire transfer, we will contact you to finalize your booking and collect/provide payment information.