Sailing the Baltic’s Amber Coast:
Helsinki to Copenhagen
Aboard Sea Cloud II

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June 29–July 11, 2018
Dear Yale Traveler

Travel with Yale June 29-July 11, 2018 and discover the vibrant lands of the Baltic’s Amber Coast. Our home for this voyage will be the elegant Sea Cloud II. Travel under billowing sails, and experience impeccable service and state-of-the-art amenities, all the while enjoying the long days of the Baltic summer.

I am delighted to be your study leader on this adventure and, along with my wife, Nanette, look forward to exploring the Baltic coast with you. In addition to the cultural highlights of our city visits, we will see up close the Baltic states formerly under Soviet rule, and now members of the EU and NATO. The changing strategic landscape of this part of the world will be a focus of my lectures and discussions.

This fascinating journey will begin in beautiful Helsinki. Then we sail to Tallinn, Estonia, to visit a 13th-century church. Navigate the Stockholm archipelago for an overnight call at the Swedish capital and the tiny medieval town of Visby. Next, admire the Art Nouveau district of Riga, Latvia, and enjoy an organ concert in its stunning new cathedral. Explore less-visited Lithuania, with its mix of old and new, where highlights include an optional excursion to Vilnius, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Call at the historic port of Gdansk before disembarking in delightful Copenhagen. Yale will be co-sponsoring this program with the Harvard Alumni Association and members of The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

To hold your spot on this sure-to-sell-out Baltic voyage, please call 203-464-1952; visit: www.yaleedtravel.org/baltic18, or email edtravel@yale.edu with any questions.

With best wishes from Yale,

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Paul Bracken, Professor of Management and Political Science, specializes in global business and international security. His most recent book is *The Second Nuclear Age* (Macmillan). Professor Bracken teaches a signature Yale College course, *Strategy, Technology, and War*. In the School of Management he teaches *The Global Corporation*, and the widely acclaimed course, *Problem Framing*. Students and alumni admire the clarity of Professor Bracken's presentations and the real-world examples he uses to illustrate points. He was recently included in Princeton Review's *The Best 300 Professors in America*. Professor Bracken grew up in Philadelphia and earned his Ph.D. in operations research from Yale and his B.S. in engineering from Columbia. He is a consultant to Fortune 500 corporations and private equity funds, as well as to many parts of the U.S. Government, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. At Yale he is a Fellow of Silliman College and a member of the Elizabethan Club. Professor Bracken's wife, Nanette, an attorney practicing in Ridgefield, Connecticut, will accompany him on this program. In his lectures Professor Bracken will discuss such topics as Europe and the world today, Russia and the Baltics, and politics and business in northern Europe.

The Second Nuclear Age
by Paul Bracken

In this provocative and agenda-setting book, Paul Bracken argues that we need to pay renewed attention to nuclear weapons and how their presence will transform the way crises develop and escalate. He draws on his years of experience analyzing defense strategy to make the case that the United States needs to start thinking seriously about these issues once again.

The Baltic, A History
by Michael North

In his erudite history of the "Nordic Mediterranean," professor Michael North covers over 1,000 years of trade, politics, architecture, cultural exchange, and conflict in the Baltic. He argues that the Baltic's coastal nations have always been an interconnected economic unit and that, as an essential crossroads for fur, fish, timber, oil, and grain, the Baltic region has played an enormous role in the development of Europe.
**ITINERARY**
**JUNE 29–JULY 11, 2018**

**WELCOME PHONE CALL**
**Thursday, June 21**
Please join a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Paul Bracken, at 5:00pm Eastern to meet other travelers, learn more about what to expect, and ask questions.

**U.S. DEPARTURE**
**Friday, June 29**
Depart on an overnight flight to Helsinki, Finland.

**HELLENI, FINLAND**
**Saturday, June 30**
Arrive in Helsinki and check in at the Hotel Kämp. Gather for an early evening welcome reception. (R)

**HELLENI / SEA CLOUD II**
**Sunday, July 1**
Explore the bustling market, Eliel Saarinen’s striking train station, the unique Rock Church, and the great cathedral on Neoclassical Senate Square. See Finland’s finest collection of national and foreign art during a tour of the Ateneum. Enjoy lunch and time at leisure before embarking the ship. Set sail for Tallinn in the early evening. (B/L/D)

**TALLINN, ESTONIA**
**Monday, July 2**
Arrive early in Tallinn, Estonia’s enchanting capital, whose spires and turreted walls have survived since the days of the Hanseatic League. Drive to Castle Hill for a visit to the 13th-century Toom Church and then continue to the Lower Town whose narrow cobbled streets are lined with galleries and shops. Following a private concert at St. Nicholas Church, return to the ship for lunch as you sail to Sweden. Join the captain this evening for a festive welcome reception and dinner. (B/L/D)

**STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN**
**Tuesday, July 3**
Be on deck this afternoon when Sea Cloud II navigates the vast Swedish archipelago on approach to Stockholm. This evening you may wish to dine ashore as the ship remains docked in Stockholm overnight. (B/L/D)

**Enjoy an exclusive organ performance at the Dome Cathedral in Riga, Latvia**

**STOCKHOLM**
**Wednesday, July 4**
A morning walking tour through the Old Town (Gamla Stan) is followed by a visit to City Hall, an iconic red brick structure where the annual Nobel Prize banquet is held. Continue to the Royal Armory, the oldest museum in Sweden, containing many artifacts of Swedish military history and royalty, including splendid costumes and glittering carriages. After lunch on board visit the Vasa, a 17th-century warship recovered from the bottom of Stockholm’s harbor. Sea Cloud II sets sail in the evening, passing colorful summer homes and watercraft. (B/L/D)

**RIGA, LATVIA / VILNIUS, LITHUANIA**
**Saturday, July 7**
Step ashore in Riga to admire superb Art Nouveau architecture and the historic Old Town, dotted with handsome medieval spires and churches. At the impressive Dome Cathedral, attend a private performance on one of Europe’s finest pipe organs. Following lunch, Sea Cloud II departs for Klaipeda. Alternatively, you may wish to join an optional overland excursion to Vilnius, Lithuania, with an overnight stay at the Kempinski Hotel Cathedral Square. (B/L/D)

**VILNIUS / KLAIPEDA, LITHUANIA**
**Sunday, July 8**
Those on the Vilnius excursion will spend a morning exploring its medieval Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Towers, gabled mansions, Visborg Castle, and ruins of medieval churches recall this walled town’s fascinating history. See the Cathedral of Santa Maria, walk in the Botanical Garden, and visit the Gotlands Fornsal Museum. (B/L/D)

**AT SEA**
**Friday, July 6**
Today is devoted to sailing aboard the magnificent Sea Cloud II as she crosses the Baltic to Latvia. Observe the ship’s crew as they practice the art of trimming the sails by hand and attend lectures in preparation for upcoming visits. (B/L/D)

**VISBY, SWEDEN**
**Thursday, July 5**
This afternoon arrive in Visby, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Towers, gabled mansions, Visborg Castle, and ruins of medieval churches recall this walled town’s fascinating history. See the Cathedral of Santa Maria, walk in the Botanical Garden, and visit the Gotlands Fornsal Museum. (B/L/D)
GDANSK, POLAND
Monday, July 9
This morning call at Gdansk, one of Poland’s oldest cities. Walk through the Highland Gate, the official start of the Royal Route. Explore picturesque St. Mary’s Street, which leads from St. Mary’s Church to the Long Embankment, passing richly ornamented houses once owned by prosperous merchants. (B/L/D)

AT SEA
Tuesday, July 10
Spend a leisurely day at sea as you cruise to Denmark. Enjoy the company of fellow guests or simply relax in the Baltic summer sunlight. This evening, celebrate your voyage at the captain’s farewell reception and dinner. (B/L/R/D)

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK / U.S. RETURN
Wednesday July 11
Following morning disembarkation, transfer to the airport for flights home, or remain in Copenhagen for the optional postlude program. (B)

OPTIONAL PRELUDE
IN HELSINKI
June 27–30, 2018
Experience the exquisite architecture and art of Helsinki; discover the city’s cultural highlights, including the superb collections of the Ateneum; and enjoy walking tours of this lively capital. Spend a full day in medieval Turku, on Finland’s southwest coast. Visit Hvitträsk, once the home of architects Eliel Saarinen and Armas Lindgren. Join fellow participants for the included one-night stay before embarking the ship on July 1.

Prelude rate: $1,599
Single supplement: $399
Includes three nights at Hotel Kämp, breakfast daily, one lunch, and one reception. Sightseeing as noted.

OPTIONAL PRELUDE
IN ST. PETERSBURG
June 26–30, 2018
Spend three nights in this vibrant city. Before it is open to the public, tour the incomparable Hermitage, where 400 rooms contain nearly all schools of Western art. Enter Catherine Palace after public hours to view the recreated Amber Room and stroll in the formal gardens. Explore Pavlovsk Palace or choose to visit Peterhof Palace. Visit the Fabergé Museum and the State Russian Museum, and attend a White Nights Festival performance. Join fellow participants in Helsinki for the included one-night stay before embarking the ship on July 1.

Prelude rate: $2,899
Single supplement: $1,199
Includes three nights at Kempinski Hotel Moika 22, high-speed train to Helsinki, breakfast daily, three lunches, and one dinner. Sightseeing as noted.

OPTIONAL POSTLUDE
IN COPENHAGEN
July 11–13, 2018
Disembark in the charming city of Copenhagen and begin with a visit to the new opera house by architect Henning Larsen. Explore the Glyptotek, a fascinating museum in the city center, as well as Louisiana, a modern art museum on the coast north of the city. Visit Rosenborg Castle with its royal treasures. Abundant street life, shopping along the Strøget, and strolling on the quay of Nyhavn are just the beginning.

Prelude rate: $2,199
Single supplement: $799
Includes two nights at Hotel D’Angleterre, breakfast daily, two lunches, and one reception. Sightseeing as noted.

What is Included:
• Enrichment program of lectures and special events.
• One night at Hotel Kämp, Helsinki
• Ten nights cabin accommodations aboard Sea Cloud II.
• All meals during the cruise (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Thoughtfully selected wines complement 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.
• Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits.
• Gratuities to local guides and drivers.
• Customary shipboard gratuities.
• Taxes, service charges, portage.
• Emergency medical evacuation services through UHC Global.

What is Not Included:
• International airfare.
• Passport and visa fees.
• Meals not specified.
• Personal items and expenses.
• Airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights.
• Excess baggage.
• Optional Helsinki prelude.
• Optional St. Petersburg prelude.
• Optional Copenhagen postlude.
• Optional Vilnius excursion ($500 per person).
• Trip insurance.
• Any other items not specifically mentioned as included.
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*.

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Dock overnight in Stockholm to enjoy a stroll in Gamla Stan, visit the Royal Armory, and discover a 17th-century warship at the Vasa Museum.

Enjoy relaxing days at sea as you cross the Baltic and sail the coast of Denmark.