Adriatic Odyssey
Venice to Valletta
Aboard Sea Cloud II

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Bradford Durfee Emeritus Professor of History
The legendary canals of Venice. The cobblestone streets of Dubrovnik’s Old Town. And the ancient ruins of less-visited Albania.

Please join me in October for a cruise aboard the elegant Sea Cloud II to experience these places and more. As a Dubrovnik native, and former member of the Croatian Parliament, I’m looking forward to sharing my expertise on the history and politics of the region. During this voyage, I will lecture on the history of the Adriatic basin, as well as religion, nationalism, and current developments in the Balkans. Although I’ve been a study leader for Yale’s Adriatic cruise before, this year’s program features new visits to Trieste and Otranto, Italy, and I’m eager to explore these destinations with you.

On this unforgettable journey through the Adriatic, Ionian, and Mediterranean Seas, we will visit historic towns and impressive archaeological sites, where Greek, Carthaginian, Roman, Byzantine, Arab, and Norman civilizations have all left their mark. Call at Ravenna, to admire its renowned Roman and Byzantine mosaics; Dubrovnik, with its exquisite architecture and ancient manuscripts; and Sicily, to tour the classical ruins of Syracuse. Stimulating events—including a performance by a folkloric a cappella choir in Dubrovnik and a private visit to the Palazzo Beneventano del Bosco in Syracuse—will complement visits to monuments and collections.

I’m also thrilled to sail aboard Sea Cloud II. Sister ship of the legendary Sea Cloud, this magnificent three-masted barque is a destination unto herself. For those wishing to spend more time ashore, an optional prelude in Venice and an optional postlude in Malta are offered.

This cruise is co-sponsored by The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the alumni associations of Harvard and Duke Universities. As space is limited, please visit www.yaleedtravel.org/adriaticfall18 to register now, or call Yale Educational Travel at (203) 432-1952 or email edtravel@yale.edu with any questions.

With best wishes from Yale,

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In the Wake of the Vikings: Copenhagen to Edinburgh
Aboard Sea Cloud II
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Paul Bracken
Professor of Management & Political Science

Yale Study Leader

Ivo Banac

Ivo Banac is the Bradford Durfee Emeritus Professor of History at Yale University. From 1995 to 1999, he was Professor of History at the Central European University at Budapest, where he also directed the OSI/CEU Institute on Southeastern Europe. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Stanford University, and is the author of the award-winning The National Question in Yugoslavia: Origins, History, Politics (1984), and With Stalin Against Tito: Cominformist Splits in Yugoslav Communism (1988), along with numerous additional publications. Professor Banac served as a member of the Croatian parliament, or Sabor (2003-2007) and was also president of the Croatian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights (2007-2009).

On the cover: Grand Canal, Venice

Book Corner

The National Question in Yugoslavia: Origins, History, Politics
by Ivo Banac
This serious scholarly study by the Yale study leader and historian Ivo Banac focuses on the foundation of the modern Yugoslav state.

City of Fortune, How Venice Ruled the Seas
by Roger Crowley
Crowley spins tales of three centuries of plunder and plague, imperial conquest and piracy in this riveting new history, chronicling the transformation of a tiny city of lagoon dwellers into the richest place on earth.
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WELCOME PHONE CALL
Wednesday, October 3
(Tentative)
Please join a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Ivo Banac at 4:00pm EST to meet other travelers, learn more about what to expect, and ask questions.

DEPARTURE
Thursday, October 11
Depart on an overnight flight to Venice.

VENICE, ITALY / SEA CLOUD II
Friday, October 12
Arrive this morning in Venice. Enjoy lunch at the Hotel Europa & Regina, overlooking the Grand Canal. A canal cruise brings you to Sea Cloud II for embarkation. Gather on deck for a champagne toast as you sail out of the Venetian Lagoon, past the Doge’s Palace and the Church of San Giorgio Maggiore. (L/D)

TRIESTE, ITALY
Saturday, October 13
Step ashore in the former Austro-Hungarian seaport of Trieste and visit the Piazza Unità d’Italia, with its Romanesque and Gothic Cathedral of San Giusto. A short walk takes you to Borgo Teresiano, the historic area whose buildings reflect the 18th-century opulence of Empress Maria Teresa’s reign in the region. Tonight join the captain for a welcome reception followed by dinner. (B/L/R/D)

RAVENNA, ITALY
Sunday, October 14
Ravenna, capital of the Western Roman Empire from the 4th to the 7th centuries, is home to some of the most stunning mosaics in the world. See the exquisite Mausoleum of Galla Placidia and Theodoric’s two great churches, with their extraordinary mosaic processions. At the Basilica of San Vitale the splendors of the Byzantine court are reflected in the depictions of Emperor Justinian and Empress Theodora. (B/L/D)

AT SEA
Monday, October 15
Experience the thrill of sailing during a day at sea. As Sea Cloud II crosses the Adriatic, observe as the crew practices the art of trimming the sails by hand, or perhaps settle into a comfortable deck chair with a favorite book. (B/L/D)

DUBROVNIK, CROATIA
Tuesday, October 16
In the spectacular walled city of Dubrovnik, discover the influence of the Venetian architects in the city’s main artery, Placa. View ancient manuscripts on a visit to the Franciscan Library, as well as the paintings in the Dominican and Franciscan Monasteries and the Rector’s Palace. Gather for a performance by a folkloric a cappella choir before returning to the ship for lunch. (B/L/D)

SARANDE, ALBANIA
Thursday, October 18
Albania, for a long time closed to the rest of the world, can now be seen in all its untamed beauty. In Butrint, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, view some of the archaeological findings and ruins representing various periods in this ancient city’s development. Alternatively, visit another UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Ottoman town of Gjirokaster. Afterwards, drive to one of Europe’s most unique natural phenomena—the Blue Eye Spring, with its sparkling turquoise water. (B/L/D)

DUBROVNIK, CROATIA
Wednesday, October 17
Following a morning at sea, arrive at Otranto, where two excursion options are offered. A walking tour of Otranto includes the Cathedral of Santa Maria to admire its splendid mosaic of the Tree of Life, the Byzantine Church of San Pietro and its frescoes, and the views of the port from the Bastione dei Pelasgi. Alternatively, drive to Baroque Lecce, with its exuberantly ornamented churches, palaces, and houses carved from the honey-colored local stone. Visit the Piazza Sant’Oronzo, the Roman amphitheater, and the Basilica of Santa Croce. See the restored 16th-century cathedral and the adjoining archbishop’s palace. (B/L/D)

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Discover Albania, unconquerable for centuries by both Venice and the Ottoman Empire, as can be seen in its fascinating archaeological sites

AT SEA
Friday, October 19
As Sea Cloud II crosses the Adriatic back to Italy, you may wish to visit the captain on the bridge and attend lectures by Professor Banac and other experts. (B/L/D)
SYRACUSE, SICILY
Saturday, October 20
This morning explore Syracuse, one of the most important cities in antiquity. Discover the ancient Greek and Roman theaters in the Archaeological Zone, and see the cathedral in the Old Town, built upon the ruins of the Temple of Athena. View Caravaggio’s Burial of St. Lucy, housed in the church of Santa Lucia alla Badia (pending confirmation). Alternatively, visit Il Biviere, a unique Mediterranean garden. You are then invited for a private visit to the Palazzo Beneventano del Bosco. Toast a memorable voyage tonight at the captain’s farewell dinner. (B/L/D)

VALLETTA, MALTA / U.S. RETURN
Sunday, October 21
Disembark for the return flights home or continue on the optional Malta postlude. (B)

What is Included:
• Enrichment program of lectures and special events.
• Nine 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, porterage.
• Emergency medical evacuation services through UHC Global.

What is Not Included:
• International airfare.
• Passport fees.
• Meals not specified.
• Personal items and expenses.
• Airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights.
• Excess baggage.
• Optional Venice prelude.
• Optional Valletta postlude.
• Trip insurance.
• Any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

OPTIONAL PRELUDE IN VENICE
October 10–12, 2018
During a two-night stay in Venice, discover the Doge’s Palace — richly adorned with artistic masterpieces by Titian, Veronese, and Tintoretto — and marvel at the glittering mosaics of Basilica San Marco during a specially arranged private tour. Visit the jewel-like early Renaissance church of Santa Maria dei Miracoli. The treasures of the Accademia and dinner at a private palazzo are additional highlights.

Prelude rate: $2,299
Single supplement: $399
Includes two nights at Hotel Europa & Regina, two breakfasts, one reception, and one dinner. Sightseeing as noted.

OPTIONAL POSTLUDE IN VALLETTA
October 21–23, 2018
Spend two nights in Valletta and visit the medieval walled city of Mdina, Malta’s old capital. In quaint Rabat, explore St. Paul’s Catacombs and see the Domus Romana, a first-century B.C. Roman house with exquisite mosaics. Discover the Neolithic Temple of Hagar Qim, one of the oldest freestanding temples in the world. View a Caravaggio masterpiece at St. John’s Co-Cathedral, and see tapestries and armor at the Grand Master’s Palace.

Postlude rate: $1,399
Single supplement: $399
Includes two nights at The Phoenicia hotel, two breakfasts, one lunch, and one dinner. Sightseeing as noted.

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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 Conde Nast Traveler.

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Spend a day exploring the impressive ruins of 3,000-year-old Syracuse, Sicily, once the largest city in the ancient world.