Experience the thrill of sailing to Sicily's ancient towns aboard the elegant Sea Cloud II.

**Catania to Naples Aboard Sea Cloud II**

Sicily by Sail:

**October 10–18, 2019**

**Robert Nelson**

*The Robert Lehman Professor of the History of Art*
Dear Yale Traveler

Visit spectacular Sicily in autumn, when the heat and crowds of summer have dissipated. Please join us in October of 2019 to circumnavigate this stunning island aboard the luxury barque Sea Cloud II. Discover the legendary stepping stone between Europe and Africa, which bears traces of civilizations from the Phoenicians, Greeks, and Romans, to the Arabs, Normans, and others.

We'll board the stately Sea Cloud II in Catania and set sail to Syracuse, designated by UNESCO for its ancient grandeur and described by Cicero as “the greatest Greek city and the most beautiful of all.” Amidst well-preserved Greek and Roman theaters we’ll be treated to an exclusive tour of a Baroque palazzo. Agrigento, once a pivotal town in Magna Graecia, is another UNESCO World Heritage Site, renowned for archaeological treasures like the Valley of the Temples. In Palermo, we’ll bear witness to rich Norman-Arab-Byzantine influences, and Lipari enchants us with a superb collection of ancient artifacts. Our journey concludes in Naples—but for those who wish, optional extensions in Sorrento or Taormina are available.

The elegant Sea Cloud II is a destination unto herself. As her energetic crew scales the masts to set her 23 billowing sails by hand, we’ll relax in the congenial company of members of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, and the alumni association of Brown University.

I’m delighted that Professor Robert Nelson will bring his immense knowledge of Byzantine and Medieval Art to our explorations, and I hope you will join us for this unforgettable voyage, named one of 50 “Tours of a Lifetime” by National Geographic Traveler.

As space is limited, please visit https://ivy.yale.edu/yet/programs/sicily19 to register now, or call Yale Educational Travel at (203) 432-1952 or email edtravel@yale.edu with any questions.

Warmest wishes from Yale,

Lauren Summers
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Yale Study Leader

Robert Nelson

The Robert Lehman Professor of the History of Art, Robert Nelson was educated at Rice University and the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University, where he received his Ph.D. He taught at the University of Chicago from 1977 until 2005 when he moved to Yale. For his research on the art of Byzantium and medieval and Renaissance Italy, Professor Nelson has been the recipient of many fellowships, including the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation and most recently the Center for Advanced Study of Art at the National Gallery of Art in Washington. Among his books are Hagia Sophia, 1850-1950: Holy Wisdom Modern Monument (2004) and Later Byzantine Painting: Art, Agency, and Appreciation (2007). Professor Nelson is interested in the relationship between art and the audiences that view, study, contemplate, and appreciate it. This has led to studies on the devotional and political uses of medieval images and collectors of medieval art, both in the Middle Ages and today. Lately that concern has extended to modern audiences and to how they view and appreciate medieval art.

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OCTOBER 10–18, 2019

WELCOME PHONE CALL  
Monday, September 30  
(tentative)
Please join a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Nelson at 4pm EST to meet other travelers, learn more about what to expect, and ask questions.

U.S. DEPARTURE  
Thursday, October 10
Depart on an overnight flight to Catania.

CATANIA, (SICILY) ITALY  
SEA CLOUD II  
Friday, October 11
Arrive in Catania and transfer to the awaiting Sea Cloud II. Enjoy a bon voyage toast on deck as you sail south to Syracuse. (L/D)

SYRACUSE (SICILY)  
Saturday, October 12
Today you explore Syracuse, one of the most important cities in antiquity. On beautiful Ortigia Island, see the cathedral built on the ruins of the Temple of Athena. By special invitation you 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)

POZZALLO / NOTO (SICILY)  
Sunday, October 13
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 facade is embellished with sculptures of gods, mythical beasts, saints, and angels. Spend the afternoon at sea as we sail to Porto Empedocle.  

PORTO EMPEDOCLE (SICILY)  
Monday, October 14
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, with some of the finest Greek ruins in the world. Return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon at sea. (B/L/D)

TRAPANI / SEGESTA (SICILY)  
Tuesday, October 15
Arrive at the port of Trapani and depart on a morning excursion to Segesta to view its splendid Greek temple and theater. Following lunch on board, you may wish to travel 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)

PALERMO (SICILY)  
Wednesday, October 16
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

OPTIONAL PRELUDE IN TAORMINA  
October 7–11, 2019
Explore stunning Taormina, which clings to the edge of Monte Tauro. Visit the cathedral, botanical garden, and the remains of the Greek theater. Also discover historic Casa Cuseni, built by British artist Robert Kitson, and its beautiful gardens. An excursion to Messina includes a visit to the Regional Museum of Messina, whose collection features two Caravaggio paintings.

$2,499 per person, double occupancy  
$2,699 single rate

Prelude Rate Includes: Three nights accommodations at Hotel Villa Diodoro; breakfast daily, two lunches, and two dinners; sightseeing as noted.
mosaics. Continue with a tour of a palazzo followed by a private reception. After lunch on board, drive to Monreale to discover the magnificent Norman cathedral, whose brilliantly colored mosaics depict scenes from the Old and New Testaments. (B/L/R/D)

LIPARI (AEOLIAN ISLANDS)
Thursday, October 17
This morning arrive in Lipari with its distinctive pumice slopes. One of the seven islands of the Aeolian Archipelago, Lipari is the mythological home of Aeolus, the god of the winds. Dominating the town is a 16th-century Norman castle built on the site of an ancient acropolis. Now an Archaeological Museum, it houses one of the world’s most outstanding Neolithic collections. Experience the thrill of sailing aboard the legendary Sea Cloud II during an afternoon at sea. Attend the captain’s farewell reception and dinner this evening. (B/L/R/D)

NAPLES / U.S. RETURN
Friday, October 18
Disembark Sea Cloud II in Naples this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/R/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Reception/Dinner.

What is Included:
• Program of lectures and discussions with Robert Nelson, Professor of the History of Art
• Seven nights cabin accommodations as per itinerary
• All meals as indicated in the itinerary; bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; thoughtfully selected wine/beer with lunches and dinners. Complimentary open bar throughout the cruise
• Escorted sightseeing by motor-coach and entrance fees for visits
• Airport/pier/airport group transfers for those on suggested flights; porterage
• Taxes and service charges; gratuities to guides and drivers
• Emergency medical evacuation services

What is Not Included:
• International airfare
• Passport/visa fees
• Meals not specified
• Personal items and expenses
• Trip insurance
• Luggage in excess of one suitcase
• Optional Taormina prelude and optional Sorrento postlude
• Any other items not specifically mentioned as included

OPTIONAL POSTLUDE IN SORRENTO
October 18–20, 2019
After disembarking in Naples, visit the 18th-century royal palace of Capodimonte. At the Church of Pio Monte della Misericordia, see a Caravaggio masterpiece. Continue to Herculaneum to discover the ruins of the Roman town buried by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. From Sorrento, explore the extensive site of Pompeii. Visit the hilltop town of Ravello to admire Villa Rufolo and its beautiful gardens, and drive along the dramatic cliffs of the Amalfi Coast.

$1,899 per person, double occupancy
$2,399 single rate

Postlude Rate Includes: Two nights accommodations at Grand Hotel Cocumella; breakfast daily, one lunch, and one dinner; sightseeing as noted.
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 fitness area and watersports platform, no detail has been overlooked. Praised by the world’s most discerning travelers, Sea Cloud II receives consistent 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.

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Tour a baron’s Baroque palazzo, and enjoy a personal welcome and refreshments with the owner

Marvel at a stunning cathedral in Syracuse, built on beautiful Ortygia Island atop the ruins of the Temple of Athena