An ATLANTIC Odyssey

BILBAO | SAN SEBASTIAN | LA ROCHELLE | LORIENT | ST-MALO | CHERBOURG | PARIS

ABOARD THE SEA CLOUD II JUNE 5-16, 2017

With BARRY STRAUS, Professor of History
DEAR CAU FRIENDS,

INVITE YOU to sail aboard the elegant Sea Cloud II in June 2017 from Bilbao, Spain, to Honfleur, France, exploring the role of the Atlantic Ocean in the history and development of Europe and beyond. From the intrepid seafaring adventures of the early Celtic, Viking, and Basque sailors, to the Age of the Explorers and the epic world wars of more recent centuries, this second-largest ocean on our planet has provided both obstacles and opportunities.

During port calls along the Atlantic coasts of Spain and France, see historic artifacts such as the Carnac stones and the Bayeux Tapestry; visit some of the landmark buildings of Europe, including Mont Saint-Michel and the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao; and explore significant World War II sites, including German underground bunkers in La Rochelle, U-boat pens in Lorient, and the Normandy invasion beaches. Throughout the voyage, sample the great food and wine for which Spain and France are celebrated: Basque tapas (pintxos), seafood specialties in Normandy, and a Calvados tasting. An optional pre-trip extension to the prehistoric caves of northern Spain is also offered.

A journey aboard the Sea Cloud II is an intimate experience on one of the most elegant and luxurious vessels afloat. This magnificent three-masted barque combines the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury. In the grand tradition of the world’s finest sailing vessels, guests experience the Sea Cloud II under sail, as the skilled crew hand-sets over 30,000 square feet of canvas.

We are sharing this adventure with travelers from Yale, Princeton, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Sea Cloud II accommodates just 76 passengers, so please call 607-255-6260 today to secure your preferred cabin category.

Sincerely,

Cathy
Catherine Sutton Penner
Director
Cornell’s Adult University

COVER: Honfleur harbor; Sea Cloud II; Monet’s Garden in Giverny; Napoleon’s Tomb in Les Invalides; Basque pintxos.
BACK COVER: Mont Saint-Michel

LARGE IMAGE Marvel at the exceptionally dense collection of prehistoric standing stones, some dating to perhaps as far back as 4500 B.C., around the village of Carnac in Brittany. (LEFT) View the original Pegasus Bridge, captured by Allied forces after the Normandy invasion.

(COVER) Honfleur harbor; Sea Cloud II; Monet’s Garden in Giverny; Napoleon’s Tomb in Les Invalides; Basque pintxos.
(BACK COVER) Mont Saint-Michel

STUDY LEADERS

BARRY STRAUSS, the Bryce and Edith M. Bowmar Professor in Humanistic Studies at Cornell University, is chair of Cornell’s Department of History, a military historian with a focus on ancient Greece and Rome, and an acclaimed author whose books include The Battle of Salamis (2004), The Trojan War (2006), The Spartacus War (2009).
Masters of Command: Alexander, Hannibal, Caesar and the Genius of Leadership (2012), and most recently, The Death of Caesar (2016), which focuses on the third assassin, the one overlooked by Shakespeare. Educated in history at Cornell (BA ’74) and Yale (PhD ’79), Barry studied archaeology at the American School at Athens as a Heinrich Schliemann Fellow (1978–79). He has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the German Academic Exchange Service, the Korea Foundation, and the American Academy in Rome.

COLONEL KEVIN J. WEDDLE, Ret., Professor of Military Theory and Strategy at the United States Army War College, is a veteran of Operations Desert Storm and Enduring Freedom. Col. Weddle has led groups of visitors to significant battlefields and beachheads of World Wars I and II, as well as to crucial sites in centuries-earlier campaigns, such as Waterloo and Agincourt. He received his PhD from Princeton in history in 2003 and is the author of Lincoln’s Tragic Admiral: The Life of Samuel Francis Du Pont.

PAUL BRACKEN, Professor of Management and Political Science at Yale, specializes in international security and global business and has written extensively on security matters. He designed the Yale MBA course “Problem Framing”; teaches “The Global Corporation” in the School of Management; and draws students from virtually all parts of the university to his “Strategy, Technology, and War” course. He was recently named to Princeton Review’s The Best 300 Professors in America; and he also serves on advisory groups in defense and intelligence for the U.S. government.
ITINERARY
(Most days offer a choice of excursions, some at additional cost, where noted.)

Monday & Tuesday, June 5 & 6
HOME / BILBAO, SPAIN
Depart home on an overnight flight to Bilbao, Spain. Relax at the hotel or choose one of three excursion options, depending on your arrival time and interests.

OPTION 1: Learn about Basque art and history on a morning guided tour, with visits to the Fine Arts Museum and the Ethnological Museum of Basque Culture ($60 per person).

OPTION 2: Take a full-day excursion to the wine-growing region of La Rioja with a winery visit and tasting, a special gastronomic lunch, and a tour of the medieval town of Laguardia ($210 per person).

OPTION 3: Join an afternoon guided walking tour of Bilbao's historic Casco Viejo quarter.

ALL: This evening enjoy a welcome reception and dinner.

SILKEN GRAN HOTEL DOMINE (R,D)

Wednesday, June 7
SAN SEBASTIAN
This morning call at the Basque town of San Sebastian (Donostia), known for its sophisticated culinary scene and named a European Capital of Culture in 2016.

OPTION 1: Explore the city's historic center and learn about Basque culinary traditions on a tasting tour.

OPTION 2: Enjoy a specially arranged visit to the pioneering Albaola Factory, where experts on maritime heritage and boat-building are constructing a replica of the 16th-century Basque whaling ship San Juan.

ALL: Return to the ship and relax aboard as the Sea Cloud II cruises to France. This evening’s welcome dinner is hosted by the captain. SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

Thursday, June 8
SAN SEBASTIAN

In the last several decades, Bilbao, the hub of Spain’s Greater Basque region, has undertaken a vigorous social, economic and aesthetic revitalization process, launched by the opening of the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao in 1997. Designed by award-winning architect Frank Gehry, this icon of 20th-century architecture contains a collection of some of the most intriguing artworks of our age. After time to explore the museum and its collections, enjoy Basque pintxos (tapas) at lunch, followed by a panoramic coach tour of some of Bilbao's other architectural highlights. Embark the Sea Cloud II late this afternoon. SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

OPTIONAL PRE-TRIP EXTENSION
PREHISTORIC CAVES OF NORTHERN SPAIN
June 1–6, 2017
After a welcome lunch in Madrid, transfer by coach to Burgos for one night. Accompanied by an archaeologist, explore the site in the nearby Sierra de Atapuerca mountains where the remains of hominids who lived around 800,000 years ago have been excavated. Continue to a historic parador near the Picos de Europa mountain range for two nights, exploring the prehistoric caves in the Cantabria area, including the Altamira Museum and cave replica, during the day. Enjoy a leisurely forest hike with an expert botanist, then spend one night in the medieval center of Santillana del Mar en route to Bilbao to join the main program on June 6. The day in Bilbao is at leisure, or choose from several excursion options including a visit to the wine center of La Rioja (at additional cost). Additional details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.
Marvel at the finely coordinated activities of the crew as they unfurl the sails for a morning of cruising, weather permitting. After lunch, disembark in La Rochelle, a major seaport, the historic base of the Knights Templar and later the Huguenots, and the site of many naval battles.

**OPTION 1:** Explore the 14th-century harbor fortress and a restored underground World War II German bunker.

**OPTION 2:** Visit neighboring Île de Ré, with its picturesque fishing ports and lighthouse.

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This afternoon disembark in Lorient, on the northwestern coast of France in the department of Brittany.

**OPTION 1:** Visit the nearby Keroman Submarine Base, where Grand Admiral Karl Donitz had enormous concrete structures built to shelter part of the German submarine fleet during World War II.

**OPTION 2:** Explore the nearby Carnac Museum of Prehistory, which houses one of the finest prehistoric collections in Europe, and the exceptionally dense distribution of 6,000-year-old megalithic sites known as the Carnac stones around the village of Carnac.

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Enjoy a full day aboard ship and the continuation of the educational program as the Sea Cloud II cruises along the northwestern coast of France.

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Disembark in the walled port city of Saint-Malo for a morning walking tour of this one-time haven for pirates. Return to the ship for lunch on board, then set out on an afternoon visit to the Abbey of Mont Saint-Michel, a beautiful tidal island in Normandy that, along with its 8th-century monastery and bay, has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Access to the island from the mainland has changed over the centuries; its most recent connection is a bridge opened in 2014 and only available to pedestrians, horse-drawn carriages, and local shuttle buses. **SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)**

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Enjoy a morning in Paris visiting the Cluny Museum’s Roman Baths, Napoleon’s tomb at Les Invalides, and the National Archaeological Museum, followed by an afternoon at leisure. Gather for a festive farewell dinner in Paris this evening. **HOTEL SCRIBE (B,D)**

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Transfer to Paris airports for flights home. (B)
SEA CLOUD II

Christened in 2001, the Sea Cloud II is perhaps the most luxurious three-masted sailing yacht on the seas today. Like Marjorie Merriweather Post’s legendary Sea Cloud, she combines the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury. In the grand tradition of the world’s finest sailing vessels, guests experience this marvelous ship under sail (weather permitting), as the skilled crew hand-sets more than 30,000 square feet of canvas. The Sea Cloud II offers an intimate setting of just 47 beautifully appointed cabins, gracious common areas, world-class service, and five-star dining.

PROGRAM RATES

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*In categories 2, 3, 4, and 6, twin beds can be kept separate or pushed together to form one larger bed, with the exception of cabins 224 and 226, where beds are fixed together as one larger bed. Note that queen and king beds in categories 5 and 7 are made up of two mattresses, side-by-side.
GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE U.S. domestic and international airfare □ Passport/visa expenses □ Medical expenses and immunizations □ Private airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure dates □ Travel insurance □ Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour □ Excess-baggage charges □ Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted □ Laundry or dry cleaning □ Telephone, fax, Internet and email charges □ Room service □ Other items of a personal nature

INSURANCE Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss, and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

GROUP SIZE This program is limited to 76 participants, including travelers from Cornell, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Princeton, and Yale.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS To reserve space, return the completed reservation form with your $1,200 per person deposit to: Cornell’s Adult University, B20 Day Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853. Balance of payment is due February 1, 2017. We accept personal checks, payable to Cornell University, as well as VISA, MasterCard, and American Express (online reservations only: www.sce.cornell.edu/cau/registration.php). Reservations will be processed in order of receipt. By submitting your deposit you are bound to the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Upon payment of a $1,200 deposit per person, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by Cornell’s Adult University (CAU). Deposits are refundable (less a $600 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. Final payment is due February 1, 2017. Cancellations after final payment deadline of February 1, 2017: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. For this reason we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If the program is cancelled by CAU or Criterion Travel, the tour operator, you will receive a full refund without further obligation on our part. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate. NOTE: Neither CAU nor Criterion Travel accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

HEALTH All participants should be in good health and capable of keeping up with an active group of travelers. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the passenger certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers.

ITINERARY MODIFICATIONS The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by CAU and Criterion Travel, the tour operator. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, CAU and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

RESPONSIBILITY Complete Terms & Conditions will be sent to participants upon confirmation and are available to prospective travelers upon request. As a condition of participation, each passenger will be required to sign a Release of Liability, which will be sent along with the Terms & Conditions.

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RESERVATION FORM

Please send your deposit check, payable to Cornell University, and this form to: Cornell’s Adult University, B20 Day Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853. For questions, please contact us at 607-255-6260.

PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is my check for $ ___________ ($1,200 per person, payable to Cornell University), to reserve _____ place(s) on An Atlantic Odyssey

Alternatively, you can register online and pay your deposit of $1,200 per person using Visa, MasterCard, or American Express at www.sce.cornell.edu/cau/registration.php.

I/we understand that final payment is due February 1, 2017. Registrations after February 1, 2017: full payment is due.

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SINGLE TRAVELERS If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:

☐ I prefer to have single accommodations.

☐ I plan to share accommodations with ___________________________

☐ I’d like to know about roommates.

I am a ☐ Non-smoker / ☐ Smoker.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of February 1, 2017, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin category preference: 1st ___________ 2nd ___________.

Bed preference on ship: ☐ Twin beds joined as double ☐ Twins

Bed preference at hotels (not guaranteed): ☐ Two beds ☐ One bed

I/we have read the tour information and agree to the Terms & Conditions therein.

SIGNATURE ___________________________ DATE ___________________________

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SAIL aboard the magnificent, three-masted Sea Cloud II, combining the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury, including incomparable service, deluxe amenities, and five-star cuisine.

SEE intriguing centuries-old artifacts, including the Carnac stones, some of which date back to 4500 B.C., and the Bayeux Tapestry, which chronicles the Norman invasion of England in A.D. 1066.

VISIT Mont Saint-Michel, a small tidal island crowned by a spectacular abbey off the coast of Normandy, and Frank Gehry’s iconic Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, a tribute to and showcase for modern works of art.

EXPLORE historic World War II sites, including German underground bunkers in La Rochelle, U-boat pens in Lorient, and the Normandy landing beaches.

SAVOR Basque pintxos (tapas) in Bilbao and San Sebastian, a seafood lunch in Normandy, a Calvados tasting, and a special farewell dinner at a private venue in Paris.