



Sea Cloud Spirit
SICILY GOLF CRUISE
SEPTEMBER 24–OCTOBER 5, 2022



ROME • PALERMO • TAORMINA • SIRACUSA • AGRIGENTO

CONTINUING THE TRADITION

From our beginnings as a tour operator, the way we travel has been distinct. Our preference is to charter small ships so that we can arrange itineraries that optimize both golf and touring experiences for our guests, and our most prolific charter relationship has been with Sea Cloud Cruises.

In fact, our first-ever charter as Kalos Tours, an archaeological tour of Greece, was aboard the original *Sea Cloud*, and our first-ever golf tour, in 1997 along the Danube, was aboard the original *River Cloud*, a ship owned at that time by Sea Cloud Cruises. In addition to a dedication to European-style, five-star service, there was a classic and comfortable feeling aboard both. *Sea Cloud*, built as a private yacht by E.F. Hutton and his wife, Marjorie Merriweather Post, set the standard as a timeless and elegant sailing vessel.

Kalos guests relished the private club intimacy and service aboard *Sea Cloud*, and when *Sea Cloud II* was launched, with larger, more uniform cabins and the familiar configuration and standards of an exclusive hotel, we expanded our close relationship with Sea Cloud Cruises.

To date, we have operated more than 250 charters aboard Sea Cloud ships. As Kalos guests will attest, when we are onboard a Sea Cloud vessel, the ship staff and Kalos staff work seamlessly as one team with a single goal: customer delight.

It is our great pleasure to continue the tradition of combining the world's finest golf and touring with the world's most unique and exclusive sailing vessel. *Sea Cloud Spirit* will feature the same level of first-class, personalized service and accommodations that our guests recognize. As well, *Sea Cloud Spirit* epitomizes the charm and tradition of a ship purpose-built as a classic sailing vessel, while simultaneously boasting "modern" enhancements including cabins with private outdoor space, a large full-service spa and a casual, on-deck bistro dining option.

We look forward to welcoming you aboard *Sea Cloud Spirit*.


Jim Lamont
President



Sicily has long been an island of strategic import. The Greeks, Romans, Arabs, French and Spanish have all laid claim to this beautiful island, creating a melting pot of cultures and traditions. These early civilizations left behind a wealth of architectural treasures including Greek temples, Roman amphitheaters and wonderful Baroque cathedrals. The island's scenic coastlines, robust history and comfortable climate are the ideal backdrop for inspiring golf courses.

Privately chartered for this journey, Sea Cloud Spirit is our exclusive club at sea, offering five-star European service and accommodations, and the intimate feel of sailing aboard our own private yacht. Sea Cloud Spirit provides a relaxing and gracious home away from home. Once on board, we journey effortlessly, leaving the uncertainties of land travel behind.

Traveling with Kalos Golf means never having to worry about your golf bag. Our staff awaits at every course with your bag placed on a cart and the practice facility cleared for your arrival. And don't worry about the pairings—we take requests or pair you with new friends who share your skill level and enthusiasm for the game.

Whether playing golf or exploring Baroque towns with our experienced guides, shopping on your own or touring the ruins of ancient civilizations, you will experience unsurpassed personal attention, returning from your journey with new and enriched friendships and memories of a captivating experience.

GOLF SELECT PACKAGE

A balanced mix of golf and touring in which golfers play three rounds at these courses:

- Marco Simone Golf & Country Club
- Golf Club Nazionale
- Verdura Golf Resort – East Course



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SIENA PRE-TOUR

SEPTEMBER 22–25, 2022

Depart your home city on September 22 for an overnight flight to Florence, Italy. Upon arrival, you'll be greeted at the airport and transported to The Grand Hotel Continental, located in the heart of Siena, in what was once a private 17th century palazzo. A visit to San Gimignano, made famous by its architecture, masterpieces of 14th century art and preserved tower houses, is planned. Golfers play Castiglion del Bosco, a Tom Weiskopf gem that rolls across the Tuscan countryside, while touring guests enjoy a private tour of medieval Siena, including the Piazza del Campo, the Palazzo Pubblico with its impressive frescoes and the Cathedral with its elaborate marble façade. Our Siena tour is a superb start to our journey through Italy.

The Siena Pre-Tour price is detailed below and includes: two nights at The Grand Hotel Continental, breakfasts, greens fee and transfer for one round of golf and one tour, ground transfer from Florence Airport to Siena on September 23 and ground transfer from Siena to The Westin Excelsior in Rome on September 25.

- ✦ \$2,395 per person, double occupancy in a Deluxe Room
- ✦ \$2,975 per person, double occupancy in a Junior Suite
- ✦ \$3,115 in a Single Deluxe Room





SEPTEMBER 24/25: HOME • ROME, ITALY

Depart your home city on September 24 for an overnight flight to Rome, Italy. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to The Westin Excelsior, ideally situated to explore the Eternal City. Settle in and relax, or discover the many intriguing sites nearby until our welcome reception this evening.

SEPTEMBER 26: ROME

GOLF: OLGATA GOLF CLUB

Ranked among the world's top 100 courses, Olgiata is an ideal start to our golf journey. Since opening in 1961, Olgiata has hosted the World Cup and multiple Italian Opens. In 2011, Jim Fazio made extensive updates to this private club as part of Rome's 2020 Olympic bid, constructing new greens on several holes. Laid out over mildly rolling countryside once used to train horses, this traditional parkland course is highlighted by gentle doglegs and well-conceived bunkering. Olgiata will offer a fine challenge in an idyllic setting. After our round, we gather with touring guests for a late afternoon private visit to the Sistine Chapel.

TOUR: ROME

From the Spanish Steps to Trevi Fountain, The Pantheon to Piazza Navona and on to the market at Campo de' Fiori, our expert guide treats us to tales of mythology and ancient history, as we learn about the unique culture, art and personality of Rome. After time for lunch, there is free time to explore further before meeting golfers back at our hotel for a late afternoon private visit to the Sistine Chapel.

SEPTEMBER 27: ROME

GOLF: MARCO SIMONE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Host of the 2023 Ryder Cup, Marco Simone Golf & Country Club sits in the shadow of its namesake castle which dates to the eleventh century. The rolling land surrounding the castle was originally a manor farm marked by streams and livestock trails, with the castle in ruins until Italian designer Laura Biagiotti and her husband restored the castle and built a country club around it in the 1970s. Jim Fazio designed the original course at Marco Simone but when the European Golf Design team, along with Tom Fazio II, are finished with the current renovation, it promises to be an almost fully reimagined course. This exciting new layout debuts on the international stage as host of the 2021 Italian Open.

TOUR: ST. PETER'S BASILICA AND TRASTEVERE

This morning, we visit St. Peter's Basilica, where our private tour reveals the artistic and architectural masterpieces of Michelangelo and Bernini. We stroll to the Trastevere neighborhood and the Piazza Santa Maria for lunch, and afterward, enjoy a guided tour of this quaint, cobblestoned, medieval neighborhood.

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SEPTEMBER 28: ROME • EMBARK *SEA CLOUD SPIRIT*

GOLF: GOLF CLUB NAZIONALE

Formerly known as Golf Club Le Querce, Nazionale is home to the Italian Golf Federation. Grand oaks frame wonderfully undulating fairways throughout this parkland layout, and it is no coincidence that Le Querce translates to “The Oaks.” The front nine opens and closes with testing par fives, offering plenty of fun, unique challenges throughout, including number 10, where a well-positioned drive is critical to approaching a green that is otherwise obscured by oaks.

TOUR: COLOSSEUM

Our day begins with a private tour of the Colosseum, where our guide takes us back to ancient Rome, providing different perspectives throughout our visit: slaves, beasts, gladiators, citizens, senators and the emperor. It is a fascinating icon and fixture of ancient Rome which we have ample time to explore. Afterward, we enjoy lunch before embarking *Sea Cloud Spirit* later this afternoon.

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SEPTEMBER 29: DAY AT SEA

Sit back and watch skilled deckhands scale the rigging and set the sails for our voyage. *Sea Cloud Spirit's* Captain plans the course to take full advantage of the prevailing winds, allowing you to enjoy the ideal pace of travel. The sun-soaked Lido and Sun Decks provide a perfect setting for the day.

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SEPTEMBER 30: PALERMO, ITALY

Our morning begins with a visit to the Palace of the Normans, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the oldest royal residence in Europe. After touring the Palace, we walk through the Moorish section of Palermo, taking in the highlights with our guides. Our ultimate destination is the Teatro Massimo, where we enjoy a private concert of arias. We return to *Sea Cloud Spirit* in time for a late lunch as we sail along the coast of Sicily towards Taormina.



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OCTOBER 1: TAORMINA, ITALY

GOLF: IL PICCIOLO GOLF CLUB

Located in a natural amphitheater on the northeastern base of Mount Etna, Il Picciolo meanders through ancient lava flows, and offers spectacular views of snow-covered Mount Etna. Hazelnut trees, oak woods, pine trees, eucalyptus and vineyards surround many holes. This parkland layout, which opened in 1989 and is Sicily's oldest golf course, makes full use of the natural topography, creating a unique and unforgettable playing experience.

TOUR: TAORMINA

We arrive in the harbor below Taormina this morning, and we have time to explore this cliff-hanging, old-world resort town, often compared to Positano and Èze, France. Our local guide leads us through the charming market, buzzing shops and cafés to the Ancient Greek theater, home to performances for two thousand years. Theater seats look out over dramatic cliffs to the shimmering Ionian Sea, a coastline that is visible for 30 miles, with Mount Etna rising to meet the distant horizon.

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OCTOBER 2: SIRACUSA, ITALY

Our docking location in Siracusa's ancient harbor gives us easy access to this city steeped in history. This morning, our guided tour takes us on a stroll through the lanes of the old town on the island of Ortigia, where Baroque-style palaces line Piazza Archimedes and elegant shops can be found along the streets. This afternoon, we put the sails up on *Sea Cloud Spirit* as we continue our journey around Sicily.





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OCTOBER 3: AGRIGENTO, ITALY

GOLF: VERDURA GOLF RESORT – EAST COURSE

Verdura is the culmination of Sir Rocco Forte’s dream of creating Europe’s finest golf destination, bringing noted golf architect Kyle Phillips to this site to design two golf courses set along pristine beach frontage. The East course at Verdura will re-open in 2021 after a major redesign by Phillips, whose goal was to create more of a links feel, particularly to the holes that border the Mediterranean on the south side of the property. Golfers enjoy an afternoon tour at The Valley of Temples.

TOUR: MANDRANOVA

A Sicilian cooking school is sure to be a highlight of our touring schedule as we visit Mandranova in Palma di Montechiaro. We visit this stylish country farmhouse just before the start of the olive harvest season when the farm’s 10,000 olive trees are bursting with fruit and delicious aromas. We’ll start our morning with our hosts, Sylvia and Giuseppe di Vincenzo who teach us to prepare authentic Sicilian cuisine in a hands-on culinary class. Giuseppe’s enthusiasm is infectious as he introduces us to the estate’s award winning olive oils, which enhances our appreciation for this staple of Italian cooking.

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OCTOBER 4: AGRIGENTO, ITALY

GOLF: VERDURA GOLF RESORT – WEST COURSE

Golfers will not be disappointed as they return to Verdura for a second round of golf—but this time on the West Course, host venue of the Sicilian Open on the European Tour. Natural undulations and a wonderful use of topography and prevailing wind direction, as the course moves away from and then back to the Mediterranean, make each hole a unique challenge. The highlight of the day will be the final six holes, a stirring collection of seaside play.

TOUR: THE VALLEY OF TEMPLES

Today’s tour is a short drive away at The Valley of Temples in Agrigento, one of the most important archaeological sites in the world. A walk through this UNESCO World Heritage site, home to seven ancient temples, offers a glimpse of the beauty of this ancient cultural center that has inspired writers, poets and painters for centuries.

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OCTOBER 5: VALLETTA, MALTA • HOME

We bid farewell to *Sea Cloud Spirit* and her crew as we disembark and transfer to the Valletta Airport for home bound flights.

SEA CLOUD SPIRIT

A NEW STANDARD

Building a fully-rigged three-master in the 21st century may seem a relic in today's world of bigger and faster excesses. Sea Cloud Spirit is indeed a throwback to a time of standards and traditions, and represents Sea Cloud Cruises' commitment to a passion for sailing.

With 69 cabins, all with marble bathrooms, served by 85 crew under sails that soar to 190 feet, Sea Cloud Spirit combines the romance of a windjammer with modern comforts and first-class European service; setting new standards in ocean travel.

As Sea Cloud II built upon her predecessor, so does Sea Cloud Spirit, with a classic outline and elegant styling familiar to sailing enthusiasts the world over. Enhancements include a generous number of cabins with outside balconies, an extensive sun deck, a gym with panoramic views and an exclusive and expansive spa and wellness center. And, in addition to a fine dining menu in the restaurant each evening, an optional bistro menu is available on the Lido Deck.

It is our great privilege to partner with Sea Cloud Cruises to sail aboard Sea Cloud Spirit and we invite you to join us on this magnificent vessel, as we discover the greatest golf and touring the world has to offer.

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Lounge



Lido Deck



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Each trip brochure may be viewed live online or received via postal mail.

Thank you for your interest in our memorable golf adventures.

GOLF'S FINEST TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

The truth about great international golf courses is that they are typically in close proximity to fascinating cultural and historic venues, immersed in unique landscapes ripe for discovery, making our trips ideal for couples in which one spouse is a passionate golfer, and one may rather tour. We dedicate as much purpose to planning and executing our touring programs as we do our golf line-up; no other golf tour operator can make this promise.

We know our clients demand stimulating experiences beyond golf and strive to present our guests with a rich blend of choices between golf and touring each day. Even the heartiest golfers among our guests often remark, "it was tough to decide today between the tour and the links."

Each day, touring passengers will have the option to experience fascinating cultural and historic or culinary and wine tours. On some days, golfers and tour guests will spend the day touring together and on others, they will get together for a private wine tasting or tour after golf.

We challenge you to find a touring program with any other luxury golf tour operator that is as robust, inclusive and exclusive as you will find on a Kalos Golf tour.



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