

With **Andrew Shennan**,
Professor of History

SAILING MEDITERRANEAN SHORES

Exploring Islands, Art Centers and Historic
Villages of France and Italy

Aboard the 136-Guest SEA CLOUD SPIRIT

September 22 – October 1, 2026



Vernazza, Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Italy



Dear Wellesley Alumna,

Join us in September for an enriching voyage along the sunlit coasts and islands of France and Italy aboard the SEA CLOUD SPIRIT, undoubtedly one of the world's most extraordinary small cruise ships, shared with our remarkable community of intellectually curious like-minded travelers. This carefully crafted journey blends art, history and culture, and breathtaking landscapes with the rare pleasure of true sailing.

Your adventure begins on the famed Côte d'Azur, with time to explore the Belle Époque grandeur of Nice and the medieval hill town of Saint-Paul-de-Vence, where the renowned Fondation Maeght offers an inspiring encounter with works by leading figures of 20th-century modern art. Upon embarkation, our days at sea unfold at a graceful pace punctuated by memorable ports of call. From the dramatic cliffs and pastel villages of the Cinque Terre and the storied island of Elba to Corsica's imposing citadel in Calvi and the historical layers of Saint-Tropez and Fréjus, there is no shortage of natural and human-made wonders to appreciate. The journey concludes in glamorous Monte Carlo, with an excursion to the cliff-top village of Èze to enjoy its sweeping views of the French Riviera.

Accompanying us will be **Professor Andrew Shennan** who will enrich our journey with his knowledge and expertise on the remarkable places we will explore.

Equally unforgettable is the experience of sailing aboard SEA CLOUD SPIRIT. In September, the Mediterranean offers warm days, gentle breezes, and luminous light—ideal conditions for watching the crew hand-hoist the ship's sails in time-honored tradition. Beautifully appointed accommodations, attentive service, and inviting decks create a sense of relaxed sophistication, while time at sea encourages conversation, reflection, and shared discovery.

Above all, this voyage is about connection. Whether rekindling old friendships or forming new ones, you'll enjoy the camaraderie that comes naturally when Wellesley alumnae gather -curious, engaged, and eager to explore the world together. We hope you'll join us for this inspiring journey under sail.

Warm regards,

Erin Corcoran '13
Assistant Vice President for Alumnae Relations
and Global Engagement

WELLESLEY FACULTY

ANDREW SHENNAN

Professor of History



Andrew Shennan is Professor of History and Provost Emeritus at Wellesley College. He recently retired as Provost and Dean of the College at Wellesley College. Professor Shennan served as Associate Dean of the College from 1999 to 2004, and from 2004 to 2009 as Dean of the College. In

January 2010 he was appointed to the newly created post of Provost. In that capacity, he oversaw all the academic programs of the college as well as the college's libraries and technology services, and budgetary and strategic planning. Professor Shennan is a graduate of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, where he received a double starred first in history. He also received his Ph.D. from Cambridge University. He held a Harkness Fellowship in the Department of Government at Harvard University and was a research fellow at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge before joining the Wellesley College faculty in 1988.

Professor Shennan's books include *Rethinking France: Plans for Renewal, 1940-1946* (Oxford University Press, 1989); *De Gaulle* (Longman, 1993); and *The Fall of France, 1940* (Longman, 2000). At Wellesley Professor Shennan has taught a range of courses in modern European history, with a particular emphasis on the 20th century, the history of modern France, and World War II. He was a founding director of Wellesley's International Relations program and the first director of the College's Summer School. In 1991 he was awarded the College's Pinanski Prize for Excellence in Teaching. He was a member of the last three presidential search committees, and in the summer of 2007 served briefly as acting president of the College.



St-Tropez, France

THE 136-GUEST SEA CLOUD SPIRIT

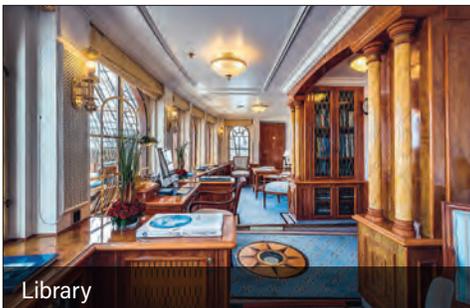
One of the World's Most Extraordinary Cruise Ships



Grand Stateroom



Lounge



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The Sea Cloud ships are known for their fine cuisine

Built in 2021, the **SEA CLOUD SPIRIT** is undoubtedly among the world's most unique and beautiful cruise ships. Measuring 452 feet in overall length, and with a beam of 56 feet, SEA CLOUD SPIRIT is an authentic three-mast full-rigged yacht that combines the traditional aspects of ocean-going sailing ships of bygone eras with 21st-century state-of-the-art technologies and amenities. One of the most thrilling experiences aboard is to watch the skilled crew hoist by hand the ship's 28 sails, which cover a total sail area of 44,100 sq ft. When not riding the winds, the ship is powered by diesel-electric engines with low-sulfur marine diesel oil. The combination of traveling under sail and high-quality diesel oil for the engines provides one of the most sustainable cruising experiences available.

SEA CLOUD SPIRIT has 69 staterooms and suites that accommodate a maximum

of 136 guests. All are ocean viewing, spacious, and decorated in a refined and elegant style that is akin to that of classic private yachts. All feature a marble bathroom. Wood-paneled lounges and other common spaces invite relaxation, while the light-filled restaurant accommodates all guests in one open sitting and serves fine classic cuisine, accented by regional specialties and wines.

Other facilities include a spacious fitness room with panoramic ocean views, a wellness and spa center, library, boutique, Lido bar and bistro, and swim platform. An elevator serves all decks, and Wi-Fi is available in all cabins and common areas. There is ample deck space to relax, unwind and enjoy the sea views. The ship is operated by a seasoned and professional team of 85 crew members, while the ship's open bridge policy offers guests a rare opportunity to stand with the captain or officers, watching the artistry of traditional sailing in motion.

For Reservations and Information, Please Call **Thalassa Journeys** at **866-633-3611** or Email reservations@thalassajourneys.com

ITINERARY



Tuesday, September 22, 2026

USA/NICE

Depart the US on overnight flights for Nice, France.

Wednesday, September 23

NICE, France

Arrive in Nice and transfer to *Hotel Meridien* (or similar). With magnificent mountains and sparkling seas, Nice is endowed with a lavish natural landscape. The labyrinthine streets of the old town present pastel facades, red-tiled roofs, and Baroque churches around

every corner. Exploring the new town's Belle-Époque and Art Deco palaces and hotels and the sophisticated Promenade des Anglais, stretched along the curving Baie des Anges, offers an excellent way to stretch your legs before a welcome dinner this evening. (D)

Thursday, September 24

NICE/SAINT-PAUL DE VENCE/EMBARKATION

Begin this morning with an excursion to Saint-Paul de Vence, the oldest walled medieval town in southern France. Tour the Fondation Maeght with its stunning collection of works by Chagal, Kandinsky, Léger, and Miró, among other 20th century and contemporary



Manarola, Cinque Terre, Italy



Fondation Maeght in Saint-Paul de Vence, France



Calvi, Corsica

artists. The landscaped sculpture garden and Miró labyrinth on the grounds are also spectacular. Following lunch in Saint-Paul, enjoy free time in town to stroll its picturesque winding lanes. Return to Nice later in the afternoon to embark SEA CLOUD SPIRIT, settle in, and enjoy dinner onboard. The ship sails later tonight. (B,L,D)

Friday, September 25

UNDER SAIL

Watch the skilled crew climb the rigging, set sails, and hoist them by hand. Attend a lecture, relax, and enjoy the many amenities of the ship as SEA CLOUD SPIRIT spends the full day sailing to Italy. (B,L,D)

Saturday, September 26

PORTOVENERE & CINQUE TERRE, Liguria, Italy

The ship arrives this morning in Portovenere, a beautiful historic fishing village. Perched on a promontory facing a lovely bay, tall paster-colored houses line the harbor, while the Castelo Doria, an

impressive citadel, looms over the village. Depending on weather and sea conditions, enjoy a boat or overland excursion to Cinque Terre, perhaps Italy's most dramatic shoreline. Sheer cliffs come down to the sea where five delightful villages were built on headlands in the middle ages that together constitute a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Spend the afternoon at leisure, providing the opportunity to explore Portovenere's cluster of narrow streets and historic buildings, such as the church of St. Peter, built in the early Christian period and again in the 12th century on top an ancient Roman temple dedicated to the goddess Venus. (B,L,D)

Sunday, September 27

PORTOFERRAIO, Elba, Italy

The rugged cliffs and sparkling beaches of this Tuscan island are punctuated by dusky vineyards, olive groves and cool cypress avenues. Perhaps best known as the location of Napoleon's exile, settlement on Elba can be traced to the ancient Ligurians, Etruscans, and Greeks. The 'modern' town of Portoferraio was established in



Along Nice's famed Promenade des Anglais



Medieval village of Èze, near Monaco

1548 by Cosimo d'Medici, who commissioned its three fortresses which capitalize on the natural landscape to create an impregnable defense network. Enjoy a motorcoach tour exploring the highlights of Elba. The afternoon is at sea. (B,L,D)

Monday, September 28
CALVI, Corsica, France

Corsica's archaeological record indicates that it has been inhabited since the Neolithic era, though its earliest recorded history dates to Roman times, and Christopher Columbus is believed to have been born here. Calvi's imposing 13th-century citadel, which towers over the cobblestone lanes and red-roofed buildings, creates a dramatic first impression of the island. Tour the old town, then venture into Corsica's mountainous interior to the historic villages of the Belagne region. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, September 29
SAINT-TROPEZ/FRÉJUS/SAINT-TROPEZ, France

Take a morning excursion to the historic quarter of Fréjus, with its Roman and medieval cultural layers and rich ecclesiastical heritage. Visit the Romanesque/Gothic Saint-Léonce Cathedral complex to marvel at its astonishing painted Cloister ceiling, and explore the Fréjus Cathedral Museum. Return to Saint-Tropez for an afternoon walking tour. From Signac to Seurat, Pissarro to Matisse and Van Gogh, artists found inspiration in the sparkling waters of this picturesque town on the Côte d'Azur. The aristocracy soon followed, building Saint-Tropez's reputation as a refuge for the wealthy and famous. With an early evening at leisure, you may wish to explore the city's vibrant markets and chic galleries and boutiques before the ship sails at night. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, September 30
MONTE CARLO, Monaco, & ÈZE, France/MONTE CARLO

Following a final morning at sea, the ship arrives in Monte Carlo and

we take an excursion to the French medieval village of Èze, perched high on a cliff between Monaco and Nice. Wander the romantic cobblestone streets of this charming town and enjoy its breathtaking vistas of the French Riviera, including from the stunning cliffside botanical Jardin Exotique. Back in Monte Carlo, long associated with luxury, SEA CLOUD SPIRIT remains in port overnight. Guests may be intrigued by an evening at the famous casino in its beautiful Belle Epoque building, or at the palatial opera house. (B,L,D)

Thursday, October 1
MONTE CARLO/DISEMBARK/USA

Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport in Nice for flights homeward. (B)

RATES		
CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	PER PERSON / DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
E	Superior staterooms	\$ 9,990
D	Deluxe staterooms	\$ 11,390
C	Grand staterooms	\$ 12,590
B	Junior veranda suites with private balcony	\$ 13,890
A	Veranda suites with private balcony	\$ 14,990
Single occupancy supplement: Category E \$ 3,290; Category D \$ 3,990.		

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

The rates are all-inclusive. There are no hidden costs and no additional charges such as shore excursions or embarkation and port charges. Other than the international airfare and expenses of a personal nature, all else is included. Specifically, the rates include:

- One night at the *Hotel Meridien* (or similar) in Nice, France.
- Cruise aboard the SEA CLOUD SPIRIT, as described in the itinerary.
- Group airport/hotel/pier transfers at designated times, and handling of luggage on arrival and departure dates.
- Lectures and discussions with Wellesley Professor Andrew Shennan.
- Complete program of tours and excursions as mentioned in the itinerary with professional English-speaking guides.
- All meals aboard the ship, with a selection of wines, beer and soft drinks during lunch and dinner.
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard the ship hosted by the captain.
- Open bar with select alcoholic beverages.
- Coffee, including espresso and cappuccino, tea and soft drinks throughout the day and night.
- 24-hour room service.
- Gratuities to the ship's crew, guides, porters and drivers.
- 10 GB of data aboard the ship.
- The services of an experienced Thalassa Journeys Trip Director.
- All local taxes and service charges, including port and embarkation taxes.
- Complete pre-departure material.

NOT INCLUDED: International airfare; travel insurance; expenses of a personal nature; any items not mentioned in the itinerary or the above inclusions.



Street scene, Portovenere, Italy

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Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for \$ _____ (\$ 1,500 per person) as a deposit to hold _____ place(s) on **SAILING MEDITERRANEAN SHORES**, September 22 – October 1, 2026 with Wellesley College. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card. We accept Visa, Mastercard, or Discover credit cards.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of \$1,500 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Payment can be made by personal check or charged to a credit card.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations are subject to a \$300 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received 71-90 days prior to departure will be assessed a penalty equal to 50% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received within 70 days of departure are subject to 100% cancellation penalties. Requests for cancellations must be made in writing. No refunds will be made for any part of this program in which you choose not to participate.

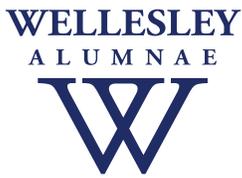
INSURANCE: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

ITINERARY: The itinerary, accommodations and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Thalassa Journeys.

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