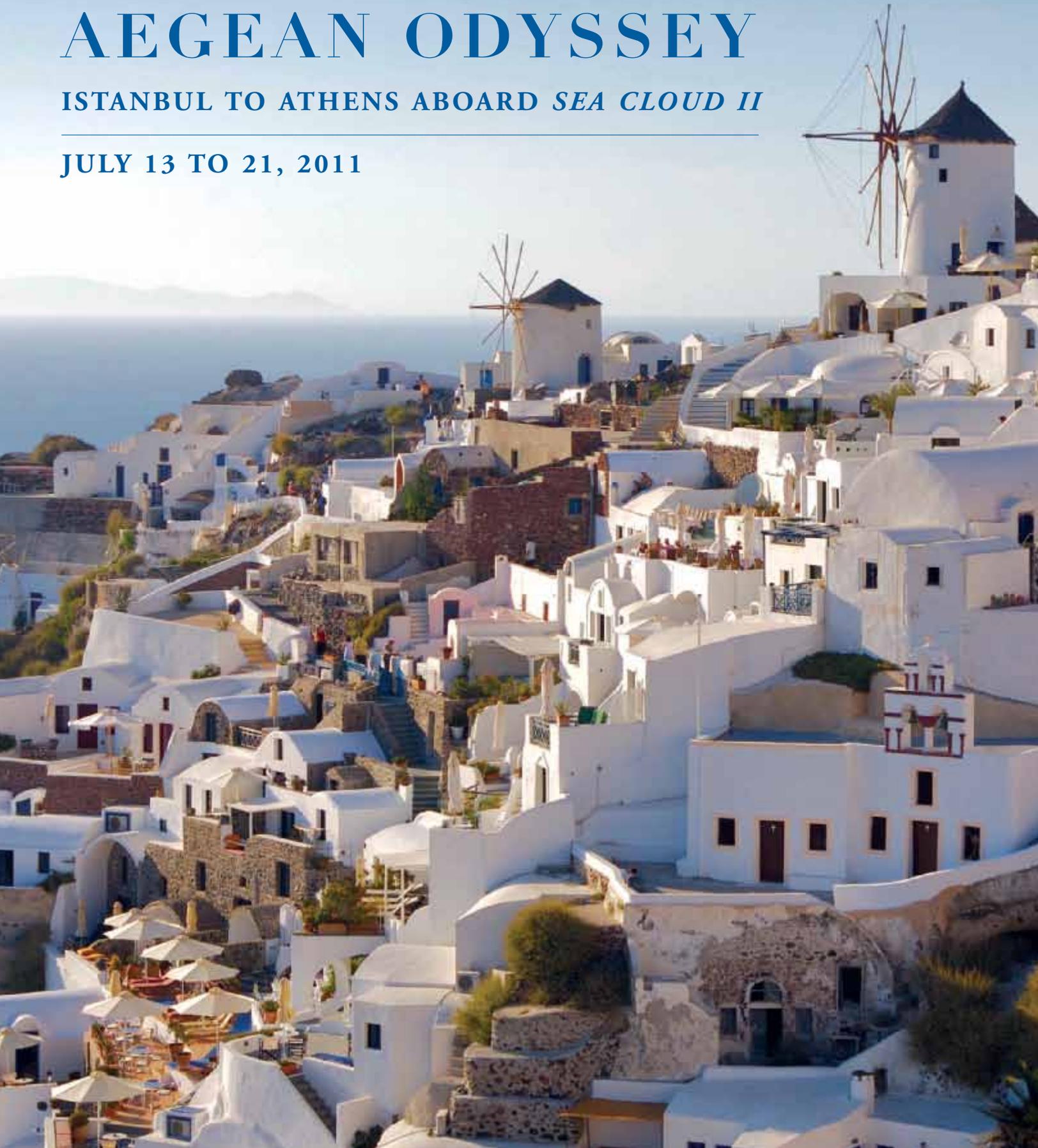


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AEGEAN ODYSSEY

ISTANBUL TO ATHENS ABOARD *SEA CLOUD II*

JULY 13 TO 21, 2011



MUSEUM OF AMERICAN FINANCE

Dear Members and Friends,

Join me for an enchanting summer voyage along the coast of Turkey and through the Greek Isles. Our privately chartered sailing yacht, *Sea Cloud II*, slips easily into the small harbors and shallow bays of the Aegean Sea, carrying us to some of the most important sites of antiquity.

During our journey, I will be speaking on the economic history of the Mediterranean region from ancient to modern times. Also traveling with us will be Dr. Kathryn Calley Galitz, Assistant Museum Educator at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, who will lecture on the art and architecture of the cities we will visit.

Our program begins in the fabled city of Istanbul, where a highlight will be the Byzantine Church of the Savior in Chora with its exquisite mosaics. Then board the three-masted *Sea Cloud II* and sail across the Sea of Marmara and through the Dardanelles. Step ashore in the lively port of Kusadasi and drive to Ephesus, one of the best-preserved sites from antiquity. In the evening enjoy a special onboard performance by a quintet from the Izmir Philharmonic Orchestra.

Continue to Bodrum, where we tour the castle of St. Peter, home to an impressive array of antiquities recovered from ancient shipwrecks under the sea. Then *Sea Cloud II* sails into the spectacular bay of Santorini for a visit to the whitewashed cliff-top villages of this volcanic island. On the tiny island of Delos, said to be the birthplace of Artemis and Apollo, see the Sanctuary of Apollo and the theater, as well as public squares, shops and villas, many displaying superb mosaic work.

Sail to the lovely port town of Navplion to explore the nearby ruins of Mycenae before we disembark in Athens, where an optional post-tour extension features extraordinary architecture and incomparable museum collections. An optional prelude is also offered in Istanbul to visit Topkapi Palace, the 6th-century basilica of Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque and the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts.



The luxurious *Sea Cloud II* combines comfort and a casual atmosphere with fine service. Tasteful surroundings and five-star dining complement the heady experience of traveling under wind-lofted sails.

I hope to welcome you aboard for this special voyage, co-sponsored by The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Richard Sylla
Chairman of the Board
Museum of American Finance

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Istanbul to Athens Aboard Sea Cloud II

July 13 to 21, 2011



Istanbul and the Bosphorus at sunset.

NEW YORK | ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Wednesday, July 13 Depart New York on an overnight flight to Istanbul.

ISTANBUL | SEA CLOUD II

Thursday, July 14 Arrive in Istanbul this morning and meet your fellow travelers during lunch in the Old City at the Four Seasons Sultanahmet Hotel. Visit the Byzantine Church of the Savior in Chora with its exquisite mosaics before boarding *Sea Cloud II* later this afternoon. Enjoy a glass of bon voyage champagne on deck as we cruise out of the harbor.

AT SEA

Friday, July 15 During an idyllic day at sea, watch as the ship's crew trim the sails by hand, attend a lecture or perhaps relax on deck with a good book. Weather permitting, there will be an opportunity to swim in the Aegean. In the evening, join the captain for a welcome dinner.

KUSADASI, TURKEY

Saturday, July 16 Step ashore this morning and drive to Ephesus, one of the best-preserved sites from antiquity. See temples and houses with their original mosaics and fountains; the reconstructed Library of Celsus, originally built in 114 C.E.; and the theater where audiences of more than 2,000 once

gathered to hear poetry readings and music. Return to the ship for lunch. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the sights and shops of Kusadasi. In the evening, a special onboard performance by a quintet from the Izmir Philharmonic Orchestra is followed by dinner.



Library of Celsus, Ephesus.

BODRUM, TURKEY

Sunday, July 17 Arrive in Bodrum, birthplace of Herodotus and Dionysius, and site of the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Visit the Castle of St. Peter, a showpiece of medieval military architecture. Housed in the castle is the Museum of Underwater Archaeology, featuring treasures from ancient shipwrecks discovered along Turkey's shores. Lunch on deck is followed by an afternoon lecture.

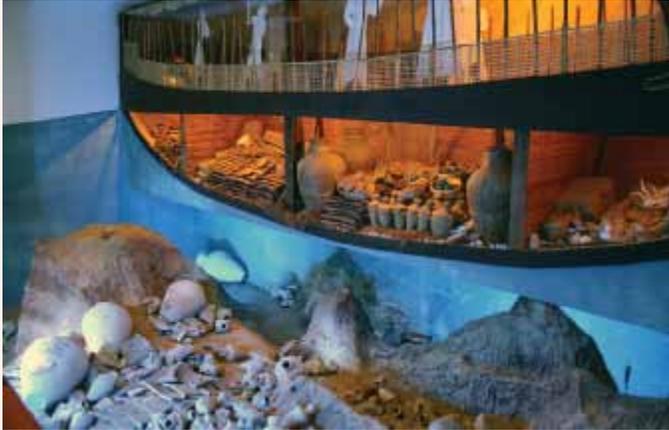


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Museum of Underwater Archaeology, Bodrum.

SANTORINI, GREECE

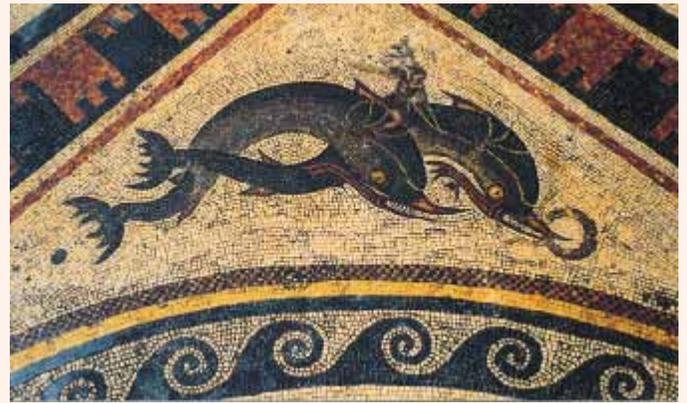
Monday, July 18 This morning cruise into the bay of Santorini, one of the world's most astounding geological sights. In 1600 B.C.E. a volcanic eruption caused the center of the island to sink, creating this amazing caldera, rising over 1,000 feet from the sea. Drive to the highest peak for panoramic views before continuing to the tip of the island to stroll through the lovely village of Oia. Continue to a local winery for a guided tour and tasting of Santorini's fine wines. After lunch on board, explore the white town of Fira, perched high on the cliffs above the harbor. Dine on deck this evening as *Sea Cloud II* remains moored in the bay of Santorini.

DELOS, GREECE

Tuesday, July 19 Spend the morning on tiny Delos. Said to be the birthplace of Artemis and Apollo, this now uninhabited island is one of the most important archaeological sites in Greece. See the Sanctuary of Apollo and the theater, as well as public squares, shops and villas, many displaying superb mosaic work. Lunch on board is followed by a relaxing afternoon at sea and a teatime lecture.



Villa floor mosaic detail, Delos.



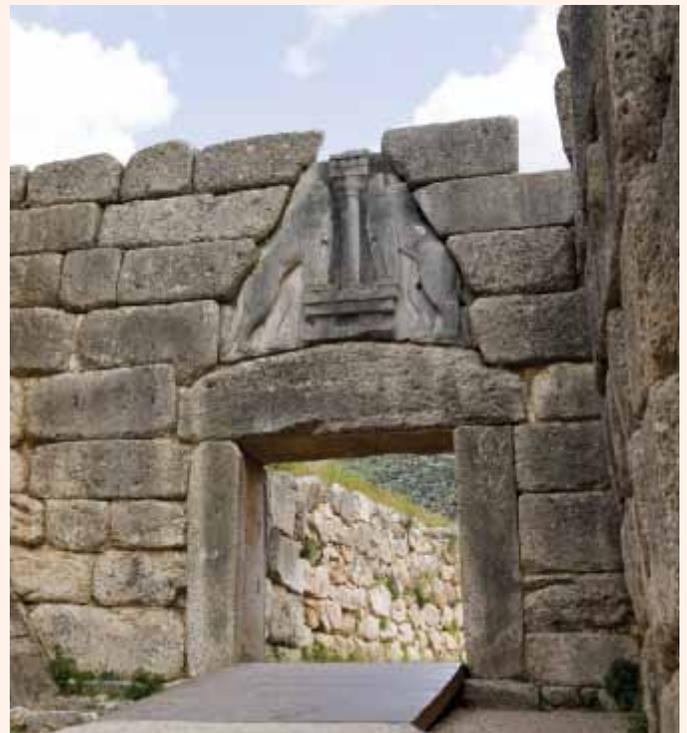
Dolphin mosaic, Delos.

NAVPLION, GREECE

Wednesday, July 20 Step ashore this morning in the beautiful port town of Navplion. A walking tour includes the narrow streets of the Old Town, which are lined with elegant Venetian houses and gracious neoclassical mansions. Drive to the nearby ruins of Mycenae, fabled palace of Agamemnon. View the Lion Gate and other archaeological discoveries of Heinrich Schliemann. Return to the ship for lunch. This evening the captain hosts a festive farewell dinner.

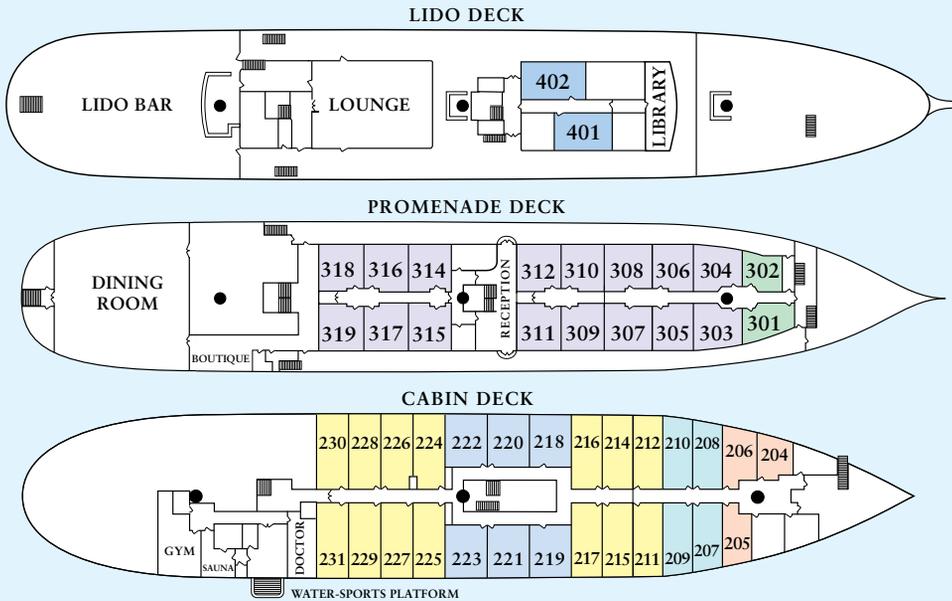
ATHENS, GREECE | NEW YORK

Thursday, July 21 Disembark *Sea Cloud II* this morning in Piraeus and transfer to Athens Airport for your flight home, or continue to Athens for the optional postlude.



The Lion Gate of Mycenae.

SEA CLOUD II



Owner's Suite (top) and a Deluxe Cabin on Cabin Deck (above).

CRUISE RATES

(Per Person, Double Occupancy)

Cabins	Decks	Rates
Cabins 204 to 206 State Rooms. Upper/lower twin berths, shower. Available for single occupancy at \$9,125.	Cabin Deck	\$7,295
Cabins 207 to 210 Superior Cabins. Twin beds, shower.	Cabin Deck	\$8,295
Cabins 211 to 217 & 224 to 231 Deluxe Cabins. Twin beds, shower.	Cabin Deck	\$9,495
Cabins 218 to 223 Deluxe Cabins. Twin beds, shower.	Cabin Deck	\$9,995
Cabins 301 & 302 Deluxe Cabins. Twin beds, shower.	Promenade Deck	\$10,495
Cabins 303 to 319 Junior Suites. Twin beds, bathtub with shower.	Promenade Deck	\$10,995
Cabins 401 & 402 Owner's Suites. Queen-size bed, bathtub and separate shower.	Lido Deck	\$11,995

Additional singles will be calculated at a supplement ranging from 30 to 100 percent of the cruise rate.

RATES INCLUDE

- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard *Sea Cloud II*
- All meals during the cruise and one lunch on land.
Wine with lunches and dinners
- Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- Escorted sightseeing by motorcoach and entrance fees for visits
- Airport / pier group transfers and portage
- Taxes and service; gratuities to guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES International airfare; passport and visa fees; customary shipboard gratuities; alcoholic beverages other than wine at lunches and dinners; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on group flights; baggage in excess of one suitcase; trip insurance; optional prelude in Istanbul; optional postlude in Athens; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

OPTIONAL PRELUDE IN ISTANBUL \$1,775 per person. Single supplement \$655. Includes three nights at the Four Seasons Sultanahmet Hotel. Breakfast daily, one lunch and two dinners. Sightseeing as noted.

OPTIONAL POSTLUDE IN ATHENS \$1,050 per person. Single supplement \$265. Includes two nights at the Hotel Grande Bretagne. Breakfast daily, one lunch and one dinner. Sightseeing as noted.

MUSEUM OF AMERICAN FINANCE | RESERVATION APPLICATION

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To reserve a place, please complete and return this form with your deposit of \$2,500 per person (of which \$350 is non-refundable for administrative fees) payable to *Academic Arrangements Abroad*. Mail to: Academic Arrangements Abroad, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10018-3721.

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Accommodations

Sea Cloud II Cabin Preference (1) _____ (2) _____

I wish to share a cabin with _____

Optional Prelude & Optional Postlude

I/We wish to join the optional prelude in Istanbul.

I/We wish to join the optional postlude in Athens.

Hotel Room Preference Double Twin Single

Form of Payment

Enclosed is my check (payable to *Academic Arrangements Abroad*)

Credit card (for deposit only — final payment must be made by check)

NAME AS ON CREDIT CARD _____ CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____

3- OR 4-DIGIT SECURITY CODE _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

Each participant must sign below. I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the *Terms & Conditions* of this Program. I/We agree to full payment by check 120 days prior to departure.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED _____ DATE _____

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Church of the Savior in Chora.

ISTANBUL PRELUDE

July 10 to 14, 2011

Fly from New York to Istanbul for three nights at the historic Four Seasons Sultanahmet Hotel in the Old City. Explore Topkapi Palace, residence of the Ottoman sultans for over 400 years, visit the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts in the former Ibrahim Pasha Palace, and shop for spices, carpets and crafts at the Grand Bazaar. At the Archaeological Museum view the magnificent Alexander Sarcophagus, dating from the 4th century B.C.E. Other highlights include the 6th-century basilica of Hagia Sophia, the stunning tiled interior of the Blue Mosque and the exquisite mosaics at the Byzantine Church of the Savior in Chora. ♦



The Athens Acropolis.

ATHENS POSTLUDE

July 21 to 23, 2011

Disembark *Sea Cloud II* in Piraeus and continue to Athens for two nights at the elegant Hotel Grande Bretagne, located on fashionable Constitution Square. Visit the National Archaeological Museum, whose collection of antiquities is one of the finest in the world, and the Benaki Museum, housed in a former private mansion and displaying unique art and artifacts from all periods of Greek history. Ascend the Acropolis and discover the outstanding new Acropolis Museum. ♦

TERMS & CONDITIONS

AIRFARE Academic Arrangements Abroad (AAA) will be pleased to assist with air travel arrangements. A specially negotiated APEX Economy Class non-refundable group airfare will be offered. Business Class will be quoted on an individual basis. A fee of \$75 per person will be charged for any reservations other than the group flight schedule; private transfers can be arranged at a supplemental cost. Please note that AAA can assist with rebooking flights only on air reservations booked directly with AAA. To redeem your frequent flyer mileage, please contact the airline directly.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE A deposit of \$2,500 per person, payable to *Academic Arrangements Abroad*, of which \$350 is non-refundable for administrative fees, is required with the reservation application. Final payment, by check only, must be received 120 days prior to departure.

HEALTH All participants must be in good health. This program involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs at monuments and other locations not handicapped accessible and climbing into various conveyances including tenders. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation. Please note: *Sea Cloud II* does not have an elevator.

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On the front cover: Village of Oia, Santorini. On the back cover: Iznik tile and Sea Cloud II



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