

Nelson & the Battle of Trafalgar

From Final Chapter to Immortal Memory

2027 National Patron Trip
Aboard Sea Cloud Spirit
With Author and Lecturer Flora Fraser

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Palma de Mallorca, Spain – Casablanca, Morocco





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Set sail on an extraordinary journey through history aboard the magnificent Sea Cloud Spirit, retracing the footsteps of one of Britain's greatest naval heroes, Admiral Horatio Nelson. This exclusive voyage, co-hosted by the English-Speaking Union and Sea Cloud Cruises, offers a unique blend of luxury, adventure, and intellectual stimulation.

By day, explore picturesque ports and historic sites central to Nelson's career and private life. By night, dine under the stars and engage in stimulating conversation with fellow history and adventure enthusiasts.

Trip Highlights

- Sail from Palma de Mallorca, Spain, to Casablanca, Morocco, on board Sea Cloud Spirit, ranked among the best luxury passenger ships in the world. This three-mast windjammer's 28 sails are hoisted by hand for authentic sailing experience.
- Enjoy lectures about Admiral Lord Nelson's final battle by renowned biographer Flora Fraser
- Visit key locations in Nelson's Mediterranean campaigns
- Visit the ports of Ibiza, Valencia, Cartagena, Málaga, and Cádiz, before landing in Casablanca
- Experience the thrill of sailing on a tall ship in Nelson's wake
- Indulge in luxurious accommodations and gourmet cuisine

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About Sea Cloud Spirit

It must be the most magnificent show in all of cruising!

Stand on the teak-lined top deck of Sea Cloud Spirit, and witness the spectacle of a dozen or so sure-footed deckhands scurrying about high in the rigging to unfurl the sails. Feel them catch the wind and set the massive vessel – five decks high and 453 feet long – in motion.

You will be underway, propelled by the power of the wind alone!

In the world of large sailing ships, only a handful have sails that are still set by hand in the old-fashioned way, like it was done centuries ago.

You will be sailing on one of them.

Sea Cloud Spirit welcomes up to 136 passengers and has 85 crew. It offers a restaurant, lido bar and bistro, lounge with Steinway piano, library, boutique, wellness and spa space, fitness area with ocean view, and a swim platform. It is powered by 28 sails on three masts with total sail surface of about 44,000 square feet.

Dress Code

During the day, comfortable and casual yachting clothes are recommended. For the evening, the dress code is business casual. No swimwear during lunch and/or shorts at dinner. For the Captain's dinner, twice on the voyage, elegant/cocktail attire is recommended: a suit for the gentleman and cocktail dress for the lady. Being on a sailboat, non-slip footwear, which provides grip on the spacious teak decks, should be part of each passenger's luggage.





Itinerary



Tuesday, October 26
Palma de Mallorca, Spain

10:00 PM: Departure

Wednesday, October 27
Ibiza, Spain

1:30 - 11:00 PM

Leisure time on the white island.

Thursday, October 28
Under Full Sail

Friday, October 29
Valencia, Spain

Until 1:30 PM

Saturday, October 30
Cartagena, Spain

1:30 - 7:00 PM

Sunday, October 31
Under Full Sail

Monday, November 1
Málaga, Spain

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

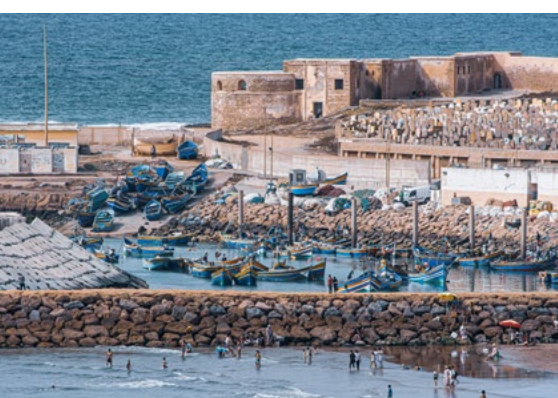
Tuesday, November 2
Cádiz, Spain

1:30 - 11:00 PM

Wednesday, November 3
Under Full Sail

Thursday, November 4
Casablanca, Morocco

6:00 AM: Arrival



A selection of shore excursions is already included in your cruise fare.
Availability may differ by destination and/or sailing.





Lecture Program

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The Lectures

As the Sea Cloud Spirit traverses Mediterranean waters in 2027 and heads north into the Gulf of Cadiz and south of Gibraltar to Casablanca, renowned historian Flora Fraser will offer three illustrated lectures, their subject, 'Nelson and the Battle of Trafalgar: From Final Chapter to Immortal Memory.'

In the fall of 1805, Napoleon Bonaparte, Emperor of the French, was poised to invade England with a vast army and a flotilla of transports, protected by a combined fleet of thirty-three French and Spanish vessels. In a legendary naval battle on 21 October 1805, however, Admiral Lord Nelson and twenty-two British warships annihilated this enemy naval force in waters off Cape Trafalgar, shortly after the French and Spanish came out of Cadiz harbour, headed for the English Channel. With this sublime victory, danger of French invasion was at an end. Flora will show, however, that the day of battle proved the final chapter in Horatio Nelson's remarkable life, when a French sharpshooter fired on him from a topmast.

Conscious that he had won a great victory, conscious too that he would not survive the wound in his left breast, the Admiral urged his friend, Captain Hardy, to look after Emma, Lady Hamilton and their 'secret' daughter, Horatia. The day after the battle, Hardy steered the Victory, Nelson's flagship, for home with the admiral's body immersed in a barrel filled with spirits and set on end.



Patriotic fervour mingled with grief in England when the Government published the news of Nelson's death in the midst of victory. Flora will describe how grown men cried in the street. Emma Hamilton was to read and re-read the passionate letters that Nelson had written to her. After the Victory, Nelson's flagship, at last reached the Thames, and Nelson's remains were translated to a coffin, small boats bobbed alongside all the way in a final salute to the Hero of England, as the funerary car progressed up-river on a decorated barge to St Paul's Cathedral, where Nelson was buried. His State funeral was attended by Royal Princes. Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square is an extraordinary monument to a vicar's son from Norfolk. But perhaps the most moving commemoration is the toast that those in the Royal Navy and others have raised every Trafalgar Day – October 21 - since 1805 to 'The Immortal Memory' of the officer who saved his country from peril and destruction.



Our Expert Aboard

Flora Fraser



The Lecturer

Renowned historical biographer **Flora Fraser** comes from a family of writers that includes Antonia Fraser, her mother, and she chairs the Elizabeth Longford Prize for Historical Biography. This commemorates her late grandmother, author of classic lives of Queen Victoria and the Duke of Wellington.

A graduate of Oxford University and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, Flora was the 2017 Mount Vernon Georgian Papers Fellow at the Royal Archives. She was awarded an honorary doctorate by King's College London two years later and was made an Honorary Fellow by Wadham College, Oxford, in 2025. Her widely acclaimed biographies include *Emma, Lady Hamilton, Princesses: The Daughters of George III* and *Pauline Bonaparte: Venus of Empire*. *The Washingtons: George & Martha* (2015) won the 2016 George Washington Book Prize, and most recently Flora published *Pretty Young Rebel: The Life of Flora Macdonald* (2022).

Flora began her career, writing about Emma, Lady Hamilton, Horatio Nelson's great love. She is now writing a biography of the legendary 18th century British admiral himself, which will explore Lord Nelson's naval genius as well as his complicated feelings for Emma and their 'secret' child, Horatia. Entitled *Nelson on Shore and at Sea*, this book will be published by Knopf in 2028.





Tour Price

Tour Rates Exclusive to the ESU and below Sea Cloud Cruises' published rate.

NOTE: All fares include a \$1,500 tax-deductible charitable gift to the English-Speaking Union.

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Deluxe Stateroom

Per person based on double occupancy in a Deluxe Stateroom: **\$10,990.**

Single supplement additional **\$4,600**

Deluxe staterooms are approximately 183 to 226 sq.ft, with California king bed 71 in. x 79 in. (2 mattresses), marble bathroom with shower, seating with table and other amenities. Large porthole windows give these staterooms a special maritime flair

Junior Veranda Suite

Per person based on double occupancy in a Deluxe Stateroom: **\$14,990.** Single supplement additional **\$12,500**

Junior Veranda Suites are approximately 205 to 237 sq.ft. with a balcony of approximately 65 sq.ft. Characterized by the elegant interpretation of the Sea Cloud's classic design they have a California king bed 71 in. x 79 in. (2 mattresses), marble bathroom with shower, walk-in closet, sofa and chair with table and other amenities.

What's Included:

- Three onboard lectures by distinguished author Flora Fraser
- Welcome champagne in suite/stateroom
- Daily fresh fruit basket in suite/stateroom
- All meals including nightly 4-course menu and a 5-course gala dinner
- Fine wines from renowned winemakers
- All coffee, tea specialties and soft drinks
- Open bar (except premium brands)
- Welcome and farewell cocktail
- Bottled water on excursions
- Gratuities and port fees
- Beach barbecues in select destinations
- Marina platform with use of water sports equipment such as snorkel gear, stand-up paddleboards, and towable tube (weather permitting)
- Laundry service in suites
- Complete pre-departure documentation and materials including reading list, travel tips, and destination information

What's Not Included:

- Airfare from and to USA
- Airport portorage
- Fees relating to applying for or renewing your passport or entry documents (ETIAS)
- Transfer from the airport at the arrival
- Transfer from to the airport at the departure
- Any kind of personal insurance
- Meals at leisure or not mentioned
- Extra costs at the hotel

Questions?

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