Sailing Ancient Trade Routes
Helsinki to Copenhagen Aboard Sea Cloud II

With Council Leader L.J. Stambuk,
President and CEO, World Affairs Council of Charlotte

June 27–July 9, 2020
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CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

ENJOY a private reception at Stockholm’s Vasa Museum, housing the only preserved 17th-century ship in the world, and marvel at the unspoiled detail of the vessel’s wood carvings and ornaments

DELIGHT in a private after-hours visit to Millesgården, a sculpture garden and museum built atop an island cliff by renowned Swedish artists Carl and Olga Milles

EXPLORE the Viking Age city of Visby, Sweden, with its iconic Visborg castle, medieval churches, and the best-preserved fortifications in all of northern Europe

ROAM the UNESCO-listed Hanseatic League city of Lübeck, Germany, whose structures include its imposing Gothic city gate and the soaring green spires of its 13th-century St. Mary’s Church

JOURNEY to Gdańsk’s gorgeous Mariacka Street to admire precious nuggets of amber, also known as “Baltic Gold,” locally mined in this region for 6,000 years

VENTURE back 800 years in Turku, Finland, the nation’s oldest city and former capital, with its stately medieval castle and cathedral

RELAX on a scenic sail for 40 miles through the vast archipelago leading into Stockholm’s beautiful harbor

ATTEND a U.S. Embassy briefing in Helsinki and Stockholm, a hallmark of World Affairs Council tours

TRAVELING WITH YOU

Ljubomir (L.J.) Stambuk joined the World Affairs Council of Charlotte as Executive Director in 2006, and was promoted to CEO in 2011. Born in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, he spent his childhood in Burma and Holland with his diplomat family. Stambuk has an undergraduate degree in International Economics and Business from the University of Belgrade and a master’s degree in Business and Organizational Development from Cornell University. His early career led him to the United Nations Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Food Council (WFC), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and the UN Development Program (UNDP). Stambuk, who currently resides in Charlotte, North Carolina, has more than 25 years of experience in senior leadership and strategic planning in various multinational corporations around the world. He was recognized with the 2017 International Leader Award by the Charlotte Business Journal, and with the 2018 Global Service Award by the Charlotte International Rotary.

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Explore vibrant Helsinki before setting sail for medieval Turku, the former Finnish capital, to discover its ancient castle and cathedral. Experience the rare delight of sailing into the Stockholm archipelago in the morning, wending through hundreds of small islands dotted with 19th-century homes and stately villas. Navigate narrow straits and gaze upon pine forests, imposing cliffs, and shores where grey seals and moose roam. In Stockholm, gain exclusive access to the city’s finest museums.

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Visby, Sweden, one of Scandinavia’s best-preserved medieval cities, and call at Gdańsk, a historic Polish seaport with iconic rows of tall, multicolored Gothic façades. In Germany, wander Hamburg and the medieval town of Lübeck, known as the “Queen City” of the Hanseatic League, which still houses the gabled mansions of the wealthy merchant class.

Onboard lectures will provide educational enrichment. You will be joined by Timothy Colton, a professor of government and Russian studies at Harvard; and C. Griffith Mann, a medieval art curator from the Metropolitan Museum of Art and as your Council leader, L.J. Stambuk, President and CEO of the World Affairs Council of Charlotte. We will add substantive political and economic briefings including visits to U.S. Embassies. These visits are a hallmark of our Council tours.

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Vice President of Travel

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 27 DEPARTURE**
Depart for Helsinki on an overnight flight.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28: HELSINKI, FINLAND**
Arrive in Finland’s capital and transfer to the hotel before gathering for a welcome reception and dinner. R,D

**MONDAY, JUNE 29: HELSINKI / EMBARK SEA CLOUD II**
Following breakfast, explore the bustling market, Eliel Saarinen’s striking train station, the unique Rock Church, and the great cathedral on Neoclassical Senate Square. See Finland’s finest collection of national and foreign art during a tour of the Ateneum. In the afternoon, enjoy lunch and time at leisure before embarking the ship. Set sail for Turku in the early evening. B,L,D

**TUESDAY, JUNE 30: TURKU, FINLAND**
This afternoon, arrive in Turku, Finland’s former capital and oldest city, dating back over 800 years. Visit the medieval castle and the cathedral, which is almost as old as the city. Then, stop at the Aboa Vetus and Ars Art Museum before setting sail for Stockholm. Join the captain this evening for a festive welcome reception and dinner. B,L,R,D

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 1: STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN**
After a morning lecture, gather on deck and revel in the natural beauty of the calm Baltic waters as Sea Cloud II navigates a vast archipelago on its approach to Stockholm. Disembark in Stockholm this afternoon and enjoy a private reception at the Vasa Museum to admire the magnificent 17th-century warship that was recovered from the bottom of Stockholm’s harbor. Later, you may wish to dine ashore as Sea Cloud II remains docked in Stockholm overnight. B,L,D

**THURSDAY, JULY 2: STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN**
Join a morning walking tour through Gamla Stan, Stockholm’s charming Old Town, followed by a special tour of the recently renovated Royal Armory, the oldest museum in Sweden, which contains artifacts of Swedish military and political history. Then visit City Hall, home to the annual Nobel Prize banquet, and discover its lofty square tower bearing the golden Three Crowns, the symbol of Sweden. This afternoon, tour the sculpture garden at Millesgården. In the evening Sea Cloud II sets sail, cruising past colorful summer homes and watercraft. B,L,D
FRIDAY, JULY 3: VISBY, SWEDEN
This afternoon, arrive in Visby, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Towers, gabled mansions, the Visborg Castle, and ruins of medieval churches recall this walled town’s fascinating Hanseatic history. See the 800-year-old cathedral, walk in the botanical garden, and visit the Gotlands Museum before setting sail in the evening. B,L,D

SATURDAY, JULY 4: DAY AT SEA
Today, sail aboard the magnificent Sea Cloud II while she crosses the Baltic Sea to Poland. Observe the ship’s crew as they practice the ancient art of trimming the sails by hand. Gather in the lounge for a lively discussion from our traveling experts. Attend an Independence Day barbecue on deck this evening. B,L,D

SUNDAY, JULY 5: GDANSK, POLAND
Call in Gdańsk, one of Poland’s oldest cities. Pass through the Highland Gate, the official start of the “Royal Route.” With a curator, visit the National Museum, whose collection includes The Last Judgment by Hans Memling. Explore enchanting St. Mary’s Street, which leads from St. Mary’s Church to the Long Embankment, to discover richly ornamented houses once owned by prosperous merchants. B,L,D

MONDAY, JULY 6: DAY AT SEA
Enjoy the rare privilege of being under sail aboard Sea Cloud II as we cruise toward the German coast. You may wish to spend this day at sea attending lectures, walking the deck, or reading a good book in the bright light of the Baltic summer. B,L,D

TUESDAY, JULY 7: LÜBECK / HAMBURG, GERMANY
Today we will have a full-day excursion to Hamburg. You will have the opportunity to see the architecturally striking, glass-enclosed Elbphilharmonie, one of the largest and most technologically advanced music halls in the world. Other highlights will include a walking tour of the UNESCO-designated Speicherstadt, an historic assortment of ornately designed brick structures built in the late 19th century and the world’s largest integrated complex of warehouses. Return to Sea Cloud II and remain in Lübeck for the night. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8: LÜBECK, GERMANY
Explore the medieval city of Lübeck, once the “Queen City” of the Hanseatic League and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the gabled houses of the rich merchant class and a marzipan shop. Explore the center of the medieval town at St. Mary’s Church and the Market Square, where signs of heavy bombing during World War II can still be seen. Rejoin the ship in Lübeck and sail for Denmark. This evening the captain hosts a farewell dinner. B,L,D

THURSDAY, JULY 9: COPENHAGEN, DENMARK / DEISEMBARK
Disembark Sea Cloud II this morning in Copenhagen and transfer to the airport for flights home. B

This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the World Affairs Council and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.
The sailing yacht Sea Cloud II is a three-masted barque steeped in the elegance of yesteryear and complemented with the most modern amenities. Sister ship of the legendary Sea Cloud, Sea Cloud II has 47 outside cabins and travels under 23 billowing sails trimmed by hand. From her mahogany-paneled library and gracious lounge to the fitness area and water sports platform, no detail has been overlooked. Praised by the world’s most discerning travelers, Sea Cloud II consistently receives high rankings from Condé Nast Traveler.

**CRUISE RATES**

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**RATES INCLUDE**

- One night hotel accommodations in Helsinki
- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard Sea Cloud II
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; thoughtfully selected wines and beer with onboard lunches and dinners; complimentary open bar during the cruise
- Airport/hotel/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities
- Taxes, service, and portage charges

**NOT INCLUDED IN RATES**

International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than as noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; excess baggage; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; trip insurance; optional prelude in St. Petersburg; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.
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THURSDAY, JULY 2

After a morning lecture, gather on deck and revel in the natural beauty of the calm Baltic Sea. You will also have the opportunity to take a morning walking tour through Stockholm’s charming Old Town, Millesgården sculpture garden, and watercraft. In the evening, tour the sculpture garden at Millesgården. In the evening, the golden Three Crowns, the symbol of Sweden. This afternoon, tour the sculpture garden and hall, home to the annual Nobel Prize banquet, and discover its lofty square tower bearing the architecturally striking, glass-enclosed Elbphilharmonie, one of the largest and most technologically advanced music halls in the world. Other highlights will include a walking tour of Hamburg’s harbor, an enchanted evening walk through the waterside streets of St. Mary’s Street, and the opportunity to explore the medieval city of Lübeck, once the “Queen City” of the Hanseatic League and home to the UNESCO-designated Speicherstadt, an historic assortment of ornately designed warehouses. Return to "Sea Cloud II" as we cruise toward the Square, where signs of heavy bombing during World War II can still be seen. Rejoin the ship tonight in Hamburg. Enjoy the cuisine, music, and atmosphere of your "Sea Cloud II" and prepare for tomorrow’s full day of activities in Hamburg.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8:

Today we will have a full-day excursion to Hamburg. You will have the opportunity to see Hamburg's historic harbor, museums, and gardens. In the afternoon, enjoy a tour of the Hanseatic League’s historic Speicherstadt, an area of ornate warehouses that house many of Hamburg’s famous craft shops. In the evening, return to "Sea Cloud II" and enjoy a farewell dinner and a revival of music as you set sail toward Gdansk.

GDAŃSK, POLAND

Call in Gdansk, one of Poland’s oldest cities. Pass through the Highland Gate, the official entrance to the city, and visit the historic cathedral of St. Mary’s, one of the largest and most beautiful Gothic cathedrals in Europe. Walk through the narrow streets of the Old Town, where you will find many of the city’s famous pedestrian streets and cafes. Visit the Royal Castle of Gdansk, which houses the Museum of the History of Poland and the Royal Chambers. In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner on the deck of "Sea Cloud II" as we approach the harbor of Gdansk, your final port of call. After dinner, transfer to the airport for flights home.

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(PER PERSON)

Sea Cloud II

Owner's Suites 401 & 402

Lido Deck

$22,999

Inquire

Junior Suites 303 to 319

Promenade Deck

$20,999

Inquire

Twin cabins

Upper/lower twin berths, shower.

$17,999

Inquire

Single berth

Twin beds, shower.

$15,999

Inquire

Boutique Suites 301 to 302

Front cover: "Sea Cloud II" as we cruise toward the Square. Back cover: Lübeck.
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The sea odyssey is completed in St. Petersburg, where we will explore the surroundings of the Petrovskiy Palace and the Winter Palace, including the Hermitage, the world’s largest art museum. Joining us aboard Sea Cloud II will be Dr. Ljubomir (L.J.) Stambuk, President and CEO of the World Affairs Council of Charlotte, who currently resides in Charlotte, North Carolina. He has more than 25 years of experience in senior leadership and strategic planning in various international institutions, including the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and the UN Development Program (UNDP). He holds a master’s degree in Business and Organizational Development from Cornell University. His early career led him to the United Nations Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Food Council (WFC), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and the UN Development Program (UNDP). Dr. Stambuk has been honored with the 2018 Global Service Award by the Charlotte International Rotary, the 2017 International Leader Award by the Charlotte Business Journal, and with the 2018 Global Service Award by the Charlotte International Rotary. Dr. Stambuk joined the World Affairs Council of Charlotte as Executive Director in 2006, and was promoted to CEO in 2011. Born in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, he spent his childhood in Burma and Holland with his diplomat family.

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