JUNE 19–26, 2015

SCANDINAVIAN
Seafaring

A Midsummer’s Eve Voyage aboard the elegant Sea Cloud II

with JAMES LOWENTHAL
SMITH PROFESSOR OF ASTRONOMY
DEAR SMITH ALUMNAE AND FRIENDS,

FOLLOW IN THE WAKE of the ancient Vikings and immerse yourself in the rich history of Scandinavia on this eight-day adventure in Norway and Denmark, highlighted by four nights aboard the extraordinary Sea Cloud II. Delve into the region’s seafaring heritage during visits to several unique and fascinating museums on the Bygdøy Peninsula near Oslo. Then embark the exquisite Sea Cloud II and cruise through the picturesque Skagerrak and Kattegat straits that connect the Baltic and North Seas, ending in Kiel, Germany, for disembarkation and flights home.

This itinerary is packed with excursion options designed to allow you to focus on the seafaring theme or combine it with visits to top art museums and historic sites. In addition, since cruise dates coincide with Midsummer’s Eve, a traditional Scandinavian holiday celebrating the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, you will enjoy an evening of bonfires and singing along with the Danes on the beaches of Skagen, when extended hours of sunlight and mild temperatures are particularly welcome after long, cold winters.

A journey aboard the Sea Cloud II is a memorable experience on one of the most luxurious vessels afloat. Whether relaxing on deck beneath 30,000 square feet of billowing canvas, all hand set by the crew, or enjoying the spacious accommodations, superb cuisine, and excellent service of the staff, you will feel part of a bygone era of seafaring elegance that the Vikings never could have imagined. Optional pre- and post-tour extensions, to Norway’s fjordlands and Berlin, respectively, are also available.

We are fortunate to experience this beautiful part of the world in the company of Smith astronomy professor James Lowenthal, who will be joined by Yale music professor James Hepokoski in presenting an outstanding lecture program. Sharing this adventure with us are travelers from Yale, Princeton, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The Sea Cloud II accommodates just 78 guests, so I encourage you to make your reservation now by calling Smith Travel at (800) 225-2029 or go to http://alumnae.smith.edu/travel.

Best regards,

Elizabeth Bigwood
Director, Smith Travel
Office of Alumnae Relations
James Lowenthal is Professor of Astronomy at Smith College. In his research he explores the origins of galaxies by using the world’s largest telescopes to peer more than 90 percent of the way back in time to the Big Bang, and he also leads student projects on exoplanets. His fascination with astronomy began in New York City with a home-made telescope he still uses to photograph the heavens from his backyard, and includes a book on total solar eclipses he published while still an undergraduate at Yale. After earning a PhD from the University of Arizona, he did postdoctoral work at Johns Hopkins, NASA’s Space Telescope Science Institute, and UC Santa Cruz before joining the astronomy faculty at UMass Amherst in 1997 and moving to Smith in 2002.

James Hepokoski, Professor of Music at Yale, has taught there since 1999 and now serves as chair of the Department of Music. He is a specialist in operatic, symphonic, and chamber music from the 18th to the 20th centuries, particularly its political and cultural implications. His courses range from Mozart, Beethoven, and European Nationalism to American Music, 1920s Blues, and Cole Porter songs. In 2010 he was awarded Yale College’s Sidonie Miskimin Clauss Prize for Teaching Excellence in the Humanities. He is the co-author of the award-winning Elements of Sonata Theory. For this program he will explore music’s important role in the construction of the Scandinavian national identity.

Immerse yourself in Scandinavia’s long and storied seafaring history—from the Vikings to Thor Heyerdahl; explore fascinating art and open-air museums; and enjoy long, light-filled summer evenings and a delightful Midsummer Eve’s celebration as you sail from Oslo to Copenhagen aboard the luxurious Sea Cloud II.
FRIDAY–SATURDAY, JUNE 19–20
Home + Oslo, Norway
Depart home on an overnight flight to Oslo, arriving in time for an afternoon walking tour of the city center on June 20. Tonight enjoy a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel. CONTINENTAL HOTEL (R,D)

SUNDAY, JUNE 21
Oslo
Take a short ferry ride to Oslo’s Bygdøy Peninsula for a full day of fascinating museum visits.

OPTION 1: The Viking Ship Museum, with exquisitely preserved Viking Age ships; the Fram Museum, dedicated to Norwegian polar exploration; and the Kon-Tiki Museum, which houses vessels and maps from Thor Heyerdahl’s 1947 Kon-Tiki expedition.

OPTION 2: The Viking Ship Museum and the Norwegian Folk Museum, with its wonderful collection of historic rural buildings and churches.

Regroup to spend time at Vigeland Sculpture Park, which displays more than 200 works by native son Gustav Vigeland. CONTINENTAL HOTEL (B,L)

MONDAY, JUNE 22
Oslo (Embark)
Today explore the seaside village of Drøbak, traditionally Oslo’s winter harbor, and the Oscarsborg Fortress, which was responsible for sinking the German cruiser Blücher in the Drøbak narrows during World War II. This notable event in Drobak’s history allowed the Norwegian royal family,
Norway’s Fjordlands JUNE 14–20, 2015
Explore Norway’s exquisite fjords and mountain scenery on a rail journey from Oslo to Flåm, including a spectacular mountain descent aboard the Flåm Railway. Enjoy one night in Oslo, two nights at the historic Kviknes Hotel along a remote arm of the Sognefjord, and two nights in the coastal city of Bergen. Fly back to Oslo for the main program.

Berlin JUNE 26–29, 2015
After a special behind-the-scenes tour of Hamburg, travel by high-speed ICE train to Berlin for a three-night stay. Explore some of Berlin’s great cultural and historic venues: the masterpieces at the Kulturforum’s Gemäldegalerie, the ancient treasures of the Pergamon Museum, Checkpoint Charlie, and the Holocaust Memorial.

Details and pricing will be provided to confirmed participants.
Christened in 2001, the Sea Cloud II is perhaps the most luxurious three-masted sailing yacht on the seas today. The sister ship of Marjorie Merriweather Post’s legendary Sea Cloud, she combines the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of luxury. In the grand tradition of the world’s finest sailing vessels, guests experience this marvelous ship under sail (weather permitting), as the skilled crew hand-sets more than 30,000 square feet of canvas. The Sea Cloud II offers an intimate setting of just 47 beautifully appointed cabins, gracious common areas, world-class service, and five-star dining. NOTE: There is no passenger elevator between decks.

**PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE** Comprehensive educational program by study leaders and local guides • All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary • Group transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure days • Baggage handling at hotels and ship • Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers, and shipboard personnel • Port charges • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • Wine, beer, and soft drinks with welcome and farewell dinners and with lunches and dinners on board the ship • Bottled water on excursions • Complete packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout

**WHAT TO EXPECT** This is an active program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Daily activities involve up to two miles of walking, often on cobbled streets, uneven terrain, or up and down hills, and may include extended periods of standing in museums and churches. Participants must be physically fit and in active good health. The weather will generally be mild with rain showers possible. Average temperatures range from the low 60s to the mid 70s F. By submitting a deposit, the participant certifies that she/he does not have any physical or other limitation that would create a hazard for her/himself or other travelers.

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS** U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Round-trip economy-class airfare from New York to Oslo with return from Hamburg is approximately $1,003 per person as of August 2014 and is subject to change without notice.

**FUEL COSTS** Program rates are based upon the prevailing fuel rates at the time of brochure printing. While we will do everything possible to maintain the published rates, if fuel costs increase significantly, it may be necessary to institute a fuel surcharge. In that case, we will notify participants in advance of departure.

**PROGRAM RATES**

**per person double occupancy unless otherwise indicated.**

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129 sq. ft., upper & lower twin beds, 2 portholes, shower

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204 sq. ft., queen bed*, panorama windows, shower

247 sq. ft., twin beds*, panorama window, bath tub/shower combination

290 sq. ft., king bed*, panorama window, bath tub, separate shower

*In categories 2, 3, 4, and 6, twin beds can be kept separate or pushed together to form one larger bed, with the exception of cabins 224 and 226, where beds are fixed together as one larger bed. Note that queen and king beds in categories 5 and 7 are made up of two mattresses, side-by-side.
GENERAL INFORMATION

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE
U.S. domestic and international airfare ■ Passport/visa expenses ■ Medical expenses and immunizations ■ Airport transfers for those not arriving or departing on designated dates ■ Travel insurance ■ Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour ■ Excess baggage charges ■ Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals ■ Laundry or dry cleaning ■ Telephone, email and fax charges ■ Room service ■ Other items of a personal nature

SIZE
This program is limited to 78 participants, including travelers from Smith College, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Yale, and Princeton.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS & DEPOSITS
To reserve space, return the completed reservation form with your $1,000 per person deposit to: Smith Travel, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063, or fax to (413) 585-2015. Balance of payment is due February 20, 2015. We accept personal checks, payable to Criterion Travel, as well as VISA, MasterCard, and American Express. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt.

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Upon payment of a deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by Criterion Travel. Deposits are refundable (less a $250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. Final payment is due February 20, 2015 (120 days prior to departure). Cancellations within 120 days of departure are 100% non-refundable. For this reason we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If the program is cancelled by Smith College or our tour operator, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate. Note: Neither Smith College nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

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PAYMENT
☐ Enclosed is my check for $ ______________ ($1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel), to reserve _________ place(s) on Scandinavian Seafaring.
☐ Please charge my deposit to:
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SINGLE TRAVELERS
☐ I prefer to have single accommodations.
☐ I plan to share accommodations with

☐ I’d like to know about roommates.
☐ I’m a ☐ Non-smoker / ☐ Smoker.
I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of February 20, 2015, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Cabin category preference: 1st ______________ 2nd ______________
Bed preference at hotel (not guaranteed): ☐ King/Queen ☐ Twins

☐ I’ve read the tour information and agree to the Terms & Conditions therein.

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Fascinating Viking History
Midsummer’s Eve Celebration
Light-filled Summer Nights
Unparalleled Sailing Experience

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