Celtic Classics on the Irish Sea
Round-trip Dublin Aboard Sea Cloud II
August 8–16, 2020
Dear Royal Oak Members and Friends,

The coastlines of the Irish Sea are dotted with ports that lead to extraordinary homes and castles, sprawling estates where nobles and landed gentry have resided for centuries. Join us next summer aboard Sea Cloud II to sail between charming towns in Ireland, Northern Ireland, Wales, and the archaeologically rich isles of Arran and Man.

On a one-week voyage, be welcomed to private ancestral homes surrounded by flower-filled terraces, manicured lawns, and miles-long trails that meander around colorful gardens, gleaming ponds, and stoic woodlands. Spend time with the esteemed owners who maintain these country houses, admiring their museum-quality collections of art and artifacts on private tours. From medieval Brodick Castle on the Isle of Arran to the 19th-century estate of Bodnant in Wales, enjoy access to an exclusive window into bygone eras of aristocratic luxury. But these homes are not mere relics of the distant past. They are living, evolving sites where owners continue legacies with innovative landscaping and horticulture.

Leading this trip is Melanie Holcomb, curator of The Metropolitan Museum of Art’s early collection of medieval art. She is a specialist in the luxury arts of the Middle Ages, with a particular focus on travel, trade, and cultural exchange among patrons and artists of the period.

An optional prelude in lively Dublin is available to explore its museums and historic sites.

I hope you will join Royal Oak on this classic cruise aboard an authentic sailing ship.

Sincerely,

Ian Murray
Executive Director
Royal Oak Foundation

HIGHLIGHTS

**ENJOY** a private lunch and tour with the owners of Belfast’s Ballywalter Park, a 19th-century mansion on a 1,200-acre estate, and admire its stately cast-iron dome, conservatory, and Victorian gardens

**MARVEL** at Brodick Castle on the Isle of Arran, the ancient seat of the Dukes of Hamilton, and view its collections of period furniture, porcelain, art, and sporting trophies; sparkling waterfalls and bathing pools; and gardens filled with rhododendrons

**STROLL** around the lily ponds and buzzing wildflower meadows at Bodnant, a 19th-century Welsh estate in the Snowdonian foothills

**EXPERIENCE** a specially arranged tour of Plas Newydd, a 14th-century Welsh estate, and explore its art collection including Rex Whistler’s landscape mural, one of the largest and most famous in Britain

**TAKE** a private tour of Gwydir Castle, one of the finest Tudor houses in Wales, with its owners, and hear the extraordinary story of its ongoing restoration. Learn how, in 1921, media magnate William Randolph Hearst bought and removed the castle’s 17th-century dining room interiors, which were recovered from a warehouse in The Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1996
An optional prelude in Dublin is offered from August 6–9, 2020.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8: DEPARTURE
Depart for Dublin on an overnight flight.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9: DUBLIN, IRELAND
Arrive in Dublin and take a tour of the city’s architectural landmarks before boarding Sea Cloud II. Enjoy a glass of champagne on deck as we sail out of the harbor. L,D

MONDAY, AUGUST 10: BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND
On a tour of revitalized Belfast, admire its rich Victorian and Edwardian architecture and see the city’s famous peace walls and vivid murals. Continue to the impressive Titanic Museum. Enjoy lunch during a visit to Ballywalter Park, a spectacular 19th-century mansion. See the conservatory, with an opulent cast-iron dome, and formal Victorian gardens. Tour the house and the surrounding landscapes with the owners, followed by tea. Return to Belfast in the late afternoon. This evening, join the captain for a festive welcome dinner. B,L,T,D

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11: BRODICK, ISLE OF ARRAN, UK
Be on deck this morning as the ship sails into the Firth of Clyde and anchors at Brodick, the largest village on the Isle of Arran. The island’s rich heritage dates back to the Stone Age, with standing stones and circles in Machrie Moor. Evidence of Arran’s history of feuds, battles, and complex politics can be found at Brodick Castle, the seat of the Dukes of Hamilton. Travel north to Lochranza, passing stunning hills and mountains before arriving at the Isle of Arran Distillers, one of the few remaining independent distillers of single malt whisky on the island. Sip a relaxing dram while enjoying views of Brodick Bay and Goatfell Mountain. Return to the ship for lunch, followed by an afternoon lecture as the ship sails south along the Irish Sea. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12: DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN
This morning, call at Douglas on the Isle of Man. Learn about the town’s Victorian history and architecture on a walking tour along the North Quay and its grand promenade. View the Jubilee Clock and Tynwald, the Isle of Man’s parliament. Journey through the island’s vibrant history with a visit to the Manx Museum, which houses everything from Viking treasures to 20th-century art and artifacts. In the afternoon, head inland to the ruined castle of Peel to discover its Celtic, Viking, and maritime past. Railway buffs can climb aboard a steam train for the scenic trip to Castletown. B,L,D
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13: DAY AT SEA
Spend a day at sea, enjoying the amenities of Sea Cloud II as she sails for Holyhead. B,L,D

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14: HOLYHEAD
From Holyhead, travel overland to Lord Aberconway’s home and gardens at Bodnant, considered one of the finest Edwardian naturalistic gardens in the world. After lunch, continue to Plas Newydd, a National Trust property with period furnishings and a lovely garden. By special arrangement, the estate’s owners will introduce their personal collections. Alternatively, enjoy an afternoon visit to Gwydir Castle, an ancient Welsh house situated in the beautiful Conwy Valley and regarded as one of the finest Tudor houses in Wales. Its restoration has taken over 20 years to complete and is still a work in progress by its current owners. Return to Sea Cloud II before dinner tonight. B,L,D

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15: FISHGUARD
From the port of Fishguard, visit evocative St. Davids Cathedral. Lavish decorations, corbels carved as human heads, and striking checkerboard stonework bear testament to the wealth and status of this medieval order of bishops. Admire the cathedral’s impressive great hall and the fantastic wheel in the east gable. Or opt to visit medieval Pembroke Castle. Sea Cloud II sails at lunchtime. Attend a lecture at teatime. Join the captain for a festive farewell dinner tonight. B,L,D

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16: DUBLIN / RETURN
Disembark Sea Cloud II and transfer to the airport for flights home. B

DISCLAIMER: This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the Royal Oak Foundation and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.
Sea Cloud II is a three-masted sailing yacht 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 the 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 receives consistent high rankings from Condé Nast Traveler. Passengers enjoy open seating at all meals and complimentary use of all water sports equipment. A doctor is on call 24 hours a day. Please note: there is no elevator on Sea Cloud II.

RATES INCLUDE

- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard Sea Cloud II
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, T=Tea, 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
- Guided sightseeing by private motorcoach; entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/pier/airport group transfer for all participants on suggested flights
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities
- Taxes, service, and porterage charges

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES
- International airfare; passport fees; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on suggested flights; baggage in excess of one suitcase; trip insurance; optional prelude in Dublin; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

CRUISE RATES

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To reserve a place, please call Arrangements Abroad at phone: 212-514-8921 or 800-221-1944, fax: 212-344-7493; or complete and return this form with your deposit of $1,000 per person (of which $500 is non-refundable for administrative fees) payable to Arrangements Abroad. Mail to: Arrangements Abroad, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd floor, New York, NY 10018-3721.

Names in full as on passports. Please print.

FORM OF PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is my check (payable to Arrangements Abroad)
☐ Debit card
☐ Credit card

Name on debit/credit card

Debit/credit card number

3- or 4-digit security code

Expiration date

OPTIONAL PRELUDE

☐ I/We would like to join the optional prelude in Dublin

Hotel room preference

☐ One bed
☐ Two beds
☐ Single

Each participant must sign below. I/We have read, understand and agree to the Terms & Conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms and detailed in program documents. I/We agree to full payment 120 days prior to departure.

Signature (required) Date

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