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THE THRILL OF TRADITIONAL SAILING ABOARD SEA CLOUD CRUISES

The exhilarating world of traditional sailing in the Mediterranean is available through the luxurious ships of Sea Cloud Cruises.

Sea Cloud and Sea Cloud II are rated as the world's best boutique sailing ships by the famous Berlitz Cruise Guide.

Their itineraries are designed to give clients quality, personalised experiences ashore and unsurpassed service and elegance on board. The thrill of standing beneath a huge expanse of white canvas and feeling the ship glide across the water is unique to this form of cruising.

This is about as close as you can get to the traditional life of seafarers down through the centuries while maintaining a luxury lifestyle.

Sea Cloud Cruises are one of the unusual experiences now provided to Australian travellers by the new cruise start-up Expedition Cruise Specialists.

Many of the cruises have a special theme which adds to the whole experience. Expedition Cruise Specialists is offering special deals on a trio of themed cruises next year.

All three cruises are aboard Sea Cloud II, the classic 117 metre windjammer accommodating 94 guests and looked after by 65 crew.

On October 28 next year clients can enjoy a 9 night Classical Music themed cruise from Malta to Valencia aboard Sea Cloud II.

For those who enjoy high end dining experiences, there is the 8 night Culinary Cruise from Barcelona to Porto in Portugal on May 26.

And for something completely different, you can combine the thrill of cycling through Europe with an authentic sailing experience from Hamburg to Bilbao in Spain on August 21. Cycling allows guests to explore the Atlantic coastline, stop at little villages along the way for a snack and generally relax and take in the countryside at a gentle pace.

If you book before the end of 2016, you can save 200 Euros with prices for Sea Cloud II themed cruises starting from around 3,200 Euros.

Full details are available at www.expeditioncruisespecialists.com

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