THE BALTIC’S AMBER COAST
COPENHAGEN TO ST. PETERSBURG
ABOARD SEA CLOUD II
JUNE 28 TO JULY 9, 2014
WITH PETER MACKEITH
Associate Professor of Architecture
and Adjunct Associate Curator of Architecture and Design
The Alumni Association Travel Committee Is Pleased to Present:

The Baltic's Amber Coast Aboard Sea Cloud II,
A Unique Learning Experience with Peter MacKeith,
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Join Washington University in St. Louis Alumni, Parents and Friends as we explore the Baltic’s Amber Coast on a glorious midsummer cruise. Sailing from Copenhagen to St. Petersburg, we will visit the Baltic capitals, where examples of medieval and Art Nouveau architecture remain nearly untouched by the early 21st century. Our voyage also includes the vibrant Scandinavian capitals of Stockholm and Helsinki.

Our journey will be enhanced by the insights of Washington University’s own Peter MacKeith, Associate Professor of Architecture and Adjunct Associate Curator of Architecture and Design at the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Art. Receiving a Fulbright Fellowship to Finland in 1990 for research on the work of Alvar Aalto, Professor MacKeith subsequently worked in the office of Juhani Pallasmaa and taught at the Helsinki University of Technology School of Architecture. Mr. MacKeith has lectured and written widely on Finnish and Nordic architecture. He was Curator of the Nordic Pavilion at the 2012 Venice Biennale of Architecture and was honored as Knight, First Class, of the Order of the Lion of Finland. Also joining us will be Ellenor Alcorn, an Associate Curator in the Department of European Sculpture and Decorative Arts at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Timothy Colton, Professor of Government and Russian Studies at Harvard. (The Met Museum, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the alumni association of Harvard University have joined Washington University in sponsoring this program.)

Sea Cloud II: A World-Class Experience in Luxury Travel

In Copenhagen, we embark the magnificent sailing yacht Sea Cloud II. Her friendly staff, luxurious accommodations and fine dining create an onboard ambiance of relaxed elegance. Her spacious decks provide the ideal setting to reflect upon our fascinating days, as we watch her crew practice the age-old art of setting the sails by hand.

Our Fantastic Journey

Our first stop is a brief visit to the charming island of Christiansø. Continue to Vilnius, Lithuania, and experience its medieval Old Town. Drive to Latvia to see Riga’s Art Nouveau architecture. Crossing the Baltic to the island of Gotland, we step ashore at the fortified town of Visby. We’ll navigate the islands of Swedish archipelagos to Stockholm, where we remain pier-side overnight. Our itinerary includes the walled city of Tallinn and the vibrant maritime capital of Helsinki. Our sea voyage concludes when we disembark in St. Petersburg.

An optional two-night prelude is offered in Copenhagen, where there will be time to explore the city on your own. An optional postlude is offered in St. Petersburg, where highlights include specially arranged before-hours tours of both the Hermitage and Catherine’s Palace, with its meticulously recreated Amber Room, as well as a White Nights Festival performance.

Is Travel with Washington University Really Different?

Absolutely — and far beyond the participation of Professor Peter MacKeith, this extraordinary voyage includes an array of exclusive content. As our group will be kept to a reasonable size to ensure your comfort, space is limited. We encourage you to give this invitation your special attention. We know you will treasure the chance to share this remarkable journey in the congenial company of travelers with similar appreciations and interests.

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NEW YORK

Saturday, June 28  Depart New York on an overnight flight to Copenhagen, Denmark.

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK | SEA CLOUD II

Sunday, June 29  Arrive in Copenhagen in the early afternoon. Following a brief city tour, board the awaiting Sea Cloud II and set sail in the evening.

CHRISTIANSØ, DENMARK

Monday, June 30  This morning, enjoy a stop to explore the unspoiled island of Christiansø, which retains its 17th-century charm. In the afternoon, attend lectures as the ship sails. Join the captain for a welcome reception and dinner.

KLAIPEDA | VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

Tuesday, July 1  Disembark the ship in Klaipeda and drive to Vilnius for an overnight excursion. Discover its Old Town, one of Europe’s largest medieval centers and a UNESCO World Heritage site. See the 16th-century Gates of Dawn, the hilltop Gediminas Castle, and the synagogue in what was the Jewish ghetto. Time permitting, also visit Vilnius University, founded in 1579, and the Baroque Church of Saints Peter and Paul. Accommodations are at the Radisson SAS Astorija Hotel and dinner is arranged. Alternatively, remain on board Sea Cloud II as she sails to Latvia.

VILNIUS | RIGA, LATVIA

Wednesday, July 2  A morning drive takes us from Vilnius through the countryside to Riga, Latvia, named the European Capital of Culture for 2014. After lunch, see the city’s superb Art Nouveau architecture and historic Old Town, dotted with handsome medieval spires and ancient churches. A private backstage tour of the National Opera has been arranged especially for our group. There will also be time to explore Riga independently, and you may wish to dine at a restaurant in the quaint Old Town. Reboard Sea Cloud II in the evening.

AT SEA

Thursday, July 3  Experience the thrill of cruising aboard the legendary Sea Cloud II as she travels under a full set of billowing sails. Attend onboard lectures and enjoy the ship’s amenities.
**VISBY, SWEDEN**

**Friday, July 4** Arrive this morning in Visby, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Towers, gabled mansions, the Visborg Castle, and ruins of medieval churches recall this walled town’s fascinating history. See the Cathedral of Santa Maria, walk in the Botanical Garden, and visit the Gotlands Fornsal Museum before sailing in the early afternoon.

**STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN**

**Saturday, July 5** Be on deck as *Sea Cloud II* navigates a vast archipelago—passing summer homes and sailboats—as it approaches Stockholm. After lunch, travel to the Royal Castle of Drottningholm, modeled after Versailles. Visit its Chinese Pavilion and magnificent 18th-century Court Theater, opened specially for us. The ship remains docked in Stockholm overnight.

**TALLINN, ESTONIA**

**Monday, July 7** Enjoy a relaxed morning at sea before sailing into Tallinn, whose spires and turreted medieval walls have survived since the days of the Hanseatic League. Begin at Castle Hill for a tour of 13th-century Toom Church. Then continue to the picturesque Old Town, where the narrow cobblestone streets are lined with galleries and shops. Following a private concert in the restored St. Nicholas Church, there will be time to explore on your own.

**HELSINKI, FINLAND**

**Tuesday, July 8** Step ashore to explore Finland’s vibrant capital. See architect Eliel Saarinen’s landmark granite train station, opened in 1919; the Neoclassical cathedral on Senate Square, with its tall green dome; and the modern 1969 subterranean Rock Church with a copper roof. In the evening, celebrate our voyage at the captain’s farewell dinner.

**ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA | NEW YORK**

**Wednesday, July 9** Disembark *Sea Cloud II* this morning in St. Petersburg and transfer to the airport for the flights home.
CRUISE RATES  
(Per Person, Double Occupancy)

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**Rates Include**

- Ten nights cabin accommodations aboard Sea Cloud II, including one-night stay at the Radisson SAS Astorija Hotel, Vilnius
- All meals during the cruise including meals during Vilnius / Riga excursion. Wine with lunches and dinners. Receptions as noted
- Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- Escorted sightseeing by motor coach and entrance fees for visits
- Airport / pier group transfers and portage
- Taxes, service charges, gratuities to guides and drivers
- Customary shipboard gratuities

**Not Included in Rates**  Airfare; passport and visa fees; alcoholic beverages other than wine at lunches and dinners; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on group flights; baggage in excess of one suitcase; trip insurance; optional Copenhagen prelude; optional St. Petersburg postlude; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

**Optional Copenhagen Prelude**  $1,795 per person. Single supplement $795. Includes two nights at the Hotel D’Angleterre. Breakfast daily, two lunches, and one reception. Sightseeing as noted.

**Optional St. Petersburg Postlude**  $2,795 per person. Single supplement $630. Includes three nights at Grand Hotel Europe. Breakfast daily, two lunches, and one dinner. Sightseeing as noted.
OPTIONAL ST. PETERSBURG POSTLUDE
July 9 to 12, 2014

Disembark Sea Cloud II in St. Petersburg and spend three nights in this vibrant city, founded by Peter the Great in 1703. Before it is open to the public, tour the incomparable Hermitage, where 400 rooms in five adjacent palaces display nearly all schools of Western art. Visit Catherine’s Palace before public hours to enter the exquisitely restored Amber Room and stroll in the formal gardens. Continue to Pavlovsk Palace, whose beautiful appointments include furniture, china, and sculpture. Other highlights are the State Russian Museum and a White Nights Festival performance. Accommodations are arranged at the luxurious Grand Hotel Europe.
TERMS & CONDITIONS

AIRFARE Academic Arrangements Abroad (AAA) will be pleased to assist with air travel arrangements for this program, including specially negotiated group airfare when available, suggested flights, or individual requests for a processing fee of $40 per person. Complete details will be provided in your confirmation mailing.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE A deposit of $2,500 per person, payable to Academic Arrangements Abroad, of which $350 is non-refundable for administrative fees, is required with the reservation application. Final payment, by check only, must be received 120 days prior to departure.

HEALTH All participants must be in good health. This program involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces, climbing stairs at monuments and other locations not handicapped accessible, and climbing in and out of various conveyances, including tenders. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation. PLEASE NOTE: Sea Cloud II does not have an elevator.

INSURANCE Trip Cancellation / Emergency Medical Evacuation / Baggage / Accident and Sickness Insurance Protection Is Strongly Recommended. Cancellation Penalties Are Strictly Enforced. AAA will send an insurance application upon receipt of reservation and deposit, although you may select any insurer of your choice.

CHANGES IN ITINERARY & COSTS The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Washington University in St. Louis Alumni Association (the Alumni Association) and AAA. All prices quoted are based on prevailing fuel prices, airfares, and currency exchange rates in effect at time of brochure printing and are subject to change without notice. Deviations from the scheduled itinerary are at the expense of the individual.

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CANCELLATION POLICY AAA must strictly adhere to its cancellation policy to offset costs incurred prior to the commencement of The Program, which may include but are not limited to: advance payments to land operators; ship charters; communication expenses; commission / promotional expenses and the loss of time that must have permitted resale of reserved space. All cancellations must be made in writing to the offices of AAA and are subject to a $350 non-refundable administrative fee. All refunds are limited to amounts actually received by AAA and are the sole responsibility of AAA; the Alumni Association shall have no liability for refunds. At the time AAA receives written notification of cancellation, the following cancellation charges will apply: cancellations received between 120 and 91 days prior to departure, 20 percent of the program cost per person; those received between 90 and 61 days before departure, 50 percent of the program cost per person; no refunds will be given for cancellations received within 60 days of departure. No refunds are given for cancellation on or after the day of departure, or for unused portions of the tour, for any reason. Air cancellation charges, if any, will be assessed in accordance with airline regulations. All group fare tickets must be issued no less than 30 days prior to departure. NOTE: Neither AAA nor the Alumni Association shall be liable for any airline cancellation penalties incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable ticket. In the case of a cancellation due to shortage of participants, AAA will attempt to notify all participants at least 45 days prior to departure. However, AAA reserves the right to cancel The Program prior to departure for any reason and, in such case, reimbursement of refundable costs of the trip by AAA shall constitute full settlement with the participant. In the unlikely event that a dispute arises between a participant and AAA or the Alumni Association, the following conditions will apply: (a) the dispute will be settled by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in New York, NY; (b) the dispute will be governed by New York Law; (c) the maximum amount of recovery to which a participant shall be entitled under any and all circumstances will be the sum of all monies actually received from the participant by AAA. The participant agrees that this is a fair and reasonable limitation on the damages, of any sort whatsoever, that a participant may suffer. Upon payment of the deposit to AAA, the participant agrees to be bound by the above terms and conditions.
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