CROSSROADS OF CULTURES
Canary Islands, Morocco & Iberia Aboard Sea Spirit
April 5–18, 2019
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The fortunes and histories of the Iberian Peninsula, Northern Africa, and the Canary Islands have been intertwined for centuries. On a sea expedition from the Canaries to Morocco, Spain, and Portugal, discover how these vastly different cultures have merged and diverged over centuries. Aboard the intimate Sea Spirit, explore fascinating locations and deepen your understanding of this complex and compelling region.

On the Canary island of Tenerife, admire fine Spanish Colonial buildings and discuss their preservation with an expert. Then board Sea Spirit to sail to Gran Canaria, to discover the Bauhaus homes of Las Palmas and enjoy a choir performance. In Arrecife, follow in the footsteps of a beloved local artist and environmentalist as you explore the volcanic park of Timanfaya. On Portuguese Madeira, wander the streets of historic Funchal and savor a glass of the island’s eponymous wine.

In Morocco, discover the vast Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca and the ninth-century imperial capital of Fes. Sail through the Strait of Gibraltar to land on the rock itself. Visit St Michael’s Cave, the Gibraltar Museum, and the nature reserve that is home to the region’s famous tailless monkeys.

From Spain’s Cádiz, journey to Seville, with its spectacular Spanish-Moorish architecture, and go underground to admire the Goya frescoes adorning an 18th-century church. Once ashore in Portugal, visit Sagres and Lagos. An optional postlude in Lisbon is available to further explore this captivating city.

Activity Level 3: ❕  ❕  ❕  ❕  ❕

A LITTLE MORE TO IT
This trip’s active components include walking tours over cobblestone streets, a visit to a volcanic park, and tours of historic buildings that may involve climbing stairs. Comfortable walking shoes are essential! On occasion, a more conservative dress and demeanor are essential to your visits to the Islamic cultural sites of Morocco.
Schedule by Day

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**

**Departure**
Depart on an overnight flight to Tenerife.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

**Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain**

Arrive in Tenerife and visit the UNESCO-listed historic quarter of La Laguna, known for its perfectly preserved mansions, town hall, and cathedral. Later, check in at the Hotel Botánico. Your welcome dinner is at the hotel.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

**Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain**

Drive through pine forests to the foothills of the Teide National Park. Garden enthusiasts may visit the Botanical Garden and the Sitio Litre Orchid Garden, the oldest on the island. Or take a walking tour through the cobblestone streets of La Orotava, to admire its 17th-century heritage buildings and the Church of Our Lady of Concepción, one of the finest examples of Baroque architecture in the Canaries. Meet a local expert for a talk about the challenges of preserving these homes, then transfer to the port to embark the awaiting Sea Spirit.

**MONDAY, APRIL 8**

**Las Palmas de Gran Canaria**

Devote the day to the capital city of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, famed as the last stop by Columbus before leaving for the Americas. On an architectural tour of the Old Town, see the eclectic Teatro Pérez Galdós on a private visit. You will also explore the Christopher Columbus Church and House Museum, the 19th-century Town Hall, and the landmark cathedral. Then drive to the Ciudad Jardín neighborhood to admire its Modernist and Bauhaus residences from the 1930s. Pending confirmation, you will be welcomed by the mayor. Enjoy a choral performance at the Alfredo Kraus Auditorium, dedicated to a native son who was one of the world’s great tenors. The captain’s welcome reception and dinner are tonight.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**

**Arrecife, Lanzarote**

Step ashore this morning in the port city of Arrecife and continue to the volcanic park of Timanfaya, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in the southwestern part of the island. Admire the park’s raw lunar landscapes and dramatic panoramic vistas on a route originally defined by artist, architect, and environmental activist César Manrique, a local legend. See Manrique’s landscape projects and the impressive studio-home, garden, and extensive art collection of the César Manrique Foundation, built on an old lava flow. Lunch is near the island’s wineries at Casa Museo del Campesino, also designed by Manrique. Then visit Los Jameos del Agua, a series of lava caves containing an artists’ workshop and gallery. This evening, return to the ship and cruise to the island. Admire the narrow streets of La Orotava, to admire its quaint streets, quaint shops, and historic buildings.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**

**At Sea**

Attend lectures and enjoy the amenities of Sea Spirit as she cruises east to Morocco. You may wish to enjoy a special screening of Casablanca in the lounge.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

**Safi / Marrakesh, Morocco**

From Safi, travel east to the “red city” of Marrakesh. Marvel at the Kutubiyya minaret in the medina, the old walled section of town, and take a special tour of the Dar El Bacha Museum, the former home of the last pasha of Marrakesh. Admire the gardens and interiors at Bahia Palace, former home of a 19th-century Grand Vizier. Later, stroll in the colorful Majorelle Gardens, created in the 1920s by a French painter. Tour the newly opened YSL Museum and the famous Djemaa el-Fna Square before returning to the ship to sail for Casablanca. Alternatively, stay overnight in Marrakesh and on April 14, enjoy a morning tour before traveling overland to join the ship in Casablanca in the afternoon.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

**Casablanca / Rabat**

Arrive this morning in Casablanca and continue to the vast Hassan II Mosque to admire its dramatic architecture. Drive along the coast to Rabat, to choose a visit to the newly opened Mohammed V Museum before traveling overland to join the ship in Casablanca. Alternatively, stay overnight in Rabat and on April 15, enjoy a morning tour before traveling overland to join the ship in Casablanca in the afternoon.
VI Contemporary Art Museum or the Archaeological Museum, offering an overview of Morocco’s history. Later explore the Kasbah des Oudaïas, in the oldest part of the city, with sweeping views of the ocean. Before returning to the ship in Casablanca, visit the Jewish Museum and meet with the director.

MONDAY, APRIL 15
Gibraltar, United Kingdom
Be on deck during lunch as the ship passes through the Strait of Gibraltar, known in antiquity as the Pillars of Hercules. At the top of the Rock of Gibraltar, visit Saint Michael’s Cave, the Upper Galleries, and the Gibraltar Museum. Other sites include Nelson’s Anchorage and the nature reserve, home to Gibraltar’s famed tailless monkeys, the Barbary macaques. Tonight Sea Spirit sails to Spain.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16
Cadiz, Spain / Seville
From Cádiz travel to Seville, whose varied heritage is reflected in its delightful Spanish-Moorish architecture. Visit the UNESCO-recognized Gothic cathedral and view Giralda Tower, formerly a minaret that was modeled on the Kutubiyya minaret in Marrakesh. Continue to the Alcázar, the longtime palace of the Spanish kings, and the nearby Murillo Garden. After lunch, enjoy time at leisure to explore the lively Santa Cruz neighborhood or opt to visit Casa de Pilatos and the Palacio de las Dueñas. Later drive to Jerez de la Frontera, a city known for its sherry production. Before returning to the ship in Cádiz, marvel at the frescoes by Francisco de Goya in the underground Oratorio de la Santa Cueva.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
Portimão / Sagres / Lagos, Portugal
Step back in time to the 15th century, when Portugal launched the Age of Discoveries. From Portimão, drive to Sagres, home of Prince Henry the Navigator and the location of his famous school of navigation. Following lunch, continue to Lagos, the last port from which the caravelas set off for their voyages. Visit the Governor’s Castle, the Regional Museum, and the evocative Slaves’ Market before returning to the ship.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18
Lisbon, Portugal / Disembark
Disembark early this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home.

Optional Postlude in Lisbon
APRIL 18–20, 2019
During three days In Lisbon, visit historic Belém Tower, the Jerónimos Monastery, and the Gulbenkian Museum, home to one of the finest art collections in Europe. Travel outside the city for a full-day tour of Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its 19th-century Romantic architecture. Evenings are spent exploring the Alfama Quarter, Lisbon’s oldest and most fascinating neighborhood. Accommodations for two nights are at the Pestana Palace Lisboa.

Postlude rate per person:
$1,599 per person, double occupancy
$1,899 single rate
Rate includes: two nights accommodations at the Pestana Palace Lisboa; breakfast daily, two lunches, one dinner; sightseeing as per itinerary.
Sea Spirit Ship Details

Built in 1991, the intimate M.V. Sea Spirit underwent a total refurbishment of passenger accommodations in 2017. Her 54 suites range in size from 215 to 463 square feet. Guests enjoy single seating in the restaurant, a well-stocked library, and generous outdoor deck space. There are two multipurpose lounges for educational programs and entertainment.

Rates Per Person

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Book by August 31, 2018 and take $1,000 off the rates below
TOUR COST INCLUSIONS
Twelve nights cabin accommodations aboard Sea Spirit. One night in Tenerife at Hotel Botánico. Meals as indicated in the itinerary; bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; wine with lunches and dinners. Airport/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 porterage charges. $200,000 emergency medical assistance and evacuation insurance.

NOT INCLUDED IN COST
International airfare; passport fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than as noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; excess baggage; optional Lisbon postlude; Marrakesh excursion ($500 per person); airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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124 Mount Auburn Street, 6th Floor, Cambridge, MA 02138
Or by FAX: 617-496-4011

Please call with any questions:
800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806

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[ ] I/We confirm that I/We have read and accept the general information for this tour, including refunds and cancellations and the responsibility clause at alumni.harvard.edu/travel.

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Accommodations

[ ] Double Room

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Sea Spirit Cabin Preference

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I wish to share a cabin with:

Optional Postlude

[ ] I/We wish to join the optional postlude in Lisbon

Hotel Room Preference

[ ] One Bed

[ ] Two Beds

[ ] Single
Trip Sampling

**LAND & RAIL**

- Art & Architecture of Berlin: An Insider’s View  
  OCT 13–19, 2018  
  Sonja Dumpelmann  
  Activity Level: A Little More To It
- Cultural Legacy of Pittsburgh, America’s Steel Town  
  OCT 24–28, 2019  
  Alice DeLana  
  Activity Level: Low Key

**CRUISES**

- Normandy to Paris: Commemorating The 75th Anniversary Of D-Day  
  JUN 4–13, 2019  
  Charles Maier  
  Activity Level: Low Key
- Adriatic Odyssey: Dubrovnik to Venice on Sea Cloud  
  JUN 30–JUL 8, 2019  
  Robert Darnton  
  Activity Level: A Little More To It
- Sicily by Sail: Valletta to Catania on Sea Cloud II  
  OCT 3–11, 2019  
  Leo Damrosch & Joyce Van Dyke  
  Activity Level: A Little More To It
- Egypt & The Nile: A Journey into Antiquity on Sanctuary Nile Adventurer  
  DEC 26, 2018–JAN 6, 2019  
  Charles Maier  
  Activity Level: Low Key
- Waterways of the Tsars on Volga Dream  
  JUN 5–15, 2019  
  James Salzman  
  Activity Level: Low Key

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  Activity Level: A Little More To It

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