CROSSROADS OF CULTURES
Canary Islands, Morocco & Iberia Aboard Sea Spirit
With Susan G. Miller
April 17–30, 2020
The fortunes and histories of the Canary Islands, Northern Africa, and the Iberian Peninsula have been intertwined for centuries. Aboard the intimate Sea Spirit, sail from the Canaries to Madeira to Morocco, Spain, and Portugal to discover how these vastly different cultures merged and diverged over time.

On the Canary island of Tenerife, admire fine Spanish colonial buildings and chat with an expert about their preservation. Board Sea Spirit to Gran Canaria, Columbus’ last stop before departing to the New World, to view his namesake church. In Arrecife’s volcanic park of Timanfaya, explore its raw lunar landscapes. On Portuguese Madeira, wander historic Funchal and enjoy a glass of the island’s eponymous wine.

In Morocco, marvel at the palatial home of the last pasha of Marrakesh, now a museum, and visit the Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca. Breeze through the Strait of Gibraltar to arrive on the magnificent rock. Visit St. Michael’s Cave within the nature reserve, which is home to the only free-roaming wild primates in Europe.

From Spain’s Cádiz, transfer to Seville, with its dramatic Spanish-Moorish architecture, and explore its UNESCO-listed Gothic cathedral, the largest in the world. Ashore in Portugal, visit Sagres and Lagos. An optional two-night postlude in beautiful Lisbon is available.

WHAT TO EXPECT
This trip’s active components include walking over cobblestone streets, a visit to a volcanic park, and tours of historic buildings that may involve climbing stairs. Comfortable walking shoes are essential! In April, temperatures across this region should be in the 60s, 70s, and 80s °F—and sunny. However, we suggest that you bring a raincoat or umbrella, hat, sunblock, insect repellent, and warmer layers for evenings when the temperatures drop. On occasion, a more conservative dress and demeanor are essential to your visits to Islamic cultural sites of Morocco.

Activity Level 3: 

Study Leader
Susan G. Miller is a historian of modern North Africa and the Mediterranean, with a special interest in urban studies, minority studies, and most recently, in humanitarian relief and human rights. She has taught at Wellesley College, Brandeis University, and at Harvard University from 1990 until 2008 where she headed the Program in North African Studies. At her most recent position at UC Davis, her teaching straddled the fields of Middle Eastern Studies, Mediterranean Studies, and Jewish Studies. Her most recent book is A History of Modern Morocco: 1830-2000, a study of contemporary Moroccan history in its global context. Her current research project concerns the political, social, and ethical dimensions of rescuing and humanitarian relief in North Africa during World War II.

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Schedule by Day
B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner

FRIDAY, APRIL 17
Departure
Depart on an overnight flight to Tenerife.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18
Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain
Arrive in Tenerife and transfer to the hotel to enjoy a buffet lunch. Next, choose to explore the nearby Botanical Garden or spend a relaxing afternoon at the hotel. Later, gather at the Hotel Botánico for a cocktail garden reception followed by a welcome dinner. L,R,D

SUNDAY, APRIL 19
Tenerife, Canary Islands / Embark
Drive to Teide National Park, a UNESCO-designated location famous for its volcanic landscapes, and enjoy a picnic lunch. Or opt for a full-day tour along the cobblestone streets of La Orotava. Admire its 17th-century heritage buildings and the Church of Our Lady of Conception, a Baroque masterpiece. Following lunch, tour the UNESCO-listed historic quarter of La Laguna, known for its well-preserved mansions, town hall, and cathedral. Before boarding the awaiting Sea Spirit, view the opera house designed by Santiago Calatrava. B,L,D

MONDAY, APRIL 20
Las Palmas de Gran Canaria
Devote the day to the capital city of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Columbus’s last stop before leaving for the Americas. On an architectural tour of the Old Town, see the eclectic Teatro Pérez Galdós on a private visit. Explore the Christopher Columbus Church and House Museum, the 19th-century Town Hall, and the landmark cathedral. After a welcome from a town official, enjoy refreshments and lunch at Gabinete Literario, a 19th-century neoclassical building in the Old Town. The captain’s welcome reception and dinner are tonight on board. L,R,D

MONDAY, APRIL 20
Las Palmas de Gran Canaria
Lunch at Casa Museo del Campesino, also designed by Manrique. Then attend a musical performance at Los Jameos del Agua, a series of lava caves containing an artists’ workshop and gallery. In the afternoon, continue to the volcanic park of Timanfaya, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Marvel at the park’s raw lunar landscapes and panoramic vistas on a route defined by Manrique. This evening, return to the ship and cruise to the port of Funchal. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22
At Sea
Attend lectures and enjoy the amenities of Sea Spirit as she cruises to Madeira. B,L,D

THURSDAY, APRIL 23
Funchal, Madeira, Portugal
On a morning walking tour, discover the narrow streets of Funchal’s Old Town and the farmers’ market (Mercado dos Lavradores), featuring Madeira’s freshest fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Explore the gardens of Quinta do Palheiro Ferreiro, which are famous for their variety of plants growing among beautiful hills, or opt to tour the Sacred Art Museum of Funchal. Before departing, enjoy a tasting of Madeira’s eponymous wine. B,L,D

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FRIDAY, APRIL 24

At Sea

Relax aboard Sea Spirit as she cruises east to Morocco. You may wish to enjoy a special screening of Casablanca in the lounge. B,L,D

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Safi / Marrakesh, Morocco

From Safi, travel east to 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. Later, stroll in the colorful Majorelle Garden at Yves St. Laurent’s former home. Tour the YSL Museum and the famous Djemaa el-Fna Square before boarding the ship for Casablanca. B,L,D

*Travelers can opt for a more in-depth exploration of Marrakesh with an exclusive tour of Yves St. Laurent’s private home Villa Oasis, a luxury overnight stay at La Mamounia, and on the morning of April 26, a private jet flight to Rabat. View the Marrakesh Jet-Set Excursion package for more details.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Casablanca / Rabat

Arrive this morning in Casablanca and continue to the dramatic Hassan II Mosque. Drive to Rabat for a visit to the new Mohammed VI Contemporary Art Museum or the Archaeological Museum. Later explore the Kasbah des Oudaïas, the oldest and most fascinating neighborhood. Evenings are spent exploring the Alfama Quarter, Lisbon’s oldest and most fascinating neighborhood.

MONDAY, APRIL 27

Gibraltar, United Kingdom

Be on deck during lunch as the ship passes through the Strait of Gibraltar. Atop the Rock, visit Saint Michael’s Cave within the nature reserve, home to Gibraltar’s famed Barbary macaques. Also, within the Rock, visit the World War II tunnels, a vast underground fortress built by British royal engineers to provide protection and storage for soldiers and civilians during the conflict. Tonight, Sea Spirit sails to Spain. B,L,D

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Cádiz, Spain / Seville

Ashore in Cádiz, you can opt to explore this ancient city, stopping to view its 18th-century cathedral, the Phoenician ruins at the Gadir archaeological site, and the striking Torre Tavira at the highest point in town. Marvel at Francisco de Goya’s frescoes in the underground Oratorio de la Santa Cueva. Alternatively, travel to Seville to spend the day admiring its delightful Spanish-Moorish architecture. Visit the UNESCO-recognized Gothic cathedral and view Giralda Tower. Continue to Seville’s Alcázar, the longtime palace of the Spanish kings, and the nearby Murillo Garden. After lunch, visit Casa de Pilatos. Later, drive to Jerez de la Frontera to sip sherry and meet the Marquis of Palacio del Virrey Laserna, an opulent palace dating back to the 13th century. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Portimão / Sagres / Lagos, Portugal

Disembark in Portimão and drive to Sagres, home of Prince Henry the Navigator and his famous school of navigation. Following lunch, continue to Lagos, the last port from which the caravelas set off for their voyages. Visit the Church of San Antonio and the evocative Slaves’ Market. Before returning to the ship, visit the award-winning Museu de Portimão, a visually stunning museum housed in a former 19th-century sardine canning factory. B,L,D

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Lisbon, Portugal / Disembark

Disembark early this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home. B

Optional Marrakesh Jet-Set Excursion

APRIL 25–26, 2020

Enjoy a special overnight alternative excursion in Marrakesh, featuring a more leisurely exploration of its stunning sites and an amazing private jet ride over Morocco’s gorgeous terrain. Delight in an exclusive tour of Marrakesh’s magical Villa Oasis, the ornately decorated estate of Yves St. Laurent. Stay overnight at the five-star La Mamounia Hotel, and wake up to fly in private style to Rabat. Visit the Mohammed VI Contemporary Art Museum or the Archaeological Museum. Before returning to the ship in Casablanca, visit the Jewish Museum for a private tour with the director.

Excursion rate per person:
$4,899 double rate
$5,589 single rate

Optional Postlude in Lisbon

APRIL 30–MAY 2, 2020

During two 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.

Postlude rate per person:
$1,899 double rate
$2,299 single rate

Rate includes: Two nights accommodations at the Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon; breakfast daily, two lunches, and one dinner; sightseeing as noted.
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 and feature a seating area. Guests enjoy open seating in the restaurant, a well-stocked library, and generous outdoor deck space. There are two multipurpose lounges for educational programs and entertainment. The ship has an elevator, a hot tub, and a well-equipped gym, but it does not have a hair salon or spa.

Rates Per Person

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<td>Owner’s Suite; Sun Deck; approx. 463 sq. ft; king-sized bed; sofa bed; private deck above bridge</td>
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Seville Cathedral, photo by John Frick

TOUR COST INCLUSIONS
Twelve nights accommodations as per the itinerary; meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner); thoughtfully selected wines with lunches and dinners; soft drinks, water, and coffee/tea; airport/hotel/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights; enrichment program of lectures and talks; escorted sightseeing by private motorcoach; entrance fees for included visits; customary shipboard gratuities; taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers. $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance (to nearest hospital).

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; optional Marrakesh jet-set excursion; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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**LAND & RAIL**

- Silk Road in Central Asia (The Five ‘Stans)
  OCT 10–28, 2019
  Susanne Ebbinghaus

- An Active Exploration of the Azores
  OCT 10–15, 2019
  Jeremiah Trimble

- Cultural Legacy of Pittsburgh, America’s Steel Town
  OCT 24–28, 2019
  Alice DeLana

- Budapest and Central Europe on Golden Eagle Danube Express (With New Year’s in Vienna)
  DEC 28, 2019–JAN 5, 2020
  Jeffry Frieden

- Detroit, the Motor City: Then & Now
  MAY 14–18, 2020
  Alice DeLana

- The Holy Land: Israel & Palestine
  SEP 6–16, 2020
  Peter Machinist

- Kumano Kodo: The Sacred Sites & Pilgrimage Routes of the Kii Mountains of Japan
  NOV 6–34, 2020

**CRUISES**

- Sicily by Sail: Valletta to Catania on Sea Cloud II
  OCT 3–11, 2019
  Leo Damrosch & Joyce Van Dyke

- New Year’s Galápagos on Origin
  DEC 28, 2019–JAN 6, 2020
  Daniel Lieberman

- Mediterranean Masterpieces: Cadiz to Nice on Sea Cloud II
  APR 16–25, 2020
  Joseph Greene

- Sailing Ancient Trade Routes: Helsinki to Copenhagen on Sea Cloud II
  JUN 27–JUL 9, 2020
  Timothy Colton

- Celtic Classics on the Irish Sea on Sea Cloud II
  AUG 8–16, 2020
  Catherine McKenna

- Adriatic Odyssey: Venice to Catania on Sea Cloud II
  OCT 4–12, 2020
  Lino Pertile

- Sicily by Sail: Catania to Naples on Sea Cloud II
  OCT 11–19, 2020
  Diana Sorensen

**RIVERS & LAKES**

- Egypt & The Nile: A Journey into Antiquity on Sanctuary Sun Boat III
  DEC 26, 2019–JAN 6, 2020
  David A. Aguilar

- The Pearls of the Po: From Venice to Parma Aboard S.S. La Venezia
  MAY 9–17, 2020
  Joyce Chaplin

- Iconic Christmas Markets: Vienna to Nuremberg on AmaViola
  DEC 6–14, 2020

**FAMILY ADVENTURES**

- Tanzania Family Safari
  DEC 22, 2019–JAN 2, 2020
  Gabriela Soto Laveaga

- New Year’s in Havana: A Family Program in Cuba
  DEC 27, 2019–JAN 1, 2020
  Noel Michele Holbrook

- Egypt & the Nile (A Family Adventure) on Sanctuary Nile Adventurer
  DEC 27, 2019–JAN 5, 2020
  Noel Michele Holbrook