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Canary Islands, Morocco & Iberia Aboard *Sea Spirit*

With Susan G. Miller

April 17–30, 2020






Alcázar, Seville (above). Front cover image: Hassan II Mosque, Casablanca.
Back cover image: Djemaa el-Fna Square, Marrakesh.

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 one-night postlude in beautiful Lisbon is available.

Activity Level 3: 

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.

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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.



César Manrique Foundation, Arrecife, photo by Robert



Murillo Gardens, Seville, photo by John Frick

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 architectural 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. B,L,R,D

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Arrecife, Lanzarote

Step ashore this morning in Arrecife to see legendary artist and activist César Manrique's landscape projects, home, and extensive art collection at the César Manrique Foundation,

built on an old lava flow. Enjoy 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. 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

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 Oudaias, in the oldest part of the city, with sweeping views of the ocean, before returning to the ship. B,L,D

MONDAY, APRIL 27

Gibraltar, United Kingdom

Be on deck during lunch as the ship passes through the Strait of Gibraltar. 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 / Seville, Spain

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 paintings 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 at 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 Hassan II Mosque.

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

Optional Postlude in Lisbon

APRIL 30–MAY 1, 2020

In Lisbon, visit historic Belém Tower, the Jerónimos Monastery, and the Tile Museum. The evening is spent exploring the Alfama Quarter, Lisbon's oldest and most fascinating neighborhood. A festive farewell dinner will be at a renowned *fado* house.

Postlude rate per person:
\$999 double rate
\$1,259 single rate

Rate includes: Includes one night accommodation at the Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon; breakfast daily, one lunch, 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.



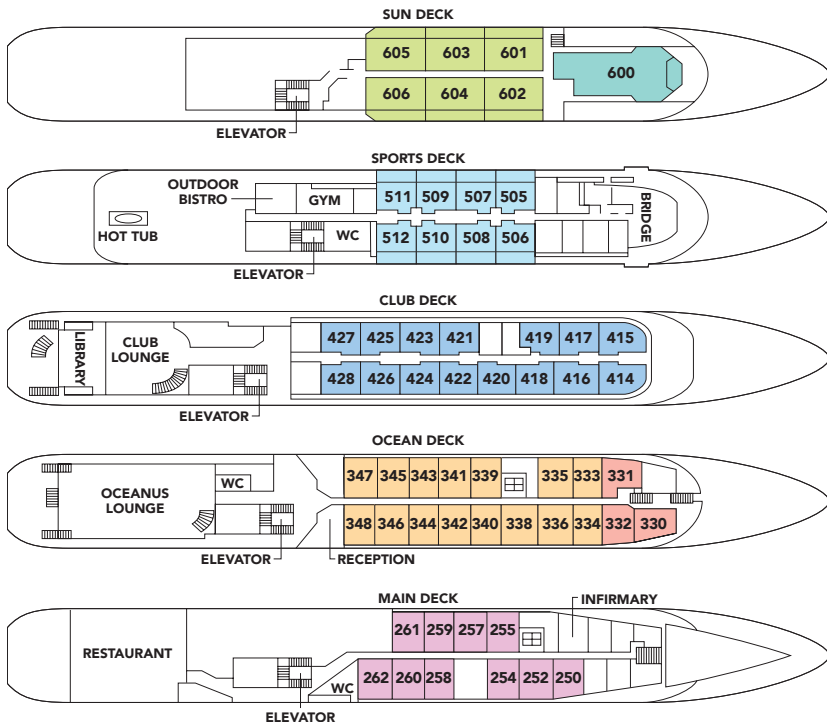
Sea Spirit

Rates Per Person

CATEGORY/DECK	DOUBLE	SINGLE
414-428	\$8,999	\$11,499
Superior Suites; Club Deck; approx. 215 sq. ft.; twin or queen-sized bed; picture window		
330-332	\$9,999	\$14,999
Comfort Suites; Ocean Deck; approx. 220 sq. sf.; twin or queen-sized bed; picture window		
333-336, 338-348	\$10,999	\$16,499
Classic Suites; Ocean Deck; approx. 226 sq. ft.; twin or queen-sized bed; picture window		
250-255, 257-262	\$11,999	\$17,999
Main Deck Suites; approx. 247 sq. ft.; twin or queen-sized bed; portholes, separate seating area		
505-512	\$14,999	INQUIRE
Deluxe Suites; Sports Deck; approx. 258 sq. ft.; twin or queen-sized bed; private balcony		
601-606	\$16,999	INQUIRE
Premium Suites; Sun Deck; approx. 322 sq. ft.; twin or queen-sized bed; private balcony		
600	\$19,999	INQUIRE
Owner's Suite; Sun Deck; approx. 463 sq. ft.; king-sized bed; sofa bed; private deck above bridge		



Sea Spirit Premium Suite (top);
Lounge (above)



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Terms & Conditions

TOUR COST INCLUSIONS

Twelve nights accommodations as per the itinerary; meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, 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.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENT

To reserve your space on this program, a \$1,000 deposit per person is required. Please either call us at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806 or fill out and mail or fax the registration form. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. Your final payment is due 120 days before departure.

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How did you hear about this trip?

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OPTIONAL POSTLUDE & EXCURSION

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I/WE WISH TO JOIN THE OPTIONAL JET-SET EXCURSION IN MARRAKESH

HOTEL ROOM PREFERENCE ONE BED TWO BEDS SINGLE



Seville Cathedral, photo by John Frick



Villa Oasis, Marrakesh, photo by Matt Keiffer

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Silk Road in Central Asia

(The Five 'Stans)

OCT 10–28, 2019

Susanne Ebbinghaus

An Active Exploration of the Azores

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Jeremiah Trimble

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America's Steel Town

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SEP 6–16, 2020

Peter Machinist

Kumano Kodo:

The Sacred Sites & Pilgrimage

Routes of the Kii Mountains

of Japan

NOV 6–14, 2020

CRUISES

Sicily by Sail:

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Leo Damrosch & Joyce Van Dyke

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Catherine McKenna

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Lino Pertile

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A Family Program in Cuba

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on Sanctuary Nile Adventurer

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