TRADE ROUTES OF COASTAL IBERIA
ABOARD THE FIVE-STAR LE LYRIAL
WITH MARY MALCOLM GAYLORD,
PROFESSOR OF ROMANCE LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES
October 3–11, 2018
CRUISE THE ANCIENT TRADE ROUTES OF PHOENICIAN, ROMAN AND MOORISH MARINERS aboard the Five-Star small-ship LE LYRIAL on this comprehensive itinerary to the coastal jewels of the Iberian Peninsula.

The exclusively chartered LE LYRIAL exemplifies the advantages of Five-Star, small-ship cruising: elegant accommodations, an exclusive itinerary carefully crafted with a specially arranged excursion in each port, the ability to dock in small ports of call inaccessible to larger vessels and no long lines for tenders and touring. This state-of-the-art small ship features only 110 Suites and Staterooms with distinctive French sophistication, so you can travel in style during the unique opportunity to cruise into the heart of Seville on Spain’s legendary Guadalquivir River.

En route from Barcelona to Lisbon, admire four UNESCO World Heritage sites and experience Portugal’s lesser-traveled Algarve region. Call on the enchanting Balearic Island of Mallorca and visit its vibrant capital city, Palma de Mallorca. Explore the colorful, historic city of Valencia and walk through its spectacular La Lonja de la Seda, the city’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated 15th-century former Silk Exchange. Visit the regal city of Granada and by special arrangement tour the magnificent Alhambra Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Stand on Gibraltar’s “Top of the Rock” to see the Pillars of Hercules spanning the scenic Strait of Gibraltar. Experience the spectacular sights that inspired works of art by Gaudí and Picasso, and enjoy the lively beat of flamenco. Onboard lectures will enhance your journey with the history, legends and contemporary life in these beautiful cities and villages.

CO-SPONSORS: NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE AND NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

FOR DETAILED ITINERARIES, VISIT ALUMNI.HARVARD.EDU/TRAVEL
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 AND 4
U.S./BARCELONA, SPAIN

Depart the U.S. for Barcelona, a beautiful Mediterranean metropolis filled with the artistic treasures of Gaudí, Picasso, and Dalí. The city center has the greatest concentration of Gothic architecture in Europe and proudly displays its heritage and roots as a Roman trading port. Embark Le Lyrial Thursday afternoon. (R,L,D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5
PALMA DE MALLORCA, BALEARIC ISLANDS

Enjoy a scenic drive past the almond tree groves that are characteristic of Palma en route to the beautiful estate of Son Marroig, a medieval mansion with amazing panoramic views of the Mallorca coastline. In the village of Valldemossa, visit the famous Carthusian Monastery, a former residence of composer Frédéric Chopin. Enjoy a recital of Chopin's masterpieces, performed by a local musician. Later, visit the famous 14th-century Gothic Bellver Castle, one of the few concentric castles in Europe, rising 450 feet above Palma. See the magnificent sandstone Palma Cathedral; constructed over 300 years starting in 1230, it represents the height of Catalan Gothic architecture. (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6
VALENCIA

Located on the Costa del Azahar (Orange Blossom Coast) of Spain, the sunny city of Valencia was founded as a Roman colony in 138 B.C. amidst a fertile plain of orange groves. Walk along the historic cobblestone streets of colorful Plaza de la Reina in the city center and visit the UNESCO World Heritage—designated La Lonja de la Seda (Silk Exchange), a masterpiece of splendid Gothic architecture built in the 15th century, and the elaborate 13th-century Valencia Cathedral, known for its impressive 167-foot-tall Miguelete Bell Tower. (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7
MOTRIL FOR GRANADA, ANDALUSIA

Granada, scenically located atop three hills framed by the snow-clad Sierra Nevada mountains, was ruled for 250 years by Nasrid Dynasty monarchs, the last Moorish kingdom in Spain, who left a priceless architectural legacy—the magnificent Alhambra Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy a dinner in Granada followed by a specially arranged tour of the palace. Admire the genius of medieval Moorish craftsmen within, and stroll through the beautifully landscaped Generalife Gardens. (B,L,D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8
GIBRALTAR, BRITISH CROWN COLONY

Drive to the “Top of the Rock,” the 1400-foot-high limestone promontory to enjoy an expansive view from Europa Point across the strait separating Europe and Africa and visit the Great Siege Tunnels, excavated by British army engineers in the late 18th century to provide for the defense of the colony. Observe up close the amusing antics of Barbary macaques, the only colony of wild monkeys in Europe, and see the impressive geological wonders in St. Michael’s Cave. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Casemates Square in Gibraltar’s city center. (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9
SEVILLE, ANDALUSIA, SPAIN

Cruise into the heart of extraordinary Seville, Andalusia’s lively capital on the Guadalquivir River, with a rare docking in the city’s center. Drive through the historic city center, lined with typical Sevillana houses, to see the neoclassical Maestranza Bullring—the largest in Spain—and the Tower of Gold, a remnant of Seville’s Moorish fortifications. Stroll through Maria Luisa Park and the Plaza de España, built for the Ibero-American Exposition of 1929. Continue through Santa Cruz, the old Jewish quarter, a gleaming maze of white houses, flower-filled patios, and orange trees lining the checkered stone streets.

Tour the legendary UNESCO World Heritage site of Alcázar, the distinctive 14th-century, Mudéjar-style former residence of Seville’s Moroccan and Spanish rulers, and the city’s magnificent cathedral, a classic example of late Gothic architecture and Europe’s second-largest Christian house of worship after St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. Inside, view the imposing THE ROCK OF GIBRALTAR, ONE OF THE TWO PILLARS OF HERCULES

PLAZA DEL AYUNTAMIENTO, VALENCIA, SPAIN

THE ROCK OF GIBRALTAR, ONE OF THE TWO PILLARS OF HERCULES

FOR DETAILED ITINERARIES, VISIT ALUMNI.HARVARD.EDU/TRAVEL
monument to Christopher Columbus, whose remains were transported here in 1902 from Havana, Cuba, and the world’s largest main altarpiece—a masterful gilded woodcarving created over the course of 44 years by Flemish craftsman Pierre Dancart. Later, enjoy a traditional flamenco performance on board the ship. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10
PORTIMÃO, THE ALGARVE, PORTUGAL, FOR LAGOS
On Portugal’s sun-washed southern coast, the historic province of Algarve was settled by the ancient Phoenicians and Romans, and later ruled by the Moors. Their heritage survives in distinctive architecture and savory regional cuisine. Intrepid 15th- and 16th-century Portuguese mariners, including Vasco da Gama, set sail from the Algarve’s shores on voyages of discovery that eventually circled the globe before triumphantly returning to Lisbon.

En route to Lagos, stop to admire Ponta de Piedade, a group of coastal limestone rock formations and cliffs, some as tall as 60 feet, their canyon coloring a stunning contrast against the turquoise waters of Lagos Bay. Enjoy views of sea arches, sea caves and the Algarve coast from the lookout point atop the cliffs. Continue on to the former Algarve capital, the port town of Lagos, once the center of trade between Moorish Portugal and Africa. Visit the Baroque Church of St. Anthony, with its intricate gilded carved wood interior, and explore the city at leisure. (B,L,P,D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11
LISBON/U.S.
Lisbon’s rich cultural heritage is reflected in its well-preserved palaces, magnificent churches, and impressive castle. Disembark the ship and continue on the post-cruise option transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

WHAT IS INCLUDED:
• Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by Harvard Professor Mary Gaylord and additional experts
• Seven-night cruise aboard the small ship LE LYRIAL
• Complimentary nonalcoholic and alcoholic beverages throughout the cruise
• Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship
• Unique cruise into the heart of Seville
• Captain’s welcome and farewell receptions
• All activities, excursions, entrance fees and meals per detailed itinerary
• Taxes and gratuities to drivers, guides, and ship personnel
• Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions
• Services of a tour manager throughout the program
• Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions
• Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
• $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance

OCTOBER 11–13
LISBON, PORTUGAL
POST-CRUISE OPTION
$995 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
$995 PER PERSON, SINGLE OCCUPANCY
A historic gateway for world exploration, Lisbon exudes charm from its illustrious palaces, magnificent monuments and impressive architecture. See the UNESCO World Heritage site of the magnificent 16th-century Jerónimos Monastery and the Tower of Belém’s unique Manueline-style architecture. Visit the charming village of Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage site where the Moorish fort is the last remaining medieval royal palace in Portugal, and explore the picture-perfect coastal town of Cascais. Enjoy two nights in the deluxe DOM PEDRO PALACE HOTEL.

Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
TO BOOK A TRIP CALL 800-422-1636 OR VISIT ALUMNI.HARVARD.EDU/TRAVEL

YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION: 2015
OVERALL LENGTH: 466 feet

AMENITIES
This exclusively chartered ship offers 110 suites and staterooms (200 to 592 square feet). Each has a private bathroom with shower; two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, satellite flat-screen television, wireless Internet access, minibar with complimentary beverages, and so much more.

MAXIMUM PASSENGERS: 220
FLAG: French
writing desk/dressing table, full-length closet, safe, plush robe, and slippers.
Public facilities include the Panoramic Lounge, Main Lounge, state-of-the-art theater, beauty salon, Internet salon, Sun Deck, swimming pool, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, full range fitness equipment, and two elevators.

MS LE LYRIAL

TOUR COST EXCLUSIONS:
International airfare from the U.S.; baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air taxes; associated local taxes, airport facility taxes, and federal administrative fees may apply.

TOUR COST INCLUSIONS:
Taxes; all transfers and luggage handling abroad for all activities, excursions, entrance fees, accommodation, and meals per detailed itinerary; on or one queen bed, individual climate control, satellite flat-screen television, wireless Internet access, minibar with complimentary beverages, and so much more.

POST- PROGRAM). Please either call us at 800- 422- 1636 or 617 - 496 - 0806 or fill out and mail or fax the registration form found in the back of this brochure. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. Deposits may be made by check, payable to Harvard Alumni Association, or with a major credit card. Final payment, payable by check, is due 95 days before departure.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations must be made in writing to Harvard Alumni Travels. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellation(s) are subject to a $300 ($350 Pre/Post-Program(s)) per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $1,000 ($200 Pre/Post-Program(s)) per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariffs; cancellations 59 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariffs. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees, and administrative fees may apply.

CHANGES IN ITINERARY AND COSTS: The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Harvard Alumni Travels and the tour operator. Ship schedules, port calls, hours of arrival and departure, sightseeing events, special programs and guest lecture series are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. Harvard Alumni Travels and the tour operator are not responsible therefore and are not required to compensate passengers under these circumstances. Deviations from the scheduled itinerary are at the expense of the individual. Harvard Alumni Travels or the tour operator or individual agencies on prearranging fuel prices, airfare, and currency exchange rates in effect at the time of brochure printing and are subject to change. While the tour operator will do everything possible to maintain the published trip price, it may be necessary to institute a surcharge.

INSURANCE: We highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. An application for insurance will be provided by Harvard Alumni Travels upon confirmation.

RESPONSIBILITY: Certain other provisions apply regarding limitations of liability and rights of Harvard Alumni Travels and the tour operator. The statement of responsibility is available at http://alumni.harvard.edu/travel/trips/iberia-2018. If you are not able to access the Internet, please call Harvard Alumni Travels at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806.

DISCLAIMER: Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of information presented in this publication. Harvard Alumni Travels nor the tour operator is responsible for errors in or damages resulting from use of the information contained herein.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of information presented in this publication. Harvard Alumni Travels nor the tour operator is responsible for errors in or damages resulting from use of the information contained herein. Information contained in this brochure is subject to change.

QUESTIONS: Please call Harvard Alumni Travels at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806, email: haatravel@harvard.edu

PHOTO CREDITS: Alamy, Avalon Photoshot Collection, Estock, Shutterstock; all images are rights managed and cannot be used without permission.
REGISTRATION FORM

To register, fill out this form and return to Harvard Alumni Travels with your deposit of $1,000 per person. Add an additional $200 per person deposit for each extension if you are taking the Barcelona Pre-Cruise or the Lisbon Post-Cruise. Please note that for some programs an additional deposit may be requested after you book.

Please return this form by mail to:
Harvard Alumni Travels
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

[Below is the registration form with fields for personal information, method of deposit, and program details for various trips.]

[At the bottom, the form contains details on various Harvard Alumni Travels in 2018, including destinations such as Barcelona, Lisbon, Peru, and others, along with program names and dates.]
Mary Malcolm Gaylord is Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures at Harvard University, where she teaches late medieval and early modern Spanish and Spanish-American literature and comparative Romance literatures. From her graduate student days to the present, she has been fascinated by the dialogue between imaginative writers and historians that helped to inspire many of the period’s most innovative and influential literary creations, including the lyric poetry and drama of the Spanish Baroque and the seminal works of prose fiction (most famously, Don Quixote) that gave rise to the modern novel. On this excursion, Mary looks forward to retracing some of Cervantes’s own travels, in life and art, and to comparing what he saw in the 16th and 17th centuries with Mediterranean and Atlantic horizons in the 21st century. She is eager to share recent research findings from a book project, on the ways the writer’s personal experience and the echoed voices of his historian contemporaries converge in his masterpiece to shape a distinctive vision of his nation’s history and to produce his most celebrated character, the Ingenious Knight from La Mancha.

Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See General Information section.

FLOURISHING CULTURES OF HISTORIC IBERIA AND THE AGE OF DISCOVERY
The inimitable Iberian Peninsula showcases fortified medieval towns and modern cities that retain incredible artistic and architectural treasures from centuries past. Previous exposure to the Greeks and Romans, as well as the diverse Moorish, Jewish, and Christian cultures, ushered in great advances in mathematics, medicine, optics, horticulture, and philosophy. This blossoming of knowledge and talent was the impetus behind the Golden Age of Discovery, when ships sailed from these shores to the New World. These voyages brought back riches to Iberia, which created great wealth amidst the unique mélange of cultures, giving rise to the art, architecture, and distinctly Mediterranean tradition of savoring life in the idyllic seaside cities, towns, and villages you will experience.
BOOK YOUR NEXT JOURNEY WITH THE HAA TODAY!

CALL 800-422-1636 OR VISIT US AT ALUMNI.HARVARD.EDU/TRAVEL

PALMA CATHEDRAL, THE HEIGHT OF CATALAN GOTHIC ARCHITECTURE