Spain’s Mediterranean Coast

Aboard the legendary Sea Cloud

October 25–November 4, 2015
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The Moors turned a small 9th-century fortress in Granada into an architectural masterpiece, the Alhambra (below). (Inset) Paella, a Valencian specialty, is often considered Spain’s national dish.

OTHER FEATURED LECTURER

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HAA STUDY LEADER

As this brochure goes to print, we have not yet confirmed the faculty study leader for this program. We intend, however, that you will be joined by a Harvard lecturer who will enhance your travel experience. You will discover that our lecturers are not only first-rate scholars and teachers but also friendly traveling companions, eager to share their insight through conversation as well as in scheduled presentations.

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(Above left) Valencia native son Santiago Calatrava—a world-renowned practitioner of neofuturistic architecture—was the principal designer behind the city’s stunning City of Arts and Sciences cultural complex. (Above right) The Castle of Santa Barbara in Alicante is one of the largest medieval fortresses in Europe.

SUNDAY–MONDAY, OCTOBER 25–26

Home / Barcelona, Spain
Depart home on an overnight flight to Barcelona. Upon arrival, check in to the Palace Hotel for two nights. Enjoy a welcome reception and dinner this evening. Palace Hotel (R,D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Barcelona
This morning explore the intriguing works of Catalonia’s arguably most famous son, Antoni Gaudí. An architect and the best-known practitioner of Catalan Modernism, Gaudí incorporated a highly individualized and distinctive style into his creations, most of which are located in Barcelona. Visit his magnum opus, the unfinished Sagrada Familia basilica, and Parc Guell, a garden complex with architectural elements—both are included in the “Works of Antoni Gaudi” UNESCO World Heritage site. This afternoon enjoy free time to explore the city on your own. Palace Hotel (B,L)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Barcelona (Embarc) / Cruising
Explore Barcelona’s Gothic Quarter (Barri Gòtic) in the center of the old city, where many buildings date from medieval times. Venture underground at the City History Museum to see extensive remains from the Roman settlement of Barcino that were discovered beneath one of the old town squares in the 1930s and are now displayed in situ. Visit the Museu Picasso, which houses the most complete collection of the works of 20th-century Spanish artist Pablo Picasso in five contiguous medieval stone mansions. In the afternoon embark the Sea Cloud and begin your seven-night cruise. Sea Cloud (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

Tarragona
Dock in the port city of Tarragona for a visit to the ancient Roman ruins, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The remains include walls, a citadel, an amphitheater, a circus (circular plaza), towers, and a necropolis. Enjoy a private visit to an olive oil estate in the countryside for a tasting, traditional lunch, and a chance to observe the mill in operation after the harvest. Then reboard the Sea Cloud and continue southward under sail (weather permitting). Sea Cloud (B,LD)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Valencia
After a morning of cruising, arrive in Valencia for an afternoon’s visit. Explore the futuristic City of Arts and Sciences complex, designed primarily by Valencia native Santiago Calatrava. For contrast, visit the Gothic Silk Exchange market, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the Barrio del Carmen, with buildings dating back to Roman and Arabic times. Valencia is also renowned for its gastronomy, in particular as the origin of both paella, the iconic rice dish embellished with seafood, chicken, or wild game, and horchata, a cold beverage made from tigernuts, water, and sugar. Enjoy a private visit and horchata tasting at a historic 5th-century mansion. Sea Cloud (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Alicante
Call at Alicante for your choice of afternoon visits. Explore the Castle of Santa Barbara, one of the largest medieval fortresses in Spain, built in the 9th century by the Moors and perched high above the city; and the Archaeological Museum of Alicante, which won the European Museum of the Year Award in 2004. Alternatively, travel outside Alicante to Elche, home to the largest palm grove in Europe, declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2000. Accompanied by a botanist guest lecturer, sample the dates and observe the workers harvesting the fruit. In nearby Jijona, visit a turron factory to observe the production of this almond nougat confection. Sea Cloud (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Cartagena
Cartagena is a major naval station on the southeastern coast of Spain in the province of Murcia. Visit ARQUA, the National Museum of Underwater Archaeology, whose mission is to showcase the underwater cultural history of Spain and promote its conservation. Its two permanent exhibitions are dedicated to naval construction and navigation, and to the shipwrecks and ports of the Mediterranean. The Naval Museum, a prison in the 1700s and a naval training site until 1999, houses comprehensive displays dealing with the logistics of marine life, from the construction of?FOR DETAILED ITINERARIES VISIT ALUMNI.HARVARD.EDU/HAATRAVEL
vessels, nautical sciences, and navigation to uniforms and flags, naval art, submarines, and diving in the Spanish navy. This afternoon begin cruising toward Motril. Sea Cloud (B,L,D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Cruising
Relax aboard ship and enjoy the lecture program while experiencing the Sea Cloud under sail (weather permitting). Marvel at the skill of the crew members as they nimbly move among the masts and sails high above the deck. Sea Cloud (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Motril / Granada
Arrive in Motril and disembark for an excursion to Granada. Moorish architecture in Spain reached its zenith at the Alhambra, one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built. This 14th-century hilltop palace complex, built by the Nasrid kings, is a UNESCO World Heritage site and Spain’s most visited attraction. Explore the refined, elegant Nasrid Palaces, built around the Courtyard of the Lions, and the splendid Generalife Gardens, one of the world’s oldest surviving Moorish gardens. Its Court of the Water Channel, framed by flowerbeds, fountains, colonnades, and pavilions, is considered a superior example of a medieval Persian garden. Return to the ship and cruise overnight to Malaga. Sea Cloud (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
Malaga / Home
Disembark in Malaga and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

DETAILS
Activity Level: Moderate
Co-sponsors: Archaeological Institute of America, National Trust for Historic Preservation
Group Size: 52 maximum

WHAT TO EXPECT
This is a moderately active trip. Travelers are required to navigate uneven terrain at archaeological sites and ancient palace and castle complexes, walk on cobblestone pavement in historic city centers, and stand for up to two hours in museums or other sites. Some locations may have stairs without handrails. Travelers should be flexible, comfortable traveling in a group, and able to handle the vagaries of travel with good humor. Daytime temperatures during the trip will generally average in the mid-60s to mid-70s F, with occasional rain. Participants with medical issues and/or dietary restrictions must make them known to us well before departure, and impairments regarding mobility must be disclosed prior to booking. If you have any questions about the level of activity of this program or your ability to participate, please call HAA at 800-422-1636.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Enjoy a rich educational program with a Harvard study leader, archaeologist Albert Leonard, and local experts.
• Sail aboard the magnificent, four-masted Sea Cloud, a wedding gift from financier E.F. Hutton to cereal heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post in 1931, and renowned today for its incomparable service, deluxe amenities, and five-star cuisine.
• Discover some of Spain’s remarkable architectural accomplishments, from the evocative Roman ruins of Tarragona and the Moorish gem, the Alhambra, to Antoni Gaudí’s Sagrada Familia and Parc Guell in Barcelona and Santiago Calatrava’s City of Arts and Sciences in Valencia.
• Taste gourmet olive oils at an award-winning estate and, for food enthusiasts, sample dates freshly picked from palm trees in Europe’s largest palm forest, and enjoy the nougat sweets known as turrón, a Christmastime favorite, in Jijona.
• Alternatively, delve deeper into the medieval and Roman heritage of Spain’s Mediterranean coastline.
• Enjoy a private visit, hosted by the owner’s grandson, at a 15th-century mansion in Valencia with lavishly decorated interiors and an impressive library filled with antique books.
A journey aboard the Sea Cloud, which carries only 64 passengers, is an intimate experience on one of the most elegant and luxurious vessels afloat. Her snow-white hull, warm teak superstructure, and gleaming brass fittings define her rich tradition and heritage. Although she is equipped with auxiliary diesel engines, sails are the essence of this cruise experience and they are unfurled as often as possible. Built during a time when the greatest attention was paid to detail and fine craftsmanship, the Sea Cloud is decorated with original oil paintings, antique furniture, rich wood paneling, and brass and bronze fixtures. On the main deck, original staterooms are beautifully appointed in their individual styles, some with fireplaces, and each with a private marble bath with a tub and/or shower. Lunch and dinner include fine wine and beer; there is one seating at dinner. The ship’s technical equipment includes the latest in radar, satellite navigational aids and satellite communications; there is also an onboard doctor.

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