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with Jane Landers, Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor of History
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CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

MARVEL at the UNESCO-listed historic quarter in the Canary Islands and discuss the preservation of centuries-old Spanish colonial homes with an expert

TOUR Gran Canaria’s architecturally lavish Old Town, with a private visit to the eclectic Teatro Pérez Galdós

EXPLORE otherworldly landscapes in the volcanic park of Timanfaya, an UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in Arrecife

ENJOY exclusive access to the Dar El Bacha Museum, the former palace of the last pasha of Marrakesh, which is normally closed to the public

MEET museum directors and curators on private visits to royal collections in Casablanca and Rabat

SAIL through the “Pillars of Hercules” and ascend to the top of the Rock of Gibraltar

ADMIRE the monumental scale of the world’s largest Gothic cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Seville, which houses the tomb of Christopher Columbus

TRAVELING WITH YOU

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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
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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,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 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

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, 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. 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 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 postlude in Lisbon is offered from April 30–May 2, 2020.

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CRUISE RATES
(Per Person)

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RATES INCLUDE
- 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 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

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES
- 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.
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:
$4,899 per person, double rate
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