Crossroads of Cultures
Canary Islands, Morocco & Iberia
Aboard Sea Spirit
April 10–23, 2021
CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

ENJOY exclusive access to Dar El Bacha, the former palace of the last pasha of Marrakesh, which is normally closed to the public, and view its extraordinary painted ceilings, exquisite hand-cut zellige tiles, and art collections.

MARVEL at the pastel-colored mansions in La Laguna, a UNESCO-listed historic quarter in the Canary Islands, and discuss the preservation of centuries-old Spanish colonial homes with an expert.

DISCOVER the fascinating world of artist César Manrique, visiting his home and studio in the Canary Island of Lanzarote, and watch a performance in an awe-inspiring cave that Manrique transformed into a beautiful concert hall.

SAIL through the Pillars of Hercules to arrive at the Rock of Gibraltar, and step ashore to tour the territory’s World War II tunnels and view the famous Barbary macaques.

EXPLORE the world’s largest Gothic cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Seville, which houses the tomb of Christopher Columbus.
Dear Alumni, Parents, Families, and Friends,

The fortunes and histories of the Canary Islands, Northern Africa, and the Iberian Peninsula have been intertwined for centuries. On a thrilling two-week voyage aboard the intimate Sea Spirit, sail from the Canaries to Madeira and onwards to Morocco, Spain, and Portugal.

Begin on the Canary island of Tenerife to stroll its UNESCO-listed historic quarter and chat with an architecture expert about its famed Spanish colonial buildings. Sail Sea Spirit to Gran Canaria, Columbus’ last stop before departing for the New World, to view his namesake church. On nearby Lanzarote, marvel at artist César Manrique’s transformation of an entire island into his canvas. Step ashore on Portuguese Madeira to savor a sip of its eponymous wine.

Morocco awaits, with its excellent museum collections, lush gardens, and opulent mosques in Marrakesh, Casablanca, and Rabat. A highlight in Marrakesh will be a tour of superb art collections in a former palace exclusively opened for us. Sail through the famous Strait to discover a vast underground fortress in Gibraltar. After Sea Spirit calls in ancient Cádiz, an excursion to Seville will offer full access to the world’s largest Gothic cathedral. This culturally enriching voyage will conclude in Portugal’s gorgeous Algarve, home to the Museu de Portimão, a former sardine cannery that is now an award-winning museum.

We’re honored to travel in the company of members of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and The National Trust for Historic Preservation and alumni of Harvard, the University of Chicago, and Yale. An optional two-night postlude in beautiful Lisbon is available, with an excursion to Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

As we look forward to the end of our current “Great Pause,” please consider booking this trip at no risk: Your reservation deposit will be 100% refundable until final payment is due. I hope you will join fellow alumni and friends on this fascinating journey.

Sincerely,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program

The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled educational opportunities, many with Vanderbilt professors, for an exclusive “beyond the classroom” experience.
SATURDAY, APRIL 10: DEPARTURE
Depart on an overnight flight to Tenerife.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11: TENERIFE, CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN
Arrive in Tenerife and transfer to the Hotel Botánico 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 for a garden reception with cocktails followed by a welcome dinner.

MONDAY, APRIL 12: TENERIFE / EMBARK SEA SPIRIT
Drive to the UNESCO-designated Teide National Park, 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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13: 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 Teatro Pérez Galdós, an exceptionally beautiful concert hall, on a private visit. Explore the Christopher Columbus Church and House Museum, the 19th-century Town Hall, and the landmark cathedral. After welcome remarks from a town official, enjoy refreshments and lunch at Gabinete Literario, a 19th-century neoclassical building. The captain’s welcome reception and dinner are tonight on board.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14: ARRECIFE
On Lanzarote, an island known for its volcanic terrain, step ashore this morning in Arrecife. Visit 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. Then attend a musical performance at Los Jameos del Agua, a series of lava caves containing an artists’ workshop and gallery. Enjoy a BBQ lunch at Timanfaya’s El Diablo Restaurant. In the afternoon, continue to the volcanic park of Timanfaya, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. This evening, return to the ship and cruise to the port of Funchal.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15: AT SEA
Attend lectures and enjoy the amenities of Sea Spirit as she crosses to Madeira.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16: FUNCHAL, MADEIRA, PORTUGAL
On a morning walking tour, discover the narrow streets of Funchal’s Old Town and the Mercado dos Lavradores (farmer’s market), featuring Madeira’s freshest fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Explore the gardens of Quinta do Palheiro Ferreiro, with their variety of plants growing among beautiful hills. In the afternoon, tour the Sacred Art Museum of Funchal. Before departing, enjoy a tasting of Madeira’s eponymous wine.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17: AT SEA
Relax aboard Sea Spirit as she sails east to Morocco. You may wish to enjoy a special screening of Casablanca in the lounge.
SUNDAY, APRIL 18: SAFI, MOROCCO / MARRAKESH
From Safi, travel east to Marrakesh. Marvel at the Kutubiyya mosque 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 Saint Laurent’s former home. Tour the YSL Museum and the famous Djemaa el-Fna Square before boarding the ship for Casablanca. B,L,D

Enjoy an exclusive overnight stay in Marrakesh with a private jet flight to Casablanca and visit to Rabat. View the Marrakesh Jet-Set Excursion for more details.

MONDAY, APRIL 19: 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 Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art 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

TUESDAY, APRIL 20: 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 during the conflict. Tonight, Sea Spirit sails to Spain. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21: 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 Goya’s frescoes in the Oratorio de la Santa Cueva. In the afternoon, drive to Jerez de la Frontera to try sherry and meet the Marquis at Palacio del Virrey Laserna, an opulent palace dating back to the 13th century. Alternatively, travel to Seville to admire 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 La Casa de Pilatos, a 15th-century palace with a blend of Italian Renaissance and Mudéjar styles. This evening, return to the ship, setting sail for the Portuguese Algarve. B,L,D

THURSDAY, APRIL 22: PORTIMÃO, PORTUGAL / SAGRES / LAGOS
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, explore the award-winning Museu de Portimão, a stunning museum housed in a former 19th-century sardine canning factory. B,L,D

FRIDAY, APRIL 23: LISBON / DISEMBARK
Disembark early this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home. B,L,D

An optional postlude in Lisbon is offered from April 23-25, 2021.

This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Vanderbilt Alumni Association and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.
Built in 1991, the intimate Sea Spirit underwent a total refurbishment of passenger accommodations in 2017. Her 58 suites range in size from 215 to 463 square feet. Guests enjoy single seating in the restaurant, a well-stocked library, and generous outdoor deck space. There are two multipurpose lounges for educational programs and entertainment.

CRUISE RATES (per person)

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RATES INCLUDES

- One nights accommodations at the Hotel Botánico, Tenerife; eleven nights cabin accommodations aboard Sea Spirit
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals, thoughtfully selected wine at welcome and farewell dinners
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Airport/hotel/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights;
- Escorted sightseeing by private motor coach and entrance fees for included visits
- Taxes, service, and porterage charges
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED IN RATE Airfare; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than as noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; excess baggage; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; trip insurance; optional postlude in Lisbon; optional jet-set excursion to Marrakesh; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.
Djemaa el-Fna Square, Marrakesh

To reserve a place, please contact The Vanderbilt Travel Office at 615-322-3673 or complete and return this form with your deposit of $1,000 per person (of which $500 is non-refundable for administrative fees) payable to Arrangements Abroad. Mail to: Vanderbilt Travel Program, PMB 407735, 2301 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, TN 37240-7735.

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ACCOMMODATIONS
Hotel Room Preference
☐ Double  ☐ Twin  ☐ Single (limited availability)

OPTIONAL LISBON POSTLUDE
& MARRAKESH JET-SET EXCURSION
☐ I/ we would like to join the optional postlude in Lisbon
☐ I/ we would like to join the optional jet-set excursion in Marrakesh

Hotel Room Preference
☐ One bed  ☐ Two beds  ☐ Single

FORM OF PAYMENT
☐ Enclosed is my check
   (payable to Arrangements Abroad)
☐ Credit card

Name on credit card
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3- or 4-digit security code                Expiration date
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I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the Terms & Conditions of this Program (see www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms to review or call for a copy). I/We agree to full payment 120 days prior to departure. Each participant must sign below.

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OPTIONAL MARRAKESH
JET-SET EXCURSION
APRIL 18-19, 2021

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 Saint Laurent. Stay overnight at the five-star La Mamounia Hotel, and wake up to fly in private style to Casablanca to visit the Hassan II Mosque. Continue to Rabat to tour the Mohammed VI Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art or the Archaeological Museum. Return to the ship in Casablanca.

Jet-set Excursion Rate:
$4,999 per person, double rate  
$5,689 single rate

One night accommodations at La Mamounia Hotel; internal flight by private jet (Marrakesh-Casablanca); breakfast daily; two lunches; two dinners; sightseeing as per itinerary.

Tagines, Marrakesh