

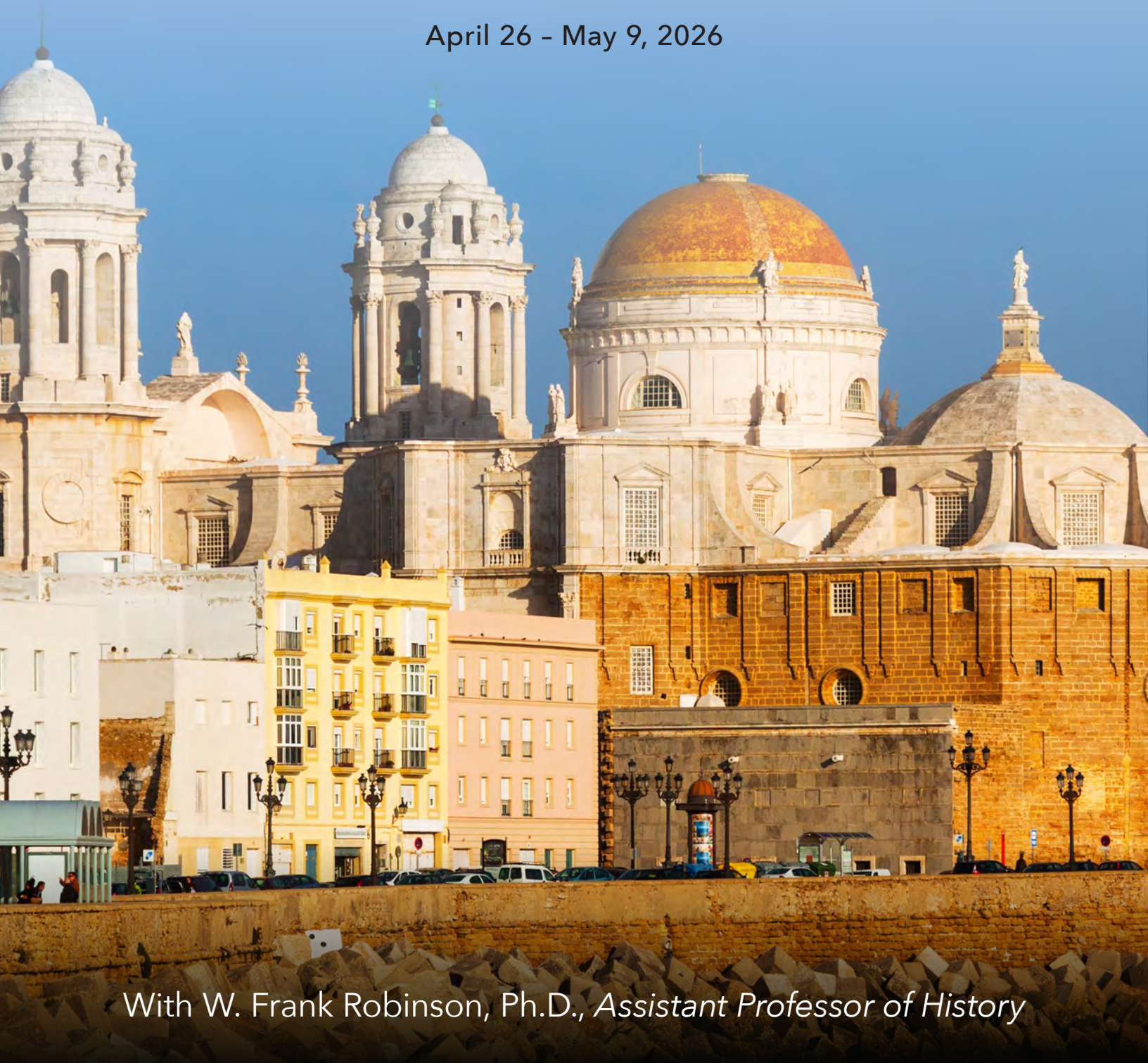


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Crossroads of Cultures

Canary Islands, Morocco & Iberia Aboard *Sea Cloud Spirit*

April 26 - May 9, 2026



With W. Frank Robinson, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor of History*



Traveling With *You*

W. Frank Robinson, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor of History at Vanderbilt University specializing in Iberia, Latin America, and the Caribbean, with a focus on political and social movements, nationalism, and Caribbean migrations. With degrees from Johns Hopkins, the University of Florida, and Auburn University, his research has been supported by Fulbright, NEH, and NDEA Title VI fellowships. Dr. Robinson teaches courses on Spanish and Portuguese seaborne empires and has traveled extensively throughout Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, and Europe.

Cruise *Highlights*

Set sail on an intercontinental sea voyage aboard **Sea Cloud Spirit**, tracing the historic maritime routes from Spain's volcanic **Canary Islands** to **Morocco, Gibraltar**, and **Andalusian Spain**.

Attend a private concert in the world's only volcanic cave auditorium, **Los Jameos del Agua**, on the Canary island of Lanzarote.

Walk through **Vegueta**, the oldest district in **Las Palmas de Gran Canaria**, founded in 1478 as the first permanent Spanish city in the Atlantic and the prototype for many Latin American cities.

Enjoy an inside look at the **Amazigh Heritage Museum** in Agadir, Morocco, home to over 900 pieces of jewelry and other treasures from one of North Africa's most ancient Indigenous cultures.

Discover how Italian writer Umberto Pasti has rescued thousands of endangered native Moroccan bulbs and plants on a guided tour of his **Rohuna Garden** near Tangier.

Take a guided walk through often-overlooked World War II history: **Gibraltar's 34-mile subterranean city** featuring a hospital, power station, and barracks for 16,000 British troops.

Revel in an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Jerez's prestigious **Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art**, attending its world-renowned performance of classical dressage.

Witness the production of the world's best-selling Fino sherry on a private tour of Tío Pepe's birthplace, Jerez's **Bodegas González Byass**, followed by a private tasting.

Experience guided access to **Seville's UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Seville Cathedral**, the world's largest Gothic cathedral, and the **Alcázar**, Europe's oldest royal palace still in use.

From **April 26 to May 9, 2026**, cruise with fellow Vanderbilt alumni aboard the elegant *Sea Cloud Spirit*. Journey in the wake of early navigators through Spain's **Canary Islands**, **Morocco**, **Gibraltar**, and **Andalusia**.

Experience lands connected through centuries of navigation and cultural exchange. With local experts in every region at your side, enjoy inside looks at UNESCO World Heritage Sites and architectural wonders, including:

- On **Lanzarote** in the Canary Islands, a private concert in the world's only volcanic cave concert hall
- The mosques, tiled palaces, gardens, and other treasures of **Agadir**, **Casablanca**, **Rabat**, **Tangier**, **Asilah**, and **Tétouan** in Morocco
- The world's largest Gothic cathedral and Europe's oldest still occupied royal residence in **Andalusia**
- An underground fortress city in **Gibraltar**, built during World War II to protect British troops

During our time in Morocco, those who wish to explore **Marrakech** may join an optional two-night interlude from **May 1 to 3, 2026**, experiencing the imperial city's palaces, gardens, and cuisine.

Your Vanderbilt study leader will be **W. Frank Robinson, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of History. He will share his insights alongside distinguished lecturers from co-sponsoring institutions. Dr. Robinson's expertise in Spanish and Portuguese maritime empires perfectly complements this voyage through lands shaped by these historical forces.

Travel with fellow alumni from Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, the University of Michigan, the University of Miami in Ohio, and Wake Forest. **To secure your cabin aboard *Sea Cloud Spirit* on this intercontinental sea voyage**, contact the Vanderbilt Travel Office at 615-322-3673 or alumni.travel@vanderbilt.edu. Inquire about joining the optional postlude in **Lisbon** from **May 9 to 11, 2026**.

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Gibraltar, United Kingdom

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Sunday, April 26: *Departure*

Depart for Las Palmas de Gran Canaria on an overnight flight.

Monday, April 27: *Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Canary Islands, Spain / Embark Sea Cloud Spirit*

Arrive this morning in **Las Palmas** and transfer to board **Sea Cloud Spirit**. Guests arriving early may join an optional guided afternoon tour of **Vegueta**, the city's oldest district. Founded in 1478 after the Spanish conquest of Gran Canaria, this district preserves the longest-standing architectural core in the Canary Islands. Walk cobblestone streets lined with wooden balconies, where Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, and Neoclassical buildings stand side by side.

This evening, join us for dinner aboard *Sea Cloud Spirit* as we sail to Lanzarote. **D**



Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain



Los Jameos del Agua, Lanzarote

Tuesday, April 28: *Day at Sea / Lanzarote*

Aboard **Sea Cloud Spirit**, enjoy a relaxing day at sea to explore the ship, meet fellow travelers, and rest after a day of travel. Stand on deck as the captain and crew raise over 30,000 square feet of canvas by hand, an intricately choreographed effort.

During the day, you may attend two lectures that introduce the cultural and historical themes of the journey, delivered by professors traveling with the group. This evening, as we arrive in **Lanzarote**, gather for the captain's welcome reception and dinner aboard the ship. **B,L,R,D**

Wednesday, April 29: *Arrecife (Lanzarote)*

Step ashore in **Arrecife**, Lanzarote, to explore landscapes forged by volcanoes and reimagined as a living canvas by local artist César Manrique (1919-1992).

Morning

Musical Performance at Los Jameos del Agua. Experience this 550-seat auditorium that Manrique converted from a series of collapsed lava tubes.

Afternoon

Lunch is at El Diablo Restaurant in Timanfaya, UNESCO-recognized volcanic terrain. Watch chefs grill dishes with geothermal heat radiating from the dormant volcano below.

Option 1: Expert-Guided Tour of the César Manrique Foundation, the artist's former home built atop a lava flow, integrating volcanic caves into its design.

Option 2: Bodega La Geria Private Wine Tour & Tasting. Learn about Lanzarote's unique winemaking process in these volcanic vineyards. **B,L,D**

Thursday, April 30:

Day at Sea

Enjoy the thrill of a full day under sail as **Sea Cloud Spirit** heads toward the African coast. Attend lectures from our accompanying study leaders and continue to take advantage of the ship's many amenities. This evening, enjoy dinner while *Sea Cloud Spirit* continues its passage to Morocco. **B,L,D**

Friday, May 1:

Agadir, Morocco / Paradise Valley or Oued Massa / Tifnit

Step ashore in **Agadir, Morocco**, where you may choose between these excursions:

Half-Day City Option: Agadir's Cultural Highlights.

Begin at the Kasbah, the city's oldest site, offering sweeping views of the bay and the remnants of the original 16th-century fortress.



Medina, Agadir, Morocco

Optional Marrakech Interlude May 1–3, 2026

Friday, May 1:

Depart Agadir in the morning, enjoying the changing landscapes on the drive through the Atlas foothills. Arrive in Marrakech by early afternoon for lunch and check into your hotel in Marrakech for a two-night stay.

In the evening, explore the **Jemaa el-Fna** square as it comes alive with storytellers, musicians, and food stalls. Dinner this evening is at leisure. **B,L**

Saturday, May 2:

Spend the day exploring Marrakech's architectural and cultural treasures with private access throughout. Visit the **Bahia Palace** before it opens to the public, followed by a guided walk through the Medina and artisan *souks* accompanied by a local design expert.

Stop for a private tea service in a historic *riad*, then visit the **Jardin Majorelle** and the **Yves Saint Laurent Museum** with skip-the-line entry or curator-led insight into the designer's legacy.

Savor lunch at **La Mamounia's Le Pavillon de la Piscine**, overlooking its legendary gardens. Return to the hotel and enjoy the afternoon at leisure, perhaps with a spa treatment or visit to a contemporary gallery.

This evening, attend an elegant dinner with live traditional music and a private performance of Andalusian music in an exclusive venue. **B,T,L,D**

Sunday, May 3:

Begin the morning with a private visit to **Le Jardin Secret**, a restored 19th-century palace and garden that exemplifies Islamic design. Depart late morning for Casablanca, with lunch en route, arriving in the late afternoon to reboard *Sea Cloud Spirit* and rejoin the main program, with dinner aboard the ship. **B,L,D**

Optional Interlude Rate
\$2,999 Double rate, per person
\$3,699 Single rate

Includes: Two nights at a Marrakech hotel, with meals (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, T=Tea, D=Dinner) and excursions as noted. *See main program for exclusions.*



Hassan II Mosque, Casablanca, Morocco

Continue to La Médina d'Agadir, a recreated traditional village designed by artist Coco Polizzi, showcasing Moroccan craftsmanship in wood, metal, and ceramics.

Afterwards, visit the Amazigh Heritage Museum to learn about Berber culture through jewelry, textiles, and traditional tools. End the tour at the Souk El Had, Agadir's lively market, where locals shop for spices, argan oil, and handicrafts.

Half-Day Desert Option: Paradise Valley. Enjoy an adventure through Paradise Valley, driving from the city to the countryside to see tiny streams and waterfalls flowing through picturesque villages. Enjoy some time to explore the area and take a refreshing break in the natural pools. Return to the ship for lunch.

Full-Day Desert Option: Oued Massa. Visit the heart of this nature reserve, home to numerous species of birds and reptiles.

Cross the dunes to arrive at Tifnit, a small fishing village, to learn about its history and fishing culture. Following lunch, visit the Youssef Ben Tachfine dam and a local pottery workshop before returning to the ship. **B,L,D**

Saturday, May 2: *Day at Sea*

Explore the various amenities and offerings aboard *Sea Cloud Spirit*, and join your study leaders for lectures in anticipation of your arrival in Casablanca. **B,L,D**

Sunday, May 3: *Casablanca / Rabat*

From **Casablanca**, Morocco's largest city and chief port, choose among these options:

Full-Day Option 1: Casablanca. Delight in a guided inside look at the innovatively designed Hassan II Mosque, built partially over the Atlantic.

Travel through the Ain Diab coastal resort area to the Anfa district, Casablanca's ancient core. Enjoy free time in the main square, Place Mohammed V.

Full-Day Option 2: Rabat. After touring the Hassan II Mosque, transfer to Morocco's capital, Rabat, to visit the Mohammed VI Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art. Take an enchanting stroll through the seaside 12th-century Kasbah des Oudaïas, Rabat's oldest quarter. **B,L,D**

Monday, May 4: *Day at Sea*

Enjoy a final full day of sailing and gather for lectures as we prepare to arrive in Tangier and onward to Spain and Gibraltar. **B,L,D**

Tuesday, May 5: *Tangier / Asilah or Tétouan*

Step ashore in glamorous **Tangier** with these options today:

Half-Day Option: Tangier Exploration. Enjoy guided looks at the Tangier American Legation Museum, the only U.S. National Historic Landmark abroad, and the Kasbah Museum, a former sultan's palace housing antiquities such as Roman mosaics.

Full-Day Option 1: Asilah & Private Garden Visit. Travel to the mythical Caves of Hercules, where the Greek god Heracles slept, according to legend, and look out of the famous Africa-shaped opening onto the Strait of Gibraltar.

Stroll through Asilah, an ancient fortified city of white-washed architecture, 15th-century Portuguese ramparts, and colorful murals.

Enjoy an *al fresco* lunch and private tour at Rohuna Garden, created by Italian horticulturist Umberto Pasti to preserve Moroccan wild plants.

Full-Day Option 2: Explore Tétouan's UNESCO-listed medina. Enjoy an exclusive visit to a traditional art school to observe students at work, followed by a visit to Morocco's largest Jewish cemetery.

Return to *Sea Cloud Spirit* for dinner this evening as the ship sails across the Strait of Gibraltar to Spain. **B,L,D**

Wednesday, May 6: *Cádiz, Spain*

This afternoon, arrive in **Cádiz, Spain**, where you may choose from the following options:

Option 1: Guided Old Town Tour. Walk with a local guide through the historic plazas of Cádiz, one of Europe's oldest continuously inhabited cities. Along the way, stop at traditional *tapas* bars, where locals gather for small plates and conversation. As evening falls, see the golden-domed Cádiz Cathedral illuminated against the darkening sky.

Option 2: Jerez Sherry Experience. Go behind the scenes at Bodegas González Byass, the birthplace of Tío Pepe Fino. Learn secrets of sherry production inside 19th-century cellars, followed by a tasting with *tapas*. **B,L,D**



Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art, Jerez, Spain

Thursday, May 7: *Cádiz, Spain / Jerez de la Frontera or Seville*

Andalusian Spain awaits today with these optional excursions:

Morning Option 1: Cádiz Exploration. Visit the 18th-century Catedral de la Santa Cruz and enter the Oratorio de la Santa Cueva to view three canvases by Francisco Goya.

Morning Option 2: Jerez Equestrian Art. At the globally prestigious Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art, enjoy a performance of classical dressage and exclusive behind-the-scenes access to the stables and training areas.

Full-Day Option: UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Seville. Visit the world's largest Gothic cathedral and enjoy expert-led tours of the Alcázar, Europe's oldest continuously used royal palace, and La Casa de Pilatos, a 15th-century palace known for its extensive *azulejo* tilework. **B,L,D**

Friday, May 8: *Gibraltar, United Kingdom*

Stand on deck as *Sea Cloud Spirit* navigates the **Strait of Gibraltar**, the ancient Pillars of Hercules, before arriving at the British Overseas Territory defined by its 1,398-foot limestone rock.

Ascend into **Saint Michael's Cave**, a natural grotto known since Roman times. Then explore a subterranean city created for 16,000 troops inside the **World War II Tunnels**, a 34-mile network carved by British Royal Engineers. **B,L,D**

Saturday, May 9: *Málaga, Spain / Disembark / Return*

Disembark and transfer to Málaga Airport for your return flight. **B**

Extend your adventure with an optional Lisbon postlude from May 9-11, 2026.

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Optional Lisbon Postlude May 9–11, 2026

Saturday, May 9:

*Málaga, Spain / Disembark Sea Cloud Spirit /
Lisbon, Portugal*

Morning

Upon disembarkation in Málaga, take a short flight to **Lisbon**, Western Europe's oldest capital after Athens. Visit two early 16th-century UNESCO World Heritage Sites linked to Portugal's Age of Discovery: **Belém Tower**, a Manueline-style fortification that guarded the harbor, and the vast, ornate **Jerónimos Monastery**, built to honor Vasco da Gama's voyage to India and housing his tomb.

Afternoon / Evening

After lunch, take a guided tour of the **National Tile Museum**, housed in a 16th-century convent. Follow the history of the *azulejo*, Portuguese ceramic tilework, from the 15th century to the present.

Venture into the Alfama district for dinner. Attend a performance of *fado*, the UNESCO-recognized traditional Portuguese music, at one of Lisbon's famed clubs. **L, D**

Sunday, May 10:

Lisbon / Sintra

Morning

Journey west to the historic royal retreat of **Sintra**, a UNESCO-recognized center of 19th-century Romantic architecture. First, you may stop en route at Lisbon's 17th-century **Palace of the Marquises of Fronteira**, with its extensive *azulejo* tile collection depicting historical battles.



Jerónimos Monastery, Lisbon, Portugal

Alternatively, visit Sintra's 19th-century **Montserrat Palace**, blending Neo-Gothic, Indian, and Moorish styles and surrounded by award-winning botanical gardens.

Afternoon / Evening

After lunch in Sintra, take a private tour through the wooded grounds of **Quinta da Regaleira**. This early 20th-century estate features Neo-Manueline architecture, enigmatic underground tunnels, and gardens filled with esoteric symbolism relating to alchemy and Masonic traditions, including the famous Initiation Well.

Return to Lisbon for a festive farewell dinner. **B,L,D**

Monday, May 11:

Lisbon / Return

Transfer to Lisbon airport this morning for your return flight home. **B**

Postlude Rate:

\$2,999 Double rate, per person

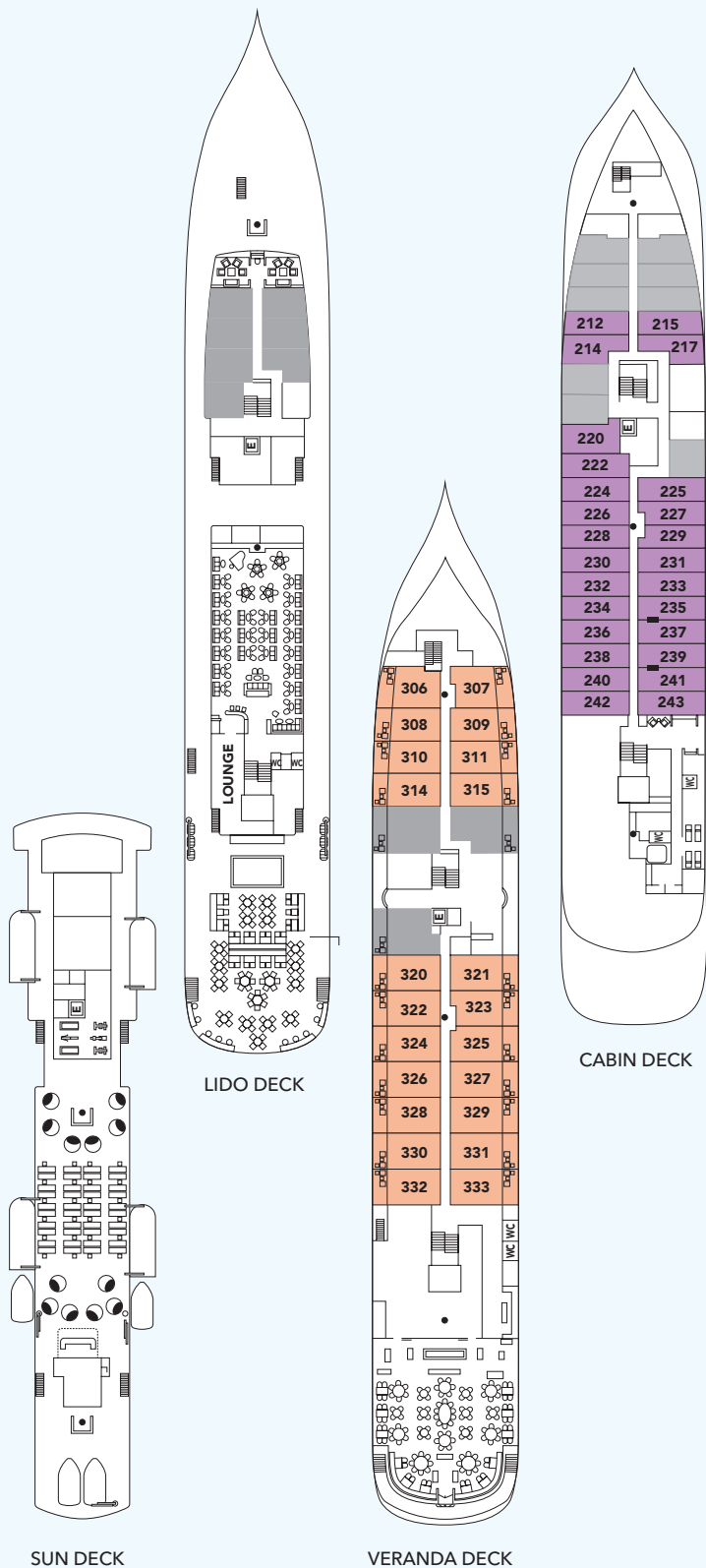
\$3,999 Single rate

Includes: Economy-class, one-way flight (Málaga-Lisbon), two nights at Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon, with meals (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner) and excursions as noted. *See main program for exclusions.* **Note: Lecturer is scheduled on the main program only.**



Palace of the Marquises of Fronteira, Sintra, Portugal

Sea Cloud Spirit



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CRUISE RATES

Cabins	Decks	Double	Single
212, 214, 215, 217, 220, 222, 224 to 243	Cabin	\$15,999	\$22,499
Deluxe cabins. 215 sq. ft; two single beds; bathroom equipped with sink, shower and WC			
306 to 311, 314 & 315, 320 to 333	Veranda	\$18,999	\$28,499
Junior Suites. Approx 300 sq. ft. including balcony; spacious bathroom equipped with sink, shower and WC			

Rate Includes

- Twelve nights cabin accommodations aboard *Sea Cloud 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 and beer with all included lunches and dinners; complimentary open bar aboard *Sea Cloud Spirit* throughout the cruise (including all standard spirits)
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/pier/airport transfers for participants on suggested flights
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities

Click for 360° panorama views of the cabins here:

Cabin Deck Cabins

Veranda Deck Cabins

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Sea Cloud Spirit



Sea Cloud Spirit

The elegant *Sea Cloud Spirit*, the newest addition to the legendary Sea Cloud fleet, combines the romance of traditional sailing with the amenities of a modern luxury yacht. Handcrafted with meticulous attention to detail, the ship carries just 136 guests in beautifully appointed cabins and suites, many with private balconies. Guests enjoy refined service, fine dining inspired by Mediterranean traditions, and inviting spaces including a serene wellness and spa area, fitness center, and expansive open decks perfect for watching the sails unfurl. With her graceful design and state-of-the-art technology, *Sea Cloud Spirit* offers an unparalleled sailing experience that bridges timeless elegance and contemporary comfort.



Junior Suite, Sea Cloud Spirit

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To reserve a place, please contact The Vanderbilt Travel Office at 615-322-3673 or complete and return this form with your deposit of \$2,000 per person (of which \$1,000 is non-refundable for administrative fees), payable to Arrangements Abroad. Mail to: *Arrangements Abroad*, 260 West 39th Street, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10018-4424.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Sea Cloud Spirit cabin preference (1) _____ (2) _____

I wish to share a room/cabin with

OPTIONAL MARRAKECH INTERLUDE

☐ I/ we would like to join the Optional Marrakech Interlude

Hotel Room Preference ☐ One bed ☐ Two beds

OPTIONAL LISBON POSTLUDE

☐ I/ we would like to join the Optional Lisbon Postlude

Hotel Room Preference ☐ One bed ☐ Two beds

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