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April 13-25, 2023
with **Ambassador Richard Erdman**

August 15-27, 2023
with **Jim Falk**

ANCIENT LOST CITIES OF NORTH AFRICA **A Voyage from Sicily to Lisbon**

Aboard the New Expedition Cruise Ship *DIANA*



Dear Friends of the World Affairs Council,

The history of the southern and western shores of the Mediterranean can be told from many perspectives. To an ancient historian, it is the story of early Phoenician expansion westward, followed by Roman conquests, and ending with the Punic Wars and the destruction of Carthage in the 2nd century BC. For a medievalist, the story begins with the stunningly rapid spread of Islam across North Africa and onto the Iberian Peninsula in the 6th-8th centuries and ends with the Spanish reconquest of Granada in 1492. From a contemporary perspective, we might choose to focus on the French colonization of Tunisia and Algeria, the rise of nationalism and radical Islam, and the "Arab Spring" of the 2010s.

During this voyage, we will touch on chapters of each of these stories, as we call in ports along North Africa and in Spain and Portugal. In Tunisia, the starting point of the Arab Spring, we visit the ruins of Carthage and marvel at the stunning Roman mosaics in the Bardo Museum. St. Augustine's Hippo Regius is our first call in Algeria, followed by the UNESCO-designated Roman ruins at Djemila and the tomb of Mauritanian King Juba II in Tipasa. Further west along the North African coast, we encounter unmistakable Islamic influences in the ancient medinas and modern markets of Oran, Tangier, and Tetouan. We end our journey in southern Iberia, including two days in cosmopolitan Seville, where the legacies of all the stories we have been tracing mingle in the monuments of this great Moorish city.

Joining us as guest lecturer on April 13-25, 2023 will be **Ambassador Richard Erdman**, whose more than 45-year career in the United States Department of State was focused on the lands surrounding the Mediterranean, including service as Ambassador to Algeria from 2003-2006. Joining us as guest lecturer on August 15-27, 2023 will be **Jim Falk**, President Emeritus, World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth, who first became interested in North Africa when living in Tunisia where he attended a French lycée and later became the Honorary Consul for the Kingdom of Morocco. They will each share with us a deep understanding of both the history and current affairs of this part of the world. **Note that the August 15-27, 2023 tour operates in the reverse direction, embarking in Lisbon on August 17 and disembarking in Palermo on August 27.**

Our vessel for this extraordinary journey will be a state-of-the-art, new-generation expedition cruise ship, currently under construction in Finland and due to launch in early 2023. Accommodating only 192 guests in beautifully appointed staterooms and balcony suites, Swan Hellenic's *Diana* will feature several lounges, a restaurant, outdoor cafe, spa, library and beauty salon, and will be equipped with the latest safety and environmentally-friendly technology.

Please join our distinguished lecturers - Richard Erdman in April and Jim Falk in August - and fellow members of the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia to discover some of the remarkably rich stories of the *Ancient Lost Cities of North Africa*.

Sincerely,

Shoshana Altrichter
Vice President of Travel
World Affairs Council of Philadelphia

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Cover: *Arch of Caracalla, Djemila, Algeria*

GUEST LECTURERS

AMBASSADOR RICHARD ERDMAN
APRIL 13-25, 2023



Ambassador Richard Erdman is a retired career diplomat with over 45 years of service. In recent years, he has been called out of retirement to serve in temporary ambassadorial assignments: Senior Area Adviser for the Middle East on the U.S. Delegation to

the annual fall UN General Assembly (2008 to the present); interim ambassador to Saudi Arabia (2009); Acting Deputy Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs (2012); and Acting U.S. Representative to the UN Economic and Social Council (2015).

Ambassador Erdman served as U.S. ambassador to Algeria, 2003-2006; Director for Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan Affairs (2001-2002). His earlier postings included Portugal, Washington, Yugoslavia, Cyprus, and Turkey.

JIM FALK
AUGUST 15-27, 2023



Jim Falk, President Emeritus of the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth, retired in March 2021 after serving as the organization's president since 2001. Now residing in Santa Fe, New Mexico he is member of the Board of Global Santa Fe where he chairs the

program committee. Additionally, Jim co-hosts The McCuiston Program, a public affairs program, that airs weekly on KERA-Dallas (PBS).

His interest in travel and global affairs grew from high school years spent in Tunis where he attended a French lycée. He is a graduate of Washington and Lee University and earned his MA in Foreign Affairs at the University of Virginia specializing in international law and Middle East politics. From 1978-1981, Jim was director of education at the Middle East Institute in Washington, D.C.

Currently, he serves as an advisory member of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition (USGLC) and The Asia Society, Texas and is a trustee of World Neighbors. During his years at the World Affairs Council of Dallas, he served several years on the National Board of the World Affairs Councils of America holding a number of leadership positions. In 2012, he was appointed Honorary Consul for the Kingdom of Morocco. Jim has led numerous trips on behalf of the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia to including Tunisia and Morocco. (During the trip, he will be speaking about contemporary politics in North Africa.)

THE NEW 192-GUEST EXPEDITION CRUISE SHIP *DIANA*



Oceanview Stateroom



SH Balcony Room



Observation Lounge



Sauna



Club lounge



Outdoor Café / Bar with swimming pool

Currently under construction in Finland and launching in early March 2023, Swan Hellenic's *Diana* is a new-generation expedition cruise ship. Although at 12,100 tons the ship is large enough to accommodate more than 350 passengers, *Diana* will accommodate a maximum of 192 guests in 96 spacious staterooms and balcony suites. The low guest density results in one of the most generous indoor and outdoor space-to-guest ratios among cruise ships.

Featuring the latest advances in technology and engineering, *Diana* is among the world's first environmentally-responsible ships. Equipped with hybrid engines, a system of powerful batteries, and a unique water filtration system, *Diana* leaves a minimal footprint. For cruising

in Polar regions, the ship meets the stringent requirements of the new Polar Code with its high PC5 Category A ice-strengthened hull and other advanced features. A computer-controlled Dynamic Positioning System allows the ship to maintain position without anchoring. Operated by a complement of 135 experienced European officers and international crew members, *Diana* will carry a fleet of Zodiacs, versatile landing boats, and kayaks. Powerful stabilizers provide a smooth ride.

Diana's interior spaces exude sophisticated elegance, with most rooms opening to panoramic views of the sea. All staterooms and suites face outside and are equipped with private facilities, climate control, TV, Wi-Fi and USB connections

and other amenities. Of the ship's 96 staterooms, 76 have balconies. Public areas include a spacious observation lounge equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for lectures and presentations; a club lounge; a restaurant that accommodates all guests at one seating; an outdoor café/bar that surrounds the heated swimming pool; a wellness area with gym, spa, and sauna with an adjoining outdoor jacuzzi; library; beauty salon; and an infirmary that is attended by a full-time doctor and nurse. The ship also features expansive open-deck areas. Two elevators connect all decks. Attentive service is provided on a 24-hour basis. The outstanding cuisine is complemented by fine wines at lunch and dinner.



Detail of mosaic in Capella Palatina, Palermo



Carthage, Tunisia



Basilica of Saint Augustin, Annaba, Algeria



Tetouan Medina, Morocco

ITINERARY

Thursday, April 13, 2023
DEPART THE UNITED STATES

Friday, April 14
PALERMO, SICILY, ITALY

Arrive in Palermo and transfer to the elegant *Grand Hotel Wagner*, our home for the night. Gather this evening for a welcome dinner with fellow travelers. (D)

Saturday, April 15
PALERMO/EMBARKATION

Palermo is one of the Mediterranean's most enchanting cities. Founded by the Phoenicians in 827 BC and conquered by the Saracens in the 9th century, Palermo became one of Europe's greatest cities in the 12th century, when the Normans took control. Visit the Cappella Palatina, the royal chapel built by Roger II between 1132 and 1143. A wonder of Byzantine-Arab-Norman artistry, it features dazzling mosaics, an exquisitely carved wooden ceiling, and magnificent inlaid marble floors and walls. We will also travel to nearby Monreale to visit its famed Norman cathedral and elegant cloister before embarking *Diana* in the late afternoon. (B,L,D)

Sunday, April 16
TUNIS, TUNISIA

From Tunis, travel to storied Carthage, a Phoenician stronghold from the 9th century BC. The site includes several Phoenician remains, including Tophet, the sanctuary of the gods Tanit and Baal, as well as many monuments from the Roman period. Returning to Tunis, we explore the Bardo Museum, world-renowned for its spectacular collection of Roman mosaics, and enjoy time at leisure visiting the city's medina and its souks. (B,L,D)

Monday, April 17
ANNABA, ALGERIA

Annaba is home to the ancient site of Hippo Regius, once ruled by Phoenicians, Romans, Vandals, and Byzantines, among others. Explore Hippo's Roman Forum, the largest and oldest in North Africa, and visit the Baths dedicated to Septimius Severus. At the nearby modern Basilica of St. Augustine, we will enjoy the hilltop view over the ruins and the rest of the city before visiting the basilica proper, which is dedicated to the early 5th century bishop of Hippo and author of the *Confession* and *The City of God*. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, April 18
BEJAIA/DJEMILA

From the port of Bejaia, a drive into the hills

of the interior brings us to Djemila, which the UNESCO World Heritage convention describes as "one of the world's most beautiful Roman ruins." The site includes a Triumphal Arch to Emperor Caracalla, built in AD 216; Grand Baths; a market; and the Old Forum, featuring stunning friezes and a third-century altar. Also visit the local museum, exhibiting a superb collection of mosaics and other artifacts. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, April 19
ALGIERS/TIPASA

Located about 40 miles west of Algiers, Tipasa's ancient temples and ruins overlook the Mediterranean to dramatic effect. Visit the Villa of Frescoes, a Roman mansion; the second-century Judicial Basilica; a 4th-century Christian Basilica; the site's museum; and the Tombeau de la Chretienne, burial place of Mauritanian King Juba II and his wife, Cleopatra Selene. Time permitting, we will discover some of the delights of contemporary Algiers before returning to the ship. (B,L,D)

Thursday, April 20
ORAN

Oran, like much of North Africa, has been ruled by a variety of powers—Berbers, Arabs, Ottomans, Spanish, and French. Today, as the second largest city in Algeria, it is a center of commerce,



Portugal's attractive town of Silves is dominated by its castle



Rug Market, Tangier

industry, and culture. We will explore several of Oran's highlights, including the 17th-century Fort Santa Cruz that overlooks the city and the Sidi El Houari district. We will also visit the Medina Jedida, a massive market selling flowers, textiles, jewelry, and souvenirs of every description. Here we will have the opportunity to sample Algerian street food, including kerentica, a cake made with chickpea flower and eggs that is a specialty of Oran. (B,L,D)

Friday, April 21
TANGIER, MOROCCO/TETOUAN

Founded by the Phoenicians in the seventh century BC, Tangier was ruled by Arabs in the early 8th-century, when it and nearby Tetouan were used as bases for the invasion of southern Spain. Explore Tangier's, a classic Moroccan town of narrow lanes and stepped passages, dominated by a kasbah. Then travel to Tetouan, which was rebuilt in the 15th century by Andalusian refugees who had been expelled during the Spanish reconquest. Although it is a small medina, Tetouan's is among the most authentic, having been largely untouched by later outside influences. (B,L,D)

Saturday, April 22
SEVILLE, SPAIN

Occupied by the Romans, conquered by the Moors, and ruled by a succession of Catholic monarchs, Seville is one of Europe's most important and affluent maritime cities. After docking in the city along the banks of the Guadalquivir River, explore the Alcazar, the oldest royal palace still in use in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Travel to the historic Barrio Santa Cruz, a neighborhood of labyrinthine streets and alleys dating to the Middle Ages, when it was the old Jewish Quarter. Enjoy some time at leisure, as the ship remains docked overnight. (B,L,D)

Sunday, April 23
SEVILLE

This morning, tour Seville's large and fanciful Gothic Cathedral—the largest Gothic cathedral in the world and the burial site of Christopher Columbus. See the Cathedral's main points of interest, including the Capilla Mayor and La Giralda—the intricately detailed bell tower that is the city's most well-known symbol. Also visit Maria Luisa Park, once a private garden attached to the Palace of San Telmo, now Seville's largest public green space. In the afternoon, we reboard *Diana* and cruise down the Guadalquivir River on our way to Portugal. (B,L,D)

Monday, April 24
PORTIMAO, PORTUGAL

Portimao is our gateway to the Algarve and to Silves and Monchique. Silves is a typical Algarve village of cobblestoned streets lined with shops

selling local handicrafts, many of them housed in buildings of Arab and Moorish design. Moorish Silves Castle, the best-preserved castle in the region, offers panoramic views of the town and the surrounding countryside. In Monchique, we will visit Caldas de Monchique, the hot springs famous since antiquity for their healing waters and among the most-visited places in the Algarve. (B,L,D)

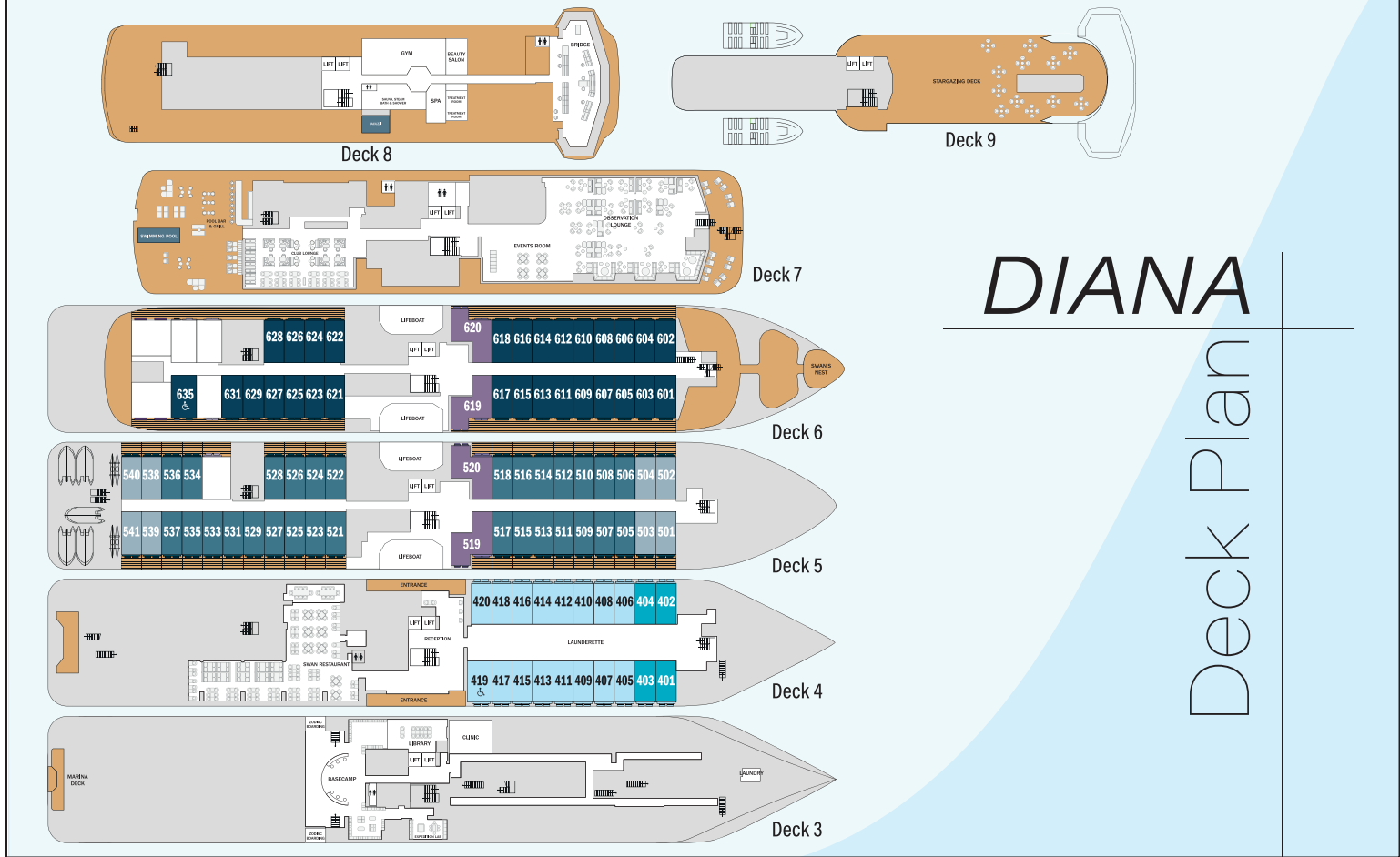
Tuesday, April 25
LISBON/ DISEMBARK

After breakfast aboard, disembark and transfer to the airport for flights homeward. (B)

Note: The August 15-27, 2023 program begins in Lisbon on August 16 and ends in Palermo on August 27.



The Royal Alcazar of Seville



DIANA

Deck Plan

RATES

All accommodations aboard *Diana* are spacious staterooms and balcony suites. They are elegantly decorated, face outside, affording sea views, and include a queen-size bed that can be arranged as two twin beds, a spacious bathroom, mini-refrigerator, safe, ample closet space, climate control, telephone, TV, Wi-Fi, and USB connections, as well as other amenities.

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	RATES PER PERSON / DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
E	Oceanview staterooms with two large oval windows. 206 sq. ft. Deck 4. Staterooms 401 - 404.	\$ 10,590
D	Oceanview staterooms with two large oval windows. 206 sq. ft. Deck 4. Staterooms 405 - 420.	\$ 10,990
C	Suites with balcony & living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 5. Suites 501 - 504, 538 - 541.	\$ 11,790
B	Suites with balcony & living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 5. Suites 505 - 518, 521 - 537.	\$ 12,190
A	Suites with balcony & living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 6. Suites 601 - 618, 621 - 635.	\$ 12,590
AA	Suites with large balcony, separate bedroom & living room. 474 sq. ft. Decks 5 & 6. Suites 519, 520, 619 & 620.	\$ 13,790

SAVINGS FOR SOLO TRAVELERS

A limited number of cabins are available for single occupancy in categories E to B at no additional charge. Additional single cabins are available at a supplement of 50% of the per person double occupancy rate, instead of the normal 70% supplement.

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

The rates are all-inclusive. There are no hidden costs and no additional charges such as shore excursions or embarkation and port charges. Other than the international airfare and expenses of a personal nature, all else is included. Specifically, the rates include:

April 13-25, 2023

- One night at the deluxe *Grand Hotel Wagner* in Palermo (or similar.)
- Welcome dinner in Palermo, and lunch on the day of embarkation.
- Lectures and discussions by Ambassador Richard Erdman.

August 15- 27, 2023

- One night at the *Avenida Palace Hotel* in Lisbon (or similar.)
- Welcome dinner in Lisbon.
- Lectures and discussions by Jim Falk.

Both departures include:

- Cruise aboard the *Diana*, as described in the itinerary.
- Group airport/hotel/pier transfers at designated times, and handling of luggage.
- Additional lectures by members of the onboard team of experts.
- Complete program of tours and excursions as mentioned in the itinerary including lunch on full day tours with professional English-speaking guides.
- All meals aboard the ship, with a selection of wines, beer and soft drinks during lunch and dinner.
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard the ship hosted by the captain.
- Open bar with select alcoholic beverages.
- Coffee, including espresso and cappuccino, tea and soft drinks throughout the day and night.
- 24-hour room service.
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- Basic Wi-Fi aboard the ship.
- The services of an experienced Thalassa Journeys Trip Director.
- All local taxes and service charges, including port and embarkation taxes.
- Complete pre-departure material.

NOT INCLUDED: International airfare; travel insurance; expenses of a personal nature; any items not mentioned in the itinerary or the above inclusions.

REGISTRATION

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$ 1,500 per person) as a deposit to hold _____ place(s) on ***Ancient Cities of North Africa***, April 13-25, 2023 or August 15-27, 2023 with World Affairs Council. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure and is payable by check.

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April 13-25, 2023 August 15-27, 2023

PLEASE SELECT CABIN CATEGORY IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE

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DATE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of \$1,500 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Payment can be made by personal check or charged to a credit card.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations are subject to a \$300 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received 61-90 days prior to departure will be assessed a penalty equal to 50% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received within 60 days of departure are subject to 100% cancellation penalties. Requests for cancellations must be made in writing. No refunds will be made for any part of this program in which you choose not to participate.

INSURANCE: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

ITINERARY: The itinerary, accommodations and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Thalassa Journeys.

RESPONSIBILITY: Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the traveler and Thalassa Journeys. Thalassa Journeys acts solely as agents for the traveler with respect to all transportation, hotel and other tour arrangements. In that capacity, we exercise all reasonable care possible to ensure the traveler's safety and satisfaction, but, we neither assume nor bear any responsibility or liability for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity arising in connection with the services of any ship, airplane, train, automobile, motor coach, carriage or other conveyance, or the actions of any third-party, involved in carrying the traveler or in affecting these tours. We are not responsible for damages, additional expenses, or any other losses due to cancellation, delay or other changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, civil disturbances, acts or threats of terrorism, travel warnings or bans, termination or suspension of war risks or other carrier insurance, quarantine, acts of God or other causes beyond our control. All such losses must be borne by the traveler, and tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. In the event of cancellation, delay or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the traveler shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by us, or else, receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as we are able to recover on the traveler's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc., but, we shall not have any obligation or liability to the traveler beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour's itinerary and to substitute hotels, transportation methods, or lecturers if this is required. We reserve the right to cancel, delay, or reschedule any tour prior to departure, and, so long as this is not due to any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the traveler shall be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid to that point if he/she so desires. No refund shall be made for any unused portion of any tour. By forwarding their deposit(s), the traveler certifies that he/she and/or their dependents, minors or others covered thereby do not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that could create a hazard for them or other travelers. We reserve the right to decline to accept or to decline to retain any person as a member of any tour should such person's health, condition or actions adversely affect or threaten the welfare or safety of other travelers or impede the tour. Baggage or valuables brought on the tour shall be transported, handled or stored at the traveler's risk entirely, and, we shall bear no liability or responsibility for any damage or other loss thereto. Resolution of any disputes arising hereunder shall be affected exclusively in the state or federal courts presiding in Florida, pursuant to applicable Florida law.

RATES: Tour costs are based upon current airfares, tariffs, and currency values. While we do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change.

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Cathedral, Seville