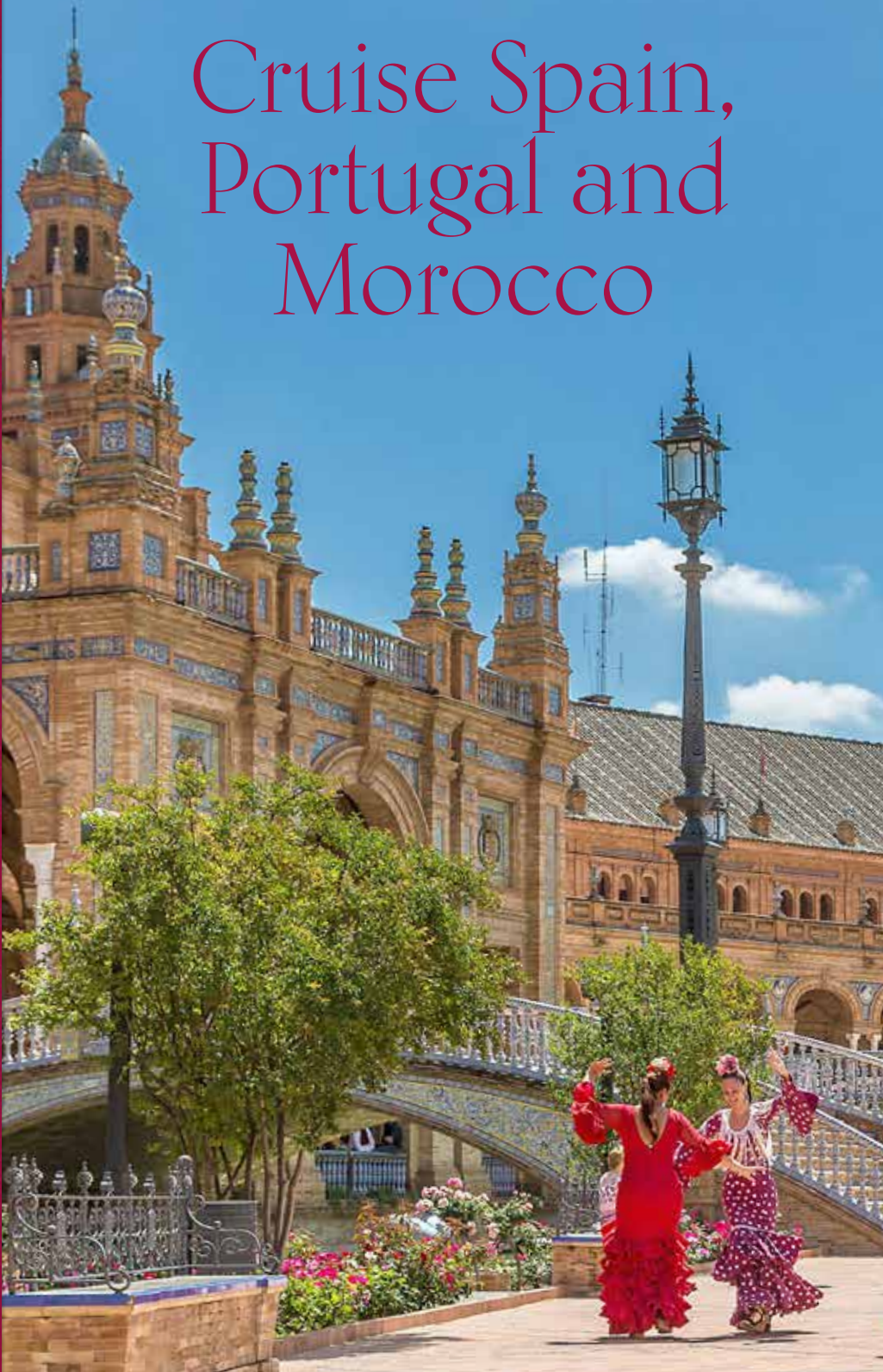




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Cruise Spain, Portugal and Morocco



The background of the entire page is a photograph of the Plaza de España in Seville, Spain. It features ornate, multi-tiered tiled pillars in shades of blue, yellow, and green, with intricate geometric and floral patterns. The architecture is a blend of Moorish and Renaissance styles.

THROUGH THE STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR

Savor the sights, sounds and flavors of three countries and two continents on a 10-day journey from Portugal's Algarve region to the North African coast of Morocco and on to the Catalanian shores of Spain. Cruise for eight nights aboard the deluxe **World Navigator** and experience a transcontinental passage through the Strait of Gibraltar — known to ancient Greeks and Romans as the Pillars of Hercules, marking the boundary of the known world. Stand at the crossroads of faith and enlightenment as you explore the walled port town of Lagos, once the center of trade between Moorish Portugal and Africa. Visit the 11th-century Royal Alcázar of Seville and traverse the streets of Tangier, a gateway to Africa that has seen many ruling empires over the millennia. Discover the wonder of the Alhambra palace and Generalife gardens in Granada and bask in sun-kissed Valencia, birthplace of *paella*. Your epic adventure concludes with an excursion to Barcelona to see Gaudí's world-famous Basilica de la Sagrada Família, an architectural masterpiece that remains unfinished to this day.

Front cover: *Traditionally dressed Flamenco dancers in Seville, Spain.*

This page: *Ornamentally tiled architecture at the Plaza de España in Seville, Spain*



Dear Council Traveler,

Experience the rich cultural and culinary traditions of Portugal, Morocco and Spain on this exclusive, 10-day journey. Cross two continents and sail through the Strait of Gibraltar aboard the deluxe **World Navigator**, a small ship able to dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger vessels.

Our 8-night cruise includes stops at seven spectacular port cities — Lisbon, Portimão, Seville, Tangier, Malaga, Valencia, and Tarragona — with excursions throughout. From iconic Moorish landmarks to medieval monuments, see the best of this remarkable region. Highlights include a tour of the walled port town of Lagos, a visit to the fortified Royal Alcázar of Seville and a choice of included excursions in the Moroccan city of Tangier. You'll also explore the UNESCO-designated Alhambra palace and Generalife gardens in Granada and may opt to take a *paella* cooking class in the coastal city of Valencia. Conclude your adventure with an excursion to Barcelona that includes a city tour and a visit to Antoni Gaudí's UNESCO-designated Basílica de la Sagrada Família.

This spectacular program is an excellent value so we urge you to reserve now while space and early booking savings are available. Other educational groups share this departure, so make your reservation today. Call (800) 942-5004 x option 2 (email: travel@wacphila.org).

Warm Regards,

Andrew Haught, Director of Travel

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Retrace Ancient Trade Routes

Discover the architectural treasures and interconnected history of Portugal, Morocco and Spain, revealed through their fortified medieval towns and coastal cities. The cross-continental collaboration and joint influences of Greco-Roman, Judeo-Christian and Moorish civilizations ushered in a new era of advances in mathematics, science, medicine, horticulture and philosophy — creating the catalyst for global trade from the 15th through 18th centuries. Ships sailing from these shores to the New World brought back riches to the region, generating great wealth among this unique mélange of cultures and sparking a veritable renaissance in art and architecture. From the coasts of Portugal and Spain to the ancient maritime port of Tangier, Morocco, experience the allure of these seaside gems as you retrace voyages in the wake of mariners past.



Alhambra Court of the Lions, Granada

Global Cuisine



Morocco and the coasts of Portugal and Spain have a rich culinary history that has changed the face of global cuisine, most remarkably with dishes featuring bold flavors and spices. One of the most famous foods hailing primarily from Valencia, Spain, is *paella* — a flavorful rice dish traditionally made with olive oil, chicken broth, vegetables and a variety of meats and seafood. The dish got its name from the traditional wide, shallow pan used to cook it, with *paella* literally meaning “frying pan” in Valencian. The signature yellow color of the dish traditionally comes from saffron, but turmeric and calendula can be used as substitutes. Paella had humble beginnings, originally being considered a lunchtime meal for farmers and made with whatever was on hand at that time.

Another popular dish native to the region is *couscous*, which has roots in Morocco and is prepared from ground wheat rolled into pellets. Experience these savory cultural staples firsthand on our tour with a cooking demonstration and lunch in Tangier, Morocco, and an optional trip to the market in Valencia, followed by a paella cooking class with a local chef.



Paella is cooked in a shallow pan



Moroccan meal, featuring couscous

INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).



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2025 | 10-DAY/9-NIGHT ITINERARY

Depart Home City

Day 1 | April 26

Depart your home city.

Lisbon/Embark Ship

Day 2 | April 27

Arrive in Lisbon and embark the **World Navigator**. Enjoy a festive Captain's Welcome Reception, followed by dinner on board this evening. (L,R,D)

Portimão for Lagos

Day 3 | April 28

Disembark for an excursion to the ancient maritime port city of Lagos. Visit the statue of Infante Dom Henrique — a monument to Prince Henry the Navigator — and the Church of St. António, known for its intricately carved wood interior. You'll also learn more about the disturbing history of slavery during the 15th century with a visit to the Mercado de Escravos, site of the first modern slave market in Europe. (B,L,D)

Seville

Day 4 | April 29

Start the day with a tour of the impressive Royal Alcázar of Seville, a fortified 11th-century Moorish palace that represents the Islamic and Christian cultures that have ruled over the centuries. A UNESCO World Heritage site, its architecture is an evolving tapestry of Mudéjar style and a blend of Islamic, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and Romantic influences. Today, it is one of the official residences of the Spanish royal family and the oldest royal palace in Europe that's still in use.

Visit the magnificent Cathedral of Seville, a Gothic masterpiece that replaced a mosque on that site, keeping its famous Giralda bell tower in place. (B,L,D)

Tangier

Day 5 | April 30

After five centuries under Roman rule, Tangier fell to the Vandals

and ultimately became part of the Byzantine empire — origins that created a vibrant ancient metropolis. A walking tour takes you to Tangier's kasbah, an 18th-century fortress. See weavers and artisans creating their handmade crafts in the souks and learn about the flavors of Moroccan cuisine.

Continue on to Grand Socco Square through the narrow alleys of Petit Socco, where produce vendors, butchers and flower sellers set up shop. Visit a local restaurant for a Moroccan cooking demonstration and lunch, followed by a choice between two included excursions: Cave of Hercules or a Medina Visit. Later this evening, enjoy a cruise through the Strait of Gibraltar. (B,L,D)

Málaga for Granada

Day 6 | May 1

A scenic drive takes you to Granada, where you may explore



Mercado de Escravos, Lagos



Portugal's stunning Algarve coast



Medina in Tangier, Morocco



Royal Alcázar of Seville

the Alhambra Palace and its magnificent Generalife gardens —collectively a UNESCO World Heritage site. Originally designed as a military area, the Alhambra became the residence of the royal court of Granada in the middle of the 13th century, and later a citadel with high ramparts and defensive towers. Admire the exquisite detail that made it both an artistic treasure and a hilltop stronghold. (B,L,D)

Day at Sea

Day 7 | May 2

Relax on board with a day at sea. Attend a lecture, admire the spectacular views or enjoy the ship's luxury amenities as you cruise the coast of Spain. (B,L,D)

Valencia

Day 8 | May 3

The sun-kissed city of Valencia was founded as a Roman colony

in 138 B.C. amidst a fertile plain of orange groves — an ingredient that's become a staple in the city's foodie culture. It is also the birthplace of *paella*, a flavorful rice dish that's become a signature of Spanish cuisine.

Your visit includes a choice of one of two included excursions: Market Visit & Paella Cooking Class or a History & Architecture tour of the city.

Enjoy the Captain's Farewell Reception later this evening. (B,L,R,D)

Tarragona for Barcelona

Day 9 | May 4

Disembark for an excursion to Barcelona, an ancient Roman trading port on the northeastern coast of Spain. Discover its Catalan charm and the modern marvels of Antoni Gaudí on a driving tour.

Visit Gaudí's revered Basílica de la Sagrada Família,

a UNESCO World Heritage site. Construction began in 1882 and it is still unfinished to this day, with an estimated completion date of 2026. The basilica is known for its flying buttresses and other unique elements, including soaring towers and columns within the church said to symbolize the four evangelists.

Return to the ship, which will be docked at Tarragona for the evening. (B,L,D)

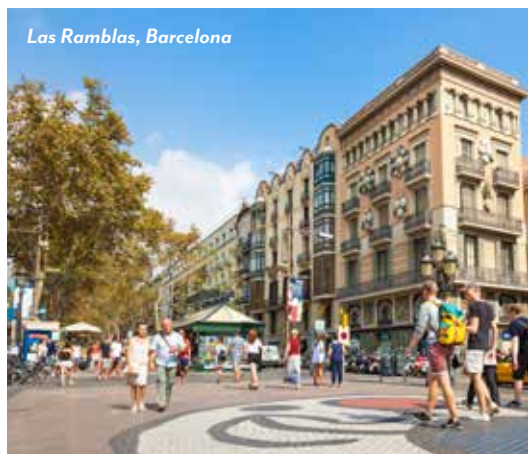
Tarragona/ Disembark Ship/ Barcelona/Return to Home City

Day 10 | May 5

After breakfast, disembark the ship and transfer to the Barcelona Post-Tour or travel to the airport in Barcelona for your return flight home. (B)



Infante Dom Henrique Square, Lagos



Las Ramblas, Barcelona



World Navigator

This newly constructed small ship, an intimate yacht appointed in retro-chic elegance, is able to dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships. Each of the 95 suites and staterooms (up to 465 square feet) features a stunning ocean view, and most include a private balcony. All accommodations in your private haven at sea offer a queen-sized bed that can be separated into 2 twin beds, a private bathroom with spa shower, and luxury hotel-style amenities—including bath products from L'Occitane. Complimentary alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverages and Wi-Fi access are available throughout the cruise. All meals aboard ship are included, featuring culinary adventures that rival your discoveries ashore.



2025 DEPARTURE DATE

April 26 to May 5
(Embarkation: April 27)

Category-Description		Standard Rate	Early Booking \$1,000 Savings*
8	Stateroom with panoramic ocean view picture window. Deck 3	\$6,995	\$5,995
7	Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, forward.	\$8,095	\$7,095
6	Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, midship.	\$8,795	\$7,795
5	Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, midship.	\$9,395	\$8,395
4	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, aft.	\$10,595	\$9,595
3	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, aft.	\$11,195	\$10,195
2	Stateroom with balcony. Deck 6.	\$11,495	\$10,495
1	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and interior sitting area. Deck 6.	\$12,695	\$11,695
Journey Suite 2	Suite with large private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5.	\$14,595	\$13,595
Journey Suite 1	Suite with large private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6.	\$16,295	\$15,295
Discovery Suite	Suite with larger private balcony and separate living room with sofa. Deck 5.	\$16,695	\$15,695
Navigator Suite 2	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate living room with sofa and floor-to-ceiling ocean view, large private balcony , bathroom has a tub and two sinks. Deck 5.	\$18,495	\$17,495
Navigator Suite 1	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate living room with sofa and floor-to-ceiling ocean view, large private balcony , bathroom has a tub and two sinks. Deck 6.	\$19,295	\$18,295

***Early Booking Savings of \$1,000 are available when you book by 10/1/24 and pay in full at time of booking. If you pay only your deposit by early booking date, you still save \$500 per person.**

All rates are per person, based on double occupancy, excluding taxes. Single supplements apply to categories 6, 7, & 8 at 160% of the per person double price and subject to availability. All other categories are at 200%.

Port taxes are an additional \$195 per person. Deck plans available upon request.

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PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

Lisbon

April 24 to 27, 2025 (Program Begins: April 25)

Start your journey with two nights in Lisbon, the capital city of Portugal. Stroll around the former royal residence of Queluz, otherwise known as the Portuguese Versailles, and its elegant lounges and beautiful gardens. Later, visit the charming village of Sintra — a UNESCO World Heritage site famous for its mountain range, climate and countryside palaces. Marvel at the Old Royal Palace, which houses the oldest glazed tiles in Portugal and the biggest conical chimneys of medieval times. Accommodations are in the ***Tivoli Avenida Liberdade***.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: **\$1,095**

Price per person, based on single occupancy: **\$1,395**



POST-TOUR EXTENSION

Barcelona

May 5 to 7, 2024 (Program Ends: May 7)

Conclude your tour with two nights immersed in the heart of Barcelona, an ancient Roman trading port that now serves as the lively capital city of Catalonia. See the *Barri Gòtic* or Gothic Quarter, a masterpiece begun in 1298 and finished in 1454. See Pablo Picasso's defining cubist artwork at the Picasso Museum, the first museum dedicated to his work and the only one created during his lifetime. Discover the UNESCO-inscribed modern marvels of Antoni Gaudí, including an excursion to Park Güell. Accommodations are in the deluxe ***Majestic Hotel & Spa***.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: **\$1,095**

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Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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