



University of Illinois
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Lisbon to Casablanca & Andalusia

October 5, 2027 - October 14, 2027

Program Overview

Step aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe World Voyager for an extraordinary eight-night cruise across two continents and four countries, following the storied trade routes that once connected Africa and Europe. Sail from Lisbon, Portugal, to Casablanca, Morocco, and explore some of the most historically rich and culturally vibrant cities along the Iberian Peninsula and the northeast African coast. Enjoy exciting excursions in storied port cities that once linked ancient empires in Portugal, Gibraltar, Spain and Morocco. Begin in Portugal to discover the maritime charm and ancient walls of Lagos and Portimão — both once vital hubs of Portuguese exploration. Continue to Seville, where you'll visit its majestic cathedral. In Gibraltar, stand atop the iconic Rock — known to the ancients as the Pillars of Hercules — encounter Barbary Apes, and explore the stunning St. Michael's Cave. Then stroll the vibrant souks of Tangier and uncover the layered history of Rabat before delving into Casablanca's breathtaking Hassan II Mosque, adorned with intricate Moroccan craftsmanship. Optional extensions in Marrakech and Lisbon add even more depth to this educational and cultural journey through time.



Seville flamenco dancer, Spain



Ponta da Piedade in Lagos, Portugal



Rock of Gibraltar

Program Highlights

- Journey to 4 countries from the Iberian Peninsula to northern Africa on an 8-night cruise aboard World Voyager, an exclusively chartered, deluxe small ship.
- Specially arranged excursion in Casablanca and Rabat, featuring a visit to Hassan II Mosque, Morocco's largest mosque, and the opulent Mohammed V Mausoleum.
- Visits to 2 UNESCO World Heritage sites: Rabat, Modern Capital and Historic City, and Seville Cathedral.
- Included meals | 2 receptions, 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 8 dinners.
- Lisbon Pre-Tour Extension and Marrakech Post-Tour Extension. (Available at additional cost.)



Day-by-Day Program Itinerary

- The Activity Level ratings indicate each excursion's physical expectations. To make the best personal choice, please evaluate each excursion's rating and your ability to meet the tour's physical demands.

Mild excursions involve:

- Walking for 1.5 hours or more over uneven terrain
- Walking on challenging surfaces: cobblestones, uneven paths and/or pavements
- Climbing stairs and hills and crossing rail tracks
- Ascending and descending narrow (and sometimes steep) gangplanks
- Stepping on and off motorcoaches with 3-6 steep steps

Moderate excursions could involve the above, plus:

- Walking for 3 hours for distances of a mile or more
- Walking on uneven terrain: narrow cobblestone streets, stone floors, and/or slippery surfaces. There may be several flights of stairs, some without railings

Active excursions could involve the above, plus:

- Walking on uneven terrain: sandy or rocky beaches and/or steep inclines
- Standing for 2 hours or more at a time, possibly without areas to sit
- Climbing 100 stairs or more
- Additional challenges, such as long jeep rides, bumpy boat rides or hikes

- Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives to active excursions may be available.

Day 1 | Depart Home City

Depart your home city for Lisbon, Portugal.

Day 2 | Lisbon, Portugal | Embark

Arrive in Lisbon. This afternoon, transfer and embark on the deluxe World Voyager, which departs Lisbon later this afternoon. Settle into your suite or stateroom and attend a Gohagan & Company safety drill.

Say hello to your fellow travelers as you relish a delicious evening's dinner aboard the ship this evening.

Day 3 | Portimão | Lagos

Breakfast will be served aboard the ship every morning during your cruise. Enjoy a morning of cruising before arriving in Portimão. Once a significant ancient maritime port and the capital of Algarve from 1577 to 1756, Lagos' origins date back to at least 2000 B.C., with early settlements by the Phoenicians, Carthaginians and Romans before it became an important Moorish town in the 8th century and was later reconquered by the Portuguese in 1249. During the Age of Discovery in the 15th and 16th centuries, Lagos served as a key departure point for explorers, including Prince Henry the Navigator's expeditions along the West African coast. The town thrived on maritime trade and shipbuilding and, later, the transatlantic slave trade, as Lagos housed Europe's first slave market in 1444.

After lunch on board, you will disembark the ship for your afternoon excursion to Lagos.

Lagos City Tour. Today, take a guided tour of this historical coastal town known for its dramatic cliffs, stunning beaches and rich maritime heritage. You'll see the statue of Infante Dom Henrique — a monument to Prince Henry the Navigator — and the intricately carved Church of San Antonio. Built in 1707 and rebuilt after an earthquake in 1755, the church is a fine example of baroque architecture. You will also learn about the history of slavery in Lagos during the 15th century and see the historical Mercado de Escravos building, the site of Europe's first slave market, in 1444. (Mild)

Return to the ship to relax and refresh.

Meet and mingle with your fellow travelers at the Captain's Welcome Reception this evening, followed by a dinner aboard the ship.

The ship departs Portimão tonight, cruising for Seville, Spain.

Day 4 | Seville, Spain

The ship arrives in Seville. Nestled along the banks of the Guadalquivir River in the heart of Andalusia, Seville is a city of vibrant culture, rich history and breathtaking architecture. Famous for its Moorish, Gothic and baroque influences, Seville's streets are lined with orange trees, charming plazas and lively tapas bars. Andalusia is the birthplace of flamenco, and Seville's atmospheric neighborhoods, like Triana and Santa Cruz, echo with the passionate rhythms of guitar and dance. By day, the city dazzles with its historical grandeur, and by night, it comes alive with bustling cafés, music and a warm Andalusian spirit.

Seville Walking Tour. In this culturally rich Andalusian city, stroll through the iconic Plaza de España, with its grand semi-circular design and colorful ceramic tiles that capture the essence of Spanish artistry. During your guided walk, you'll see Seville's top highlights, including the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage-listed Catedral de Sevilla, better known as the Seville Cathedral. The enormous Gothic cathedral was built on the site of a former Moorish mosque; its construction began in 1401 and took over a century to complete. It is home to Christopher Columbus' tomb and famous for the Giralda, a former minaret converted into the cathedral's bell tower. The cathedral's blend of Moorish, Gothic, Renaissance and baroque influences reflects Seville's diverse history and cultural heritage. (Moderate)

Free Time: You will have the option of returning to the ship or remaining in town for leisure time, giving you more time to explore Seville.

Day 5 | Seville

After breakfast, disembark the ship for your morning excursion in Seville.

Return to the ship later this afternoon, followed by dinner on board as the ship cruises for Gibraltar.

Day 6 | Gibraltar, United Kingdom

We will arrive in Gibraltar mid-morning today. After lunch on board, disembark the ship for your excursion to visit the legendary Rock of Gibraltar.

Rock of Gibraltar Tour. Take a scenic drive along the picturesque coast, admiring the panoramic views of the shimmering waters with glimpses of sandy beaches and rugged cliffs, as you head toward Gibraltar's southernmost point. You'll arrive at the Trinity Run Lighthouse, located near the Gulf of Cadiz, and walk up a short, steep section of road to reach the summit of the Rock of Gibraltar, known as the "Top of the Rock." From atop the towering limestone formation, you'll witness stunning panoramic views of the surrounding area and also see the two Pillars of Hercules, two ancient landmarks that were once believed to mark the edge of the known world in classical antiquity. Together, these two pillars stood at the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea from the Atlantic Ocean.

Continue your drive, entering the upper rock nature reserve and passing the Queen's Balcony viewpoint to arrive at the nearby St. Michael's Cave. After walking about 100 yards up the road, you'll enter this fascinating natural limestone cave to marvel at the dramatic display of stalactites and stalagmites. Next, as you head further along the upper rock, you will be delighted by the world-famous Barbary Apes, a species of Barbary macaques. Observe the playful, curious creatures who roam freely around the Rock of Gibraltar and are Europe's only wild monkeys.

Conclude your enriching day with a visit to the Siege Tunnels, which were carved into the Rock during the Great Siege of Gibraltar (1779-1783) to house artillery and protect the garrison from attacks. You'll descend a long sloping walkway to explore the underground fortifications, view historic military artifacts, and learn about Gibraltar's strategic importance during the siege. On your return to the ship, you'll drive past the walls of the city. (Active)

Relax after your exciting afternoon and enjoy dinner on board this evening.

The ship departs Gibraltar tonight, cruising for Malaga, Spain.

Day 7 | Málaga, Spain

Welcome to Spain! The ship arrives in Málaga this morning. After breakfast, disembark the ship for your excursion.

Malaga Walking Tour. Discover the rich history and vibrant atmosphere of Málaga's historic center. Begin at Plaza de la Constitución, the city's main square, then visit the Cathedral of Málaga—nicknamed La Manquita ("the one-armed lady") for its famously unfinished second tower. Wander through the picturesque streets toward the port, stopping at the Mercado de Atarazanas, a stunning 19th-century market hall known for its impressive Moorish-style-stained glass and iron architecture. Next, visit the Roman Theatre (Teatro Romano), a remarkable 1st-century BC relic nestled at the base of the Alcazaba fortress. Conclude your walk at Muelle Uno, a sleek modern waterfront promenade. From there, continue to the Palmeral de las Sorpresas, where you can enjoy contemporary art installations, palm-lined walkways and harbor views. (Moderate)

If you're feeling active, continue the tour and head up to the Alcazaba, an impressive 11th-century Moorish palace-fortress. Enjoy sweeping panoramic views over the city and the Mediterranean as you explore its beautifully preserved gardens, tranquil courtyards and on-site archaeological museum. For even more breathtaking vistas, continue your climb to the Castillo de Gibralfaro—an additional 30-minute walk uphill. Here, the views stretch even farther across Málaga's coastline and historic center. Finish your day at Muelle Uno, Málaga's modern waterfront promenade. Stroll toward the Palmeral de las Sorpresas, a palm-lined walkway dotted with contemporary art, perfect for a relaxing walk by the harbor. (Active)

Return to the ship later this afternoon and relish dinner this evening as we cruise for Tangier, Morocco.

Day 8 | Tangier, Morocco

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning as the ship arrives in the ancient port city of Tangier, where you will disembark the ship for a day of discovery. After its origins as a Phoenician trading post and 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 at the crossroads of the Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean. The North African city was then conquered and claimed multiple times in the centuries that followed, by Spain, Portugal and Morocco. By the early 20th century, Tangier caught the attention of renowned artists like Matisse and Eugène Delacroix, establishing a new age of cosmopolitan creativity.

Tangier's Walking Tour. Today, a national guide will lead you on a discovery of Tangier's labyrinthine old medina, its legendary souks and the fascinating history of this ancient walled city. You'll interact with vendors and hear captivating stories as you marvel at the of local wares. See weavers and artisans creating their crafts by hand in the souks and learn more about the flavors of Moroccan cuisine. Walk through the narrow alleys of Petit Socco, where produce vendors, butchers and flower sellers set up stalls and pass by the historic American Legation, the official diplomatic mission of the United States in Morocco from 1821 to 1961. You'll also visit the hidden gem, Niaba Gardens, a lush green space nestled within the vibrant bustling city. Meander along winding paths to appreciate this serene oasis of vibrant floral displays, towering palm and cypress trees, ornate fountains and views of the city and

the Mediterranean Sea beyond.

Take a break to relax over lunch together at a local restaurant.

Free Time: Make the most of time on your own after lunch. Head back to the souks to peruse, shop and immerse yourself in Tangier's daily life and culture.

Return to the ship later this afternoon.

Join your fellow passengers for a Captain's Farewell Reception, followed by dinner aboard the ship tonight.

Day 9 | Casablanca | Rabat

We arrive in Casablanca early this morning. After breakfast, disembark the ship and set out for Rabat and today's excursions.

Hassan II Mosque. On your way to Rabat, you will visit Casablanca's Hassan II Mosque, dramatically situated on a promontory overlooking the ocean. Admire its intricate marble flooring and Moroccan details, including gilded cedar ceilings. One of the largest mosques in Africa, it is one of only two that is open to non-Muslim visitors. Conservative attire will be required, and you will be asked to remove your shoes upon entrance.

Continue driving to Rabat, where you'll enjoy lunch at an authentic local restaurant upon arrival.

Rabat City Tour. More reserved than bustling Marrakech and Casablanca, the ancient city of Rabat has been the capital since 1956 and is the official royal residence of King Mohammed VI. UNESCO inscribed "Rabat, Modern Capital and Historic City: a Shared Heritage," a World Heritage site in 2012. You'll begin your Rabat tour with a panoramic drive past King Mohamed VI's Royal Palace Grounds, the Parliament building in the heart of Rabat, the towering, Moorish-style Hechella ancient fortress and the contemporary architectural marvel that is the New Opera House. Then, begin a walking tour to see the outside of the Hassan Tower, an iconic, unfinished minaret standing tall at 44 meters, originally part of a grand mosque built in the 12th century by Sultan Yacoub al-Mansour. Its red sandstone structure is an architectural marvel, with intricate carvings and a commanding view over the surrounding area. Next, enjoy an inside visit to the Mohamed V Mausoleum, a beautifully ornate site dedicated to Morocco's revered King Mohammed V and his two sons. The mausoleum's striking white marble exterior, adorned with intricate Islamic designs, and the surrounding green gardens create a serene and respectful atmosphere, making it a significant symbol of Morocco's royal heritage.

Return to the ship and enjoy your final dinner on board. The ship docks overnight in Casablanca.

Day 10 | Casablanca | Disembark | Return to Home City

Following breakfast, disembark and transfer to the Mohammed V International Airport for your return flight home. Arrive in your home city and go through immigration and customs.

Accommodations

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Intimate Yacht | Designed with a 1940s aesthetic inspired by the new millennium, World Voyager is a modern classic. Complete with sumptuous accommodations, attentive service, globally inspired gourmet cuisine and unlimited premium cocktails, this small ship is designed for you to explore the world in relaxed, unhurried luxury. Aboard the World Voyager you will find everything you want and need. With three decks of spacious and elevated accommodations, multiple onboard dining options, spa and sauna amenities, social spaces for gathering with your fellow travelers and more, World Voyager has been designed to deliver relaxed luxury and highly personalized service.

All suites and staterooms are ocean-view and feature: two twin beds or one queen bed; an elegant private bath with L'Occitane products, a walk-in glass shower with rain head, body jets and a handheld shower; a wardrobe; flat-screen TV with state-of-the-art infotainment system; terrycloth robes and slippers; Egyptian cotton linens, duvet and pillow menu; Nespresso coffee; teas; personalized bar service; private climate control; personal safe and hair dryer.



Dates & Rates

Travel Dates: October 5, 2027 - October 14, 2027

All rates are in U.S. dollars per person, based on double occupancy, unless otherwise stated, and include taxes. The deposit is \$2000 per person. The Final Payment is due at least 150 days prior to departure. Single accommodations are subject to availability.

The Optional Extension(s) is available at an additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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The Special Savings consist of \$500 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full savings. The Special Savings rate is valid if you book by February 15, 2027 and pay in full at the time of booking.

Double Occupancy Rates

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Discount Rate
I	Stateroom with full picture window; ample storage space (no wardrobe); sitting area with chair & desk. 183 sq ft Deck 3, fwd	\$8995.00	\$7995.00
H	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony with top-drop electric window; sitting area with sofa. 270 sq ft Deck 5, aft.	\$9795.00	\$8795.00
G	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony with top-drop electric window; sitting area with sofa. 270 sq ft Deck 6, aft.	\$10095.00	\$9095.00
F	Stateroom with private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa & vanity. 270 sq ft Deck 5, fwd.	\$11095.00	\$10095.00
E	Stateroom with private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa & vanity. 270 sq ft Deck 6, fwd	\$11395.00	\$10395.00
D	Stateroom with private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa. 270 sq ft Deck 5, mid.	\$12395.00	\$11395.00
C	Stateroom with private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa. 270 sq ft Deck 6, mid.	\$12695.00	\$11695.00

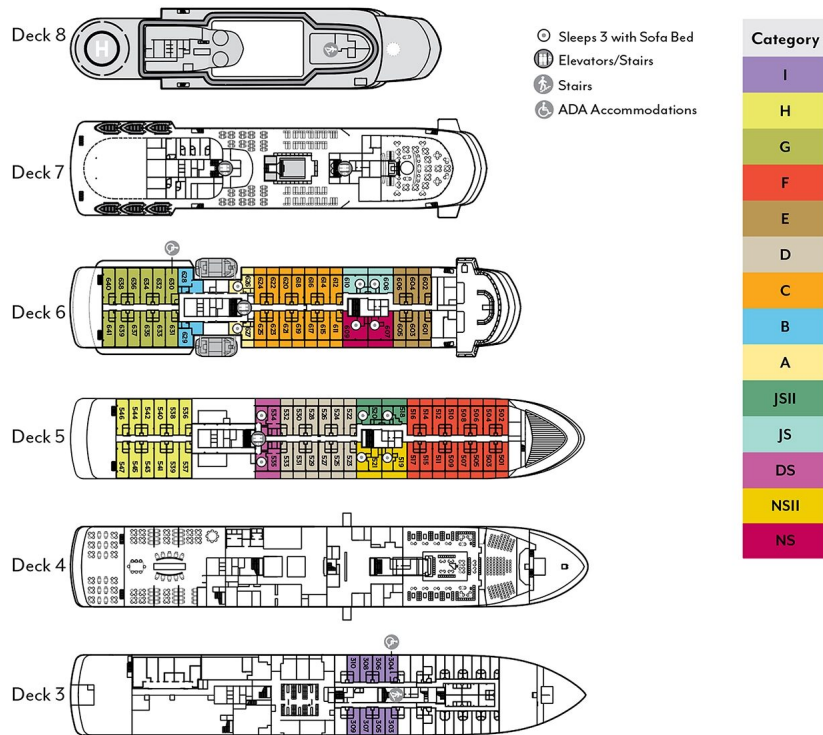
B	Deluxe stateroom with Juliette balcony featuring teak furnishings; interior seating area with sofa. 300 sq ft Deck 6, mid.	\$13695.00	\$12695.00
A	Deluxe stateroom with private balcony featuring teak furnishings; living room with sofa & vanity. 300 sq ft Deck 6, mid.	\$14195.00	\$13195.00
JS II	Suite with oversized private balcony with teak furnishings; walk-in closet & wardrobe; living room with sofa & vanity. Butler service. 382 sq ft Deck 5, mid.	\$15195.00	\$14195.00
JS I		\$15695.00	\$14695.00
DS	Suite with oversized private balcony with teak furnishings; walk-in closet & wardrobe; living room with sofa & vanity. Butler service. 445 sq ft Deck 5, mid.	\$16695.00	\$15695.00
NS II	Suite with oversized private balcony with teak furnishings; double sinks & tub; walk-in closet & wardrobe; living room with sofa & vanity. Butler service. 465 sq ft Deck 5, mid.	\$19195.00	\$18195.00
NS I	Suite with oversized private balcony with teak furnishings; double sinks & tub; walk-in closet & wardrobe; living room with sofa & vanity. Butler service. 465 sq ft Deck 6, mid.	\$19695.00	\$18695.00

Single Occupancy Rates

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Discount Rate
H	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony with top-drop electric window; sitting area with sofa. 270 sq ft Deck 5, aft.	\$15670.00	\$14670.00
G	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony with top-drop electric window; sitting area with sofa. 270 sq ft Deck 6, aft.	\$16150.00	\$15150.00
F	Stateroom with private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa & vanity. 270 sq ft Deck 5, fwd.	\$17750.00	\$16750.00
I	Stateroom with full picture window; ample storage space (no wardrobe); sitting area with chair & desk. 183 sq ft Deck 3, fwd	\$17990.00	\$16990.00
E	Stateroom with private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa & vanity. 270 sq ft Deck 6, fwd	\$22790.00	\$21790.00

D	Stateroom with private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa. 270 sq ft Deck 5, mid.	\$24790.00	\$23790.00
C	Stateroom with private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa. 270 sq ft Deck 6, mid.	\$25390.00	\$24390.00
B	Deluxe stateroom with Juliette balcony featuring teak furnishings; interior seating area with sofa. 300 sq ft Deck 6, mid.	\$27390.00	\$26390.00
A	Deluxe stateroom with private balcony featuring teak furnishings; living room with sofa & vanity. 300 sq ft Deck 6, mid.	\$28390.00	\$27390.00
JS II	Suite with oversized private balcony with teak furnishings; walk-in closet & wardrobe; living room with sofa & vanity. Butler service. 382 sq ft Deck 5, mid.	\$30390.00	\$29390.00
JS I		\$31390.00	\$30390.00
DS	Suite with oversized private balcony with teak furnishings; walk-in closet & wardrobe; living room with sofa & vanity. Butler service. 445 sq ft Deck 5, mid.	\$33390.00	\$32390.00
NS II	Suite with oversized private balcony with teak furnishings; double sinks & tub; walk-in closet & wardrobe; living room with sofa & vanity. Butler service. 465 sq ft Deck 5, mid.	\$38390.00	\$37390.00
NS I	Suite with oversized private balcony with teak furnishings; double sinks & tub; walk-in closet & wardrobe; living room with sofa & vanity. Butler service. 465 sq ft Deck 6, mid.	\$39390.00	\$38390.00

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Lisbon Pre-Tour Extension

Begin your journey with two unforgettable nights in Lisbon, Portugal's captivating capital. Enjoy a panoramic tour along Liberty Avenue, passing landmarks like Marquis of Pombal Square, then set out on a guided walking tour to discover the city's iconic viewpoints. Explore the charming neighborhoods of Bairro Alto and beyond, and finish the day with a traditional Fado dinner. Relax in style at the deluxe Dom Pedro Lisboa.

The Optional Extensions are available at an additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.



Marrakech Post-Tour Extension

Explore the cultural riches and historical legacy of Marrakech on this exceptional three-night extension! Be immersed in the age-old traditions and treasures of ancient Morocco, from its towering minarets to surreal scenery and humming markets. Explore vibrant souks and a centuries-old square filled with storytellers and musicians. Visit the dazzling Bahia Palace and see the Koutoubia Mosque, towering above the medina. Plus, enjoy an evening at a tented camp in the desert, including a camel ride and a four-course traditional dinner! Accommodations are at the Sofitel Marrakech.



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