

Morocco and the Canary Islands

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MOROCCO AND THE CANARY ISLANDS

Discover the stunning natural beauty of the Canary Islands and the Moorish treasures of the rose-pink cities of Morocco. This 10-day, eight-night land and sea journey features a seven-night, all-inclusive cruise aboard the intimate 5-star WORLD TRAVELLER, a luxurious new yacht-style vessel with personalized service and gourmet cuisine. The varied landscapes of a whole continent can be found here, from stark, rocky terrain and dramatic mountain ranges to ancient forests and beautiful valleys where quaint villages still hold the markings of conquerors from Portugal, Britain, Spain, and North Africa. Witness spectacular views of the lush “pretty isle” of La Palma in Santa Cruz and explore rarely visited ports of call. Feel yourself suspended in time as the warm sea breeze passes by you while strolling through the revered 17th-century Canarian courtyards. Tour timeless relics from dynamic yet ancient societies of the Spanish and the Moors. Relish in the riveting contrast of ancient and modern within exotic Casablanca, medieval Marrakech, and the majestic capital city of Rabat. Weave through the maze of traditional whitewashed houses of Rabat’s Medina and neighboring Kasbah des Oudayas. Even the most experienced of travelers will be in awe of the magnificent sites that perfectly encapsulate this marriage of cultures spanning two continents.

Front cover: Hassan II Mosque and coast of Tenerife with a Canary Island Palm.



Kasbah des Oudayas blue and whitewashed houses, Rabat

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Dear Texas Ex:

Join us on this specially designed small ship itinerary featuring the rarely offered combination of the sun-washed, off-the-beaten-track Canary Islands and the fabled cities of Morocco.

This one-of-a-kind tour features spectacular opportunities to visit four UNESCO World Heritage Sites and small ports that larger cruise vessels often overlook, with an excursion included at every stop. Cruise sea routes once plied by Phoenician and Roman galleys aboard the exclusively chartered, 5-star WORLD TRAVELLER, featuring personalized service and gourmet cuisine. Tour the timeless monuments of the storied societies of the Spanish and the Moors. Contemplate the contrast of ancient and modern cultures in exotic Casablanca and medieval Marrakech.

Explore the historical capital city of Gran Canaria during the Las Palmas Pre-Program Option, and discover the imperial city of Fez on the Post-Program Option.

This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world. While you do not have to be an alumnus of UT to travel with us, we do ask that all Flying Longhorns travelers have an active membership in the Texas Exes. Memberships start at just \$50.

The association is a huge proponent of continuing education and there is no better classroom than our world. Experience rich history and culture in the company of your fellow Longhorns! Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We're standing by to answer all of your questions and/or take your reservation. Capacity is limited on this popular program and it may sell out quickly. Additional information about all Texas Exes Flying Longhorns trips can be found at TexasExes.org/Travel.

Best regards,

Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team,
Margaret, Janice, and Leslie

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1-800-594-3900 or travel@texasexes.org.**



Crossing Continents

Dramatically situated at the crossroads of Europe and Africa, the Canary Islands and Morocco are a vibrant blend of cultures, religions, and people—weaving a tapestry of breathtaking scenery. Born of subterranean volcanic activity and sculpted by the elemental forces of wind and water, the Canary Islands were once thought to be the remnants of the lost continent of Atlantis, poised on the edge of the world. The bustling cities of Morocco showcase the intersection of the country's multicultural origins and its modern progression, from its famous *souks* to its spectacular mosques. The majestic wonder and history of this captivating region await.





CULINARY FUSION

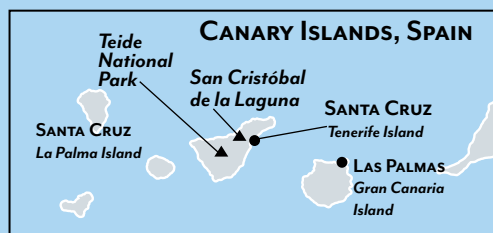
When the Spanish began to colonize the Canary Islands in the 15th century, the archipelago's location along historic Silk Road maritime trading routes placed it in the epicenter of evolving global cuisine. Exotic spices from Africa and Asia found their way to the kitchens of the Canaries. Spanish explorers were also known to pass through the islands on their way back from the Americas, introducing such staples as potatoes and beans. Fragrant spices like cumin, paprika, saffron, and coriander became part of the daily diet, adding zest to traditional dishes like the salty fish dish *sancocho Canario*, thick stews known as *potajes*, and the signature Canarian *mojo* sauce. Moroccan food today is equally diverse in its heritage with influences from the various traders and conquerors who passed through over thousands of years—a fusion of Mediterranean cuisine with Middle Eastern touches, such as the savory chicken *tajine* with almonds and prunes that's very popular in Marrakech. Our tour of this captivating region will include opportunities to sample these culinary delights throughout the cruise and shop for spices at the legendary *souk* open-air marketplaces in Marrakech—the ultimate way to experience the islands' rich history and cultural traditions.



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).





10-DAY/8-NIGHT ITINERARY

Depart Home City

Day 1

Depart your home city for an overnight flight.

Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Canary Islands, Spain

Day 2

Arrive in Las Palmas, an attractive town founded by Spanish conquistadors that served as a port for ships sailing around the African continent in 1478. The largest town in the Canary Island chain and a cultural haven in the Atlantic, this lush island also produces grapes, avocados, and tobacco used for cigars said to rival those from Cuba. Check in to the historical, 5-star HOTEL SANTA CATALINA and enjoy an evening at leisure.

Las Palmas/Embark Ship

Day 3

Spend the morning exploring the island on your own. Embark the intimate WORLD TRAVELLER yacht

in the afternoon and have dinner on board as you cruise to La Palma. (B,D)

Santa Cruz de la Palma

Day 4

Known as *La Isla Bonita*, "the beautiful island," for its lushly forested mountain slopes set against a backdrop of bright blue skies and the azure Atlantic waters, La Palma holds an abundance of cultural and natural treasures. Explore the old quarter of Santa Cruz and see its pilgrimage center and shrine of *La Virgen de las Nieves* (Madonna of the Snow), the island's patron saint. Behold sweeping vistas of Santa Cruz from Mirador de La Concepción in Breña Alta and discover La Palma's geologic past with a visit to Mirador de La Cumbrecita, which provides dramatic views of the Caldera de Taburiente. Enjoy time at leisure in Santa Cruz and later,

attend the Captain's Welcome Reception on board. (B,L,R,D)

Santa Cruz de Tenerife

Day 5

Travel to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Teide National Park, a wilderness of mineral-tinted rock, ancient lava flows, and distinctive vegetation not found anywhere else. Gaze across the vast caldera of Las Cañadas (dormant since 1909) to the snowy summit of Mount Teide and enjoy a panoramic view of the Roques de Garcia. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the UNESCO-designated San Cristóbal de la Laguna, a beautiful university town established in 1496 that boasts rich history and extravagant architectural styles. Walk back in time as you stroll through the Moorish 17th-century Canarian courtyards. (B,L,D)

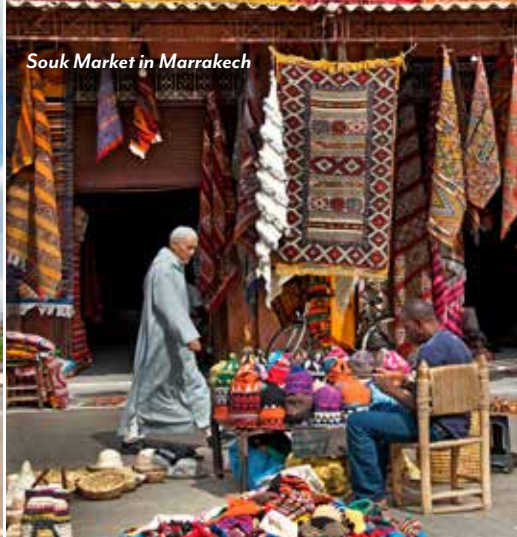
Santa Cruz de La Palma



Koutoubia Mosque, Marrakech



Souk Market in Marrakech



Day at Sea

Day 6

Enjoy luxury amenities and attend guest lectures on this relaxing day at sea. (B,L,D)

Safi, Morocco, for Marrakech

Day 7

Head to Marrakech for a full-day excursion into the storied city that blossomed into the hub of the great Berber Empire. Visit masterpieces of Moorish architecture, including the 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque, one of the most impressive sights in ancient Marrakech; and the exquisite Bahia Palace. Enjoy lunch at Palais Gharnata and spend the afternoon exploring Marrakech's markets, or *souks*, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the dramatic *Jemaa el Fnaa*, "Square of the Dead." (B,L,D)

Casablanca

Day 8

Take a panoramic drive along the fashionable Boulevard de la Corniche on an excursion to the cosmopolitan city of Casablanca, Morocco's thriving cultural and commercial center. Visit the impressive Hassan II Mosque—the largest in Morocco and the only one non-Muslims can visit, built on a promontory over the ocean. See elaborate Moorish architecture and landmarks through the city, including the Mohammed V Square and the Arab League Garden. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to experience the captivating sights and sounds evocative of Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman's *Casablanca*. (B,L,D)

Casablanca for Rabat

Day 9

Gaze in awe at King Mohamed VI's Royal Palace

grounds during a scenic drive past the Parliament, the Chellah, and the new opera house. Tour Mohamed V's Mausoleum and the 12th-century Hassan Tower, followed by lunch at La Tour Hassan. You will have free time that afternoon in the walled old town in the medina of the Rabat, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the neighboring Kasbah des Oudayas—a maze of narrow lanes lined with traditional whitewashed houses. Enjoy dinner on board and attend the Captain's Farewell Reception this evening. (B,L,R,D)

Casablanca/Disembark Ship/Return to Home City

Day 10

Disembark the ship and fly home or continue your journey with the Post-Program Option in Fez, Morocco. (B)

Caldera de Taburiente, Las Palmas





WORLD TRAVELLER 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 two 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.



2024 DEPARTURE DATE: April 20 to 29 (Tour Begins: April 21)

Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <i>per person, based on double occupancy, excluding taxes</i>	Early Booking Rate through March 21, 2024	Rates after March 21, 2024
8	Stateroom with panoramic ocean view picture window. Deck 3	\$5,495	\$6,105
7	Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, forward.	\$5,995	\$6,660
6	Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, midship.	\$6,595	\$7,330
5	Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, midship.	\$6,995	\$7,770
4	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, aft.	\$7,595	\$8,440
3	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, aft.	\$7,995	\$8,885
2	Stateroom with balcony. Deck 6.	\$8,595	\$9,550
1	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and interior sitting area. Deck 6.	\$9,495	\$10,550
Journey Suite 2	Suite with large private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5.	\$10,995	\$12,215
Journey Suite 1	Suite with large private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6.	\$12,295	\$13,660
Discovery Suite	Suite with larger private balcony and separate living room with sofa. Deck 5.	\$12,595	\$13,995
Navigator 2 Suite	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.	\$13,995	\$15,550
Navigator 1 Suite	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.	\$14,595	\$16,215

BONUS SAVINGS! Pay in full at the time of booking to receive additional savings. Bookings made inside 121 days prior to departure are not eligible for this discount. Please call for details.

Single Supplement waived for solo travelers wishing to reserve in categories 6, 7 and 8! This offer is limited capacity controlled. Once capacity is filled single price goes to 200% of the per person double price and are subject to availability.

Port taxes are an additional \$445 per person. Customers will be notified of any fuel surcharge fee prior to final payment.

This fee will then be charged and collected by the vessel operating company while on board. Deck plans available upon request.

Final payment due December 22, 2023.

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PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

Las Palmas

April 18 to 21, 2024 (Tour Begins: April 19)

Explore historical Las Palmas, the capital city of Gran Canaria, where cobblestone streets and 15th-century colonial architecture tell stories of its iconic past. Walk in the path of Christopher Columbus in Las Palmas' old town of Vegueta with a visit to Casa de Colón, the house where the Spanish explorer is believed to have stayed in 1492 while repairing *La Pinta* before crossing the Atlantic. Experience some of the Canary Islands' rarely visited sites, including the magnificent Viera y Clavijo Botanical Gardens, the Gardens of the Duchess in Arucas, and Teror's Neoclassical basilica, Our Lady of the Pine—which honors the legend that the Virgin Mary appeared on a pine tree in the center of the village. Spend two nights at the 5-star HOTEL SANTA CATALINA.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: **\$710**

Price per person, based on single occupancy: **\$930**



POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Fez

April 29 to May 2, 2024 (Tour Ends: May 2)

Experience the sights and sounds of Fez, the oldest of Morocco's imperial cities, on this three-night tour extension. Travel from Casablanca through Morocco's fortified city of Meknes before arriving in Fez, a carefully preserved imperial city which embodies the essence of the country. Ancient embattlements still partially enclose the ninth-century, UNESCO-designated Medina of Fez, known as the "Athens of Africa" for its university—the oldest in the world. Visit the *Bab Boujloud* (the blue gate), the 14th century Medersa Bou Inania, and stop by the religious shrine of Moulay Idress II, founder of the city. Accommodations are for two nights in Fez at the 5-star HOTEL SAHRAI and one night in an ideally located hotel in Casablanca.

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

Price per person, based on single occupancy: **\$1,495**

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

SPECIAL SAVINGS! Early Booking up to \$3,2400 per couple, plus receive Bonus Savings if you pay in full at the time of booking! Call for details.



Menara Gardens, Marrakech

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