

Cruising from Lisbon to Barcelona

THROUGH THE STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR





CRUISING FROM LISBON TO BARCELONA

Experience Portugal's distinguished capital city Lisbon, chic Barcelona in Spain, and everything in between through what was once considered by the ancient Greeks and Romans to be the Pillars of Hercules, marking the boundary of the known world. This 10-day, 8-night journey features unique coastal jewels found only along the Iberian Peninsula, spanning two continents at the crossroads of faith and enlightenment during the Age of Discovery. The indelible experience is only made better aboard the 5-star WIND STAR, a yacht-style sailing ship. Admire three of the world's most treasured UNESCO World Heritage Sites—Portugal's charming Algarve region, the port city of Cádiz, and Seville's astonishing Alcázar, best known for its stunning architecture and beautiful gardens. Tour Granada's magnificent Alhambra Palace, and gaze in wonder at the scenic Strait of Gibraltar. Explore Moroccan Tangier, which is considered the gate of Africa that has seen many ruling empires over the centuries.



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Dear Texas Ex:

Cruise the ancient trade routes of Phoenician and Roman mariners and discover the cultural legacy of the most sophisticated civilization of the Middle Ages. This exclusive 10-day journey spans two continents—featuring the remarkable coastal gems found only along the Iberian Peninsula.

The 5-star WIND STAR embodies the classic yacht experience under its billowing white sails—complete with elegant accommodations, an included excursion in each port, and the ability to dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger vessels. This state-of-the-art small vessel features only 74 ocean-view staterooms.

Explore some of the world's most treasured UNESCO World Heritage Sites—including Portugal's picturesque Algarve region. Traverse the port city of Cádiz into the heart of Seville and visit the astounding Alcázar. Enjoy a full-day excursion to behold the Pillars of Hercules spanning the legendary Strait of Gibraltar and Granada's magnificent Alhambra Palace. Explore Tangier in Morocco, and conclude your Iberian exploration in the iconic Spanish city of Barcelona.

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 travel@texasexes.org

Best regards,

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

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Trade Routes To Discovery

Discover the architectural treasures, dynamic cultures, and compelling history of the Iberian Peninsula, revealed throughout its fortified medieval towns and coastal cities. The collaboration and joint influences of Greco-Roman, Judeo-Christian, and Moorish cultures ushered in advances in mathematics, science, medicine, horticulture, and philosophy—creating the catalyst for the Golden Age of Discovery and global trade of the 15th through 18th centuries. Ships sailing from Iberian shores to the New World brought back riches to the peninsula, generating great wealth among this unique mélange of cultures and sparking a veritable renaissance in art and architecture. From the coastal cities of Portugal and Spain to the bustling port of Tangier, Morocco, experience the Mediterranean tradition of these seaside cities, towns, and villages as you embark on your voyage in the wake of mariners from centuries past.

Alhambra Court of the Lions, Granada



FLAVORS OF IBERIA



The Iberian Peninsula has 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 Spanish. 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 laborers 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 presentation and lunch in Tangier, Morocco, and a trip to the market with a local chef in Valencia, followed by a *paella* cooking demonstration.



Cooking of paella
in 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 excursions, both included and optional excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to shipboard staff, local guides, and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- ◆ 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 to Lisbon, Portugal.

Lisbon, Portugal/ Embark Ship Day 2

Arrive in Lisbon and embark the *WIND STAR* and enjoy the Captain's Welcome Reception that evening. (L,R,D)

Portimão, Portugal, for Lagos Day 3

Admire Ponta de Piedade, a group of coastal limestone rock formations along the Algarve coast. Continue on to the port town of Lagos, once the center of trade between Moorish Portugal and Africa. The seaside resort is also an important yachting center organizing international regattas. Visit the statue of

Infante Dom Henrique and the Church of St. Anthony, with its intricate carved wood interior. Built in 1707 and re-built after an earthquake in 1755, the church is a fine example of Baroque architecture. (B,L,D)

Cádiz, Spain, for Seville Day 4

Start the day with a tour of the impressive Alcázar, the ancient Palace of King Al-Mu'tamid featuring a combination of Moorish and Spanish architecture that has been continually added to over the centuries. Later, see the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Alcázar, the 14th-century residence of Seville's Moroccan and Spanish rulers. (B,L,D)

Strait of Gibraltar/ Tangier, Morocco Day 5

While sailing through the Strait of Gibraltar connecting

the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea, marvel at the sight of the Rock of Gibraltar. In Tangier, experience the bridging of Spanish and Moorish cultures in the colorful Medina at a lunch that includes a cooking demonstration.

Return to the ship later that evening and enjoy dinner onboard. (B,L,D)

Malaga for Granada, Spain/ Alhambra Day 6

In Granada, explore the Alhambra Palace and brilliant gardens of the Palace of Generalife, 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,

Slave Market Museum, Lagos



Infante Dom Henrique Square, Lagos





Tangier, Medina



Alcazar, Seville

and later a citadel with high ramparts and defensive towers. A footpath from Alhambra's northern side leads to Generalife, the former rural residence of the emirs who ruled this part of Spain in the 13th and 14th centuries. Stroll through its magnificent gardens, considered among the most breathtaking in the world. (B,L,D)

Cruise the Mediterranean Sea Day 7

Enjoy a day at leisure and take part in 5-star amenities offered on board as the ship cruises through the vibrant blue waters along the coast of Spain. (B,L,D)

Valencia

Day 8

On the *Costa del Azahar* (Orange Blossom Coast) of Spain, 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. Explore the culinary traditions of Valencia on a full-day excursion that includes a trip to the market with a local chef, followed by a cooking demonstration with a special nod to paella—a flavorful rice dish being one of the best-known of its kind in Spanish cuisine. Valencia is also known for its *horchata*, a refreshing drink.

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

Barcelona

Day 9

A vibrant city located on the northeastern coast of Spain, Barcelona is known for its spectacular and stunning architecture.

Discover the UNESCO-inscribed marvels of Antoni Gaudí, including the revered *Basilíca de la Sagrada Família*. Construction of the basilica began in 1882 and it is still unfinished to this day, with an estimated completion date of 2026. The basilica is known for its intricate architecture, unique design elements, and stunning stained glass windows. Take in the sights of the city with a panoramic tour and return to the ship to enjoy dinner onboard. (B,L,D)

Barcelona/ Return to home city Day 10

After enjoying breakfast on the ship, disembark and transfer to the airport for your return flight home or continue on to the Barcelona Post-Program. (B)



Algarve coast in Portugal



Las Ramblas, Barcelona



WIND STAR

The intimate, four-masted WIND STAR offers an unforgettable 5-star sailing experience. This small ship is designed to sail from deep seas into lagoons inaccessible to larger vessels. The WIND STAR's gourmet dining and wide teak deck with unobscured views provides the ultimate sailing experience to each guest. Complimentary alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverages and Wi-Fi access are available throughout the cruise. All meals on board the ship are included. Each of the 74 ocean-view staterooms features one queen bed or two twin beds (Owner's Suite has a queen bed), private bathroom with shower, luxury hotel amenities, individual climate control, flat-screen television with DVD player, safe, minibar, vanity table, hair dryer, plush robes, and slippers.



2024 DEPARTURE DATE: April 10 to 19 (Embarkation: April 11 at 1:30 pm)

Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <small>per person, based on double occupancy, excluding taxes</small>	Early Booking Rate through Nov. 24, 2023	Rates after Nov. 24, 2023
B	Stateroom with two portholes. Deck 1, aft and forward.	\$5,845	\$6,495
BX Deluxe	Stateroom with two portholes. Deck 1, midship.	\$6,745	\$7,495
A	Stateroom with two portholes. Deck 2, aft and forward.	\$7,285	\$8,095
AX Deluxe	Stateroom with two portholes. Deck 2, midship.	\$8,005	\$8,895
Owner's Suite	Suite with four portholes, queen bed, and sitting/dining area. Deck 1, aft.	\$8,905	\$9,895

Single supplements apply to select categories at 160% of the per person double price and are subject to availability. All other categories are at 200%.

Port taxes are an additional \$285 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 onboard. Deck plans available upon request.

Final payment due December 12, 2023

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PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

Lisbon

April 8 to 11, 2024 (Tour Begins: April 9)

Start your journey with two nights in Lisbon, the capital city of Portugal. Stroll around the National Palace 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, countryside palaces, and cottages. 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 5-star SOFITEL LISBON HOTEL.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: **\$820**

Price per person, based on single occupancy: **\$1,195**



POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Barcelona

April 19 to 21, 2024 (Tour Ends: April 21)

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* (Gothic Quarter), a masterpiece began 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 5-star MAJESTIC HOTEL & SPA.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: **\$1,195**

Price per person, based on single occupancy: **\$1,865**

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