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Casablanca to Lisbon & Andalusia

April 25 – May 4, 2025

Featuring **Dr. José María Rodríguez García**

Associate Professor of Romance Studies at Duke University



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Transcontinental Tapestry

Follow in the footsteps of ancient mariners on an epic voyage that takes you across two continents from Casablanca, Morocco, to Lisbon, Portugal — featuring one night in Rabat, Morocco, and a seven-night, deluxe small ship cruise. Immerse yourself in sumptuous Moroccan culture, traverse the rich landscape of ancient Andalusia in Spain and experience the best of the Iberian Peninsula on an immersive itinerary that calls at seven spectacular port cities — Casablanca; Tangier; Gibraltar; Cádiz; Seville; Portimão and Setúbal. Stand on the legendary Rock of Gibraltar, referred to by ancient Greeks and Romans as the Pillars of Hercules. Visit the Kasbah and medina in the north African city of Tangiers and enjoy an exquisite performance of traditional equestrian ballet in Jerez de la Frontera. Explore the Royal Alcázar of Seville and discover the walled city of Lagos in the Algarve, Portugal's southern coastal region. Savor a rich tapestry of flavors with culinary experiences that include a Moroccan cooking demonstration, a tasting in Andalusia's renowned "sherry triangle" and a visit to a lavish Setúbal wine country estate on this one-of-a-kind adventure.

Front cover: *Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca, Morocco*



Ponta da Piedade, Lagos, Portugal



Seville Cathedral with Giralda bell tower

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Dear Duke Travelers:

Experience this transcontinental journey, featuring the rarely offered combination of history-filled Atlantic Morocco, the small yet fascinating British territory of Gibraltar, Spain's captivating Andalucía region and Portugal's breathtaking Algarve coast. Retrace ancient trade routes at the crossroads of Africa and Europe on an itinerary that includes one night in Rabat (Morocco's most recent UNESCO-designated World Heritage site), and a seven-night, small ship cruise.

Call at seven spectacular cities — Casablanca; Tangier; Gibraltar; Cádiz; Seville; Portimão and Setúbal — with excursions at every port. Stand on the scenic Rock of Gibraltar, rife with protected indigenous wildlife and referred to by ancient Greeks and Romans as the Pillars of Hercules. Visit some of the world's iconic mosques and palaces, a reflection of the region's rich cultural mosaic. Immerse yourself in local culinary traditions with a Moroccan cooking demonstration, a tasting of authentic Andalusian sherry and a visit to a Setúbal winery.

Duke Travels is pleased to have engaged Gohagan & Company to operate this program. The Duke Study Leader for this journey is **Dr. José María Rodríguez García**, associate professor of Romance Studies at Duke University.

Enhance your adventure with the Marrakech pre-tour extension and/or post-tour extension in Lisbon. Reserve now while Early Booking Savings are still available.

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Alluring Andalusia

The Andalusia region of Spain has been conquered by myriad civilizations over the millennia — resulting in a compelling cultural *mélange* of ancient Greco-Roman, Judeo-Christian and Moorish influences. Experience Andalusia’s legendary allure as we cruise from Gibraltar to Cádiz for an excursion to Jerez de la Frontera, a city famous for flamenco dancing, sherry production and a prestigious horse-riding school. Your visit to the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art includes a performance of its iconic “How the Andalusian Horses Dance” show, followed by a sherry tasting at a local winery. Continue your exploration of Andalusian culture in Seville, a city that was once considered the gateway to Spanish trade with the Americas. Stroll through the breathtaking UNESCO-designated palace and gardens of Alcázar, one of the world’s most outstanding fusions of Christian and Mudéjar art. After a morning of touring, which includes a visit to the magnificent Cathedral of Seville, you will have an afternoon at leisure to savor the sights and sounds of this remarkable Andalusian capital.





Cultural Crossroads

Nothing evokes mystery and intrigue quite like Morocco, a multicultural nation rich in royal tradition, delectable food and exquisite architectural treasures. Located directly across the Strait of Gibraltar from Spain, it is the land of colorful souks and lively medinas, mighty mosques and grand palaces. Our journey begins with one night in the UNESCO-designated, Moroccan capital city of Rabat — setting the scene for the tapestry of stories that await as you cruise from cosmopolitan Casablanca to the Andalusian coast of Spain and on to the Iberian Peninsula. Trace the rise and fall of ancient empires that conquered cities in this region, weaving a vibrant mosaic of art, religion and culture. This confluence and collaboration also ushered in advances in mathematics, science, medicine, horticulture and philosophy — sparking the catalyst for global trade at the crossroads of Africa and Europe that would ultimately change the world.



Grand Socco Square, Tangier, Morocco

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.
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- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
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- ◆ 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

Departure

Day 1 | April 25

Depart your home city for an overnight flight to Casablanca, Morocco.

Casablanca, Morocco, for Rabat

Day 2 | April 26

Arrive in Casablanca, Morocco, a cosmopolitan city that blends North African and French culture, and travel to the fortified ancient city of Rabat, where you will check in to the **Sofitel Rabat Jardin des Roses**.

Rabat/Casablanca

Day 3 | April 27

Check out of the hotel for a driving tour of the city before returning to Casablanca to embark the deluxe **World Traveller**. See the Royal Palace of Rabat — fronted by expansive grounds and the Parliament of Morocco — and the Chellah, a former Roman settlement and the royal necropolis of the

14th-century Merinid dynasty. Admire the undulating lines of the newly built opera house, Grand Theater, designed by late architect Dame Zaha Hadid.

Continue your tour on foot for a visit to the stately Mohammed V Mausoleum, which contains the tombs of King Mohammed V and his sons. From there you will walk to the Hassan Tower, a lavish vestige of an unfinished 12th-century mosque. On your drive back to the port you will also visit the impressive Hassan II Mosque. Embark the ship and enjoy the Captain's Welcome Reception this evening. (B,L,R,D)

Tangier

Day 4 | April 28

Explore the Caves of Hercules, then travel on to Cap Spartel to see its 19th-century lighthouse and savor the spectacular view. Next, a panoramic drive to Tangier's lively medina takes you past the Marshan quarter, where you may see one of King

Mohamed VI's royal abodes. Visit the Kasbah, an 18th-century fortress, on a guided walking tour that includes a stroll through the old acropolis. Head to a local restaurant for a Moroccan cooking demonstration and lunch. See weavers and artisans creating their crafts by hand in the souks. Continue through the narrow alleys of Petit Socco, where produce vendors, butchers and flower sellers set up stalls, and then on to Grand Socco Square. This afternoon you will have the option to explore the square at your own pace. (B,L,D)

Gibraltar, United Kingdom

Day 5 | April 29

The Rock of Gibraltar was considered by the ancient Greeks and Romans to be one of the two Pillars of Hercules that marked the boundary of the known world. You will have the option to walk up a steep road to stand on the "Top of the Rock" — a nearly



Hassan tower and brass lantern in Rabat, Morocco



Barbary macaques, Rock of Gibraltar



Hassan II Mosque, Morocco



Cooking with tagine in Morocco

1,400-foot-high limestone promontory — and enjoy an expansive view across the strait separating Europe and Africa. From there, you'll explore the impressive stalagmites and stalactites in St. Michael's Cave and see the amusing antics of Barbary macaques, the only colony of wild monkeys in Europe. The tour concludes with a visit to the Great Siege Tunnels, excavated by British Army engineers in the late 18th century to provide defense for the colony. (B,L,D)

Cádiz, Spain

Day 6 | April 30

Arrive in the Spanish port of Cádiz for a walking tour. Known today as the home of flamenco, this ancient metropolis dates to Palaeolithic times. Drive to Jerez de la Frontera, a city known for flamenco music and sherry production. Stop at a restaurant for an authentic lunch and wine tasting of local sherry. Visit

the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art Foundation for one of its renowned equestrian ballet performances, featuring lively costumes and Spanish music. (B,L,D)

Seville

Day 7 | May 1

Begin your excursion in Seville with a visit to the Royal Alcázar, a fortified 11th century Moorish palace that represents the Islamic and Christian cultures that have ruled over the centuries. Today, the Alcázar 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 — the largest Gothic building in the world. (B,L,D)

Portimão, Portugal for Lagos

Day 8 | May 2

Travel to the ancient maritime port of Lagos for a visit to the statue of Infante Dom Henrique

and the intricately carved Church of San Antonio. You will also learn more about the somber history of slavery in Lagos during the 15th century with a visit the Mercado de Escravos, site of the first slave market in Europe. (B,L,D)

Setúbal

Day 9 | May 3

Drive through the ancient city of Setúbal and its legendary vineyards. Visit one of the region's acclaimed wine cellars and estates, and stroll through its beautiful gardens on this immersive tour. Return to the ship for the Captain's Farewell Reception. (B,L,R,D)

Lisbon/Disembark ship/ Return to home city

Day 10 | May 4

Arrive in Lisbon and transfer to the airport for your flight back to your home city. (B)



Setúbal vineyards, Portugal



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.



2025 DEPARTURE DATE

April 25 to May 4

(Tour Begins: April 26)

Category-Description	Standard Rate	Early Booking \$1,000 Savings*
8 Stateroom with panoramic ocean view picture window. Deck 3	\$5,595	\$4,595
7 Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, forward.	\$5,795	\$4,795
6 Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, midship.	\$6,095	\$5,095
5 Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, midship.	\$6,395	\$5,395
4 Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, aft.	\$6,695	\$5,695
3 Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, aft.	\$6,895	\$5,895
2 Stateroom with balcony. Deck 6.	\$7,495	\$6,495
1 Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and interior sitting area. Deck 6.	\$8,895	\$7,895
Journey Suite II Suite with large private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5.	\$11,995	\$10,995
Journey Suite I Suite with large private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6.	\$12,695	\$11,695
Discovery Suite Suite with larger private balcony and separate living room with sofa. Deck 5.	\$13,295	\$12,295
Navigator Suite II 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.	\$19,095	\$18,095
Navigator Suite I 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.	\$20,195	\$19,195

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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. 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.

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PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

Marrakech

April 22 to 26, 2025 (Program Begins: April 23)

Begin your adventure with three nights in the storied Moroccan city of Marrakech. See masterpieces of Moorish architecture, including the 12th century Koutoubia Mosque and the exquisite Bahia Palace. Soak up the kaleidoscopic color of Marrakech's iconic bazaars, featuring stalls piled high with aromatic spices, vibrant carpets and handmade crafts. Explore the dramatic Jemaa el Fnaa, "Square of the Dead," the heart of the old city and a centuries-old gathering place. Accommodations are in an ideally located hotel.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$2,195

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$2,795



POST-TOUR EXTENSION

Lisbon

May 4 to 6, 2025 (Program Ends: May 6)

Conclude your transcontinental 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, 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 deluxe **Corinthia Lisbon**.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$795

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$995

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