

**MAM**  
MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM



**Crossroads of Cultures**  
Canary Islands, Morocco & Iberia Aboard *Sea Spirit*  
April 17–30, 2020

Dear Travelers and Friends,

Please join the Museum Travel Alliance and the Montclair Art Museum on a once-in-a-lifetime cruise aboard the intimate, luxurious *Sea Spirit*. We will sail from the Canary Islands and Madeira to Morocco, Spain, and Portugal—fascinating lands whose fortunes and histories have been intertwined for centuries. Experts from a number of fine institutions will travel with us and deepen our appreciation of the astonishing cultural heritage of this region.

This 13-day tour is specially designed to showcase a dazzling array of traditions, art, and architecture. We will admire the Spanish colonial treasures and cathedrals of the Canaries. On Portuguese Madeira, we will wander historic Funchal and savor a glass of the island's eponymous wine.

In Morocco, stunning highlights include the splendid Dar El Bacha, the vibrantly decorated former palace of Marrakesh's last pasha, and the imposing Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca. We will stand on deck as we breeze through the Strait of Gibraltar to arrive on the magnificent rock, home to a vast underground fortress. From Spain's Cádiz, we will transfer to Seville, where we will explore the world's largest Gothic cathedral. Ashore in Portugal, the Algarve towns of Sagres and Lagos will offer intriguing historic sites and dramatic ocean vistas.

An optional postlude in beautiful Lisbon is available to discover its exceptional Tile Museum and ancient Alfama district. We look forward to welcoming you on this gorgeous voyage, in the company of members of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and The National Trust for Historic Preservation and alumni of Harvard, Vanderbilt, and Yale.

Sincerely,

Lora Urbanelli  
Director,  
Montclair Art Museum

## HIGHLIGHTS

**ENJOY** exclusive access to Dar El Bacha, the former palace of the last pasha of Marrakesh which is normally closed to the public, and view its extraordinary painted ceilings, exquisite hand-cut *zellige* tiles, and art collections

**MARVEL** at the pastel-colored mansions in La Laguna, a UNESCO-listed historic quarter in the Canary Islands, and discuss the preservation of centuries-old Spanish colonial homes with an expert

**TOUR** Gran Canaria's architecturally lavish 15th-century Old Town, with a private visit to the beautifully restored Teatro Pérez Galdós, an ornate concert hall originally built in the 19th century

**SAIL** through the "Pillars of Hercules" to arrive at the Rock of Gibraltar, and step ashore to tour the territory's World War II tunnels and view the famous Barbary macaques

**EXPLORE** the world's largest Gothic cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Seville, which houses the tomb of Christopher Columbus



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### FRIDAY, APRIL 17: DEPARTURE

Depart on an overnight flight to Tenerife.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18: TENERIFE, CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN

Arrive in Tenerife and transfer to the hotel to enjoy a buffet lunch. Next, choose to explore the nearby Botanical Garden or spend a relaxing afternoon at the hotel. Later, gather at the Hotel Botánico for a cocktail reception in the garden, followed by a festive welcome dinner. L,R,D

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19: TENERIFE, CANARY ISLANDS

Drive to Teide National Park, a UNESCO-designated location famous for its volcanic landscapes, and enjoy a picnic lunch. Or opt for a full-day tour along the cobblestone streets of La Orotava. Admire its 17th-century heritage buildings and the Church of Our Lady of Conception, a Baroque architectural masterpiece. Following lunch, tour the UNESCO-listed historic quarter of La Laguna, known for its well-preserved mansions, town hall, and cathedral. Before boarding the awaiting *Sea Spirit*, view the opera house designed by Santiago Calatrava. B,L,D

### MONDAY, APRIL 20: LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA

Devote the day to the capital city of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Columbus's last stop before leaving for the Americas. On an architectural tour of the Old Town, see Teatro Pérez Galdós on a private visit. Explore the Christopher Columbus Church and House Museum, the 19th-century Town Hall, and the landmark cathedral. After a welcome from a town official, enjoy refreshments and lunch at Gabinete Literario, a 19th-century neoclassical building in the Old Town. Celebrate our journey with the captain's welcome reception and dinner tonight on board. B,L,R,D

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21: ARRECIFE, LANZAROTE

Step ashore this morning in Arrecife to view legendary artist and activist César Manrique's landscape projects, home, and extensive art collection at the César Manrique Foundation, built into an old lava flow. Enjoy lunch at Casa Museo del Campesino, also designed by Manrique. Then attend a musical performance at Los Jameos del Agua, a series of lava caves containing an artist's workshop and gallery. In the afternoon, continue to the volcanic park of Timanfaya, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Marvel at the park's raw lunar landscapes and panoramic vistas. This evening, return to the ship and cruise to the port of Funchal. B,L,D

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22: AT SEA

Attend lectures and enjoy the amenities of *Sea Spirit* as she cruises to Madeira B,L,D

### THURSDAY, APRIL 23: FUNCHAL, MADEIRA, PORTUGAL

On a morning walking tour, discover the narrow streets of Funchal's Old Town and the farmers' market (*Mercado dos Lavradores*), featuring Madeira's freshest fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Explore the gardens of Quinta do Palheiro Ferreiro, which are famous for their variety of plants growing among beautiful hills, or opt to tour the Sacred Art Museum of Funchal. Before departing, enjoy a tasting of Madeira's eponymous wine. B,L,D

### FRIDAY, APRIL 24: AT SEA

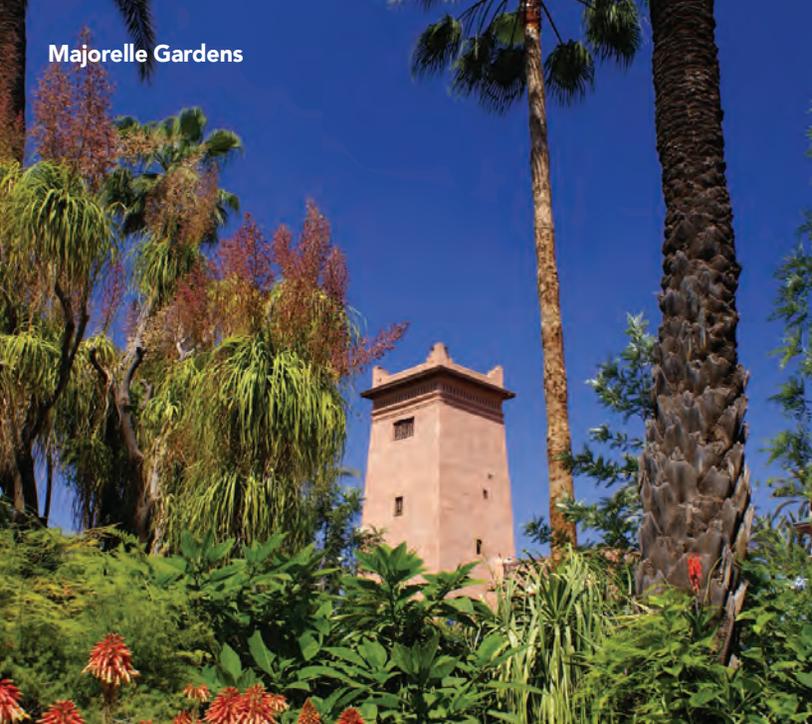
Relax aboard *Sea Spirit* as she cruises east to Morocco. You may wish to enjoy a special screening of *Casablanca* in the lounge. B,L,D

### SATURDAY, APRIL 25: SAFI / MARRAKESH, MOROCCO

From Safi, travel east to Marrakesh. Marvel at the Kutubiyya minaret in the *medina*, the old walled section of town, and take a special tour of the Dar El Bacha Museum, the former home of the last pasha of Marrakesh. Later, stroll in the colorful Majorelle Gardens within Yves St. Laurent's former home. Tour the YSL Museum and the famous Djemaa el-Fna Square before boarding the ship for Casablanca. B,L,D

*\*Travelers can opt for a more in-depth exploration of Marrakesh with an exclusive tour of Yves St. Laurent's private home Villa Oasis, a luxury overnight stay at La Mamounia, and on the morning of April 26, a private jet flight to Rabat. View the Marrakesh Jet-Set Excursion option for more details.*

Majorelle Gardens



Cádiz



**SUNDAY, APRIL 26: CASABLANCA / RABAT**

Arrive this morning in Casablanca and continue to the dramatic Hassan II Mosque. Drive to Rabat for a visit to the new Mohammed VI Contemporary Art Museum or the Archaeological Museum. Later explore the Kasbah des Oudaïas, in the oldest part of the city, with sweeping views of the ocean, before returning to the ship. B,L,D

**MONDAY, APRIL 27: GIBRALTAR, UNITED KINGDOM**

Be on deck during lunch as the ship passes through the Strait of Gibraltar. Visit Saint Michael’s Cave within the nature reserve, home to Gibraltar’s famed tailless monkeys, the Barbary macaques. Also, within the Rock of Gibraltar, visit the World War II tunnels, a vast underground fortress built by British royal engineers to provide protection and storage for soldiers and civilians during the conflict. Tonight, *Sea Spirit* sails to Spain. B,L,D

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28: CÁDIZ, SPAIN / SEVILLE**

Ashore in Cádiz, you can opt to explore this ancient city, stopping to view its 18th-century cathedral, the Phoenician ruins at the Gadir archaeological site, and the striking Torre Tavira at the highest point in town. Marvel at Francisco de Goya's paintings in the Oratorio de la Santa Cueva. Alternatively, travel to Seville to spend the day admiring its delightful Spanish-Moorish architecture. Visit the UNESCO-recognized Gothic cathedral and view Giralda Tower. Continue to Seville’s Alcázar, the longtime palace of the Spanish kings, and the nearby Murillo Gardens. After lunch, visit Casa de Pilatos. Later, drive to Jerez de la Frontera to sip sherry and meet the Marquis at Palacio del Virrey Laserna, an opulent palace dating back to the 13th century. B,L,D

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29: PORTIMÃO / SAGRES / LAGOS, PORTUGAL**

Disembark in Portimão and drive to Sagres, home of Prince Henry the Navigator and his famous school of navigation. Following lunch, continue to Lagos, the last port from which the *caravelas* set off for their voyages. Visit the Church of San Antonio and the evocative Slaves’ Market. Before returning to the ship, visit the award-winning Museu de Portimão, a visually stunning museum housed in a former 19th-century sardine canning factory. B,L,D

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30: LISBON, PORTUGAL / DISEMBARK**

Disembark early this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home. B

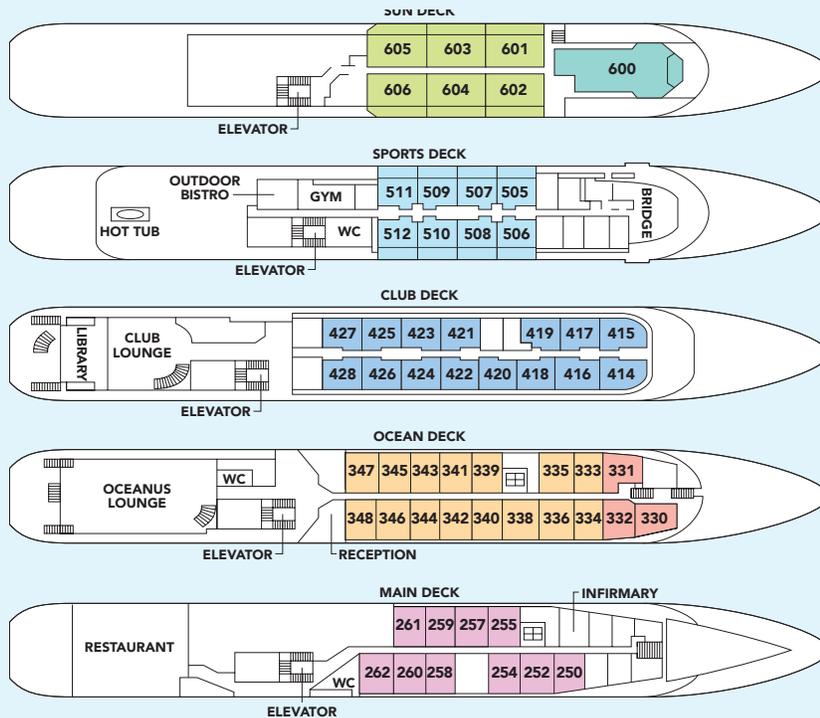
**An optional postlude in Lisbon is offered from April 30 to May 1, 2020.**

**DISCLAIMER:** *This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the Montclair Art Museum and Museum Travel Alliance. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at [www.museumtravelalliance.com/terms](http://www.museumtravelalliance.com/terms).*

Seville



# SEA SPIRIT



Built in 1991, the intimate M.V. *Sea Spirit* underwent a total refurbishment of passenger accommodations in 2017. Her 54 suites range in size from 215 to 463 square feet and feature a seating area. Guests enjoy open seating in the restaurant, a well-stocked library, and generous outdoor deck space. There are two multipurpose lounges for educational programs and entertainment. The ship has an elevator, a hot tub, and a well-equipped gym, but it does not have a hair salon or spa.



Sea Spirit



Deluxe Suite

## CRUISE RATES (Per Person)

Cabin Categories	Cabin Numbers	Double Rates	Single Rates
Superior Suites	414-428	\$8,999	\$11,499
Club Deck; approx. 215 sq. ft.; twin or queen-sized bed; picture window			
Comfort Suites	330-332	\$9,999	\$14,999
Ocean Deck; approx. 226 sq. ft.; twin or queen-sized bed; picture window			
Classic Suites	333-336, 338-348	\$10,999	\$16,499
Ocean Deck; approx. 226 sq. ft.; twin or queen-sized bed; picture window			
Main Deck Suites	250-255, 257-262	\$11,999	\$17,999
Main Deck; approx. 247 sq. ft.; twin or queen-sized bed; portholes			
Deluxe Suites	505-512	\$14,999	Inquire
Sports Deck; approx. 258 sq. ft.; twin or queen-sized bed; private balcony			
Premium Suites	601-606	\$16,999	Inquire
Sun Deck; approx. 322 sq. ft.; twin or queen-sized bed; private balcony			
Owner's Suite	600	\$19,999	Inquire
Sun Deck; approx. 463 sq. ft.; king-sized bed; sofa bed; private deck above bridge			

## RATES INCLUDE

- Twelve nights accommodations as per the itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); complimentary open bar throughout the cruise; soft drinks, water, and coffee/tea
- Airport/hotel/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities
- Taxes, service, and portage charges

**NOT INCLUDED IN RATES** International airfare; passport fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than as noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; excess baggage; optional Lisbon postlude; optional Marrakesh jet-set excursion; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

## MARRAKESH JET-SET EXCURSION

April 25–26, 2020



Enjoy a special overnight alternative excursion in Marrakesh, featuring a more leisurely exploration of its stunning sites and an amazing private jet ride over Morocco's gorgeous terrain. Delight in an exclusive tour of Marrakesh's magical Villa Oasis, the ornately decorated estate of Yves St. Laurent. Stay overnight at the five-star La Mamounia Hotel, and wake up to fly in private style to Rabat. Visit the Mohammed VI Contemporary Art Museum or the Archaeological Museum. Before returning to the ship in Casablanca, visit the Hassan II Mosque.

### Excursion Rate:

**\$4,899 per person, double rate**

**\$5,589 single rate**



Villa Oasis (left); Hassan II Mosque; (above left); and La Mamounia Hotel (above right), Marrakesh

## OPTIONAL POSTLUDE IN LISBON

April 30–May 1, 2020



In Lisbon, visit historic Belém Tower, the Jerónimos Monastery, and the Tile Museum. The evening is spent exploring the Alfama Quarter, Lisbon's oldest and most fascinating neighborhood. A festive farewell dinner will be at a renowned *fado* house.

### Postlude Rate:

**\$999 per person, double rate**

**\$1,259 single rate**

Includes one night accommodation at the Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon; breakfast daily, one lunch, and one dinner; sightseeing as noted.



Jerónimos Monastery (left); fado singers (above left); and Four Seasons Hotel Ritz, Lisbon (above right)



Royal Alcázar, Seville

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RESERVATION FORM**

To reserve a place, please call The Museum Travel Alliance at 212-324-1893 or 855-533-0033, fax: 212-344-7493; or complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees) payable to *Museum Travel Alliance*. Mail to: Museum Travel Alliance, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd floor, New York, NY 10018-3721.

Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (business) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Sea Spirit cabin preference (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to share a cabin with \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL LISBON POSTLUDE & OPTIONAL JET-SET EXCURSION IN MARRAKESH**

- I/We wish to join the optional postlude in Lisbon
- I/We wish to join the optional overnight jet-set excursion in Marrakesh

**HOTEL ROOM PREFERENCE**  One bed  Two beds  Single

**FORM OF PAYMENT**

- Enclosed is my check (payable to *Museum Travel Alliance*)
- Debit card
- Credit card

Name on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card number \_\_\_\_\_

3- or 4-digit security code \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the *Terms & Conditions* of this Program (see [www.museumtravelalliance.com/terms](http://www.museumtravelalliance.com/terms) to review or call for a copy). I/We agree to full payment 120 days prior to departure. Each participant must sign below.

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