



Crossroads of Cultures

Canary Islands, Morocco & Iberia Aboard *Exploris One*

April 27 – May 9, 2026

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

SET sail on an intercontinental sea voyage aboard *Exploris One*, tracing the historic maritime routes from Spain's volcanic **Canary Islands** to **Morocco, Gibraltar, Andalusian Spain**, and the **Portuguese Algarve**

ATTEND private concerts in dramatic settings in the Canaries, including the world's only volcanic cave auditorium, **Los Jameos del Agua**, and the **Alfredo Kraus Auditorium**, whose stage features a window overlooking the ocean

DELIGHT in a variety of **optional expert-guided excursions** in each region, catering to diverse interests, from curator-led museum visits to breathtaking nature walks

ENJOY private tours of **Yves Saint Laurent's** private Marrakesh retreat, **Villa Oasis**, usually closed to the public, and the **YSL Museum** housing his landmark designs

PARTICIPATE in an **exclusive pottery workshop** led by an artisan in Morocco's ceramics capital, **Safi**

DISCOVER how Italian writer **Umberto Pasti** has rescued thousands of endangered native Moroccan bulbs and plants on an exclusive tour of his **Rohuna Garden** near Tangier

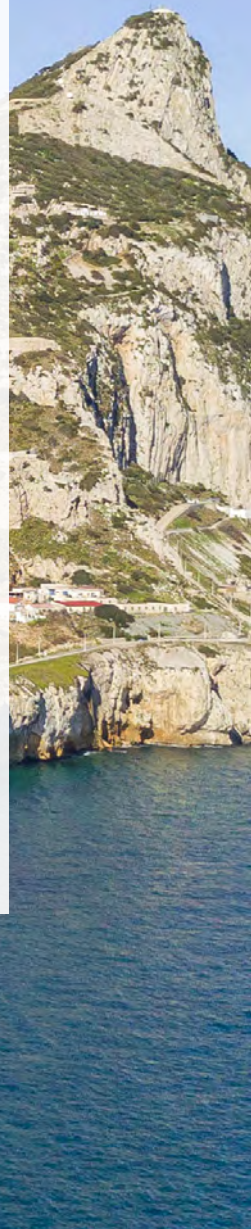
TAKE an expert-guided walk through often-overlooked World War II history: **Gibraltar's 34-mile subterranean city** featuring a hospital, power station, and barracks for 16,000 British troops

REVEL in an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Jerez's prestigious **Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art**, attending its world-renowned performance of classical dressage

WITNESS the production of the world's best-selling Fino sherry on a private tour of Tío Pepe's birthplace, Jerez's **Bodegas González Byass**, followed by an exclusive tasting

GAIN expert-led access to **Seville's** UNESCO World Heritage Sites: **Seville Cathedral**, the world's largest Gothic cathedral, and the **Alcázar**, Europe's oldest royal palace still in use

JOIN a curator to tour the clifftop **Fortress of Sagres**, Prince Henry the Navigator's maritime outpost in the Portuguese Algarve





COMMONWEALTH CLUB TRAVEL

Dear Travelers,

Set sail on an intercontinental study tour by sea—an exploration of the geographic, artistic, and political frontiers where Europe and Africa converge. From **April 27 to May 9, 2026**, cruise with us aboard the elegant *Exploris One*. Journey in the wake of early navigators through Spain's **Canary Islands**, **Morocco**, **Gibraltar**, **Andalusia**, and the **Portuguese Algarve**.

Begin in the Canaries, Spain's volcanic archipelago off Africa's northwest coast. As you explore these islands filled with 16th- and 17th-century mansions, learn how they once served as Spain's staging grounds for Atlantic crossings to the Americas, including **Christopher Columbus's** famous 1492 quest. On **Lanzarote**, enjoy the rare thrill of a private concert in the world's only auditorium built inside a volcanic cave.

Cross the Atlantic to Morocco, where cosmopolitan cities such as **Marrakesh**, **Casablanca**, **Rabat**, **Tangier**, and **Tétouan** await. Go behind the scenes in their towering mosques, tiled palaces, and splendid private gardens; enjoy hands-on ceramics workshops in **Safi**, Morocco's pottery capital; and even tour fashion designer **Yves Saint Laurent's** cobalt-blue Marrakesh villa.

Savor the experience of cruising through the ancient **Pillars of Hercules**, where the Mediterranean narrows through the **Strait of Gibraltar**. Arriving near Gibraltar's iconic Rock, descend into a 34-mile tunnel complex constructed during World War II, an underground fortress that once protected 16,000 British troops.

Your story continues in Andalusian Spain, where visits include inside looks at the world's largest Gothic cathedral and Europe's oldest occupied royal residence in **Seville**. In **Jerez**, where you'll taste sherry once reserved for kings, you may go behind the scenes in one of the world's most prestigious classical riding academies.

Conclude in Portugal's Algarve region, where you will stand at the very point from which **Henry the Navigator** launched his Atlantic expeditions and experience a powerful guided visit to the site of Europe's first market for the trafficking of enslaved people. Disembark in **Lisbon**, where you may participate in an optional two-night postlude from **May 9 to 11, 2026**.

Travel in good company—alumni from Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Vanderbilt, Wake Forest, and more—and learn alongside distinguished lecturers. **To reserve your cabin today**, contact our tour operator Arrangements Abroad at 212-514-8921 or 800-221-1944, or email trips@arrangementsabroad.com, as they will have the latest information on cabin availability. I'm also happy to speak to you about the trip, and you may contact me directly at the number and email below. We hope you join this exciting intercontinental sea voyage of uncommon depth, behind-the-scenes access, and cultural enrichment.

Sincerely,

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Teide National Park, Tenerife



MONDAY, APRIL 27: DEPARTURE

Depart to Tenerife on an overnight flight.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28: TENERIFE, CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN

Upon arrival, transfer to the Hotel Botánico. Depending on your arrival time, lunch is included. This evening, attend a welcome reception with canapés.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29: TENERIFE / TEIDE NATIONAL PARK OR LA OROTAVA / SANTA CRUZ / EMBARK EXPLORIS ONE

Select your preferred exploration for today before sailing:

Full-Day Option 1: Teide National Park. Explore a UNESCO-listed volcanic landscape and share a picnic near Spain's highest peak.

Full-Day Option 2: La Orotava. Walk cobbled streets with a guide to view 17th-century mansions built on the island's historic wine trade.

Afternoon Option: Jardín de Aclimatación de la Orotava. Enjoy your morning and lunch at leisure, then visit Spain's second-oldest botanical garden, founded in 1788 to acclimatize plant species from around the globe.

Evening (All Guests): Auditorio de Tenerife. Tour Spanish visionary architect Santiago Calatrava's sculptural concert hall before boarding *Exploris One*. B,L,D

THURSDAY, APRIL 30: LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA

Discover Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Christopher Columbus's last stop before his 1492 Atlantic crossing. Select from today's options:

Full-Day Option: Old Town Tour. Join private tours of such architectural treasures as the lavish Neoclassical Teatro Pérez Galdós. Gather for lunch at the 19th-century Gabinete Literario after a welcome from a town official.

Morning Option 1: Roque Nublo Hike & Yoga.

Walk volcanic trails and join a yoga session near Gran Canaria's ancient summit; afternoon at leisure.

Morning Option 2: Alfredo Kraus Auditorium. Enjoy special access and a private concert in this sleek hall overlooking the Atlantic.

Evening (All Guests): Attend the Captain's welcome reception and dinner aboard *Exploris One*. B,L,R,D

FRIDAY, MAY 1: ARRECIFE (LANZAROTE)

Step ashore in Arrecife, Lanzarote, to explore landscapes forged by volcanoes and reimagined as a living canvas by local artist César Manrique (1919–1992).

Auditorio de Tenerife, Santa Cruz de Tenerife





MORNING

Musical Performance at Los Jameos del Agua. Experience this 550-seat auditorium that Manrique converted from a series of collapsed lava tubes.

AFTERNOON

Lunch is at El Diablo Restaurant in Timanfaya, UNESCO-recognized volcanic terrain. Watch chefs grill dishes with geothermal heat radiating from the dormant volcano below.

Option 1: Expert-Guided Tour of the César Manrique Foundation, the artist's former home built atop a lava flow, integrating volcanic caves into its design.

Option 2: Bodega La Geria Private Wine Tour & Tasting. Learn about Lanzarote's unique winemaking process in these volcanic vineyards. B,L,D

SATURDAY, MAY 2: DAY AT SEA

As *Exploris One* sails towards the Moroccan coast, enjoy a relaxing day at sea. You may choose to attend onboard lectures, savor treatments in the ship's spa facilities, or simply relax on deck as you cross the open waters. B,L,D

SUNDAY, MAY 3: SAFI, MOROCCO / MARRAKESH OR ESSAOUIRA

Welcome to North Africa. Arrive in Safi, Morocco's pottery capital, and select from two full-day, expert-guided excursions or a half-day pottery experience in Safi:

Full-Day Option 1: Explore Marrakesh, the imperial "Red City." Go behind the scenes at the early 20th-century Dar El Bacha, the former palace of a pasha, and watch street performers in UNESCO-listed Djemaa el F'na Square.

Discover Yves Saint Laurent's Marrakesh at Villa Oasis, his cobalt-blue former home; Jardin Majorelle, the garden he rescued from developers; and his designs at the YSL Museum.

Full-Day Option 2: Essaouira. In this coastal city, rebuilt in 1765 by a French architect, explore its UNESCO-listed medina, whitewashed architecture, 18th-century sea bastions, and the once-thriving Jewish quarter. Enjoy a seafood lunch and leisure time.

Half-Day Option: Private Pottery Course in Safi.

Join an artisan to learn the secrets of Moroccan ceramics during a private hands-on workshop. Discover more about pottery traditions on a guided tour of the National Ceramics Museum. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. B,L,D

MONDAY, MAY 4: CASABLANCA / RABAT

From Casablanca, Morocco's largest city and chief port, choose among these options:

Full-Day Option 1: Casablanca Exploration. Arrive in Casablanca for a guided inside look at the innovatively designed Hassan II Mosque, built partially over the Atlantic.

Travel through the Ain Diab coastal resort area to the Anfa district, Casablanca's ancient core. Enjoy free time in the main square, Place Mohammed V.

Full-Day Option 2: Rabat. After touring the Hassan II Mosque, transfer to Morocco's capital, Rabat, to visit the Mohammed VI Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art and an enchanting stroll through the seaside 12th-century Kasbah des Oudaïas, Rabat's oldest quarter. B,L,D

TUESDAY, MAY 5: TANGIER / ASILAH OR TÉTOUAN

Step ashore in glamorous Tangier with these options today:

Half-Day Option: Tangier Exploration. Enjoy guided looks at the Tangier American Legation Museum, the only U.S. National Historic Landmark abroad, and the Kasbah Museum, a former sultan's palace housing antiquities such as Roman mosaics.

Full-Day Option 1: Asilah & Private Garden Visit.

Travel to the mythical Caves of Hercules, where the Greek god Heracles slept, according to legend, and look out of its famous Africa-shaped opening onto the Strait of Gibraltar.

Stroll through Asilah, an ancient fortified city of whitewashed architecture, 15th-century Portuguese ramparts, and colorful murals.



Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art, Jerez

Enjoy an *al fresco* lunch and private tour at Rohuna Garden, created by Italian horticulturist Umberto Pasti to preserve Moroccan wild plants.

Full-Day Option 2: Explore Tétouan's UNESCO-listed medina.

Enjoy an exclusive visit to a traditional art school to observe students at work, followed by a visit to Morocco's largest Jewish cemetery. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6: GIBRALTAR, UNITED KINGDOM

Stand on deck as *Exploris One* navigates the Strait of Gibraltar, the ancient Pillars of Hercules, before arriving at the British Overseas Territory defined by its 1,398-foot limestone rock.

Ascend into Saint Michael's Cave, a natural grotto known since Roman times. Explore a subterranean city created for 16,000 troops inside the World War II Tunnels, a 34-mile network carved by British Royal Engineers. B,L,D

THURSDAY, MAY 7: CÁDIZ, SPAIN / JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA OR SEVILLE

Andalusian Spain awaits today with these optional excursions:

Morning Option 1: Cádiz Exploration. Discover Cádiz, one of Western Europe's oldest cities. Visit the 18th-century Catedral de la Santa Cruz and enter the Oratorio de la Santa Cueva to view three canvases by Francisco Goya.

Morning Option 2: Jerez Equestrian Art. At the globally prestigious Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art, enjoy a performance of classical dressage and exclusive behind-the-scenes access to the stables and training areas.

Afternoon Option: Jerez Sherry Experience. Go behind the scenes at Bodegas Gonzalez Byass, the birthplace of Tío Pepe Fino. Learn secrets of sherry production inside 19th-century cellars, followed by a tasting with *tapas*.

Full-Day Option: UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Seville.

Visit the world's largest Gothic cathedral and enjoy expert-led tours of the Alcázar, Europe's oldest continuously used royal palace, and La Casa de Pilatos, a 15th-century palace known for its extensive *azulejo* tilework. B,L,D

FRIDAY, MAY 8: PORTIMÃO, PORTUGAL / SAGRES / LAGOS

The program's final day takes us to the lush Portuguese Algarve. From Portimão, explore the region's cultural and natural treasures with your choice of excursions:

Full-Day Option 1: Art & History in Sagres and Lagos. At Europe's southwestern tip, join a curator at the Renaissance ruins of the Fortress of Sagres, where Henry the Navigator established his 15th-century "school."

In Lagos, visit the Igreja de Santo António to see its Baroque gilded woodwork and *azulejo* tiles. Participate in a powerful guided tour of the 15th-century Mercado de Escravos, Europe's first modern market for the trafficking of enslaved people.

Full-Day Option 2: Nature in Trilho dos Moinhos and Monchique. Hike the windmill-lined trails near Monchique, through forested hills rich with birdlife.

Evening (All Guests): Return to the ship for a private concert featuring a local saxophonist, followed by a festive farewell dinner. B,L,D

SATURDAY, MAY 9: LISBON / DISEMBARK / RETURN

Disembark and transfer to the Lisbon airport for your flights home. B

OPTIONAL LISBON POSTLUDE
May 9–11, 2026



Discover Lisbon's imperial legacy through behind-the-scenes access to its *azulejo* tilework, monuments, palaces, and garden estates, starting at the UNESCO-listed, 16th-century **Belém Tower** and **Jerónimos Monastery**.

Enjoy a guided tour of the majestic **National Tile Museum**, set inside a 16th-century convent. The next day, choose between private visits to Lisbon's 17th-century **Palace of the Marquises of Fronteira** or the 19th-century **Montserrat Palace** in Sintra, a UNESCO-recognized hilltop town.

Participate in a private tour through the wooded grounds of Sintra's **Quinta da Regaleira**, a grand garden estate with Neo-Manueline architecture and enigmatic underground tunnels. Delight in traditional *fado* music and cuisine along the way.

POSTLUDE RATE

\$2,999 per person, double rate. \$3,999 single rate.

INCLUDES: Two nights accommodations at the Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon, with two breakfasts, two lunches, and two dinners. Sightseeing as noted. *See the main program for exclusions.*

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EXPLORIS ONE

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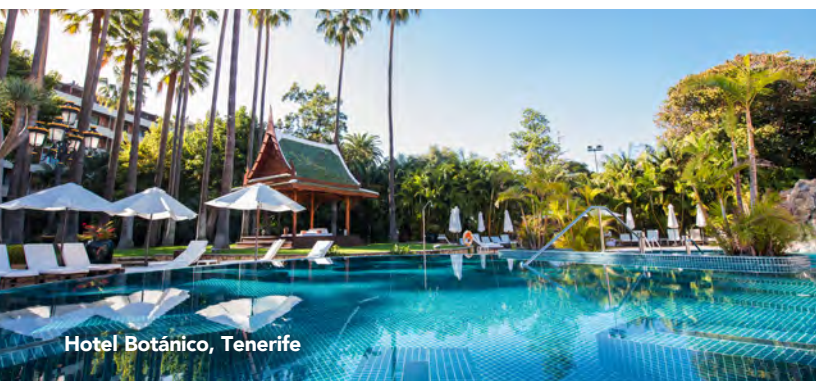
Exploris One Grand Restaurant



Exploris One Suite



Hotel Botánico, Tenerife



HOTEL BOTÁNICO, TENERIFE

Set amid lush subtropical gardens, this refined five-star retreat features elegantly designed rooms with direct views of either the Atlantic Ocean or Mount Teide's dramatic volcanic slopes. Savor a variety of dining experiences, relax in a full-service spa offering a broad range of wellness treatments, or lounge beside an expansive outdoor pool surrounded by sculpted greenery. Additional amenities include a modern fitness center, an on-site golf course, and boutiques.



Sagres Fortress, Portugal

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RESERVATION FORM

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel Room Preference ☐ One bed ☐ Two beds ☐ Single
Exploris One cabin preference (1) (2)

I wish to share a room/cabin with

OPTIONAL LISBON POSTLUDE

☐ I/we would like to join the Optional Lisbon Postlude
Hotel Room Preference ☐ One bed ☐ Two beds ☐ Single

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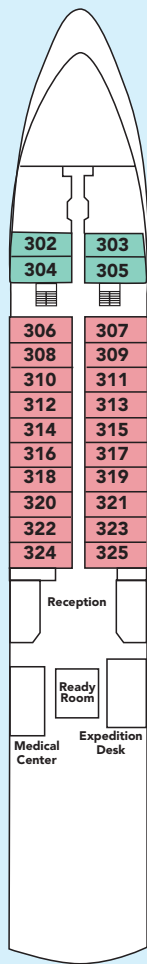
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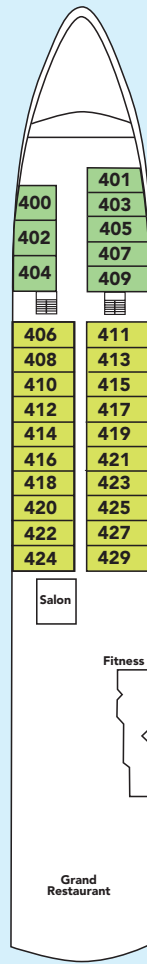
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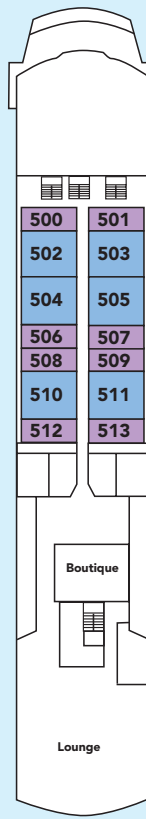
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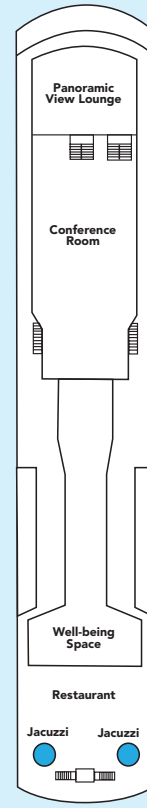
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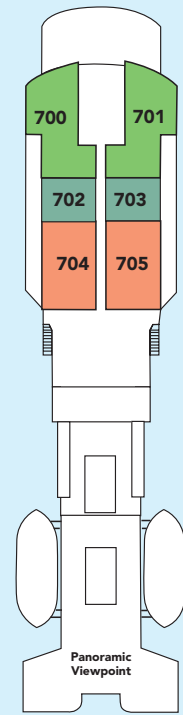
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DECK 6



DECK 7

CRUISE RATES (per person)

Cabins	Decks	Double	Single
302-305	Deck 3	\$9,999	\$12,499
Premium Cabins (approx. 160 sq ft, two portholes)			
306-325	Deck 3	\$11,999	\$14,499
Ocean Staterooms (approx. 192 sq ft, small picture window)			
400-405, 407, 409	Deck 4	\$12,999	\$17,499
Superior Cabins (approx. 185 sq ft, small picture window)			
406, 408, 410-425, 427, 429	Deck 4	\$13,999	\$20,299
Deluxe Staterooms (approx. 192 sq ft, large picture window)			
500, 501, 506-509, 512, 513	Deck 5	\$16,999	Inquire
Balcony Staterooms (approx. 210 sq ft, French balcony)			
702 & 703	Deck 7	\$21,999	Inquire
Navigator Suites (400 sq ft, private balcony)			
502-505, 510, 511	Deck 5	\$22,999	Inquire
Discovery Suites (422 sq ft, two French balconies)			
700 & 701	Deck 7	\$24,999	Inquire
Grand Suites (618 sq ft, private balcony)			
704 & 705	Deck 7	\$26,999	Inquire
Owners Suites (728 sq ft, large private balcony)			

RATES INCLUDE

- One night accommodations at the Hotel Botánico in Tenerife; ten nights cabin accommodations aboard the renovated and exclusively chartered *Exploris One*
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; thoughtfully selected wine and beer with all included lunches and dinners; complimentary open bar aboard *Exploris One* throughout the cruise (including all standard spirits)
- Airport/hotel/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Taxes, service, and portorage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES: International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than what is noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; optional Lisbon postlude; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



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